

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

MINUTES OF THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD,  
HELD ON **31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008** AT **11.00** AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM,  
BLOCK-8, IGNOU, **MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.**

The following were present:

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| 1.  | Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai | Chairman         |
| 2.  | Shri Shravan Patel             | Member           |
| 3.  | Prof. T.N. Kapoor              | Member           |
| 4.  | Prof. S.K. Joshi               | Member           |
| 5.  | Prof. Parvin Sinclair          | Special Invitee  |
| 6.  | Dr. D.K. Choudhry              | Special Invitee  |
| 7.  | Dr. Latha Pillai               | 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. | Shri K. Laxman                 | Member           |
| 14. | Dr. C.G. Naidu                 | Member Secretary |

The following could not attend the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon     | Member          |
| 2. | Prof. (Ms.) Surabhi Banerjee | Member          |
| 3. | Prof. Omprakash Mishra       | Special Invitee |
| 4. | Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan       | Special Invitee |

Sh. Pankaj Khanna; Deputy Director, **P&DD** was present in the meeting to assist the Member Secretary.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members and apprised the Board about the recent developments made in the past few months. He briefed about the phenomenal growth in students enrolment made in the last year with **5.36** lacs, progress made on the technological fronts like **48Mbps** connectivity, ERP solution and reach in more than 8 million homes through DTH network. The University academic initiatives with organizations like Confederation of **NGOs** of Rural India (CNRI), Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University (**ICFAI**), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Ministries like Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Panchayati Raj were **informed** to the Board members. Steps taken for consolidation of various academic activities that are under process like decentralize the distribution of study material at Regional Centres. Online registration and remittance of fee, Online offer of **courses/programmes**,

enhancement of 10% **programme/course** fee, introduction of examination fee for students were informed. **Initiating dialogues** with MHRD for **obtaining** Non-Plan grants, establishment of 3 **-Vocational** Centres namely National **Institute** for Vocational Education and Training (**NIVET**), North-East Centre for Research and Development (**NECRD**) and **Institute** for **Professional** Competency Advancement of Teachers **through** ODL (**IPCAT**) in the country for competency enhancement. Creation of new **Regional Centres** in **Mumbai, Nagpur Panaji** and Vijayawada, upgradation of **Sub-Regional** Centres to Regional Centres, etc. were the other major initiatives also informed to the Board Members during the initial remarks.

The Planning Board members congratulated **the** Chair for developments made in the University. Prof. S.K. **Joshi** appreciated the commendable performance of the **University** on several fronts. While reaching 8 million **homes** through DTH in the country is significant achievement, the Quality of the content for the TV programmes is a major concern. The University can institute an award system for high quality content of Gyan Darshan I Gyan Vani programmes. **With** reference to the introduction of examination reforms, he said that it will increase the credibility of examination system and induces **the** seriousness of **the** examination among the students.

Prof. T.N. **Kapoor** while appreciating on the University achievements informed that the requirement of faculty **is** high from the industry and the demand for Teaching, Research in Management is increasing. Prof. Parveen Sindair informed the Board that that the University has already initiated a capacity building programme in Teaching and Research in Management being developed in collaboration with Kerala Management Association and **Ahmedabad** Management Association.

Shri Shravan **Patel** informed about the initiatives taken by the **Govt.** on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme in education by the HRD Ministry. He appreciated the University efforts in developing 62 new programmes in the newly established 10 Schools. While stressing on the need of Women education and her role in building the nation. he congratulated the University for having a separate new School **on** Gender and Development Studies in order to **fulfill** this task.

Hon'ble Chairman after initial remarks requested Dr. C.G. Naidu, Member Secretary to present the agenda items.

**PB 34.1** To confirm the minutes of the **33<sup>rd</sup>** meeting of the Planning Board held on **17<sup>th</sup>** September 2007 and the Action Taken **Report(s)**.

**PB 34.1.1** Dr. Naidu apprised the members that the minutes of the **33<sup>rd</sup>** Planning Board meeting were circulated to the members on **3<sup>rd</sup>**

October 2007 vide **No.IG /P&DD 133-PB /Mnts/ 07 11150**. No comments received. The minutes may be approved.

- PB 34.1.2 Prof. S.K. Joshi while confirming the minutes of the last meeting suggested that for future. **ATRs** (Action Taken Reports) may be made separate item in order to have a broader view of both the items.
- PB 34.1.3 The Planning Board confirmed the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Planning Board as circulated.
- PB 34.2 To consider and approve the recommendations of *the 33<sup>rd</sup>* meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 12th December 2007.
- PB **34.2.1** The Member Secretary reported that in the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee for the following programmes **Phase-2** (Programme Concept Form) were approved.
1. Certificate in Water Harvesting and Management
  2. Revision of Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education
  3. Awareness Programme in Handmade Paper items
  4. Awareness Programme in **Interior** Decoration
  5. Post Graduate Certificate in Computational Chemistry
  6. Diploma in Legal Literacy
  7. M.A. in Mass Communication
  8. Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Research in Management
  9. Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education (specializations in Mental Retardation Visual Impairment. Hearing Impairment and Cerebral Palsy)
- PB 34.2.2 Prof. S.K. Joshi appreciated the **concept** of phasewise approval of each programme and suggested that the Board may also be informed about the status of the new programmes. The Board suggested that a status **■** database of **Phase-2** and Phase4 forms approved by in the past may be placed before Planning Board for better monitoring of the new **programme** development. Member Secretary informed that the list of Phase-2 and Phase4 forms along with its current status approved in the last Academic Programmes Committee meetings shall be placed in the next Planning Board.
- PB 34.2.3 **With** the above observations, the Planning Board approved the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Academic Programme Committee.

**PB 34.3** To consider and **approve** the recommendations of the **34<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on **18<sup>th</sup> March 2008**.

**PB 34.3.1** The Member Secretary reported that in the **34<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Academic Programme Committee for the following programmes **Phase-2** (Programme Concept Form) and **Phase-4** (Programme Launch Approval Form) **were approved**.

Phase-2 (Programme Concept Form)

1. **Certificate** in French Language
2. **M.Ed.**
3. Post Graduate Diploma in **Pharmaceutical** Sales. Management
4. Certificate in Technician in Power Sector
5. Certificate in Poultry Farming
6. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
7. **B.Tech. (Aircraft** Technology & Maintenance)
8. Post Graduate Diploma in **Plantation** Management
9. **Certificate** in **Craft** and Design (Bamboo)
10. **Certificate** in Renewable Energy Technology and Management
11. Certificate in Home Based Care Provider
12. Post Graduate Diploma in Acupuncture
13. Certificate **Programme** in **Bee-Keeping**
14. (i) Post **Graduate** Certificate in **Development** Studies, (ii) Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies, (iii) Specialized Diploma in Development Studies and (iv) Master's Programme in Development Studies
15. Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education : Participatory Adult Learning Documentation and **Information** Networking
16. **Certificate** on Diabetes Care
17. (i) Certificate in Performing Arts. (ii) Diploma in Performing Arts (iii) Certificate in Visual Arts and (iv) Diploma in Visual Arts
18. Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling, Family Therapy and Mediation
19. Post Graduate Diploma in Criminal Justice
20. Certificate in **Creative** Media Arts – Digital Production in TV and Film
21. Certificate in Creative Media Arts – Digital Sound

22. Certificate in Communicative Skills for BPO, **IteS** & Related Sectors
23. **Certificate** in Extension Education
24. Certificate in Lifelong **Learning**
25. Certificate in Population & Development Education
26. Certificate in **Handmade Paper Items**
27. Certificate in **Interior** Decoration
28. **Certificate** in **Telecentre Village** Knowledge Centre Management
29. Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture **Studies** (subject to furnishing details on objectives of the programme, proposed number of regional centers and study centers for first launch, expected enrolment and proposed programme fee by the programme coordinator)

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

1. **M.Ed.**
2. Master in Social Work (**MSW**)
3. Certificate in Organic Farming
4. Post Graduate Certificate in Oral Implantology
5. Post Graduate Certificate in Endodontics
6. B.A. in **International** Hospitality Administration
7. Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law

**PB 34.3.2** The Board observed that item is similar to the **Item** PB 34.2 in its content and nature.

**PB 34.3.2** The Planning Board took note of the observations and confirmed the minutes of the **34<sup>th</sup>** Academic Programme Committee:

**PB 34.4** **To consider and approve Community College Scheme**

**PB 34.4.1** Dr. C.G. Naidu apprised the members about the Community College Scheme of the University. He informed that about 200 existing Community Colleges would be strengthened and about 400 Community Colleges would be started in the proposed scheme.

**PB 34.4.2** The Board members deliberated over ~~the~~ various issues and were of the opinion that a lot of effort is required for monitoring and coordinating the Community Colleges proposed in the

Scheme. It may be seen that the **IGNOU** should not inherit these Community Colleges as the University managing Regional Centres ■ Study Centres in various **districts** of the country.

**PB 34.4.3** The Planning Board took note of the detailed proposal and recommendations approved the Community College Scheme.

**PB 34.5** To consider and approve Skill Development Mission Scheme

**PB 34.5.1** Dr. C. G. Naidu. Member Secretary briefed about the Skill Development Mission Scheme **focusing** particularly on the rural parts of the country by establishing 2000 special study centres.

**PB 34.5.2** The Planning Board after deliberations recommended that a mechanism may be worked out at the University level for managing these Skill Development Mission Study Centres in various districts of the country. The University at the first instance may start with one-group on pilot basis and after its **stabilization**, it may be further expanded to large part of the rural area.

**PB 34.5.3** The Planning Board took note of the detailed proposal and recommendations approved the Skill Development Mission Scheme.

**PB 34.6** To consider Assessment and Certification of Prior Learning Activity (ACPL)

**PB 34.6.1** The Chairman apprised the Board about the emphasis on skills development initiatives laid by the various **Ministries**, emphasis of skill certification in vocational education by the MHRD and **recommendations** of ~~the~~ National Knowledge Commission (NKC). He informed that for ACPL an expert Committee would be appointed **to** frame the guidelines for ACPL. The need **to** identify experts from the industry in order to have a credible process of ACPL was also deliberated upon by the Planning Board members. It was informed that the Board of management has already approved the proposal.

**PB 34.6.2** The Planning Board members appreciated the **activity** and noted the approval for Assessment and **Certification** of Prior Learning Activity (ACPL).

**PB 34.7 To consider the Phase-2 (Programme Concept Form) of Certificate in Rural Entrepreneurship**

**PB 34.7.1** Prof. Srilatha explained that Certificate in Rural Entrepreneurship is proposed by **IGNOU** Regional Centre, Madurai. She presented the salient features of the programmes and informed that it is an Enterprise development programme targeted for the Rural India. **The** programme is almost ready and is proposed to be launched shortly.

**PB 34.7.2** The Planning Board deliberated over the item and region-specific need based programmes. The Board informed that the **concerned** School may also study the impact and applicability of the programme in other regions of the country and launch **it** at national level for the rural masses. Further, the programme may be offered in other Indian languages also.

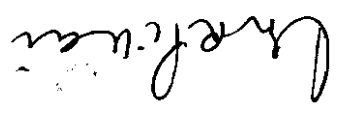
**PB 34.7.3** The Board took note of the deliberations approved the **Phase-2** (Programme Concept Form) of Certificate in Rural Entrepreneurship. It was observed that since the programme is almost ready and the School Board has approved the Phase-3 form, the Board took note of the observation and asked the programme coordinator to **furnish** the Phase4 form of the programme. The Planning Board approved the Phase4 (Programme Launch Approval) and asked the programme coordinator to submit the Action taken Report (ATR).

**PB 34.8 To consider the Phase-2 (Programme Concept Form) of Diploma in Finance, Budget and Accounting for PRIs.**

**PB 34.8.1** Prof. M.S.S. **Raju** briefed the Board about the programme and informed that Instiite of Public Auditors of India approached **IGNOU** with a request for training the existing staff of Panchayati **Raj** on Finance, Budget and Accounting.

**PB 34.8.2** The Planning Board took note of the salient features of the programme and approved the **Phase-2** (Programme Concept Form) of Diploma in Finance. Budget and Accounting for **PRIs**.

**(V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai)**  
**Chairman**



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

**PB 34.9.2** The Planning Board member appreciated the Scheme and noted the approval for Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme.

**PB 34.9.1** The Chairman apprised the Board about the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme of the Government of India and how the Scheme could be utilized by the University for creation of ICT infrastructure at Regional Centres and Study Centres of the University. While referring to the theme paper on the subject brought out by the Ministry of Finance, he stated that the Scheme has the potential to herald a significant transformation in higher education sector of the country. It was informed that the Board of Management has already approved the Scheme.

**PB 34.9.** To consider Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme