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Subject: Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC), held on 22nd February, 2022 reg:-

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC), held on 22nd February 2022 for your kind perusal and necessary action.


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Director, P&DD
Member Secretary- APC

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INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2022 (TUESDAY) AT 3:00 P.M. THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL MODE)

The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor.	Chairman
2.	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Member
3.	Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
4.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
5.	Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
6.	Dr. S.K. Mohapatra Director, RSD	Member
7.	Prof. Malati Mathur, Director, SOH.	Member
8.	Prof. R.P. Singh, Director, SOCE	Member
9.	Prof. Sudip Ranjan Jha, Professor, SOS	Member
10.	Dr. Himanshu Kumar Bose, Registrar, SRD & MPDD.	Member
11.	Prof. Subodh Kesharwani, Director, COE.	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD.	Special Invitee
13.	Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD.	Member Secretary

Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director from P&DD was present to assist the Committee.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman, Member(s), and Special Invitee(s) to the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) and requested the Chair for opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed all the Members, Special invitees and Director of School of Studies and all present to the 63rd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). He appreciated the Planning and Development Division for providing information on the launch of the academic programmes including the online programmes. Chairman also appreciated the development initiatives and launch of new programmes by the School of Engineering & Technology (SOET), School of Humanities (SOH), School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary Studies (SOITS) and School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS). The Chairman then asked Member Secretary to present the agenda items.

The Member Secretary thereafter presented the agenda items. He briefed that this meeting agenda contains 24-items. There are 9-Programme Proposal Forms (PPF), 11-Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF), and 4 items on online and swayam programmes. He briefed that the Planning Division has also received the target dates of academic programmes to be launched by the School of Studies and these have been placed with the action taken reports.

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- A.P.C. 63.1** To confirm the Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 16th December 2021 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs).
- A.P.C. 63.1.1** The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of APC held on 16th December 2021 of the Academic Programme Committee were circulated to the Members of the Committee. In this regard, the comments from SOCE were received and the Member Secretary requested the concerned School to present the comments before the Chairman and Members of APC.
- A.P.C. 63.1.2** The Director (SOCE) and Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator informed that the comments sent vide email Dec. 17, 2021 were based upon the direction given in the previous meeting of the APC. A separate agenda for Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood and Foundational Stage Education has been placed in the present meeting.
- A.P.C. 63.1.3** In the absence of Prof. Sujatha Varna, Director(SOS) the current status of programme development for M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. Physics, P.G. Diploma in Geoinformatics, M.Sc. Geoinformatics, M.Sc. in Applied Statistics and Bio-Chemistry was presented by Professor Sudip Ranjan Jha, Prof. Bharat Inder Fozdar and Prof. Neera Kapoor of the School of Sciences.
- A.P.C. 63.1.4** After detailed discussion the Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee and noted the action taken.
- (Action: P&DD)**
- A.P.C. 63.2** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies.
- A.P.C. 63.2.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of P.G. Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies. He submitted that certain observations have been received on the form from the School of Health Sciences(SOHS) and these were placed with the agenda item.
- A.P.C. 63.2.2** - Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director and Dr. Sarda Prasad, Programme Coordinator from School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) presented a brief on the proposed programme structure and informed that the programme will be launched from July 2022. It was informed that the proposed programme is not health science related rather it is a multidisciplinary programme. However, the

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observations made by the School of Health Sciences shall be taken into consideration while formulating course content of the programme.

- A.P.C. 63.2.3** The Committee took note of the clarification given by the School and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies.
(Action: SOEDS)
- A.P.C. 63.3** **To ratify the Programme Launch and Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Urban Studies).**
- A.P.C. 63.3.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) of M.A. (Urban Studies). The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 29 dated 03rd January 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.3.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A.(Urban Studies).
(Action: SRD)
- A.P.C. 63.4** **To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Corporate Social Responsibility).**
- A.P.C. 63.4.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) of M.A. (Corporate Social Responsibility). The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 28 dated 03rd January 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.4.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A.(Corporate Social Responsibility) .
(Action: SRD)
- A.P.C. 63.5** **To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Sustainability Science).**
- A.P.C. 63.5.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) of M.A.(Sustainability Science). The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no.32 dated 24th January 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.5.2** The Committee considered the enrolment figures of the already launched academic programmes and advised to the School Directors

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to upload the details of the academic programmes on the Twitter, Facebook and other social media platforms so that the target enrolment can be achieved by the respective School.

- A.P.C. 63.5.3** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Sustainability Science). **(Action: SRD)**
- A.P.C. 63.6** To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Environmental and Occupational Health).
- A.P.C. 63.6.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) of M.A. (Environmental and Occupational Health). The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 30 dated 7th January 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.6.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.A. (Environmental and Occupational Health). **(Action: SRD)**
- A.P.C. 63.7** To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.Sc. (Renewable Energy and Environment).
- A.P.C. 63.7.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Engineering & Technology (SOET) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) of M.Sc. (Renewable Energy and Environment). The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 33 dated 03rd February 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.7.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of M.Sc. (Renewable Energy and Environment). **(Action: SRD)**
- A.P.C. 63.8** To ratify the Programme Launch and Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Condition Monitoring.
- A.P.C. 63.8.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Condition Monitoring. The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 35 dated 04th February 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.8.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch

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Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Condition Monitoring.

(Action: SRD)

A.P.C. 63.9 To consider the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Smart City Development and Management.

A.P.C. 63.9.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Smart City Development and Management.

A.P.C. 63.9.2 Prof. Ashish Agarwal, Director and Prof. N. Venkateshwarlu Programme Coordinator from SOET provided the details of the Certificate programme and the readiness of the programme. It was informed that the Programme Development form (PDF) for the programme shall be submitted in the forthcoming Academic Council / ACSC Meeting and the School has already launched the Diploma in Smart City Development and Management.

A.P.C. 63.9.3 The Committee appreciated the efforts made by SOET and advised to focus on the Multi-disciplinary academic programmes as envisioned in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Committee observed that Diploma in Smart City Development and Management has already been launched and this Certificate will provide opportunity for exit and subsequent lateral entry to diploma programme.

After deliberations, the Committee advised SOET to complete all the statutory formalities for the launch of the said Certificate programme.

A.P.C. 63.9.4 The Committee took note of the programme development and recommended for approval of Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Certificate in Smart City Development and Management subject to decisions of other Statutory Bodies.

(Action: SOET)

A.P.C. 63.10 To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of B.A. (Hons.) Urdu.

A.P.C. 63.10.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of B.A. Hons. Urdu. The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 34 dated 28th January 2022.

A.P.C. 63.10.2 The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch

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- A.P.C. 63.11** To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of B.A. (Hons.) Sanskrit.
- A.P.C. 63.11.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of B.A. (Hons.) Sanskrit. The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022, vide notification no. 31 dated 24th January 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.11.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of B.A. (Hons.) Sanskrit. (Action: SRD)
- A.P.C. 63.12** To consider the proposal for development of two credits stand-alone online course on Sindhi Bhasha Shikshan through SWAYAM.
- A.P.C. 63.12.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST) has submitted the proposal for the development of two credits stand-alone online course on Sindhi Bhasha Shikshan through SWAYAM.
- A.P.C. 63.12.2** Prof. Rajender Prasad Pandey, Director, SOTST briefed about the two credits stand alone online course on Sindhi Bhasha Shikshan to be launched from July 2022. The expenditure incurred on the development of this course will be borne from the interest of the corpse fund of Sindhi Chair.
- A.P.C. 63.12.3** The Committee deliberated on the recent announcements made by the Government of India (UGC) to offer online degrees by universities and autonomous colleges. It was suggested to strengthen the present LMS and Online programme delivery system. Further there is a need to streamline the processes and procedures for design / development / launch / adoption /adaptation of stand-alone online courses and offer of existing ODL programmes in Online mode in view of the Online Education Regulations. (Action: COE)
- A.P.C. 63.12.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of the development of two credits stand-alone online course on Sindhi Bhasha Shikshan preferably through IGNOU's LMS. (Action: P&DD and SRD)
- A.P.C. 63.13** To consider the proposal for the development of four credits courses on Machine Translation: An introduction with a focus on

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Indian languages under B.A. General programme.

A.P.C. 63.13.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST) has submitted the proposal for the development of four credits course on Machine Translation: An introduction with a focus on Indian languages under B.A. General programme under CBCS.

A.P.C. 63.13.2 The Committee deliberated on the title of the Course and suggested that the nomenclature should draw the attention of learners and may not be too lengthy.

The Director (SOTST) and Programme Coordinator were advised that the decision on the change in the nomenclature, be discussed in the Expert Committee and School Board, and finalized.

A.P.C. 63.13.3 The Committee after detailed deliberations recommended for approval of the proposal for the development of four credits courses with the changed nomenclature as may be decided by the concerned School under intimation to all concerned nodes.

(Action: SOTST)

A.P.C. 63.14 To ratify the Launch of the following Online Programmes

1. Certificate in French (Online)
2. Certificate in Spanish Language & Culture(Online)
3. Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (Online)
4. M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication (Online).
5. Master of Arts in Rural Development (Online).
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (Online).
7. Certificate in Rural Development (Online).

A.P.C. 63.14.1 The Committee opined that the launch notification of the Online programmes also be issued by the Planning and Development Division. After which, the Centre of Online Education (COE) was requested to provide a list of already launched Online programmes along with Online Programme Launch Approval Form (OPLAF) with related statutory approvals for issuing the launch notification by the Planning and Development Division. Further, the Committee suggested to notify all 34-Online programmes with relevant information and applicable forms from COE / Schools.

(Action: COE)

A.P.C. 63.14.2 The Committee ratified the launch of seven online programmes, namely

1. Certificate in French (Online)

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2. Certificate in Spanish Language & Culture(Online)
3. Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (Online)
4. M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication (Online).
5. Master of Arts in Rural Development (Online).
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (Online).
7. Certificate in Rural Development (Online).

(Action: P&DD)

A.P.C. 63.15 To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of B.A. (Hons.) Journalism and Mass Communication.

A.P.C. 63.15.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication.

A.P.C. 63.15.2 Dr. O.P. Dewal, Director and Dr. K.S Arul Selvan, Programme Coordinator from SOJNMS briefed about the programme structure and submitted that the programme will be launched from January 2023.

A.P.C. 63.15.3 The Committee deliberated on the four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP) and Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF) formulated according to the National Education Policy (NEP-2020).

The Director and Programme Coordinator of SOJNMS were advised to relook on the credit load and duration of the programme for general and honours degree courses in-view of four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP) and Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF). The course structure may be designed accordingly before it is submitted to Academic Council.

The budgetary estimates not included in the Phase form may be provided in the Phase forms and a copy of the same be submitted in the Planning and Development Division for records.

A.P.C. 63.15.3 The Committee took note of the progress and recommended for the approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication.

(Action: SOJNMS)

A.P.C. 63.16 To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Sindhi-Hindi-Sindhi Translation.

A.P.C. 63.16.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Translation

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Studies and Training (SOTST) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of P.G. Diploma in Sindhi-Hindi-Sindhi Translation.

- A.P.C. 63.16.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of P.G. Diploma in Sindhi-Hindi-Sindhi Translation.

(Action: P&DD / SRD)

- A.P.C. 63.17** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood and Foundational Stage Education.

- A.P.C. 63.17.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood and Foundational Stage Education. The proposal received from SOCE is in accordance with the discussions on the item in 62.12 of the previous APC. It was also recorded that the initial proposal was considered and approved in 2015 by the Planning Board / APC.

- A.P.C. 63.17.2** Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator from SOCE briefed about the programme structure and submitted that the programme will be launched from July 2022.

- A.P.C. 63.17.3** The Committee took note of the development in this direction and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood and Foundational Stage Education.

(Action: SOCE)

- A.P.C. 63.18** To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness.

- A.P.C. 63.18.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness. The programme has been launched w.e.f. January 2022 vide notification no. 36 dated 16th February 2022.

- A.P.C. 63.18.2** The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness.

(Action: SRD)

- A.P.C. 63.19** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. in Community Development & Extension Management with an exit

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option as Post Graduate Diploma in Community Development and Extension Management.

- A.P.C. 63.19.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. in Community Development & Extension Management with exit as Post Graduate Diploma in Community Development and Extension Management.
- A.P.C. 63.19.2** Prof. Heena K. Bijli and Dr. Meenu Verma, Programme Coordinator(s) from SOCE briefed on the programme structure and also informed that the programme will be launched from July 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.19.3** The Committee recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. in Community Development & Extension Management with an exit option after one year as Post Graduate Diploma in Community Development and Extension Management.
(Action: SOCE)
- A.P.C. 63.20** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate programme in Bhartiya Kalgadna (भारतीयकालगणना).
- A.P.C. 63.20.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the Certificate programme in Bhartiya Kalgadna (भारतीयकालगणना).
- A.P.C. 63.20.2** Dr. Soniya, Programme Coordinators from SOH briefed on the programme structure and informed that the programme will be launched from July 2022.
- A.P.C. 63.20.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate programme in Bhartiya Kalgadna (भारतीयकालगणना).
(Action: SOH)
- A.P.C. 63.21** To consider the Programme Proposal (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in संस्कृतमेंविज्ञान.
- A.P.C. 63.21.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal (PPF) of PG Diploma in संस्कृतमेंविज्ञान.
- A.P.C. 63.21.2** Prof. Kaushalya, Programme Coordinator from SOH briefed on the

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programme structure and informed that the programme will be launched from July 2022.

A.P.C. 63.21.3 After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the School may re-look the nomenclature of the proposed programme in accordance with Bhartiya Gyan Parampara, Sanskrit, ancient wisdom and knowledge.

The Director (SOH) and Programme Coordinator were advised that the decision on the change in the nomenclature, be discussed in the respective Expert Committee and School Board, and finalized. The nomenclature be submitted to all concerned nodes.

A.P.C. 63.21.4 The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for in principle approval of the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of a Post Graduate Diploma programme subject to approval of concerned School Board.

(Action: SOH)

A.P.C. 63.22 To ratify the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Sanskrit.

A.P.C. 63.22.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Sanskrit.

The Committee opined that the launch notification of Ph.D. programmes be issued by the Planning and Development Division.

A.P.C. 63.22.2 The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Sanskrit subject to approval of AC/ACSC.

(Action: SOH and P&DD)

A.P.C. 63.23 To ratify the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Urdu.

A.P.C. 63.23.1 The School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Urdu.

A.P.C. 63.23.2 The Committee ratified the action taken on Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of Ph.D. in Urdu subject to approval of AC/ACSC.

(Action: SOH and P&DD)

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A.P.C. 63.24 To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety.

A.P.C. 63.24.1 The Member Secretary informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety Programme.

A.P.C. 63.24.2 Prof. Ashish Agarwal, Director and Dr. Sanjay Agrawal, Programme Coordinator from SOET briefed on the programme structure and informed that the programme will be launched from July 2022. He submitted that the School was already offering P.G. Certificate in Industrial Safety programme. The learners who have completed the PG Certificate programme will get lateral entry in second semester of the proposed programme.

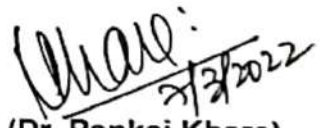
A.P.C. 63.24.3 The Committee recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety Programme.

(Action: SOET)

OTHER ITEMS

A.P.C. 63.25 With the permission of Chair, the Member Secretary proposed development of a content quality assurance system to ensure high standards of contents to be offered by IGNOU. The committee suggested that Planning Division may develop a draft procedure and authorized Vice-Chancellor to take appropriate decision.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. Pankaj Khare)
Director (P&DD)
Member Secretary-APC