

Minutes of the Eleventh School Board Meeting of School of Law held on 11 November, 2011 at 11.00 a.m at Conference Room of New VC Block, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068

The following members were present:

1. Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Former Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations, Government of India
3. Prof. (Dr.) Marian Pinheiro, Principal, V.M. Salgaocar College of Law, Goa.
4. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Symbiosis Law School, Pune
5. Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, Professor, STRIDE, IGNOU
6. Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Reader, School of Inter disciplinary Studies, IGNOU
7. Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Asstt. Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
8. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Asstt. Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
9. Mr. Anand Gupta, Asstt. Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
10. Ms. Manasi Sharma, Asstt. Professor, School of Law, IGNOU

Mr Vivek K Tankha, Additional Solicitor General (Direct Taxes) Supreme Court of India, Prof. B.B. Pande, Former Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, Prof. Pandav Nayak could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. K. Elumalai Director, SOL welcomed all the Members of the School Board of School of Law. Prof. K. Elumalai, briefed the School Board Members about the following activities undertaken by School of Law since the last School Board Meeting.

1. The School of Law organized an International & Comparative Human Rights Law Practicum, an American Bar Association approved programme from December 20, 2010 and January 06, 2011 at IGNOU in partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, United States. This Programme had aimed to expose the law students to comparative and international human rights law themes through enriched classroom and filed experiences. It was attended by 15 participants from USA Law School and 14 Participants from Indian Law Schools.
2. The School of Law in collaboration with NHRC had developed and launched a 5 days online Training Programme for Police Personnel on Human Rights on February 1, 2011 (1-5th February, 2011). The main aim, purpose and objective of this programme is to sensitize Police Personnel and spread awareness about human rights.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs/BPR&D in partnership with Centre for Social Research and IGNOU had organized a National Level Workshop of Nodal Officers, Anti Human Trafficking of all State Governments/UTs from **12-14th May, 2011** at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). The workshop had deliberated on laws related to human trafficking, investigation techniques and dimensions, magnitude and vulnerabilities relating to human trafficking along with issues relating to rescue, care and rehabilitation.
4. NHRC and IGNOU had entered into a MoU for undertaking online Training Programme for Police personnel on Human Rights issues. In this connection, a TOT Programme organized jointly by NHRC and IGNOU for the Police Personnel was held in IGNOU in two batches between 13-15 June, 2011 and 16-18 June, 2011.
5. School of Law, IGNOU has started a series called "Kanooni Salah in Gyan Vani" Radio channel on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month between 5-6 p.m primarily with a view to create awareness among masses on laws and issues pertaining to Women, Children, Physically Handicapped Persons, Senior Citizens and SC/ST etc.

Prof. K Elumalai also informed the members that faculty members of SOL actively participated in Conferences/Workshop etc. He also informed that The Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India with the help of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is implementing a Project on "Access to Justice for Marginalized people in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.. In this connection, a one day Meeting/ Consultation to discuss issues surrounding human trafficking with a view to **develop a sound training module for the prosecutors and judges on laws and issues relating to human trafficking** is scheduled to be held on **12th November, 2011** in collaboration with SOL. SOL has **also been requested to conduct this workshop at IGNOU.**

Prof. Elumalai concluded his initial remarks by saying that SOL has made its presence felt in the Government forum in connection with Policy Formulation.

Prof C.R.K. Murthy said that last School Board Meeting was called on 18 November, 2010 and it is necessary that at least 3 School Board Meetings is convened in a year. It was agreed that from next year School Board Meeting will be convened in the (i) beginning of March 2012 (ii) August 2012 and (iii) in November 2012.

Prof. Madhava Menon expressed that SOL conducted variety of activities in spite of staff constraint. SOL should also have come out with the Vision Document as discussed in the last School Board Meeting. This is very essential for the roadmap and reference point of SOL for the next 3 years. The Vision document should include activities that will be planned by the faculty. Prof. Menon said the Vision Document should include:

1. Structure of SOL including how SOL was developed, Recommendation of the Committee and initial planning of School of Law (about 2 pages)
2. What SOL has been doing till 2011 (4 pages)
3. Activities of SOL for the next 3 years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15

Prof. Menon suggested that the faculty should discuss and plan the Vision Document by including the activities relating to different fields such as Human Rights, Criminal Justice etc.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur said that the values and perspectives should be made very clear in the vision document.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up and the following decisions were taken:

Item No. 11.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Tenth School Board Meeting held on 18th November, 2010.

SB 11.1.1 The Director, SOL informed the Board Members that the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the School Board of School of Law was circulated among the members on 20 January, 2010. It was brought to the notice of the Members about the comments received from Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur

SB 11.1.2 The Board confirmed the minutes with the remarks/comments received from the Members.

Item No. 11.2 Action taken report on the minutes of the tenth meeting of the School Board

SB 11.2.1 The Action taken report on the minutes of the tenth meeting of the School Board was taken one by one by the Director.

SB11.2.2 Prof K. Elumalai informed the members that a faculty meeting will be called to prepare/finalise the vision document of SOL

SB11.2.3 Prof C.R.K. Murthy noted that, Courses/

Hence, he had written several notes in this connection for creation of posts i.e. One Professor, Two Readers and Four Lecturers and supportive staffs as per University norm for the discipline of Criminal Justice in School of law. He briefed the members that the Academic Coordination Division informed that as per the new/ present policy such proposal should come through School Board for creation of posts.

SB11.3.2 Dr. Babu Ramesh and Prof. C.R.K. Murthy said that there are as such no new guidelines and once the Academic Council has approved the proposal for creation of new discipline of Criminal Justice in School of law, the new posts are created automatically. Hence, SOL may take this matter once again to Academic Council which is the appropriate body.

SB11.3.3 Dr. Shashikala Gurpur observed that SOL should consolidate all programmes and justify for the creation of posts with the appropriate authority as the discipline has already been approved. As this is a specialized discipline, this discipline should include economic crimes, money laundering etc. New courses should be offered i.e. Interdisciplinary like MA in criminology etc.

SB11.3.4 Prof. Menon has supported and elaborated the above view.

SB11.3.5 School Board Members observed that Director, School of Law as a follow up measure should take up the matter with Academic Coordination Division suitably.

Item No. 11.4: To consider and approve Development of Course work for the Ph.D programme

SB11.4.1 The Director explained to the Members that SOL circulated the curriculum prepared by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur to the Expert Committee Members of Ph.D. Programme. The Expert Committee for Ph.D. Course Work was held on 5th November, 2011.

SB11.4.2 Dr. Shashikala Gurpur said that this is a 20 credit course of 32 credits. (One course optional and two course compulsory). She said the course work was academically strong and methodologically weak. She said that the course work and Publication of Article should be compulsory and Seminar as Optional.

SB11.4.3 Prof. Menon said he is unhappy with the course work pertaining to constitutional Law. He said that Fundamental Rights and Preamble should include the following:

1. Secularism, Religious Freedom and Minority Rights
2. Equality and Social Justice
3. Balancing Liberty with Security
4. Responsible Citizenship and Fundamental Duty

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Item No. 11.6 Ph.D. Supervisor for Internal Faculty (Lecturers/ARDs)

11.6.1 Two faculty members of School of Law Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and Dr. Suneet Kashyap have applied for becoming Ph. D guide. Dr. Suneet Kashyap completed her Ph.D. in the year 2009 and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur completed her Ph.D. in the year 2011. Both of them joined SOL in the year 2005.

The University guidelines for recognition of Ph. D guides for internal faculties are as under:

- (i) All the Professors and Readers of IGNOU are eligible to guide Ph. D candidates.
- (ii) All IGNOU teachers/ academics including lectures/ ARDs, with a Ph. D degree with five years of teaching experience shall be eligible to be recognized as research supervisor.

For the internal faculty falling under (ii) It is not clear whether 5 years of teaching experience will be counted after obtaining the Ph.D. Degree or from the date of joining as Lecturers.

In order to ensure quality and standard in the Ph. D, it is considered necessary to have clear cut guidelines in this regard for clause (ii) category of teachers, particularly keeping in view the fact that the entry qualification for candidates under category A is also the same as that of the supervisor i.e. with LLM, M. Phil or 5 years teaching experience.

11.6.2 There was lengthy discussion on the subject whether the said internal faculty should be Ph.D. made as supervisors. Prof. Murty and Dr. Babu Ramesh were of the opinion that since the internal faculty fulfills the eligibility criteria laid down by the Univeristy, their name should be approved as Ph.D. supervisors.

11.6.3 Prof. Madhava Menon, however, felt that as a Head of the School, Diretor, School of Law views has to be respected. Diretor has expressed his doubts. Hence the matter should be referred to the appropriate higher authorities of the University. The Director, SOL should get a clear decision/clarifictions on the matter whether they are eligible or not. Hence, School Board will not decide but the Diretor, SOL will write to the Director, Research Council for clarifying his doubts.

11.6.4 The Director, SOL was requested to refer this matter to Research Council for further clarification.

Item No. 11.7 To consider and report on the Research Proposal of Shri Rahul Verma

SB11.7.1 Director informed the School Board Members that Mr. Rahul Verma, was asked to present his revised report before the Doctoral committee after incorporating the suggestion made by the Expert Committee Members in a meeting called for the purpose on 8th November, 2011.

Item No 11.8 To consider and approve Progress report of Ms. Preeti Gupta and Mr. Anand Gupta

SB11.8.1 Since the Progress Reports of Ms. Preeti Gupta and Mr Anand Gupta have been certified by the concerned Research Supervisor, School Board members approved the Progress reports of Ms. Preeti Gupta and Mr. Anand Gupta

Item No 11.9 To consider and approve Phase 1 form of PG Certificate in Child Rights, Child Protection & Juvenile Justice

SB11.9.1 Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Joint Programme Coordinator explained about this certificate and Diploma Programme.

SB11.9.2 School Board Members felt that the this programme should be offered by SOL alone. Academic services can be had from PRAYAS but the programme should be launched by School of Law only keeping in view the brand value of IGNOU. NGOs should start their programme on their own. Academic support can be had from NGOs.

SB11.9.3 Director, School of Law explained to the School Board Members that after series of discussions between officials of IGNOU and PRAYAS, the curriculum was finalized by calling two Expert Committee Meetings. The Director, SOL has also referred to the matter posted in IGNOU Website about this programme indicating the joint launching of the Programme. After detailed discussion, it was resolved that the programme should be offered by IGNOU alone by giving due acknowledgement to the contribution made by PRAYAS.

SB11.9.4 The matter of programme coordinator and joint programme coordinator came up for discussion. Dr. Suneet Kashyap wanted to work alone in this programme **The Director, SOL has expressed his reservation and doubt about her Coordination.**

SB11.9.5 After detailed deliberation, the Board Members asked whether Dr. Suneet Kashyap would like to be the Programme Coordinator for this Programme. She confirmed that she would like to be the Programme Coordinator for this Programme.

SB11.9.6 The Board Members accordingly suggested that the Programme Coordinator for this Programme will be Dr. Suneet Kashyap. The Director, SOL however has maintained his reservation.

SB11.9.7 Prof C.R.K. Murthy said as this is much sought after programme, need survey has to be done.

SB11.9.8 The School Board Members approved the Phase 1 form of PG Certificate in Child Rights, Child Protection & Juvenile Justice

Item No 11.10 To consider and approve Phase 1 PG Diploma in Child Rights, Child Protection & Juvenile Justice

SB11.10.1 Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Joint Programme Coordinator explained about this Diploma Programme.

SB11.10.2 Both item No. 11.9 and 11.10 were taken up together for discussion as it was concerned with Phase 1 form of **PG Diploma and Certificate in Child Rights, Child Protection and Juvenile Justice.**

SB11.10.3 Based on the discussion and deliberations as mentioned under Item No. 9 in general and item No. 9.4 and 9.5 in particular, it was decided that Dr. Suneet Kashyap will be the Programme Coordinator for this Programme.

SB11.10.4 The School Board members approved the Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Child Rights, Child Protection & Juvenile Justice.

Item No 11.11 To consider and approve Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Forensic Science and Evidence Law

SB11.11.1 Director, SOL explained about this proposed programme. School Board Members felt that this is a desirable programme. SOL may ask for additional faculty support for developing this programme.

SB11.11.2 The School Board Members approved the Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Forensic Science and Evidence Law

Item No. 11.12 To consider and approve Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Human Right

SB11.12.1 Mr. Anand Gupta explained to Members that School of Law is already offering a Certificate Programme in Human Rights. Based on the feedback from various quarters, School proposes to launch an advance level programme i.e PG Diploma in Human Rights for those who wish to pursue the programme Human Rights in greater depth and detail.

Board Members desired to know about the additional value added inputs that this Diploma will have. This Diploma should be in modular fashion and nature. Certificate in Human Rights dealt with legal literacy programme awareness and Diploma should deal with just awareness both knowledge and skills with NGOs. Mr. Anand clarified.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur said that curriculum can be based on the pattern of Amnesty International.

The Board approved the Phase 1 form of PG Diploma in Human Rights and to convene the Expert Committee keeping in view the modularity, and lateral entry for this Programme.

No. 11.13 To consider and approve Phase 1 form of Diploma in Legal Remedies

- 13.1** Dr. Gurmeet Kaur explained to Board Members that the 9th School board of School of Law in the meeting held on 3rd May, 2010 has suggested that School should develop Diploma course in legal remedies. The basic aim of the diploma course on Legal remedies is to acquaint the citizens about the remedies available under various laws viz matrimonial remedies, women's right to Alimony and maintenance, right to inheritance of property, remedies available under Civil, Criminal, Contract, Labor Law and Law of Tort, Protection of Consumers under different statutes, environment protection and remedies.
- 13.2** Prof. Madhava Menon suggested that the proposed diploma should include the following remedies:
1. Constitutional Remedy
 2. Writ Remedy
 3. Civil Law Remedy
 4. Criminal Law Remedy
 5. Administrative Law Remedy
 6. Consumer Law Remedy
- 13.3** Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, the Programme Coordinator was requested to take note of the above suggestion for due incorporation while developing the programme.
- 13.4** With the above observations and deliberations, the School Board approved the Phase 1 form of Diploma in Legal Remedies.

No. 11.14 To consider and approve Phase 0 form of PG Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights

- 14.1** Dr Suneet Kashyap said that PG diploma in Intellectual Property Rights was originally offered by School of Sciences and later transferred to School of Law. The Programme was initially developed with the basis of Science background.

0. 11.16 To consider ratification of the approval given by Vice- Chancellor towards international fee structure for the following programmes:

1. The International Fee Structure for students registered in Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT)
2. International Fee Structure for students registered in PG Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ)
3. International Fee Structure for students registered in PG Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDENLW)
4. International Fee Structure for students registered in PG Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDENLW-OL)

1 The Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT) was launched in July, 2010. The programme fee for the Indian Learners is Rs. 1000. Fee for SAARC students will be US \$ 50). Fee for International Students will be 7 times the Indian fees i.e Rs.7, 000). As the programme fees will be revised for Indian learners in future by the University the International fees will also change accordingly.

SB11.16.2 Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ) was launched in July, 2010. The Programme fee for Indian Learners is Rs. 8,000. Fee for SAARC students will be 3 times the Indian fee (Rs. 24, 000). Fee for International students will be 7 times the Indian fees (Rs. 56,000). As the programme fees will be revised for Indian learners in future by the University, the International fees will also change accordingly.

SB11.16.3 Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (PGDENLW) was launched in July, 2010. The Programme fee for Indian Learners is Rs. 10,000. Fee for SAARC students will be 3 times the Indian fees (Rs. 30,000). Fee for International students will be 7 times the Indian fees (Rs. 70,000). As the programme fees will be revised for Indian learners in future by the University the International fees will also change accordingly.

SB11.16.4 Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law On line (PGDENLWOL) was launched in July, 2010. The Programme fee for Indian learners is Rs. 10,000. Fee for SAARC students will be 3 times the Indian fees (Rs. 30,000). Fee for International students will be 7 times the Indian fees (Rs. 70,000). As the programme fees will be revised for Indian learners in future by the University the International fees will also change accordingly.

SB11.16.5 Director, SOL explained to Board Members that, approval has already been given by the Vice Chancellor for the above.

SB11.16.6 School Board ratified the approval given by Vice-Chancellor regarding International Fee Structure for the above mentioned programmes viz CAHT, PGDCJ, PGDENLW and PGDENLWOL

Item No.11.17 To consider ratification of the approval given by Vice- Chancellor towards international fee structure for the following programmes

1. International fee structure for students registered in PGCCL-OL
2. International fee structure for students registered in Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Process Outsourcing (PGDLPO)
3. International fee structure for students registered in Master of Intellectual Property Law (MIPL)

Item No. 11.17.1 Post Graduate Certificate Cyber Law online (PGCCL-OL) was launched in July 2008. The fee structure (including Registration fee) as approved by the Vice- Chancellor IGNOU are as under: Fee for Indian Students Rs. 5100/-. Fee for SAARC students Rs. 10,000/-. Fee for International students US\$1000/-. Current charges: PGCCL-OL Indian Residents- Rs. 6100/-, SAARC Residents – Rs. 12,000/-, International Residents- Rs US\$1200/- .

Item No. 11.17.2 Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Process Outsourcing (PGDLPO) is an online programme launched from January 2009. The fee structure (including Registration Fee) as approved by the Vice- Chancellor IGNOU are as under: Fee for Indian Students Rs. 15,000/-. Fee for SAARC students Rs. 25,000/-. Fee for the International Students US\$1500/0. Current fee charge: Including Registration Fee. Fee for Indian students Rs. 18,000/-. Fee for SARC students Rs. 30,000/-, Fee for International students US \$ 1800.

Item No. 11.17.3 Master of Intellectual Property (MIPL) is an online programme launched by School of Law from July, 2009. The fee structure (including Registration fee) as approved by the Vice-Chancellor are as under:

- Fee for Indian Students Rs. 36,000
- Fee for SAARC Students Rs. 72,000
- Fee for International Students US \$ 5000

The International fees for above programmes have been made applicable from July, 2011

SB11.17.4 Director, SOL explained to Board Members that, approval has already been given by the Vice Chancellor for the above.

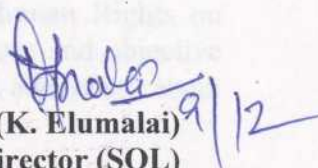
SB11.17.5 School Board ratified the approval given by Vice-Chancellor regarding International Fee Structure for the above mentioned programmes viz PGCCLOL, PGDLPO, MIPL

Item No.11.18 Certificate in Consumer Protection (CCP) and Application Oriented in Consumer Studies (ACS): Changes in Assignment Submission.

11.18.1 Director explained to School Board Members that earlier tutor marked assignment and computer marked assignment was compulsory for CCP and for ACS tutor marked assignment 1&2 and computer marked assignment were compulsory. Since in most of the certificate programmes the University has removed the CMA assignment, CMA assignment has been removed for the CCP and ACS from January 2011 session.

11.18.2 School Board approved the same.

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


(K. Elumalai)
Director (SOL)
9/12/2011