

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**(Planning & Development Division)**

MINUTES OF THE 43<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 AT 2:30 PM. AT THE BOARD ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S BLOCK, IGNOU MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110068.

The following were present:

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	-	Chairman
Dr. P. Prakash, Pro-Vice Chancellor	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. Sushma Yadav, Pro-Vice Chancellor	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. A. R. Khan, SOSS	-	Member
Er. Milind Kamble, Chairman, DICCI	-	Member
Prof. Rampelli Satyanarayana, STRIDE	-	Member
Shri K.K. Bhat, Regional Director, Jammu	-	Member
Shri Sudhir Budakoti, Registrar, Admin.	-	Member
Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Director, SOTHSM	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. B.S. Saraswat, SOS	-	Spl. Invitee
Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director P&DD	-	Member Secretary

Sh. Dilip Chenoy, Sh. Sashi Kumar, Prof. Santosh Mehrotra, Dr. M.V. Rao, Prof. Anupama Roy, Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, Prof. J.B.G. Tilak, Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Prof. V.S. Prasad and Prof. A.K. Singh could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation.

Shri Pankaj Khanna, Dy. Director and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Sr. Analyst were also present to assist the Member Secretary.

The Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed the members and highlighted major developments in the University in the past one year. The major developments/achievements highlighted by the Chairman are:

- a) From July 2015 admission cycle, admission has also been offered through Online mode and about 20,000 students have availed online mode for getting enrolled with IGNOU till the date.
- b) One day conference of Vice Chancellors of Open University was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 in which Vice-Chancellors of 14 State Open Universities and five Directors of Distance Education Institutions have participated.
- c) 20<sup>th</sup> Prof. G Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015 and Prof Arun Nigvekar, Former Chairman, UGC delivered the lecture.
- d) IGNOU received 10 mobile vans from the MHRD. These have been sent to Regional Centres to be used as Mobile study centres.
- e) The University is in the process of reactivating e-Gyankosh. Students, teachers and public will have access to study materials
- f) IGNOU has taken initiative in adopting villages in response to the call of Visitor's Conference held in February, 2015. It has adopted 47 villages under different Regional Centres so far.
- g) The University is in the process of implementation of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS).

- h) Material distribution to Regional Centres is going on as per the schedule.
- i) The University has conducted its December, 2014 and June, 2015 examination smoothly.

The Chairman informed the Planning Board that a Visitorial enquiry was instituted under Section 10(1) of the IGNOU Act read with Section 16 & 21 General Clauses Act to look into various shortfalls, irregularities and excessive action committed by IGNOU between 20.10.2011 when the present Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Aslam joined as Acting Vice Chancellor onwards till date vide MHRD letter no. F10-2/2014-DL dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 from MHRD. Further, vide MHRD letter no. 10-2/2014-DL dated 28.11.2014. Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor IGNOU was ordered to proceed on leave to enable unbiased inquiry and handover the charge of the office of Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to Prof. Nageshwar Rao, being senior most Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Accordingly Prof. M. Aslam handed over charge of the Vice Chancellor to Prof. Nageshwar Rao on 28.11.2014

The Chairman expressed concern that income of the University from tuition fee had dropped by 8 per cent in the financial year 2014-15. He felt that it was an alarming signal when University and Higher Education Institutions are expected to grow. NCTE had asked the University to discontinue its M.Ed. programmes and earlier MHRD had instructed the University to discontinue its B.Tech. programmes. Graduates of the University were being denied in admission and employment by employers. The Chairman informed that the University is getting the support of the Ministry in this regard.

The members shared the concern expressed by the Chairman and observed that the University is empowered by the Parliament of the India with certain privileges and responsibilities through its Act and Statutes. However, autonomy of the institution has been encroached by regulatory Bodies in recent times. The University should make sincere efforts to impart quality education. It must also take measures for cost reduction.

The University is heading 28<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Dr. Hari Gautam, Former Chairman, University Grants Commission, will be delivering convocation address. The Chairperson personally invited to all the distinguished members to attend the convocation.

The Member Secretary thanked the Members and special invitees for attending the meeting and he placed on record special thanks to Er. Milind Kamble, Chairman, DICCI, for sparing his valuable time for attending this meeting.

The Member Secretary thereafter presented the Agenda Items with the permission of the Chair.

**P.B.43.1 To Confirm the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Planning Board held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and the Action Taken Report(s).**

P.B.43.1.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the meeting of 42<sup>nd</sup> Planning Board were circulated to the Members of the Board. He proposed that since no comments were received, the Minutes may

be confirmed.

P.B.43.1.2 The Board confirmed the Minutes of its 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Thereafter, the Planning Board took note of the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on the recommendations of the Planning Board in its previous meeting.

P.B.43.1.3 *Refer Item P.B.41.2: Constitution of a Committee to revise the Structure and layout of annexures with the Phase-3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) for approval of new Academic Programmes.*

The Member Secretary informed that a Committee was constituted as per direction of the Planning Board and the final report of the Committee is tabled herewith for consideration of the Planning Board. He requested Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Chairman of the Committee for Revision of Annexures of Phase-3 Form to inform members about recommendations of the Committee.

Prof. Saraswat informed the members that approval for development and launching of new programmes in the university is accorded through Phase forms. At present three phases have been recommended for different stages of development of Academic Programmes. These are phase forms 1 to 3.

In the Annexures attached with existing Phase-2 forms, the functional divisions were required to give their consent for development and delivery of the programme even before their approval by Planning Board and Academic Council. The functional divisions had reservations in giving commitments at early stage of design and faculty was finding it difficult to explain complete requirements to functional division at conceptual stage. Hence, the Committee recommended that the functional Divisions should be informed about the requirements of the Programme after the approval of Phase-2 form so that functional divisions can formulate work plan for extending the services at appropriate time in design and delivery of the programme. Hence, Consent forms (Annexure of Phase II forms) were replaced with intimation forms.

He informed the Board that there were few minor corrections in existing Phase Forms which were rectified by the Committee. The draft report of the Committee was circulated to the Schools of Studies and various functional Divisions for getting feedback. Now, the proposed Phase Forms have been strengthened with suggestions of the Schools and Divisions concerned.

P.B.43.1.4 The Planning Board considered and approved the report of Prof. Saraswat Committee along with changes suggested by the Committee in the Phase Forms and the Annexures. The Planning Board advised that the Manual for Programme Coordinators should be revised incorporating these changes.

- P.B.43.1.5 The Board also advised approval of mechanism/procedure for design/revision of academic programmes with Phase Forms from statutory bodies of the university (Board of Management; Academic Council and Planning Board).
- P.B.43.1.6 *Refer Item P.B. 42.4.4: XII Five Year Plan Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) document along-with Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the University.*
- The Member Secretary briefed the Board about the progress made in submission of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) memos to the Ministry of HRD. He informed the Committee that three Standing Finance Committees (SFC) memos were submitted to the Ministry of HRD on 01<sup>st</sup> September, 2014. The 4<sup>th</sup> SFC proposal was submitted to the Ministry of HRD on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, the 5<sup>th</sup> and the last SFC proposal for seeking grants for fee reimbursement for students belonging to SC/ST/OBC and Persons With Disabilities (PWD); transport and maintenance allowance for students with disabilities will be submitted to the Ministry of HRD in a fortnight. The Committee appreciated the efforts made by the University in submission of the proposal to the Ministry of HRD.
- P.B.43.1.7 *Refer Item P.B. 42.4.3: Development of an academic programme in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for Industry.*
- Member Secretary informed the Board that Planning and Development Division drafted a document reflecting scope and opportunities for IGNOU to contribute in CSR activities. The document also detailed out procedure for design and delivery of CSR activities in collaboration of CSR funding agencies. Dr. Sunil Kumar made a brief presentation about proposed framework of CSR activities.
- PB 43.1.8 The Board appreciated the document and advised the Member Secretary to circulate it widely in the University to get feedback / opinion on the document.
- PB 43.1.9 Er. Milind Kamble suggested that, there was a need to develop academic programmes about CSR and there will be high demand for it. Such programme will provide job opportunities to students. The Planning Board advised that University should offer a Diploma level programme for imparting knowledge and skills needed for implementing of CSR activities.

**P.B.43.2** **To consider and approve the recommendations of the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 respectively.**

**P.B.43.2.1** The Member Secretary apprised the members that as per the provisions of Clause 2 of Statute 16 of the University the recommendations of the Academic Programme Committee, Standing Committee of Planning Board are subject to the subsequent confirmation by the Planning Board. Therefore, the recommendations made by the Academic Programmes Committee at its 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 and 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 respectively are being placed before the Planning Board for confirmation.

**PB 43.2.2** **45<sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee:-**

**A) List of programmes recommended for approval at the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Programme Committee:**

1. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate Programme for Development of Trained Graduate Teachers.
2. Phase-3 (Programme Launch Approval Form) of Certificate Programme for Development of Primary Teachers (CPPDPT).

**B) List of Programmes deferred at the 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Programme Committee:**

1. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate Programme in Performing Arts; Theatre Appreciation has been deferred with directions to re-submit the proposal with adequate justification along-with the results of need assessment study in support of the proposed Certificate programme for its re-consideration.

**C) Other items:**

1. The Academic Programme Committee recommended that a Comprehensive study be undertaken by Planning and Development Division to review the low enrolment programmes of the University.
2. The Academic Programme Committee approved the Guidelines prepared for the design and delivery of Appreciation / Awareness/Non-Credit/Academic or Training Programmes.

**PB 43.2.3** **46<sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee:-**

**List of programmes recommended for approval in the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Programme Committee:**

1. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora.

2. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education Management.

3. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in e-learning; subject to meeting the requirements of an online delivery and evaluation mechanisms as being formulated by the Technology-Enabled Education Group (TEEG) and approved by the competent authorities.

4. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of B.Sc. with Geology with directions that courses in Geology discipline will be added as a bouquet of elective courses in existing B.Sc. programme.

5. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of M.Sc. (Chemistry).

6. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Certificate in Thermal Power Plant Engineering.

**B) List of programmes deferred in the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Programme Committee:**

1. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Certificate in Inventory Planning and Warehousing System was deferred with directions to its coordinator to re-submit the proposal with revised nomenclature in view of the proposed target group and eligibility qualification of the aspirants.

2. Phase-1 (Programme Proposal Form) of Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Anthropology was deferred with directions to its coordinator to re-submit the proposal with requisite changes to be made in the eligibility criteria of the proposed programme. Further, the School concerned should also seek an expression of interest from Government Forensic Science Laboratories for practical training in support of the proposed Certificate programme.

P.B.43.2.2 The Planning Board considered recommendations of the APC made at 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> meetings and accorded its approval.

**P.B.43.3 To consider the issue related to the property (Plot of land along with Building) donated to IGNOU for Regional Centre-Raghunathganj in West Bengal.**

P.B.43.3.1 The Director (RSD) informed that a piece of land measuring 0.36 acre with a build-up area of 9000 sq. Ft. (approx.), double story, at Sayasi Danga, Jahangirpur, Raghunathganj, Distt. Murshidabad was

donated to IGNOU, Regional Centre Raghunathganj by Ms. Dipali Chakraborty on 27.2.2009. Ms. Dipali is the wife of late Bireshwar Chakraborty, one of the sons of late Kamalapati Chakraborty, the legal owner of this property/land. It was further informed that this property was already gifted to Amiya Bala Girls School by late Shri Kamalapati Chakraborty himself, in memory of his wife. Shri Dhireswar who is one of the sons of late Kamalapati Chakraborty is the Secretary of the School and represents the family in the governing body of the School. Further, this property was formally inaugurated as RC, IGNOU, Raghunathganj, on 02.3.2009 by Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, the then hon'ble external affairs minister and MP of the constituency, and presently the Visitor of this university. It was further informed to the Board that Sh. B. Chakraborty, another son of late sh. Kamalapati chakraborty has now contested that this property is jointly owned by the Chakraborty family and its donation to IGNOU, was without proper consultation with other stakeholders. He has requested IGNOU to relinquish the property in favour of the owners, as its donation in favour of the university was not legally valid.

The opinion of legal cell was also sought. The legal cell has opined that;

a) The said donation of land by Ms Dipali Chakraborty is invalid as it does not have the consent of all the stakeholders.

b) If late Shri Kamalapati Chakraborty has bequeathed the said property during his life time, in favour of the School viz. Amiya Bala Girls School it shall be treated as final and it cannot be re-transferred to IGNOU as has been done.

P.B.43.3.2

The Planning Board herewith submits its opinion to the Board of Management that Director (RSD) needs to reply to the letter dated August 21, 2013 of Sh. B. Chakraborty informing him that the University requires this property. Further, as desired by the Board of Management assistance from local administration be immediately sought to resolve unauthorized occupation.

P.B.43.4

**To consider the issue of retaining 25 acres of land allotted to IGNOU at Trivandrum by the Government of Kerala for the establishment of IGNOU South Zone Campus in the State of Kerala on lease for a period of 30 years.**

P.B.43.4.1

The Director (RSD) informed to the Board that in 2011 the Govt. of Kerala donated 25 acres of land on lease for a period of 30 years to IGNOU for establishment of South Zone Campus at a nominal rent of Rs. 25000/- per annum, with the conditions that the construction work shall commence within one year of the land allotment. The foundation stone was also laid by the then President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil. The University has been paying the rent of Rs. 25000/- every year but the construction work could not be

undertaken due to the following:

- i) The land allotted is 45 Kms away from the main city and therefore, may not be easily accessible to the learners,
- ii) The, University so far has not taken any policy decision to establish the Zonal Campuses of the University.
- iii) Audit team has raised objection that land allotted to IGNOU has been lying vacant and IGNOU has been spending money on the said land.

The Planning Board advised that University should explore opportunities to utilize this land for expansion of the University in Southern Region of the nation and better connectivity with the students. The Planning Board resolved that the University may consider construction of building for the Regional Centres at Trivandrum which is in rented building at present.

P.B. 43.4.2

The Planning Board submit its opinion to the Board of Management that Director (RSD may request the Government of Kerala for a plot of land measuring about 5 acres in Trivandrum city for Regional Centre building in exchange of returning the present land, it has been reported that there is no proposal to establish south zone campus. It will facilitate students enrolled from Kerala to be served in a better way.

P.B.43.5

**To consider the issue related to return of the plot of land measuring 232 acres donated for construction of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education and Development (MGIED) at Chuchuyimlang, Nagaland back to Village Council/Nagaland Gandhi Ashram (NGA).**

P.B.43.5.1

The Board of Management in its 102<sup>nd</sup> Meeting had given the approval for setting up a Community College at Nagaland Gandhi Ashram (NGA) for which land and building was to be provided by the NGA and in its 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on January 25, 2012 approved the establishment of MGIED with six Centres of Excellence. This was notified vide-IGNOU-NGA Education Project, IGI Admin (G) Note/2009/1757 dated February 1, 2010. The Board approved the appointment of Prof. R.R. Singh as Professor as per IGNOU norms of re-employment scheme. MSW programme was offered at the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Social Work (MGCSW).

A plot of land measuring about 232 Acres (93,875) hectares situated and lying at Chuchuyimlang village council, Mokokchung District was donated to IGNOU. The total value of this plot was Rs. 2,32,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs thirty two thousand only) as per letter no. ST-3/2011-12/105 dated 16/12/2011 issued by Assistant



Commissioner, Nagaland.

The Board of Management in its 118<sup>th</sup> meeting took the decision of liquidation of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education and Development (MGIED). The same was notified vide Notification No. IG/Admn.(G)/Note/2014/3300 dated 06/05/2014 and instructions regarding follow up after liquidation was issued vide Circular No. 754 dated 11/07/2014. All students who were admitted into the erstwhile MGIED for pursuing MSW programme have passed out. The rent of the buildings used for functioning of MGIED has been cleared. The furniture which was being used by the staff and student of the said institute is disposed off. Registrar, Administration informed that Title of land cannot be transferred to IGNOU due to state law on land in tribal areas.

- P.B. 43.5.2 The Planning Board after detailed discussion advised Director (RSD) to communicate with Village Council for returning the donated piece of land to Nagaland Gandhi Ashram (NGA). The proposal may be placed for consideration and approval of the Board of Management with the opinion of the Planning Board.

#### TABLED ITEMS

- P.B. 43.6 Reporting of renewal of MOU between IGNOU and IIBF to offer M.B.A. (Banking and Financial Services).**
- P.B. 43.6.1 The School of Management Studies apprised the Board that IGNOU and the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (Earlier called the Indian Institute of Bankers) entered into an MOU in 1998 to develop and offer MBA in Banking and Finance from School of Management Studies, IGNOU, for the career development of the Banking sector personnel. The initial MOU was signed, on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1998, by Dr. Bimal Jalan, who was the then Governor of Reserve Bank of India and also the then President of IIBF along with the Chief Secretary of IIBF from the IIBF side and the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of IGNOU from IGNOU's side.
- P.B. 43.6.2 The Planning of Board noted the renewal of MOU between IGNOU and IIBF to offer M.B.A. (Banking and Financial Services).
- P.B. 43.7 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for MHA programmes with National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology proposed by SOTHSM.**
- P.B. 43.7.1 The Committee was apprised that Board of Management(BOM) in its 118<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 reviewed continuation of MoUs for delivery of academic programme. The Board

recommended 19 Points for signing of the future MoUs with other organization/ institution. The Board further recommended the following additional points :

- i) Need for standardization of MOUs by the University,
- ii) Fee sharing shall be decided by the University, and
- iii) Notwithstanding anything mentioned, it has to be ensured that in all MOUs ODL mandate remains intact.

- P.B. 43.7.2 The Planning Board opined that a policy decision on signing of MOA /MOUs for design and delivery of Academic programmes that:
- i) Compliance of all points as directed by the Board of Management for signing of MoUs for design and delivery of programmes.
  - ii) Academic Programme can only be offered through ODL mode.
  - iii) Discontinuity of more than six months in renewal of MOUs/MoAs will be treated as a new agreement. It needs to meet all the requirements essential for new MOUs.
- P.B. 43.7.3 The Planning Board discussed the matters and approved renewal of MOUs for MHA programme with National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology. It should also comply points suggested under 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The agreement must be legally and financially vetted.
- P.B. 43.8 Proposal of Extension of Memorandum of Understanding between IGNOU and Government of Madhya Pradesh proposed by SOTHSM.**
- P.B. 43.8.1 The Planning Board discussed the matters and approved extension of MOU between IGNOU and Government of Madhya Pradesh. It should also comply points suggested under 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The agreement must be legally and financially vetted.
- P.B. 43.9 Memorandum of Understanding between IGNOU and FDDI proposed by SOET.**
- P.B. 43.9.1 The Planning Board discussed the matters and approved signing of MOU between IGNOU and FDDI. It should also comply points suggested under 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The agreement must be legally and financially vetted.
- P.B. 43.10 Memorandum of Understanding between IGNOU and Retailer's Association of India proposed by SOMS.**

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P.B. 43.10.1 The Planning Board discussed the matters and approved signing of MOU between IGNOU and Retailer's Association of India. It should also comply points suggested under 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management. The agreement must be legally and financially vetted.

Er. Milind Kamble advised that University should launch awareness programmes; Audio; videos and multimedia education resources on philosophy and teaching of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. He is a member of the National Committee to celebrate 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and assured help in this initiative from the committee. The Committee comprises 11 Cabinet Ministers under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

The Chairman informed the members that 28th Convocation of the University is scheduled on 8th August, 2015. Dr. Hari Gautam, Ex Chairman UGC will deliver the convocation address and Justice Giridhar Malviya will be the Guest of Honour. He invited members of the Planning Board to join this auspicious function of the university

The meeting ended with thanks to Chair.

  
(Prof. Nageshwar Rao)  
Chairman  
Planning Board