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MINUTES OF THE 91st MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 2nd JULY, 2007 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK NO. - 8 , IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068

The following were present:

1. Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Prof. (Mrs.) Surabhi Banerjee - Member
3. Prof. C.L. Anand - Member
4. Dr. Devi Shetty - Member
5. Dr. N.S. Rame Gowda - Member
6. Prof. N.V. Narasimham - Member
7. Shri V.K. Arora - Member
8. Smt. Poonam Bhushan - Member
9. Shri Dalip Kumar Tetri, Registrar - Secretary

Shri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, Bureau of Distance Learning represented the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary (S&HE), MHRD, Smt. Asha Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of I & B, Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Shri Rajendra Singh Pawar, Dr. K. Viswanathan and Shri Pawan Chopra members could not attend the meeting.

Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination Division and Shri R. Chauhan, Finance Officer attended the meeting as special invitees.

At the outset, the Chairman informed the Board that today was a very significant day for the University which is observing the death anniversary of Prof. G. Ram Reddy and organizing annual 'Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture'. The Chairman further mentioned that whatever the University is today, this all is due to a very strong foundation laid down by the great educationist and visionary Prof. G. Ram Reddy, the founder Vice-Chancellor of this University. The Board recorded its appreciation to the contributions made by Prof. Ram Reddy and paid tributes to his memory on the 12th death anniversary of Prof. Ram Reddy.

The Chairman further informed the Board about the sad demise of Shri Yogesh Kumar, Jr. Assistant-cum-Typist after brief illness on 22nd June, 2007 whose brilliant career was cut short by his sudden demise. The Board resolved to convey its deep condolences to the bereaved family.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 91st Meeting of the Board of Management. He specially welcomed Prof. N.V. Narasimham as a new member on the Board of Management. The Chairman on behalf of the Board of Management recorded his deep appreciation for the significant contribution made by Prof. Pardeep Sahni, outgoing member, who has been contributing in several other capacities such as Convenor, Task Force, Member Finance Committee and in most of the academic committees. Prof. Sahni thanked the Chair and the members of the Board for the kind words and felt beholden that he himself learnt a lot from the deliberations of the meetings of the Board of Management.

The Chairman then requested Shri Dalip Kumar Tetri, Secretary, Board of Management to present the items on the agenda:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 90TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MAY 22, 2007 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON

BM 91.1.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of the 90th Meeting of the Board of Management held on May 22, 2007 were circulated to the Members. Comments have been received from Shri V.K. Arora and Mrs. Poonam Bhushan, Members, Board of Management, regarding Resolution Nos. 90.3.3 and 90.32.1 to 3. The comments of the members are placed as **Appendix – 1**. The Secretary informed the Board that the comments received from the members were placed before the Chairman, Board of Management. The Chairman has approved the modification to Resolution No.90.3.3 as suggested by Shri V.K. Arora. With regard to the suggestion regarding inclusion of the post of Producer in Appendix – 18 of the draft Ordinance (Resolution No.90.32.1 to 3), the

Secretary explained that the draft Ordinance has already been submitted to the Ministry for approval of the Visitor. In view of this it was not possible to make any amendment in the Appendix – 18 at this stage and the Chairman has decided that the comments of the member may be referred to the Academic Coordination Division to reexamine the scope of Ordinance proposed by the Division and the possibility of including the position in the list of ‘academics’ to be reclassified as ‘teachers’. The comments of Mrs. Poonam Bhushan also related to same issue of inclusion of the position of ‘Producer’ in EMPC in the proposed Ordinance, which has been submitted to the Ministry. The Academic Coordination Division will, examine the issue for further necessary action.

BM 91.1.2 The Board considered and approved the comments of the members. The Board further considered the action taken report on the various decisions taken by it in the previous meeting (90th Meeting) and confirmed the Minutes. A copy of the Minutes of the 90th Meeting of the Board is placed as **Appendix – 2**.

BM 91.1.3 As regards Item No. 35 of the action taken report, the Board approved the modified proposal for amendment under Statute 17(9) of IGNOU Act to incorporate the proviso below Statute 17(9) and also authorized its submission to the Ministry of HRD indicating the correct age of retirement of teachers on attaining the age of 65 years and authorized that the modified version of the Ordinance be submitted to the Ministry of HRD for consideration.

ITEM NO. 2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 3 AND 4 OF THE ORDINANCE FOR REGULATING LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF)

BM 91.2.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination Division

explained the various provisions in the extant Leave Ordinance for grant of Special Casual Leave and Academic Leave to the employees of the University including the teachers and academics. Prof. Saraswat further informed the provisions for sanction of Special Casual Leave and Academic Leave for similar purposes, namely, participation in conferences, attending seminars, delivering lectures, etc. in the Ordinance. He explained that the teachers including academics are eligible for Academic Leave of 20 days in a year excluding the holidays and period spent on journey. Further, the employees sponsored or deputed by the University are also treated as on duty. He explained that it was now proposed that provisions of Clause 3 and 4 dealing with Special Casual Leave be made specifically applicable to the employees of the University other than teachers and academics.

BM 91.2.2 The Board considered and approved the amendments to Clause 3 and Clause 4 of the Ordinance for Regulating Leave to employees including teachers and academics as per the **Appendix – 3** and directed that the amendments be submitted to the Visitor for his approval.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING DETERMINATION OF SENIORITY OF TEACHERS INCLUDING ACADEMICS

BM 91.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Saraswat informed the Board that the seniority list of teachers, namely, the Professors, Readers, Lecturers and academics in different cadres was circulated among the teachers and academics for confirmation. Prof. S.V.S. Choudhary, Professor of Education has pointed out the following discrepancy in the seniority list:

- (i) He joined the post of Professor of Education on 07-08-2000 on direct recruitment;

- (ii) In his capacity as Director, School of Education, he participated as a Member in the Selection Committee which interviewed Dr. M.C. Sharma, then Reader in Education for his promotion to the post of Professor under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS). On the recommendation of the Selection Committee and with the approval of Board of Management, Dr. Sharma was promoted to the post of Professor with retrospective effect from 21-11-1998.
- (iii) Even though Dr. Sharma has been promoted to the post of Professor with retrospective effect from 21-11-1998, he cannot be senior to him in view of the fact that he (Prof. Chaudhary) got selected through direct recruitment before Dr. Sharma.

Prof. Saraswat further explained that the provisions of Clause 2(c) and Clause 5 of the guidelines for the determination of the seniority which have been approved by the Board at its meeting held on 30-05-1994 according to which in the case of a teacher promoted to the post of Reader or placed in the senior scale or selection grade under the CAS, the seniority of the teacher will count from the date from which such promotion was effective and further for the purpose of seniority, a Reader who has been appointed on promotion from among the lecturers under CAS and the Reader who has been appointed through an open selection will be treated at par. The above guidelines approved by the Board are being followed in determining the seniority of academics in different cadres in the University. He further explained that when the guidelines were developed, there was no provision for promotion to the post of Professor in the Ordinance on the Career Advancement of Teachers, and therefore, the seniority list of Professors was drawn reckoning the seniority of Professors promoted under CAS from the date of such promotions in accordance with the principle set out in Clause 5 of the Guidelines. Recently, the Board at its 90th Meeting approved an

Ordinance under the provisions of Statute 26 declaring certain academic positions as 'teachers' within the meaning of Section 2(p) of IGNOU Act read with further provisions under Section 5(1)(vi) of the Act.

BM 91.3.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board decided that the provisions under the guidelines approved by the Board of Management at its meeting held on 30-05-1994 be continued to be followed in the matter of determining the inter se seniority of Professors of a discipline.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING RECKONING OF THE PERIOD OF SERVICE RENDERED BY DR. ANURAG SAXENA, READER IN MANAGEMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, C-DET (IN SRED) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTION TO THE POST OF PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME

BM 91.4.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination Division informed that Dr. Anurag Saxena, Reader in Management worked as Deputy Director, C-DET in SRE Division from 17-2-1999 to 26-5-2003 and with effect from 27-5-2003 as a Reader in Management (Quantitative Techniques and Operation Management). Dr. Saxena has applied for promotion to the post of Professor of Management on the basis of total length of service rendered by him as Deputy Director (C-DET) and as Reader in Management from 17-2-1999 to 26-5-2003 and from 27-5-2003 respectively. Prof. Saraswat explained relevant provisions under the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers. He also explained that the qualifications prescribed for the post of Deputy Director (C-DET) and Reader in Management (Quantitative Techniques and Operations Management) are similar and equivalent. Dr. Saxena obtained a Ph.D. degree in 1993 and has 05 years of experience of teaching/research excluding the period spent on research

degree at the time of his appointment as Deputy Director (C-DET). He further informed that the Ordinance declares the position of Deputy Director as a 'teacher' in the University.

BM 91.4.2 The Board considered the proposal. The Board noted that the qualifications for the two posts were similar and equivalent. The Board approved the proposal for counting of period of service rendered by Dr. Saxena, Reader in Management as Deputy Director (C-DET) for the purpose of promotion to the post of Professor of Management under CAS of the University.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR FRAMING AN ORDINANCE FOR RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WORKING IN OTHER UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS AS TEACHERS

BM 91.5.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that Section 5 of the IGNOU Act defines the powers of the University. He further explained that under provisions of Sub-Section (1)(xxiii) of Section 5 of the Act, the University has powers to recognize persons working in other Universities/Institutions or Organisations as teachers of the University on such terms and conditions as may be laid down by the Ordinances. Further, Statute 15 of the IGNOU Act provides that the qualifications for recognition of persons working in other Universities, etc. as teachers shall be prescribed by the Ordinances. Similarly, the manner of recognizing teachers, the period of recognition and the withdrawal thereof shall also be prescribed by the Ordinance. He further informed that though the services of the teachers of other universities/institutions, etc. are being utilized by the University for various academic activities, like, course writing, counseling, evaluation, question paper setting, Ph.D and M.Phil supervision, no Ordinance has so far been framed for recognition of such persons as teachers of

the University. It was, therefore, now proposed to frame an Ordinance in terms of Statute 26 to provide for the above matters.

BM 91.5.2 The matter was discussed in detail. The Board noted the provisions under the IGNOU Act and the need for such an Ordinance. The Board approved the proposal for an Ordinance for Recognition of teachers working in other organizations. The Board decided that a Committee may be constituted to prepare the draft Ordinance in the matter. The Board authorized the Chairman to finalize the draft Ordinance with the help of a Committee and to submit the same for Visitor's approval.

ITEM NO. 34 ITEM PRESENTED BY DR. DEVI SHETTY, MEMBER, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

(The item was discussed on priority.)

BM 91.34.1 Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman, Narayan Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Bangalore and Member, Board of Management made a detailed presentation on the various activities by the Institute in the area of Community Health Insurance for BPL Card holders. Dr. Shetty proposed that the University could consider developing a Bridge Course for Alternate Medicine Specialities. The role of the IGNOU shall be to prepare curriculum for six months programme for alternate medicine specialities and also choose the academic institutions at national level, conduct the examinations and issue the certificates. For this purpose, the University could integrate the various diagnostic centres with the network of the study centres of the University, which could be extended to the whole of India. He further explained that a machine costing Rs.8000/- only would be needed to be provided to these recognized centres of the University, which will easily help diagnose whether the patient is suffering from an angina or a heart-attack.

BM 91.34.2 The item was discussed in detail. It was resolved that a six months' programme be developed by the University as a terminating course for development of the competency and skills of the students in the critical health care. The Chairman assured that he will have the matter looked into in further details by the School of Health Sciences of the University and a Bridge Course for Alternate Medicine Specialities will be developed with the expert help of the Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF DR. B.I. FOZDAR, READER IN CHEMISTRY, SOS FOR COUNTING THE PERIOD OF SERVICE RENDERED BY HIM AS LECTURER IN HIS PARENT INSTITUTION AS QUALIFYING SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTION UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 91.6.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. Saraswat informed the Board that Dr. B.I. Fozdar, presently Reader in Chemistry in the University joined as an Academic Associate initially on 11-08-1988. Before joining the University, Dr. Fozdar had worked as Lecturer in Chemistry in Government PG College, Dungarpur from 14-01-1987 to 10-8-1988. Dr. Fozdar was appointed as Lecturer in the University with effect from 1-1-1991. Dr. Fozdar has now requested that his service as Lecturer in the Government College be counted for the purpose of placement in senior scale under CAS. His request was, however, not considered earlier due to interruption by the period during which Dr. Fozdar worked in the University as Academic Associate. Dr. Fozdar has again represented vide his letter dated 11-04-2007 citing the decision of the Board of Management at its 89th Meeting held on 26-02-2007 wherein the Board considered and approved the similar request of Dr. M.S.S. Raju. It was explained that Dr. Raju was Reader in his parent office but joined IGNOU in the lower post of Lecturer subsequently, and worked in the same position during 26-05-1999 to

10-08-2000. The Board at its 89th Meeting considered the request of Dr. Raju to condone the spell of interruption in service for the purpose of promotion to the post of Professor under CAS. In case the request of Dr. Fozdar is considered and his previous service from 21-9-1987 to 10-08-1998 is counted as qualifying service condoning the period of interruption from 11-08-1988 to 31-12-1990, i.e., the period of his service as Academic Associate in the University, then Dr. Fozdar will become eligible for placement as Lecturer (Senior Scale) with effect from 3-6-1994 and further the date of his promotion to the post of Reader would be 27-07-1998, on which date the revised CAS scheme came into force.

BM 91.6.2 The Board considered the matter. The Board decided that a review of similar cases may be made along with the financial implications of the proposals and the matter brought up before the Board again.

ITEM NO. 7 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 40TH MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2007

BM 91.7.1 The Board noted the various decisions of the Academic Council taken at its 40th Meeting held on May 17, 2007. As regards the Resolution No.40.5.1, it was clarified that the part Minutes in respect of the proposal to consider and approve the Ordinance on designating certain positions in the University as teachers was approved by the Chairman and the matter submitted to the Ministry for approval of the Visitor. However, it was decided to re-endorse the Statute and submit it for the consideration of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR RECRUITMENT/ CAS TO VARIOUS TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSTS

BM 91.8.1 The item was taken up for consideration alongwith

Item No. 22 of the Agenda relating to DPC for Group A Non-Academic employees. The recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings/Departmental Promotion Committees were placed before the Board. The Board considered and approved the recommendations for Promotions under CAS to various teaching, academic and non-academic (Group 'A') posts as per details given below:

1. Teaching Positions

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Names Recommended
27-06-2007	Placement of a Producer in the Selection Grade under the CAS	Shri M.Raja Mannar
28-06-2007	Promotion to the post of Professor of Civil Engineering under the CAS	1. Dr. P. Srinivas Kumar 2. Dr. Ajith Kumar

2. Non-academic Group 'A' posts.

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Names Recommended
29-06-2007	Promotion to the post of Senior Software Engineer	Ms. Madhavi Sharma
	Placement of a Junior Engineer who has completed 8 years of service to the next grade under the Upward Movement Scheme	Shri Rajpal Singh
	Regularization of the services of Senior Personal Assistants who were promoted on temporary basis as Assistant Registrars	1. Ms. Rajni A Jeet (SC) 2. Ms. S. Bhattacharya (UR)

	<p>Placement of officers who have completed 8/16 years of service to the next higher scale under the Upward Movement Scheme</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. P. Khairnoir, SO w.e.f. 23-11-2006 2. Sh. V. Sunil Kumar, Professional Assistant w.e.f. 26-3-2007 3. Ms. Sumathy Nair, Proof Reader w.e.f. 14-3-2007 4. Shri M.U. Patil, Set Designer w.e.f. 5-2-2007
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ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DRAFT MOUS/MOCS/ AGREEMENTS SIGNED/ENTERED BY THE UNIVERSITY

BM 91.9.1 The Board considered and approved the draft MOUs/MOCs/Agreements signed/to be signed by the University as detailed below:

1. Agreement with Sri Ramachandra University for acquisition of reproduction rights.
2. Agreement with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya, Katni for bulk purchase of course material of the University.
3. Agreement with Nalanda Open University, Bihar, for bulk purchase of course material of the University.
4. Renewal of Agreement with Mauritius College of Air, Mauritius.
5. MOU with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) for collaborative partnership on mutually agreed research studies, etc.

ITEM NO. 10 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING PROF. UMA KANJILAL, PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AS DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

BM 91.10.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. Uma Kanjilal as Director, School of Social Science for a period of three years with effect from 01-07-2007 or till she remains in the service of the University, whichever is earlier.

ITEM NO. 11 TO NOTE THE DECISIONS OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION COUNCIL TAKEN AT ITS 29TH MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2007

BM 91.11.1 The Board noted the recommendations of the Distance Education Council made vide Item No.29.4 regarding the DEC schemes on (i) Emeritus Professor and (ii) Visiting Professor and Item No. 29.8 regarding approval of the recommendations of the Committee constituted for allocation of financial grants to State Open universities and CCIs for the financial year 2007-08 made at its 29th Meeting held on June 20, 2007. In the matter of the Scheme on Emeritus Professor and Visiting Professor in the University, it was decided that before implementing the Scheme detailed guidelines should be framed and accordingly, the Chairman, DEC constituted a Committee comprised of eminent academicians, like, Prof. A.Sukumaran Nair, Prof. B.N. Koul and Prof. C.L. Anand to develop the guidelines. The guidelines framed by the Committee were approved by the Council. With regard to Item No. 29.8 relating to allocation of grants to SOUs and CCIs, it was informed that a committee was constituted to decide on the quantum of the grant. A copy of recommendations of the Committee is placed as **Appendix-4**. The Board approved the recommendations

of the Committee. The Board specifically approved the decision taken by the Council regarding the grant under Head, 'Construction of Building', 20% shall be allocated instead of 25% and similarly, for 'National Technology Support System' 15% shall be allocated instead of 10% as proposed.

BM 91.11.2 During the deliberations, Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Member, pointed out that there was omission in the Minutes of the Distance Education Council in that he had pointed out in the meeting that a number of institutions offering programmes under Distance Education were blatantly flouting the norms and guidelines prescribed by the Distance Education Council, which was perhaps due to the ignorance of these guidelines. The Chairman assured that the Minutes of the Distance Education Council will be modified to incorporate the suggestions of the member.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A PERSON ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY UNDER CLAUSE (1)(V) OF STATUTE 11

BM 91.12.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that the Board of Management at its 80th Meeting held on 9-7-2004 had nominated Shri M.P. Gupta, Additional Secretary (Retd.), Ministry of Finance, Government of India as a Member on the Finance Committee of the University under Clause (1)(v) of Statute 11 of the IGNOU Act for a term of 03 years effective from 6-8-2004. The term of membership of Shri M.P. Gupta is due to expire on 5-08-2007. The Board may, therefore, consider a fresh nomination in place of Shri Gupta with effect from 5-8-2007. The Secretary further explained the statutory provision that under the Clause (1)(v) of Statute 11, the Board nominates a member on the Finance Committee, who is not in the employment of the University.

BM 91.12.2 The Board considered the proposal. The Board noted the contributions made by Shri M.P. Gupta in the deliberations of the Finance Committee meetings and resolved to re-nominate Shri M.P. Gupta on the Finance Committee for a fresh term of 03 years with effect from 6-8-2007.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD VIZ. THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE AND THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE

BM 91.13.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed the Board that under Clause (ii) of the Composition of the Establishment Committee and the Purchase Committee, Standing Committees of the Board of Management, a member of the Board of Management is to be nominated by the Board on the two Committees. Since Prof. Pradeep Sahni nominated on the Establishment Committee and Purchase Committee has ceased to be a member on these Committees owing to his cessation of membership on the Board of Management with effect from 30-06-2007, a fresh nomination by the Board from amongst its members is required to be made in place of Prof. Sahni. The Board considered the proposal and nominated Prof. N.V. Narasimham to the Committees for a term co-terminus with his membership on the Board.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007

BM 91.14.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Dr. C.G. Naidu, Director (In-charge), Planning & Development Division explained that the Annual Report of the University is required to be prepared by the University under provisions

of Section 28 of IGNOU Act read with provisions under Statute 25 of the Statutes of the University indicating *inter-alia*, the steps taken by the University during the year towards the fulfillment of its objects. The Annual Report so prepared under the directions of the Board of Management is required to be submitted to the Visitor on or before 31st December following. The Secretary cited the following provisions under Section 28 of the IGNOU Act for information of the Board:

- (1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the directions of the Board of Management which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfillment of its objects.
- (2) The annual report so prepared shall be submitted to the Visitor on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (3) A copy of the annual report, as prepared under subsection (1) shall also be submitted to the Central Government which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

The Annual Report of the University for the year 2006-2007 has accordingly been prepared and placed before the Board for perusal. Some of the highlights of the University's Annual Report are as under:

- The University now offers 129 programmes leading to Certificates/Diplomas/Degrees including the Research Degree programmes consisting of 1100 courses. Besides, the University has successfully reviewed and revised many of its programmes/courses during the year under report.
- During the year under report the student enrolment recorded a further growth of 4,68,444 students registered under different programmes.

- The University has further extended its reach internationally, and as of now runs its programmes in as many as 37 countries through its partner institutions where the degrees/diplomas of this University are on offer.
- Following new Schools of Studies have been approved by the BOM, for being set up during the 11th Plan Period 2007-2012. The proposal is awaiting the approval of the Visitor to the Statutes.
 1. School of Journalism and New Media Studies
 2. School of Gender and Development Studies
 3. School of Tourism Hospitality Service Sectoral Management.
 4. School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies
 5. School of Social Work
 6. School of Vocational Education and Training
 7. School of Extension and Development Studies
 8. School of Foreign Languages
 9. School of Translation Studies and Training
 10. School of Performing and Visual Arts
- The University's website has been further upgraded to the effect that student data in the electronic format from the Regional Centres, Student Registration & Evaluation Division, Material Printing & Distribution Division, results of the term-end examinations, grade cards, hall tickets and other details are now available on the Web.
- A total of 1,11,699 students were awarded degree/ diplomas and certificates at the 18th Convocation held on 17th March, 2007, as against the number of 75,174 students, in the previous year.

- The IGNOU has initiated a major project to develop a national digital repository of learning resources called eGyanKosh. The pilot was launched on June 6, 2006 by the Secretary (IT) Shri D.S. Mathur. The repository is meant to store, index, preserve, distribute and share the digital learning resources developed by the ODL institutions in the country.
- One Stop Educational Portal: The country needs to leverage its knowledge resources to obtain and maintain the competitive edge in the world. This will require a system of identification and nurturing of talent and lifelong learning. Knowledge modules based on personalized needs of the learner need to be delivered at the right time with the right content to take care of aspirations. In due course we need to develop and maintain the knowledge and capability profile of every individual learner/worker. Such a system will have to be developed in a cost effective manner. Some of the benefits of e-learning that are visualized, even at this initial stage, are cost effectiveness of approach, enriched experience of learning, access/suitability, relevance, accountability, community participation, and quality learning.
- For expansion of education in the North-East and Sikkim Regions, the University took special initiatives with the help of funds under the non-lapsable grants from the Prime Minister's fund. The lead taken by the University has contributed significantly in strengthening of the educational infrastructure in the region. The University has established a number of learners support centers during the year, raising the total number to 227 in the North-East Region. The student enrollment during the year also recorded a growth of over 21% approximately.
- The University has taken a major initiative toward decentralization of its Regional Services network to

further improve the learner support. The decision to set up Zonal Centres of the University is another step forward in this direction.

BM 91.14.2 The Board considered and approved the Annual Report of the University for the year 2006-2007 and authorized that the same may be submitted to the Ministry in terms of the provisions under Sub-Section (2) Section 28 of IGNOU Act. During the deliberations that followed, Shri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary, MHRD informed the Board that a court case has been filed at Patna High Court challenging the validity of the Programme on ophthalmology offered by IGNOU on the plea that the programme has not been approved/validated by the proper authority. He, therefore, requested that the University should take remedial steps beforehand and obtain proper approval of the regulatory authorities for all its programmes relating to medical sciences, if not already done.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT AND INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL CLAUSES IN THE ORDINANCE ON CAREER ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHERS

BM 91.15.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Prof. B.S. Saraswat explained that the Board of Management at its 89th Meeting held on 26-02-2007 considered the proposal for amendment and incorporation of additional Clauses under Clause V(5), Clause V(8) in the Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers. The issue was, however, deferred after some deliberations. He informed the Board about the amendments relating to the date of eligibility for the promotion under the Career Advancement Scheme of the teachers. He further explained that a number of teachers have represented for consideration of the incorporation of these clauses in the Ordinance. He particularly referred to the provisions under Clause V(8) which provide that a teacher who has not been

recommended by the Screening/Selection Committee for placement in the senior scale / selection grade / promotion to the post of Reader or Professor can offer himself/herself for review after expiry of one year from the date of promotion process / interview, the date of eligibility being determined from the date of initiation of the process in which the teacher was not recommended. He also apprised the Board of the provisions under the existing Clause V(5)(a).

BM 91.15.2 The Board noted the provisions under Ordinance on Career Advancement of Teachers and the need for incorporation of additional Clauses with a view to streamline the procedure in the matter. The Board agreed that there should be a time frame within which a teacher should apply for his promotion/placement after his becoming eligible for such placement or promotion. The Board after detailed deliberations decided that the matter should be examined in greater details by a Committee and a comprehensive proposal be placed before the Board for a decision. The Board authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee in the matter.

**ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF
“EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EAST REGION UNIT**

BM 91.16.1 The item was taken up for consideration. Dr. C.G. Naidu, Director (In-charge), Planning & Development Division, who was requested to be present for the item, informed that the North-East Project (NEP) was initially sanctioned in the year 2000 by the MHRD out of the Prime Minister’s non-lapseable funds placed at the disposal of the University. The project has contributed significantly to the growth of a network of open and distance learning centres in the North-East region and Sikkim for the benefit of the population. The network of the Regional Centres and Study Centres established by the University in the region has been successful in overcoming the geographical

constraints of the whole region and successfully penetrated deeper even in the inaccessible areas for providing need based higher education and training programmes to increase employment potentialities targeting the youth of the region. He explained that the University has already set up 08 Regional Centres and has created a network of 230 Study Centres/Learner Support Centres in the region. In order to further accelerate the process of development, it has now been decided to upgrade the North-East Project at the headquarters as 'Educational Development of North-East Region Unit'. He further explained that during the 10th Plan Period, 10% of the Plan Grants of the University were allocated for the developmental activities in the North-Eastern Region, which has now been placed at Rs.140 Crores during the 11th Plan Period.

BM 91.16.2

The Board approved the proposal to reconstitute the North-East Project (NEP) as 'Educational Development of North-East Region Unit' in the University with the envisaged powers and functions including the administrative and financial responsibilities. As regards the structure of posts for the Unit, the Board approved the proposal for the following academic posts for the Unit:

1. Head (At the level of the Deputy Director) - 01
2. Assistant Director (Academic) - 02

As regards the non-academic positions, the Board noted that the Finance Committee has already recommended the following non-academic positions and approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee in the matter as under:

1. Assistant Registrar - 01
2. Section Officer - 01
3. P.A. Grade II - 01
4. Senior Assistant - 01
5. Stenographer - 01
6. JAT - 02
7. Computer Operator - 01

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING THE TENURE OF THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS OF (I) EDUCATION AND (II) HUMANITIES GOING TO EXPIRE ON 31-07-2007 AND 30-09-2007, RESPECTIVELY

BM 91.17.1

The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed that the tenure of the Directors of the Schools of Education and Humanities is going to expire on 31-07-2007 and 30-09-2007 respectively. He informed that presently Prof. M.C. Sharma is holding the position of Director of the School of Education and Prof. J.M. Parakh is holding the position of the Director of the School of Humanities. He further explained the provisions under Statute 4 of the Statutes of the University. He informed that the Board of Management at its 48th Meeting held on 30-07-1996 had authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make appointments on the posts of Directors of the Schools under the provisions of the Statute as and when necessary and report the matter to the Board.

Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor has recommended that Prof. M.L. Koul, Professor of Education and Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Professor of English, School of Humanities being the next senior Professors in the respective Schools and also who did not hold the position of Director so far, may be appointed as Directors of the respective Schools from the dates these positions fall vacant, i.e., 1-08-2007 and 1-10-2007 respectively. The Board approved the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor in the matter. The Board also approved the proposal to appoint Prof. Manohar Lal as Director, School of Computer & Information Sciences for a term of 3 years with effect from 1-08-2007.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR CHAIR ON SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

BM 91.18.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences has proposed to create a Chair in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Social Change and Development. The broad objectives of the Chair would be to work towards dissemination of ideas and thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on issues of concern and areas of administration, constitutional studies, human rights, religion, philosophy including the studies in economic, history and political science. The Chair shall strive to undertake research and development programmes in these areas for the benefit of society as a whole. The Chair shall also work on developing appropriate methodologies for paving the way for Dr. Ambedkar's idea as policy instrument. Further, the Chair will work towards development of exclusive courses to be offered at undergraduate and postgraduate levels highlighting the commandments of Dr. Ambedkar in order to sensitize the society in general about the ideas cherished by him so as to imbibe true values of life and functioning as envisioned by the great social scientists. The Chair shall also undertake commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, which falls on 14th April each year.

BM 91.18.2 The Board appreciated the proposal of the University for creation of the Chair in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and approved the proposal. The Board also approved the proposal for creation of academic positions as detailed below with the directive that the proposal for creation of non-academic positions may be processed separately for consideration:

- (1) Senior Research Fellow - 02
(in the Reader's Scale)
- (2) Research Associates - 02
(in the Lecturer's Scale)

ITEM NO. 19 TO REPORT THE PROGRESS MADE IN LAUNCHING OF GERMAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

BM 91.19.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Chairman recalled that the Board of Management at its 89th Meeting held on 26-02-2007 approved the establishment of new Schools in the University including the School of Foreign Languages. The proposal for addition of new Schools has already been submitted to the Ministry. The Chairman apprised the Board of the progress in the matter of launching of the German language programme by the University. He informed that the School of Humanities in the meanwhile has got the programme structure and syllabus approved by the Academic Council for offering a programme on German language to be launched by the University in collaboration with Max Muller Bhavan, New Delhi. The Chennai Centre of the Bhavan is implementing its launch in Tamil Nadu as a Pilot Project. The programme envisages 50% face to face class work and the rest under the distance mode. The programme has got a very good potential and after its launch the same would be extended to other Metros in the country, like, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bombay and Delhi. The University has decided to launch similar programmes in other major foreign languages, like, Japanese, French, Chinese and Arabic in future in the form of Certificate and Diploma programmes.

BM 91.19.2 The Board considered and approved the proposal.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MADE AT ITS 45TH MEETING HELD ON JUNE 29, 2007

BM 91.20.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the Purchase Committee made at its 45th Meeting held on June 29, 2007

(Appendix-5) The Board accorded specific approval to the following recommendations:

- (i) Approved the action taken by the University in awarding the AMC to M/s Infinium India Ltd. for EduSat SITs for Rs.12,30,414/- and approved the payment of Rs.5,80,694/- against two bills already submitted by the Contractor.
- (ii) Approved the proposal for award of the contract for supply of furniture to M/s New Age Industries for Rs.20,98,451/- (including VAT).
- (iii) Approved the proposal for purchase of office tables from M/s New Age Industries at Rs.4,97,706.30.
- (iv) Approved the proposal for purchase of 3CCD Broadcast Quality Digital Camera DXC-D55P.
- (v) Approved the proposal for purchase of 48 Mbps (1:1) Link from M/s Reliance at total cost of Rs.92,40,000/-. Shri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary mentioned that Dr. Srivastava, Head, Computer Division should talk to the Department of Telecom to ascertain whether the facility is available at a lower rate from them before implementing the Purchase Order.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON JUNE 29, 2007

BM 91.21.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the 55th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on June 29, 2007 as at **Appendix-6**. The Board also considered and accorded specific approval to the draft Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2006-2007 prepared in terms

of Statute 29(1), and directed that the same may be submitted to the Ministry in terms of the provisions under IGNOU Act.

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NON-ACADEMIC GROUP 'A' POSTS

BM 91.22.1 The item was considered and approved alongwith Item No. 8 of the Agenda.

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER THE RESIGNATION TENDERED BY SHRI DALIP KUMAR TETRI FROM THE POST OF REGISTRAR IN THE UNIVERSITY

BM 91.23.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board accepted the technical resignation of Shri Dalip Kumar Tetri from the post of Registrar in the University with effect from 2nd August, 2007 to enable him to join CEMCA and desired that the post may be advertised.

ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO LAUNCH DPE PROGRAMME TO TRAIN UNTRAINED PRIMARY TEACHERS IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

BM 91.24.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board approved the proposal for launch of Diploma in Primary Education (DPE) to train the untrained primary teachers in the State of Bihar. The Board desired that the proper modalities be ensured for timely implementation of the Scheme and achieving the target as per the proposed schedule.

ITEM NO. 25 TO REPORT ON THE ALLOTMENT OF 4 ACRES OF LAND TO IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, PATNA BY THE GOVT. OF BIHAR

BM 91.25.1 The Board appreciated the allotment of 4 Acres of land by the Government of Bihar for construction of IGNOU Regional Centre office at Patna and desired that modalities to take over the possession of the land and construction of boundary wall be finalized.

ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF PROF. M.B. MENON, FORMER PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF THE 77TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT VIDE ITEM NO.11 TO TERMINATE HIM FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 91.26.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board discussed the item in detail and noted the decision that Prof. Menon was deemed to have resigned from the services of the University with effect from 1-8-2003 consequent upon expiry of the period of Extra Ordinary Leave.

BM 91.26.2 After detailed discussions the Board in reversal of its earlier decision decided to extend the Extra Ordinary Leave of Prof. Menon for a further period of three years with effect from 1-8-2003.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE PENALTY OF REMOVAL FROM SERVICE IMPOSED ON THE DR. M.V. LAKSHMI REDDY

BM 91.27.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Joint Secretary, MHRD mentioned that if the penalty of removal from service was imposed by the Board, the same cannot be reviewed by the Board and in such matters the remedy should be sought from the higher authorities. The Board

was informed that Dr. Reddy has already gone to Court and the matter is subjudice. The Board noted that Dr. Reddy has now appealed for review of the case on humanitarian grounds as his family was in a very desperate position. Dr. Reddy has assured that he would withdraw the Court case before the Hon'ble High Court and put a quietus in the matter.

BM 91.27.2 The Board after detailed deliberations authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee of 03 members, which shall also include a legal expert to examine the issues relating to the penalty in totality and to place its recommendations before the Board for a decision.

ITEM NO. 28 TO REPORT ON PUBLICATION OF INDIAN JOURNAL OF OPEN LEARNING (IJOL) AND IGNOU-SAGE JOINT PUBLICATION OF RESOURCE MATERIALS

BM 91.28.1 The Board approved the arrangements for publication of the Indian Journal of Open Learning (IJOL) and the IGNOU-Sage Joint Publication of resource materials, by the University.

ITEM NO. 29 TO REPORT THE STATUS OF THE PURCHASE OF MAPLITHO PRINTING PAPER & ART BOARD

BM 91.29.1 The Board noted the status report on the purchase of Maplitho Printing Paper and Art Board as per the recommendations of the Technical Advisory and Paper Purchase Committee meeting held on 29-06-2007. A copy of the Minutes is placed as **Appendix-7**. The Board noted the status of the purchase of paper. The Board also approved the procedure recommended by the Committee for the purchase of paper in case of emergent requirements till the bulk purchase is effected.

ITEM NO. 30 TO CONSIDER THE PORPOSAL FOR PERMISSION FOR USING IGNOU SELF-INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL AS THE BASE MATERIAL FOR THE CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF SAKSHAT

BM 91.30.1 *Due to paucity of time, the item could not be discussed. It was decided to obtain approval of the members through circulation.*

ITEM NO. 31 TO REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE CAMPUS PLACEMENT CELL IN ENHANCING JOB PROSPECTS AND PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF IGNOU STUDENTS

BM 91.31.1 *Due to paucity of time, the item could not be discussed. It was decided to obtain approval of the members through circulation.*

ITEM NO. 32 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO RATES OF HONORARIUM TO THE OUTSIDE EXPERTS FOR VIDEOCONFERENCING OF ACPDM PROGRAMME OF SCHOOL OF ENGINNERING & TECHNOLOGY

BM 91.32.1 The item was withdrawn since it has been considered separately by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board vide Agenda Item No.21.

ITEM NO. 33 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO VICE-CHANCELLORS

(The item was tabled by the Vice-Chancellor/Chairman)

BM 91.33.1 The item was taken up for consideration. All non-members were requested to abstain from the deliberations. The Chairman informed the Board that the University was engaged in a big way in academic activities and was on the

threshold of further expansion so as to fulfill its mandate. So far he has been looking after the work as the Vice-Chancellor single handedly and felt a definite need for having Pro Vice-Chancellors to support the system. The Chairman referred the statutory provisions relating to appointment of Pro Vice-Chancellors in the University. It was also noted that the University has provisions to appoint upto 5 Pro Vice-Chancellors. He informed that Statute 3 of the IGNOU Act provides that the Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor. The Statute further provides that the term of office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be decided by the Board of Management but it shall not exceed 03 years or until the expiration of the term of the office of the Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier with a further provision that a Pro Vice-Chancellor shall retire on attaining the age of 65 years. The Vice-Chancellor recommended the following names for appointment to the posts of Pro Vice-Chancellor for consideration of the Board:

1. Dr. Om Prakash Mishra, Professor of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2. Dr. Parvin K. Sinclair, Professor of Mathematics and Director, School of Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi.
3. Dr. D.K. Choudhry, Former Director, Regional Service Division & currently Senior Scale Regional Director, Student Services Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi.
4. Dr. Basir Ahmed Khan, Proctor & Professor of Islamic Studies & Social Sciences, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Latha Pillai, Advisor (University Professor Level), National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore.

BM 91.33.2 The Board appreciated the need for the University for the post of Pro Vice-Chancellors as the University is expected to be heading for a massive growth in the near future and considered the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Board approved the appointment of aforementioned as Pro Vice-Chancellors in the University for a period of 03 years from the date of joining in terms of the provisions under Statute 3 of IGNOU Act subject to clearance from vigilance/ disciplinary proceedings angle.

ITEM NO. 35 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF 'INDIRA GANDHI CENTRE FOR FREEDOM STRUGGLE STUDIES' IN IGNOU

BM 91.35.1 *Due to paucity of time, the item could not be discussed. It was decided to obtain approval of the members through circulation.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(V.N. RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI)
Chairman