

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
School of Law**

**MINUTES OF THE 27TH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF SCHOOL OF
LAW HELD ON 26TH MAY, 2023**

The 27th School Board Meeting of School of Law was held on 26th May, 2023 at 11.30 am through online mode.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

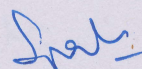
1. Prof. Swati Patra (Director, SOL and Chairperson)
2. Prof. Priti Saxena, Director, Center of Post Graduate Legal Studies, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
3. Prof. Anupam Jha, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Delhi
4. Prof. M.P. Tiwari, Former Head of Law Department PG Constituent College, University of Allahabad
5. Prof. K.S. Arul Selvam, Associate Professor, SOJNMS
6. Prof. Rashmi Bansal, Professor, SOMS
7. Dr. Saumya, Assistant Professor, SOSW
8. Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava, Associate Professor, SOL
9. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, SOL
10. Dr. Anand Gupta, Assistant Professor, SOL
11. Dr. Mansi Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOL

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat National Law University, Gujarat
2. Ms. Ranjana Iyer, Advocate, Bangalore
3. Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Professor, CIQA

At the outset the Director, School of Law, and Chairperson for the School Board, Prof. Swati Patra, welcomed all the members to the 27th School Board Meeting of the School of Law.

The Chairperson placed on record the valuable contributions of the outgoing Internal Experts of the Board from within IGNOU, outside the School of Law – Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Professor, CIQA, Prof. K.S. Arul Selvam, Professor, SOJNMS, Prof. Rashmi Bansal, Professor, SOMS and Dr. Saumya, Assistant Professor, SOSW for their continued support and guidance in various meetings of the School board as their two-year tenure is going to end on 25th July, 2023.



The following Agenda Items were discussed:

Item No. 27.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of 25th School Board Meeting of SOL held on 28th April, 2022 and to note the action taken.

SB 27.1.1 The Chairperson informed the Board that the Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the School Board held on 28th April 2022 were circulated to all the members. Comments were received from some of the members which are enclosed with this Minute. The Minutes may be confirmed along with the comments enclosed.

SB 27.1.2 It was discussed that since the items were already approved in the 25th School Board, the comments can be taken along with the minutes as it is since it does not affect the approval status in anyway.

SB 27.1.3 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 25th School Board Meeting along with the comments enclosed, and also took note of the action taken report.

Item No. 27.2 Reporting of the agenda items approved by circulation in 26th School Board of SOL held on 28th November, 2022.

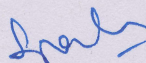
SB 27.2.1 The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 26th School Board of School of Law.

Item No. 27.3 To ratify the Minutes of the 18th Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) Meeting of the School of Law held online on 19th April, 2023.

SB 27.3.1 The Board ratified the Minutes of the 18th DRC Meeting of the School of Law held on 19th April 2023 circulated to all members of the Committee

Item No. 27.4 To consider and approve the Collaboration of the School of Law, IGNOU with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice.

SB 27.4.1 The Chairperson informed the members that the Department of Justice has had several meetings with the School of Law, initially with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Pro-vice chancellor Prof. Satyakam, former Director Dr. Suneet K. Srivastava, and later on with all



Faculty of the School to discuss and deliberate on the areas and modalities of collaboration. She informed that two key areas of collaboration will focus on strengthening the Legal awareness and Legal literacy pan India; and offering a need-based, updated, skill-oriented programme on Paralegal practice to create a cadre of trained paralegals in the country who can contribute to access to justice by the common people. The detailed areas of collaboration will be worked out later on.

SB 27.4.2

Dr. Anand Gupta, Faculty, SOL informed that the collaboration will include revising and updating the already offered Diploma in Paralegal Practice (DIPP) of the School of Law. As the programme coordinator of DIPP, Dr. Anand pointed that the field inputs received from DoJ will help need-based revision and updation in the programme on offer since 2009. This will benefit the paralegal workers in the field by making them skilled to provide effective service to the community in accessing justice.

SB 27.4.3

Dr. Saumya expressed that the revised DIPP programme may be considered to be made online so that it can also benefit the social workers who can undertake this programme.

SB 27.4.4

The members expressed their views that it is a very welcome step and much needed to create legal awareness at the community level so that common people can know about various aspects related to law and justice, which will facilitate access to justice.

SB 27.4.4

The Board considered and approved the collaboration of the School of Law, IGNOU with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice.

Item No. 27.5

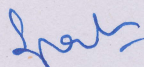
To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Masters Degree in Intellectual Property Rights to be offered by the School of Law

SB 27.5.1

The Chairperson informed the Board that the Faculty have submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and the Concept and Need survey report for launching a Masters degree programme on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

SB 27.5.2

Dr. Gurmeet Kaur informed that there is an imperative need for a specialized Masters degree programme on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) creating knowledge, awareness and skills in this field. In this regard, she informed about the 161st Report on IPR, 2021 by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce wherein it has



been emphasized that the IP courses and curriculum should be introduced in schools, colleges, management schools, and IPR trainings, workshops and conferences should be organized for students along with professors and teachers. UGC has also advocated for inclusion of IPR in the curriculum. IGNOU can definitely contribute in this field by offering a Masters Degree in IPR which will facilitate innovations and entrepreneurship in the country.

SB 27.5.3 Prof. Arul Selvam pointed that since the School has an existing PG Diploma in IPR, the masters degree in IPR can be made a modular approach. He suggested that the School needs to see that the existing resources be used while developing the programme.

SB 27.5.4 Dr. Suneet K Srivastava pointed that if the modular approach is followed and the PGDIPR is used, she needs to be given due credit and be made the Coordinator for the First year of the Masters programme as she is the Programme coordinator for the PGDIPR at present.

SB 27.5.5 Dr. Gurmeet and Dr. Anand also expressed their views on coordinatorship.

SB 27.5.6 The item was referred back to the Faculty for further discussion in the light of various comments received from the Board members including the faculty of the School.

Item No.27.6 To consider and recommend the list of evaluators for different programmes of School of Law.

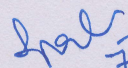
S.B. 27.6.1 The Board considered and recommended the list of Evaluators for different courses of Post-Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (PGDIPR), Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ), Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law (PGCCL), Post-Graduate Certificate in Patent Practice (PGCPP), Diploma in Paralegal Practice (DIPP), Certificate in Human Rights (CHR), Certificate in Consumer Protection (CCP), Certificate in International Humanitarian Law (CIHL), Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT), Certificate in Co-operation, Co-operative Law (CCLBL) Programmes. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval (Annexure-1).

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Item No.27.7 To consider and recommend the list of moderators for different programmes of School of Law.

S.B. 27.7.1 The Board considered and recommended the list of Moderators for Post-Graduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights (PGDIPR), Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice (PGDCJ), Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law (PGCCL), Post-Graduate Certificate in Patent Practice (PGCPP), Diploma in Paralegal Practice (DIPP), Certificate in Human Rights (CHR), Certificate in Consumer Protection (CCP), Certificate in International Humanitarian Law (CIHL), Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking (CAHT), Certificate in Co-operation, Co-operative Law (CCLBL) Programmes. It was decided to put up the recommendation of the Board to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval (**Annexure-2**).

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.


Swati Patra
(Chairperson and Director)