

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

**IG/SOL/30<sup>th</sup>-SB/2024**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF SCHOOL OF LAW  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**

The 30<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting of School of Law was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 12.00 p.m. in the virtual mode.

The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Prof. Swati Patra (Director I/c, SOL and Chairperson)
2. Prof. Vijay P. Tiwari
3. Prof. Dharmendra Kumar Mishra
4. Prof. Bharti
5. Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi
6. Dr. Devesh Kumar Mishra
7. Prof. Suneet K. Srivastava
8. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur
9. Dr. Anand Gupta
10. Dr. Mansi Sharma

The following member could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha
2. Prof. Monica Chawla
3. Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat
4. Dr. Ramesh Yadav

At the outset the Director I/c, School of Law, and Chairperson for the School Board, Prof. Swati Patra, welcomed all the members to the 30<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting of the School of Law. She especially welcomed the new External members of the School Board and for their information, presented a brief overview about IGNOU, highlighting that the University has around 3 million learners on roll, 21 Schools of Studies, 318 academic programmes at different levels ranging from Certificate to Post-graduation, 43 online programmes, and 214 MOOC courses offered through SWAYAM platform. IGNOU operates through 69 Regional centres pan India having over 2000 Learner support centres, and also has 25 overseas study centres. She also talked about the School of Law, various programmes offered by the School and activities undertaken by the School of Law to the new external members of the School Board.

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The following Agenda Items were discussed:

**Item No. 30.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and to Note the action taken**

SB 30.1.1 The Chairperson informed the Board that the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were circulated to all the members. No comments have been received.

SB 30.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes (**Annexure 1**) of the 29<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting and also took note of the action taken report (**Annexure 2**).

**Item No. 30.2 Ratification of the Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> DRC held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

SB 30.2.1 The 20<sup>th</sup> DRC Meeting of the School of Law was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the Minute was circulated to all members of the DRC Committee.

SB 30.2.2 The Board ratified the Minutes (**Annexure 3**) of the 20<sup>th</sup> DRC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Item No. 30.3 To report the signing of the MOU between School of Law IGNOU and the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India**

SB 30.3.1 The Chairperson informed that the MOU between the School of Law, IGNOU and the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice was signed on 18<sup>th</sup> of January and was formally exchanged on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in an event 'Hamaara Samvidhan – Hamaara Sammaan Campaign organized by the DOJ to commemorate 75 years of India as Republic in the august presence of Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Honourable Vice-President of India, Shri Arjun Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice, and Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

The chairperson also informed that the objectives of the MOU is to revise the existing Diploma in Paralegal Practice (DIPP) programme of the School of Law and to develop Diploma, Certificate and Capsule courses in paralegal, and thereby to create a cadre of Paralegal Practitioners in India by imparting knowledge, skills and providing practical exposure of working as paralegals. Further, both

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DOJ and IGNOU will organize series of legal literacy and legal awareness activities through different platforms addressing various stakeholders.

SB 30.3.2 The School Board members lauded this great initiative by the School of Law. The signing of the MOU was noted by the School Board.

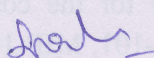
**Item No. 30.4** To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for the revision of Diploma in Paralegal Practice (DIPP) programme and the List of Experts for the Expert Committee meeting for DIPP revision

SB 30.4.1 Dr. Anand Gupta, programme coordinator of DIPP informed that the revision of DIPP will be undertaken as part of the MOU with the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, and the list of Experts is submitted for this.

SB 30.4.2 The Board considered the Programme Revision Form (**Annexure 4**) and approved the List of Experts for the Expert committee meeting with a suggestion to include the name of Prof. Bharti, National Law University, New Delhi as an expert in the List of Experts (**Annexure 5**).

**SB 30.5** To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for offering of courses related to Law in the Bachelor of Arts Multidisciplinary (BAM) programme and approval of the Experts for the Expert committee meeting for the same.

SB 30.5.1 The Chairperson informed that the University offers the Bachelor of Arts Multidisciplinary (BAM) programme as part of its Undergraduate Programmes under the National Educational Policy 2020 from January 2024 admission cycle. The following disciplines are included under this Bachelor of Arts degree following a multidisciplinary approach namely, Anthropology, Economics, Education, English, Hindi, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sanskrit, Sociology, and Urdu. BAM programme is of three-years duration (six semesters) with exit options at the end of each year with the student obtaining UG Certificate and UG Diploma respectively. The BAM programme is of 120 credits, and it consists of Discipline Specific Courses (DSC), Vocational Courses (VOC), Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses (AECC), Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), Interdisciplinary Courses (ID), and Value Added





Courses (VAC). The student will be selecting three disciplines as part of this programme under the DSC category, each discipline worth 24 credits (having four courses of 6 credits each). Hence the School of Law proposes to offer 24 credits worth of courses in Law, four courses each with 6 credits in the Discipline Specific Courses category as a part of the common basket.

SB 30.5.2 Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and Dr. Mansi Sharma, informed the members about the objectives of offering courses related to law in the DSC category under BAM programme. Given the very low rate of legal awareness in the country, it would be helpful to sensitize and create legal literacy among the students through these courses. They indicated the tentative courses proposed to be included which will be deliberated and finalized in the expert committee meeting.

Further, the faculty suggested to offer these courses from January 2025 keeping in mind the preparations involved.

SB 30.5.3 The Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (**Annexure 6**) and the offering of courses from January 2025 session. Further, the Board also approved the List of Experts for the Expert committee meeting with a suggestion to include more names of Experts (**Annexure 7**).

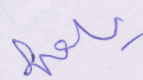
SB 30.6 To consider and approve the List of Examiners for evaluation of Ph.D thesis of Mr. Krishna Lal Yadav, Enrol. No.173102365

SB 30.6.1 The List of Examiners for evaluation of Ph.D thesis of Mr. Krishna Lal Yadav, Enrol. No.173102365 has been approved in the 20<sup>th</sup> DRC Meeting of the School of Law held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The thesis has been submitted by the research scholar on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 after getting approval of extension from the competent authority. As per procedure, Honourable Vice chancellor will select names from the list as examiners for the evaluation of the thesis.

SB 30.6.2 The list was approved by the Board members.

SB 30.7 To consider and recommend the Additional List of evaluators, moderators and paper setters for different programmes of School of Law

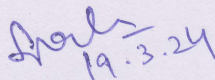
SB 30.7.1 The Board considered and recommended the list of Additional Evaluators (**Annexure-8**) for the courses MIR-021, MIR-022 & MIR-023 (**PGCPP**), MIP-101, MIP-102, MIP-103, MIP-104, MIP-





105, MIP-106, MIP-107 & MIP-108 (PGDIPR & PGDIPR (OL), MLE-011, MLE-012, MLE-013, MLE-014, MLE-015 & MLE-016 (PGDCJ) BLE-031, BLE-032 & BLE-033 (CAHT). The Board considered and recommended the list of Additional Moderators (Annexure-9) for the courses MIR-021, MIR-022 & MIR-023 (PGCPP), MIP-101, MIP-102, MIP-103, MIP-104, MIP-105, MIP-106, MIP-107 & MIP-108 (PGDIPR & PGDIPR (OL). The Board considered and recommended the list of Additional Paper Setters (Annexure-10) for the courses MIR-021, MIR-022 & MIR-023 (PGCPP), MIP-101, MIP-102, MIP-103, MIP-104, MIP-105, MIP-106, MIP-107 & MIP-108 (PGDIPR & PGDIPR(OL). The recommendation of the Board will be put up to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration and approval.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

  
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**Prof. Swati Patra**  
(Chairperson and Director I/c)