

IGNOU
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

66th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 15th MARCH 2023 (WEDNESDAY) AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.

The following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
3.	Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
4.	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
5.	Dr. Manroop Singh Meena, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Member
6.	Prof. Meenal Mishra, Director, SOS	Member
7.	Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS	Member
8.	Dr. Himansu Bose, Registrar, SRD	Member
9.	Dr. U. C. Pandey, Director, RSD	Member
10.	Prof. Madhu Parhar, Director, COE	Special Invitee
11.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. V. B. Negi, Registrar, SED	Special Invitee
13.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD	Special Invitee
14.	Colonel Sree Krishna, Registrar, MPDD	Special Invitee
15.	Dr. V.P. Rupam, Addl. Director, SRD	Special Invitee
16.	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

Dr. M.C. Nair, Additional Director, Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director from P&DD were present to provide academic support.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson, Member(s), and Special Invitee(s) to the 66th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) and requested the Chair for the opening remarks.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor IGNOU and Chairperson of APC welcomed all the Members, Special invitees and Directors and all present to the 66th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to start the APC proceedings.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee that there were 18 agenda items to be considered. Out of these 7 items were related to Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs), 7 Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) and 4 other items including the note on the minutes of the 65th APC held on 7th December 2022 along with the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) respectively.

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The proceedings of the Academic Programme Committee are placed below:

A.P.C. 66.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 65th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 07th December 2022 and note the Action Taken Reports.
A.P.C. 66.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 65 th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 07 th December 2022 were circulated to the Members of the Committee for comments. No comments were received from the members.
A.P.C. 66.1.2	<p>Refer item No. 65.1.2: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Ph.D (Energy Studies)</p> <p>The committee was informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) has submitted that the revised PPF of the programme will be resubmitted in the next School Board for approval.</p> <p>The committee deliberated on the matter and referred back the item to the school. It was observed that the same ATR was submitted in the 65th APC meeting. The School is advised to propose the programme only when the research supervisors in the said field are duly approved by the Statutory bodies.</p> <p>Refer item No. 65.1.3: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of B.Sc. Applied Sciences</p> <p>The Committee was informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) submitted that after getting the approvals for conducting the expert committee meetings for finalizing the syllabus, the PDF for the programme will be placed in the School Board for speedy development of the course materials.</p> <p>The Committee observed that the school has submitted the same ATR in 65th APC also. After a detailed discussion, the Committee took a serious note of the ATR and directed P&DD to collect all the details including expenses related to the proposed programme. The School was directed to expedite the launch in July 2023 as there has been excessive delay in the launch of the programme.</p> <p>Action: School of Engineering and Technology (SOET)</p>
A.P.C. 66.1.3	<p>Refer Item No. 65.2: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. (Journalism and Digital Media)</p> <p>Refer Item No. 65.3: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. (Journalism and Electronic Media)</p> <p>Refer Item No. 65.4: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. (Development Journalism).</p> <p>Refer Item No. 65.5: Online Programme Approval Form (OPAF) Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication.</p> <p>Refer Item No. 65.9: Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Advertising and Integrated Communications and Post Graduate Certificate in Advertising and Integrated Communications.</p>

	<p>The Committee observed that the enrollment in the above mentioned programmes is quite low. The Committee recommended the School to take suitable action to increase enrollment.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.1.4	<p>After the detailed deliberations, the committee noted the Action Taken Reports and confirmed the minutes of the 65th APC meeting.</p> <p><i>Action: Planning & Development Division (P&DD)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.2	<p>To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Digital Humanities</p>
A.P.C. 66.2.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Digital Humanities.</p>
A.P.C. 66.2.2	<p>The Director and Programme Coordinator, School of Humanities (SOH) presented the PPF form of the programme. The PPF was approved in 69th School Board Meeting held on 07th December 2022 vide item No. 69.3</p> <p>The programme's objective is to prepare students for increasing number of research opportunities and other employment prospects that come with the necessary processing of digital information. A diploma in digital humanities will enhance the computer skills in emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other abilities that are in great demand in the job market.</p> <p>The curriculum will concentrate on the study of digital media and technology and its application to the study of humanities and arts, including literature, philosophy, art, history, and culture. A better grasp of emerging digital cultures, video games, folk cultures, folklore, customs, and religious cultural practices will be built in the programme.</p> <p>The curriculum shall be created in accordance with NEP 2020, which includes blended learning, technology-enabled learning, internationalization, continuing professional development, Indian culture and values, theory into practice, and pedagogy in context. The programme shall follow a multidisciplinary and holistic approach.</p>
A.P.C. 66.2.3	<p>The Committee deliberated and advised the School to relook into the programme structure. The Committee also suggested to take the support from other Schools involved who have developed similar programmes and explore more so as to make the programme more comprehensive.</p> <p>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Digital Humanities.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Humanities (SOH)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.3	<p>To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Fashion Design and Retailing</p>
A.P.C. 66.3.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Fashion Design and Retailing.</p>

A.P.C. 66.3.2	<p>The Director, School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) presented the PPF form. The PPF form of the programme was approved in 39th School Board Meeting held on 28th October 2022 vide item No. 39.2.1. The objective of the programme is to provide specialist knowledge and understanding of fashion design and fashion retail management.</p> <p>The curriculum will familiarize students with the fashion industry and marketing, introduce them to IT applications in fashion retailing, and cover various facets of fashion marketing and retail management. The programme will be created in accordance with National Occupational Standards (NOS) and Qualifications Packs (QPs) created by the Sector Skill Council and NCVET.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria of the programme will be students with a 10+2 degree from a recognized board or institution, or an equivalent degree, as well as IGNOU will be eligible for lateral entrance (2nd Semester). The School has also conducted a need assessment study for the academic programme. The programme is proposed to be launched in July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 66.3.3	<p>The Committee after due deliberations suggested the School to follow the guidelines of NSQF for the programme development and advised to follow the credit structure as per UGC guidelines.</p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Fashion Design and Retailing.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66. 4	<p>To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A.(Korean)</p>
A.P.C. 66.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A.(Korean).</p>
A.P.C. 66.4.2	<p>The Programme Coordinator presented the PPF form. The PPF form of the programme was approved in 31st School Board Meeting held on 15th July 2022 vide item No. 31.08.</p> <p>The programme's objective is to develop talented workers who are familiar with Korean literature, language, and culture. After completing the programme, the students will be able to conduct research in Korean in addition to reading, writing, listening and speaking the Korean.</p> <p>The School informed that MA in Korean language programme in ODL format will have 72 credits and offer students an exit with a PG Diploma in Korean after completing the first year of the programme. The Certificate in Korean Language & Culture (CKLC) programme is already on offer by the University with good number of learners.</p>
A.P.C. 66.4.3	<p>The Committee deliberated on the matter and advised that the credit structure of 80 credits (40 credits per year) for two year P.G programme may be followed as per UGC guidelines.</p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Korean).</p> <p><i>Action: School of Foreign Languages (SOFL)</i></p>

A.P.C. 66.5	To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) Bachelor of Commerce (Applied)
A.P.C. 66.5.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Bachelor of Commerce (Applied) Programme in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in accordance with the MoU signed between IGNOU and NSDC.
A.P.C. 66.5.2	<p>The Programme Coordinators from the School of Management Studies informed that the programme structure will be finalized in the programme Design Committee in consultation with NSDC. In this regard, the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) with the objective of embedding skill component in the curriculum of various academic programmes offered by the University. Apprenticeship/Internship as part of experiential learning is mandated under the MoU to provide industry exposure to learners of the University.</p> <p>The curriculum of the proposed programme shall be a blend of theory/knowledge-based courses to be certified by IGNOU and skill-based courses to be certified by NSDC. The ratio of such courses will be 75:25 i.e. 100 credit worth of knowledge based courses from CBCS curriculum of B.Com and 32 credit worth of courses to be offered through NSDC which will be skill based. IGNOU component shall have core courses, discipline-specific elective courses, ability enhancement compulsory courses, skill-enhancement courses and language-based courses. NSDC component shall have NSQF-aligned skill courses and apprenticeship/internship. In case the required courses are not available with NSDC, IGNOU will offer skill based courses. The proposed programme will have provision for multiple entry and exit and will be aligned with the proposed National Credit Framework.</p>
A.P.C. 66.5.3	<p>The Committee took note of the above and advised to revise the programme structure to 120 credits as per UGC guidelines for undergraduate programmes.</p> <p>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Commerce (Applied).</p> <p><i>Action: School of Management Studies (SOMS)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.6	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A.(French)
A.P.C. 66.6.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. French.
A.P.C. 66.6.2	The Programme Coordinator, School of Foreign languages, informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme having 72 credits was approved in the 61 st APC meeting held on 20 th September 2021. The PDF and PLF of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority. The PDF will be placed in the next ACSC for ratification. The programme has been launched from January 2023 session vide notification no. 99 dated 31 st January 2023.
A.P.C. 66.6.3	<p>The committee took note of the above and advised to revise the credit structure of the programme from 72 to 80 credits (40 per year) as per the UGC guidelines.</p> <p>The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching M.A. (French).</p>

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	Action: School of Foreign Languages (SOFL)
A.P.C. 66.7	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A.(Applied Sanskrit)
A.P.C. 66.7.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sanskrit. The PLF of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority. The programme has been launched from January 2023 session vide notification no. 102 dated 21 st February 2023.
A.P.C. 66.7.2	The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching Bachelor of Arts (Applied Sanskrit). Action: School of Humanities (SOH)
A.P.C. 66.8	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A.(Applied Hindi).
A.P.C. 66.8.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts in Applied Hindi. The PLF of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority. The programme has been launched from January 2023 session vide notification no. 103 dated 21 st February 2023.
A.P.C. 66.8.2	The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching Bachelor of Arts (Applied Hindi). Action: School of Humanities (SOH)
A.P.C. 66.9	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A. (Applied Urdu)
A.P.C. 66.9.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts in Applied Urdu. The PLF of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority. The programme has been launched from January 2023 session vide notification no. 101 dated 21 st February 2023.
A.P.C. 66.9.2	The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching Bachelor of Arts (Applied Urdu). Action: School of Humanities (SOH)
A.P.C. 66.10	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A. (Gender Studies)
A.P.C. 66.10.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A (Gender Studies).
A.P.C. 66.10.2	The Director and the Programme Coordinator from School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 50th Planning Board Meeting held on 8th September 2022. The PDF of the programme was approved in the 59 th Meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee held on 30 th November 2022. The PLF of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority. The programme has already

	been launched from January 2023 vide notification No. 97 dated 12 th January 2023.
A.P.C. 66.10.3	<p>The Committee took the note of the above and advised to revise the credit structure of the programme to 120 credits and to restructure the programme by adding value added and ability enhancement courses.</p> <p>The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching B.A (Gender Studies).</p> <p><i>Action: School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.11	To consider and ratify the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. (Migration and Diaspora)
A.P.C. 66.11.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A in Migration and Diaspora.
A.P.C. 66.11.2	<p>The Director and the Programme Coordinators of School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS) informed the committee that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 65th APC meeting held on 7th December 2022.</p> <p>The PPF of the programme was approved in the 33rd Meeting of School Board meeting held on 19th October 2022. The School is already offering PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora. The PLF of the programme were approved by the Competent Authority. The programme has already been launched from January 2023 session.</p>
A.P.C. 66.11.3	<p>The Committee took the note of the same and advised the school to take the feedback from the learners and make efforts to enhance the enrolment.</p> <p>The committee considered and ratified the action taken on the Programme Launch Form (PLF) in launching M.A. (Migration and Diaspora).</p> <p><i>Action: School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.12	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga
A.P.C. 66.12.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga.
A.P.C. 66.12.2	The Programme Coordinators briefed that a lot of qualified yoga teachers are needed in order to develop, promote, and spread the science and practice of yoga throughout all societal segments in a systematic manner. The proposed PG Diploma programme is being developed to meet this demand. The goals are to develop a pool of qualified yoga instructors and teachers and to spread knowledge of the benefits of yoga among both professionals and the general population. The curriculum will convey current scientific knowledge and advancements in the field of yoga research as well as impart knowledge of yoga and yoga practices.
A.P.C. 66.12.3	The Committee observed that Certificate programme in Yoga is already on offer from the School of Health Science (SOHS). The programme is part of Ministry of

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	AYUSH, Government of India.
A.P.C. 66.12.4	<p>The Committee after deliberations did not accept the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Humanities (SOH)</i> <i>Action: School of Health science (SOHS)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.13	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. Hindu Adhyayan (M.A. Hindu Studies)
A.P.C. 66.13.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of M.A. Hindu Adhyayan (M.A. Hindu Studies) with exit option as P.G. Diploma after completing 40 credits.
A.P.C. 66.13.2	<p>The Director and Programme Coordinator from School of Humanities (SOH) explained the details of the programme as follows:</p> <p>यह कार्यक्रम श्री लालबहादुरशास्त्री राष्ट्रीय संस्कृत यूनिवर्सिटी, दिल्ली, महात्मा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हिंदी विश्वविद्यालय वर्धा, में संचालित हो रहा है। वर्तमान शिक्षा नीति के अनुसार भारतीय ज्ञान-विज्ञान, अनुप्रयुक्त सामाजिक विषय, विभिन्न साहित्य का अध्ययन भारतीय समाज के सभी वर्गों के लिए बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण सिद्ध किया जा रहा है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति की ऐसी मान्यता है कि इन्हीं विद्याओं के अध्ययन से राष्ट्र के लिए सक्षम और सफल नागरिक के व्यक्तित्व का निर्माण सम्भव है। हिन्दू अध्ययन के अंतर्गत पर्याप्त विषयों का समावेश है, जिससे समाज के किसी भी वर्ग को लाभ प्राप्त होगा। साथ ही शिक्षक बनने के साथ-साथ रोजगार के लिए अधिकांश मार्ग खुलेंगे। यह कार्यक्रम बहुविषयक तथा अन्तर्विषयक पाठ्यक्रमों वाला भी सिद्ध होगा। इस कार्यक्रम के पाठ्यक्रम का निर्माण होने से विश्वविद्यालय में अन्य विद्यापीठों को बहुविषयक तथा अन्तर्विषयक पाठ्यक्रमों को प्रारम्भ करने में भी सहायता मिलेगी। प्रशामनिक सेवाओं में भी इस विषय के अध्ययन से सभी को लाभ प्राप्त होने की पूर्ण सम्भावना होगी। इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय अपनी क्षमताओं और विस्तार के आधार पर इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन करके कीर्तिमान स्थापित कर सकता है। यह कार्यक्रम नये नियम के अनुसार 80 क्रेडिट का होगा।</p> <p>The programme coordinator mentioned that UGC-NET is available in the area of study, therefore it will be quite beneficial for the students.</p>
A.P.C. 66.13.3	<p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal form of M.A. Hindu Adhyayan (M.A. Hindu Studies) with an exit option as P.G. Diploma in (Hindu Studies).</p> <p><i>Action: School of Humanities (SOH)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.14	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Performance Studies)

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A.P.C. 66.14.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of M.A. (Performance Studies)
A.P.C. 66.14.2	The Director, School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA) informed that of the PPF form of the programme was approved in 31 st School Board Meeting held on 12 th January 2023 session. The programme's objective is to assist those who want to pursue performance studies but are unable to do so on a regular basis. The course will give students a comprehensive understanding of Indian performing arts and expose them to many interconnected facets of these art forms. A need assessment has also been carried out by the Programme Coordinator of the School.
A.P.C. 66.14.3	The Committee was informed that similar programmes like M.A. Performance Studies, integrated M.A Programmes in Visual Studies etc. are being offered by other universities. The coordinator was advised to check the actual title available in UGC-NET for the benefit of the students.
A.P.C. 66.14.4	<p>The Committee deliberated and suggested to relook on the nomenclature of the programme and finalize it in the respective expert committee meeting of the programme and maintain the credit structure as per UGC norms.</p> <p>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Performance Studies).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.15	To report the University proposal to NAAC for acting as a Data Validation and Verification Agency for HEIs
A.P.C. 66.15.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India to assess and accredit institutions of Higher Education in the country an outcome of the recommendations of the National Policy on Education (1986) which laid special emphasis on upholding the Quality of Higher Education in India. NAAC is entrusted with the primary function of assessing and accrediting Higher Education Institutions of the country. NAAC has revised its accreditation process using a new methodology and measurement system both quantitative as well as qualitative. NAAC employed a computer-assisted system Data Validation Verification (DW) process that helps in creating a common system of validating data points and arrives unified score for each participating institution. NAAC desires to offer the process of Data Validation and Verification in Project consultancy mode to Universities. For this purpose, NAAC looks forward to collaborating with IGNOU for the larger cause of improving Quality in Higher Education that gives a common ground for social relevance.</p> <p>DVV, Data Validation and Verification agency in NAAC are referred to a body that verifies and validates the data submitted to the NAAC entity during the accreditation process of the institute. The appointed agency after due process verifies the data submitted or uploaded on the portal during the NAAC accreditation process. It is a software-based automated system that makes the entire NAAC evaluation more transparent.</p>

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A.P.C. 66.15.2	The Board of Management in its 154 th meeting held on 27 th February 2023 approved the agreement with NAAC and nominated Planning and Development Division as the Nodal agency for this activity.
A.P.C. 66.15.3	The Committee noted the University proposal to NAAC for acting as a Data Validation and Verification Agency for HEIs. <i>Action: Planning & Development Division(P&DD)</i>
A.P.C. 66.16	To Report the fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students for various academic programmes for January 2023 session admission cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP and TSP components.
A.P.C. 66.16.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the Academic Council in its 79th meeting held on 20th December 2022 ratified the fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students for January 2023 session. A Committee to deliberate and discuss the fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students for various academic programmes for January 2023 session cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP and TSP components met on November 29, 2022 to recommend and propose a list of academic programmes for extending the fee waiver to SC/ST students.</p> <p>The Competent Authority considered and approved the following recommendations of the Committee.</p> <p>For Fresh SC/ST Students</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The benefits of the fee waiver scheme have been extended to B.A (General), B.Com (General) and B.Sc (General) for January 2023 session admission cycle. The income of parents/guardians of fresh applicants from all sources should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh during the last financial year as per Government of India norms. Fresh applicants should submit income certificate issued by the authority as decided by the respective State Government. SC/ST students availing fee waiver shall be required to pay the non-refundable Registration fee of ₹300/- for admission in January 2023 session. A Development Fee of ₹ 200/- will also be charged from SC/ST students who will be availing fee waiver for admission in January 2023 Cycle as per the decision of Finance Committee. <p>For Re-Registering SC/ST Students</p> <p>SC/ST students who were given exemption/reimbursement of fee during fresh admission shall be eligible for exemption of fee while re-registering in January 2023 session.</p> <p>The Academic Council in its 79th meeting held on 20th December 2022 approved the item.</p> <p>A notification no. 50 dated 26th December 2022 was issued for SC/ST students for the academic programmes for January 2023 session.</p>
A.P.C. 66.16.2	<p>The Committee noted the notification regarding the fee waiver for SC/ST students for the academic programmes for January 2023 session admission cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP and TSP components.</p> <p><i>Action: Planning & Development Division(P&DD)</i></p>

A.P.C. 66.17	To consider and report the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. January 2023 admission cycle.
A.P.C. 66.17.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the Academic Council in its 79th meeting held on 20th December 2022 ratified the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. January 2023 admission cycle. A Committee was constituted vide notification IG/P&DD/Notification/2022/767 dated 6th December, 2022 to deliberate and discuss the revision of fee, rationalization and marketability of IGNOU's academic programmes. The meeting of the committee was convened by Planning & Development Division on 13th December, 2022 to recommend fee for the academic cycle January 2023.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Committee were as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As per the mandate of the University, the University has been rationalizing the programme fees from time to time and continues to offer fee exemption under the SCSP/TSP Scheme to eligible SC/ST students. To make provision to rationalize Programme fees for 15-academic programmes. (Annexure-A) considering the costs incurred in offering these programmes. To introduce a new component of "Project Evaluation Fees". This fee is to be submitted by the students at the time of filling up the term end examination form. The slabs as decided by the committee are as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 credit project work : ₹ 300 Above 4 credits project work : ₹ 500 To introduce a new component of "Practical Exam Fees". This is to be submitted by the students at the time of filling up the term end exam form. The slabs as decided by the committee are as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 4 credit : ₹ 300 Above 4 credits : ₹ 500 The fees to be charged for evaluation of project work and practical exam will be applicable across all the academic programmes of the University having the project work and lab component respectively. SED will be the nodal agency to collect the fees with the information to all the Regional Centres. The students will submit the copy of the online receipt of the practical exam fee paid at the time of appearing in the practical exams. This aspect will be informed to all the students by the respective Regional Centres. <p>A notification no. 51 dated 02nd January 2023 was issued for the academic programmes for January 2023 session.</p>
A.P.C. 66.17.2	<p>The Committee noted the notification regarding the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. January 2023 admission cycle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Planning & Development Division(P&DD)</i></p>
A.P.C. 66.18	To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A.(Hons.) in Journalism and Digital Media.

Noted

A.P.C. 66.18.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) have submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A. (Hons.) in Journalism and Digital Media.
A.P.C. 66.18.2	The Director and Programme Coordinators of the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 63 rd APC meeting held on 23 rd February 2022. The PDF of the programme was approved in the 56 th Meeting of ACSC held on 01 st June 2022. The School has submitted that the first year materials are ready for CRC and printing. The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023 session and the programme will be of four year duration.
A.P.C. 66.18.3	<p>The Committee suggested revising the programme credit structure to 160 credits (40 credits per year) i.e. as per UGC regulations. The Committee suggested that initially the programme may be launched as a three year programme and may add one fourth year once the four year undergraduate programme is in place.</p> <p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A (Hons.) in Journalism and New Media Studies.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)</i></p>

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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