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**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
PLANNING BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AT 11.00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.**

The following were present:

1.	Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai	Chairman
2.	Prof. S.K. Joshi	Member
3.	Prof. T.N. Kapoor	Member
4.	Prof. Omprakash Mishra (PVC, IGNOU)	Special Invitee
5.	Prof. Parvin Sinclair (PVC, IGNOU)	Special Invitee
6.	Prof. Basir A. Khan (PVC, IGNOU)	Special Invitee
7.	Prof. Latha Pillai (PVC, IGNOU)	Special Invitee
8.	Prof. P.R. Ramanujam	Member
9.	Prof. Anu Aneja	Member
10.	Prof. E. Vayunandan	Member
11.	Dr. P. Shiva Swaroop	Member
12.	Sh. K. Laxman	Member
13.	Sh. R. Chauhan (Finance Officer, IGNOU)	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. C.G. Naidu	Member Secretary

Prof. (Ms) Surabhi Banerjee, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Sh. Shravan Patel and Dr. D.K. Chaudhary, PVC (Special Invitee) could not attend the meeting. Sh. Pankaj Khanna, Dy. Director, P&DD was present to assist the Member Secretary.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the new members Prof. P.R. Ramanujam and Sh. K. Laxman and special invitees Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Prof. Latha Pillai and Prof. Basir A. Khan. He placed on record appreciation to the former members Prof. N. Mahmood Quraishi, Prof. S.K. Agrawal, Dr. D. Padmanabhan, Prof. K.K. Aggrawal, Prof. (Ms) Anjoo Saran (Upadhyaya), Prof. (Ms) Madhulika Kaushik and Sh. Dalip Kumar Tetri.

Chairman apprised the Board about the approval of the Visitor for establishment of the nine new Schools of Studies in IGNOU. He also briefed the Planning Board members that IGNOU has been awarded 17<sup>th</sup> position in the list of top 100 Universities in the Indian Sub-Continent Region in "Webometrics Ranking of World Universities", a leading international website [www.webometrics.info](http://www.webometrics.info). The University faced competition with institutions like the IIMs, IITs, Anna University, University of Pune, University of Delhi, AIIMS and BHU. The Planning Board members congratulated the Chair for these achievements.

He then requested Dr. C.G. Naidu, Member Secretary to present the agenda items.

**PB 33.1** To confirm the minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Planning Board held on December 19, 2006 and note the action taken thereon.

**PB 33.1.1** Dr. Naidu apprised the members that the minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Planning Board meeting were circulated to the members on February 06, 2007. No comments had been received from any of the members. The minutes may be approved.

**PB 33.1.2** The Planning Board noted the Action Report of the School of Health Sciences (SOHS) regarding methods adopted at the planning, implementation, monitoring and assessment stages for Quality Assurance in medical programmes. Dr. T.K. Jena from School of Health Sciences gave brief presentation on the various methods adopted for Quality assurance in the School. He further informed that these are capacity building programmes for qualified Doctors. After deliberations, the Planning Board was of the opinion that SOHS should make efforts in the field of medical programmes and explore opportunities in the Health sector as it is one of the important sectors in which IGNOU can take a lead. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and Medical Council of India (MCI) may be contacted for Rural Health Care and recognition of medical programmes. If need arises, the higher authorities in Govt. of India may be contacted to strengthen this area.

**PB 33.1.3** The Planning Board took note of the action taken by the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) regarding initiating training of students belonging to public/recognized institutes in live training on limited scale.

**PB 33.1.4** The Board appreciated the Action Taken Report of Planning and Development Division for the analysis of data on student fee collected for the period July 2006 and January 2007. The Planning Board observed that the analysis is very revealing for each Zone, Programme and School of IGNOU.

Planning Board deliberated over the various aspects and noted that though west zone is very large, the enrolment/income from the region is required to be boosted further. It was informed to the Planning Board Members by Prof. Parvin Sinclair that with the opening of new Regional Centres in Mumbai and Nagpur, this region is being strengthened. The members were of the opinion that there is a need to identify weak areas for further strengthening of the System.

After deliberations, Planning Board decided that the data analysis may be forwarded to all concerned schools and regional centres so that they may carry out further analysis of



each programme, zone and centre. The Schools may submit suitable proposals for consolidation along with the expansion of programmes so that achievements made in the last 22 years of IGNOU existence can be fully utilized.

**PB 33.1.5** The Planning Board confirmed the minutes of its 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on December 19, 2006 as circulated and noted the action taken thereon.

**PB 33.2** To consider and approve the recommendations of the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on April 30, 2007 and August 16, 2007 respectively.

**PB 33.2.1** The Member Secretary reported that in the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee, the following Phase-II (Programme Concept Form), Phase – IV (Programme Launch Approval Form) and Extension for Launch for more cycles were approved.

**List of programmes approved in the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Academic Programme Committee**

**Phase-2 (Programme Concept Form)**

1. Post Graduate Certificate in Patents
2. Diploma in Panchayat Level Development and Administration
3. Diploma in Retailing
4. Ph.D. in Agriculture Extension
5. Certificate in NGO Management
6. Bachelors of Commerce with major in Accountancy and Finance
7. Master of Commerce in Finance and Taxation
8. Post Graduate Diploma in Book Publishing
9. Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Management and Administration
10. Post Graduate Certificate in Endodontics
11. Post Graduate Certificate in Oral Implantology

**Phase-4 (Programme Launch Approval Form)**

1. Diploma in Production of Value Added Products from Cereals, Pulses and Oil Seeds
2. Master of Arts in Education

**List of programmes approved in 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Academic Programme Committee**

**Phase-2 (Programme Concept Form)**

1. Post Graduate Certificate in Malayalam – Hindi Translation
2. Post Graduate Certificate in Bangla – Hindi Translation
3. Certificate Programme in Japanese Language
4. Certificate Programme in German Language

**Phase-4 (Programme Launch Approval Form)**

1. Bachelors of Commerce with major in Accountancy and Finance
2. Master of Commerce in Finance and Taxation
3. Post Graduate Diploma for Participatory Management of Displacement, Resettlement and Rehabilitation
4. Diploma in Civil Engineering (DCLE(G))

**Extension of Launch for 4 more Cycles**

1. Certificate in New Born and Infant Care
2. Certificate in Maternal and Child Health Care

Dr. Naidu also reported to the members that the APC in its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting approved the appointment of a Committee to review and revise the Phase Forms.

**PB 33.2.2**

Prof. Parvin Sinclair explained the concept of all the Phase forms while replying on the need of approving phase-wise forms for each programme.

Prof. S K Joshi while appreciating the concept of Phase-wise approval of each programme suggested the actual time taken should be minimized as far as possible from conceptualization to actual launch of the programme.

The Chairman informed the Planning Board that in order to build-up the quality human resources, the University recently introduced Teaching and Research assistantships programme. Different Chairs have been instituted for contribution in various areas of study.

**PB 33.2.3**

With the above observations, the Planning Board confirmed the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Academic Programme Committee.

- PB 33.3**      **To consider the draft XI<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan Expenditure Finance Committee Memorandum**
- PB 33.3.1**      The Member Secretary summarized the features of the XI<sup>th</sup> five year plan EFC placed before the Planning Board for consideration.
- PB 33.3.2**      Planning Board members appreciated the well prepared EFC document and recommended that the recent developments of establishing Indira Gandhi Centre for Studies on Freedom Struggle (sponsored by MHRD) and ISRO Chair may also added in the document. The members suggested that any additional information required to strengthen the document may be appropriately incorporated before it is submitted to the MHRD.
- PB 33.3.3**      With the above observations the Planning Board approved the XI<sup>th</sup> five year plan EFC document.
- PB 33.4**      **To report on the approval of establishment of the Nine new Schools by the Visitor**
- PB 33.4.1**      The Chairman informed the members about the approval of the visitor for setting up of following nine new Schools in IGNOU:
1. School of Journalism and New Media Studies
  2. School of Gender and Development Studies
  3. School of Tourism and 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
- PB 33.4.2**      Chairman told that these nine new schools have been established in the University in a record time and all the required procedures are being followed in the launching of programmes in these Schools. He said that collaborative activities with national as well as international agencies are being undertaken for each School. The process to identify a team of experts, inputs and suggestions for realization of these schools are proceeding in a very systematic way. Brainstorming sessions are being completed in a record time and numerous responses have been received by the university for setting up of these schools. He informed that



appropriate administrative steps like building a new administrative block, decentralization of regional centers, creation of physical facilities in Campus (Maidan Garhi) for location of new schools and creation of new positions in the new schools are being undertaken by the University for its expansion.

He further informed that Govt. of India has identified IGNOU's School of Vocational studies as the Nodal agency for Skill development and School of Journalism has already got a German recognition from Deutsche Welle.

**PB 33.4.5** Planning Board noted the item and congratulated the Chair on the eve of setting up of these new schools in the University.

**PB 33.5** To ratify the nomination of Planning Board member (Prof.T.N. Kapoor) to the Academic Programme Committee

**PB 33.5.1** The member secretary informed the members that the Vice Chancellor nominated Prof. T.N. Kapoor, member of Planning Board as member of the APC under the provisions of clause (ii) of the composition of APC. The Planning Board ratified the decision.

**PB 33.6** To consider nomination of one more Planning Board member for the Academic Programme Committee

**PB 33.6.1** The member secretary informed the members that under clause (ii) of the composition of the APC, two members are nominated by the Planning Board among its members. Since Prof. T.N. Kapoor has already been nominated, one more member among the Planning Board members needs to be nominated to the APC. The members authorized the chair to nominate a member from the Planning Board to the APC.

**PB 33.7** To consider the appointment of the Third University Review Committee

**PB 33.7.1** Dr. C.G. Naidu apprised the members about the two earlier review committees: first one in 1989-90 (Prof. Pylee Committee) and the second one in 1999-2000 (Prof. R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao). He informed the members that the X<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan has just concluded and this is the time for the university to go for the third review.

Sh. R. Chauhan informed the members that Ministry of HRD has desired that IGNOU should have a external review on the performance of the University. Dr. Naidu told that the earlier committees comprised of external members including the Chairman of the Committee and the present Committee shall also consists of members outside IGNOU.

**PB 33.7.2** Board deliberated over the Item and was of the opinion that in terms of the statutory responsibility vested in Planning Board, a Review Committee is required to undertake a comprehensive review of the performance of the University and the X<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan achievements for making recommendations for its development in the future.

**PB 33.7.3** On the composition of the review committee, the members opined that all the members of the Committee will be from outside IGNOU and the Planning and Development Division of IGNOU can act as a nodal unit with Director (Planning) as its Convenor. Experts like Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Ex-Chairman, ISRO may be approached by IGNOU for the Chairmanship of review Committee.

**PB 33.7.4** Planning Board approved the formation of the University Review Committee and authorized the Chairman to constitute the Committee.

The Review Committee may complete the task in six months from the date of its constitution.

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**PB 33.8** To conduct Impact Analysis study (Impact of IGNOU, SOUs and DEIs on society) as per the recommendations of the Planning Board in its 32nd Meeting.

**PB 33.8.1** Dr. C.G. Naidu, Member Secretary informed the Board about the decision taken in the 32nd meeting about the Impact analysis study covering IGNOU and the various SOUs and DEIs in order to know the impact of these institutions made in fulfilling the educational and capacity building needs of the society.

The Board members were of the opinion that the study may use a questionnaire, Newspaper, Website, inputs from students/alumni, NGOs, Stake-holders, Armed Forces etc. for analysis and making recommendations.

**PB 33.8.2** The Board members deliberated over the various Issues and suggested that the various SOUs/DEIs are also required to be Included while initiating this study. The Planning Board



authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee with detailed terms of reference.

**PB 33.9** To Consider Phase - 4 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of M.Sc.(Mathematics with applications In Computer Science)

**PB 33.9.1** The member secretary informed the members that the Vice Chancellor has already approved the launching of M.Sc. (Mathematics with applications in Computer Science) with effect from January 2007.

**PB 33.9.2** The Planning Board noted the approval of launching M.Sc. (Mathematics with applications in Computer Science) with effect from January 2007.

#### TABLED ITEMS

**PB 33.10** To report on the development of Programmes In the Newly established Schools.

**PB 33.10.1** The Board while taking note of the item appreciated the university initiative in the development of various programmes in the newly established Schools as indicated below:-

S.No.	Programme	School
1.	B.A. in International Hospitality Administration	School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Sectoral Management
2.	Certificate in German Language	School of Foreign Languages
3.	Certificate in Japanese Language	School of Foreign Languages
4.	Certificate in Malayalam-Hindi Translation	School of Translation Studies & Training
5.	Certificate in Bangla-Hindi Translation	School of Translation Studies & Training
6.	Certificate in Adult Education for Project Coordinators	School of Extension and Development Studies
7.	Certificate in Adult Education for Grass Root functionaries	School of Extension and Development Studies

Prof. Anu Aneja suggested that a few new programmes that are being developed in School of Continuing Education in the areas of Gender and Social Work could be located in the new schools.



**PB 33.10.2** The Planning Board approved the development of above new programmes in the newly established Schools.

**PB 33.11** To report MHRD approved proposal of a Joint IGNOU-DEC-UGC-AICTE Scheme for Convergence of ODL and Conventional System of Education

**PB 33.11.1** The Chairman informed the members about the approval of MHRD on the "Joint IGNOU-DEC-UGC-AICTE Scheme for Convergence of ODL and Conventional System of Education". He told that the targeted Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education during XI<sup>th</sup> plan, which is envisaged as double that of today. This growth can be achieved only through an ODL system as the conventional universities have their limitations. All over the world, technology-enabled distance education is gaining acceptance in various areas. He informed that the scheme covers the entire country with following objectives:-

- Achieving the targets related to ACCESS and EQUITY in Higher Education during XI<sup>th</sup> plan;
- Enhanced and optimal utilization of the physical facilities, intellectual and knowledge resources in colleges;
- Convergence between the traditional face-to-face University teaching and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Systems.

**PB 33.11.2** The Planning Board took note of detailed proposal and approved the Scheme.

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



(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)  
Chairman