

MINUTES
of the
TENTH MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COUNCIL
held on
DECEMBER 31, 2007



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068

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MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2007 AT 11.30 A.M. 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, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Pro-Vice Chancellor | - | Member |
| 4. Dr. D.K.Choudhry, Pro-Vice Chancellor | - | Special Invitee |
| 5. Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Special Invitee |
| 6. Dr. Latha Pillai, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - | Special Invitee |
| 7. Prof. C.L. Anand, Member, Board of Management | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Member Board of Management | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Vijay Kapur, University of Delhi | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE | - | Member |
| 11. Prof. S.B. Arora, Director, School of Health Sciences | - | Member |
| 12. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law | - | Member |
| 13. Prof. P.R. Ramanujam, Member, Planning Board | - | Member |
| 14. Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences | - | Member |
| 15. Dr. C.K.Ghosh, Director, Regional Services Division | - | Member |
| 16. Dr. Masood Parveez, Regional Director (Sr. Scale) | - | Member |
| 17. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD | - | Member-Secretary |

Prof. V.M. Shah, Prof. T.K.V.Subramanian, Prof. Joseph Dorariraj and Prof. M.L.Koul could not attend the meeting. Sh.K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members to the tenth meeting of the Research Council and directed that in future the Pro-Vice-Chancellors and the Registrar, SRE who are not members, should also be invited to the meetings of the Research Council as Special Invitees. He then invited the Member Secretary to present the items on the agenda.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 21.8.2007 AND NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

RC.10.1.1 The Member-Secretary informed the members that the Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Research Council held on August 21, 2007 were circulated to the members on September 17, 2007. No comments on the Minutes have been received from any of the members of the Research Council. He further informed that the comments of Dr. Jaideep Sharma on RCSC 2.20.2 (ii) were considered by the RCSC at its third meeting, held on November 30, 2007, and the resolution had been suitably modified incorporating his suggestion.

RC.10.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes (**Annexure-1 without appendices**) of its ninth meeting, and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE, HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2007.

RC.10.2.1 The Member-Secretary informed the Research Council that the third meeting of the RCSC was held on November 30, 2007. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting is placed at **Annexure-2**. The RCSC recommended the approval of the following:

1. Proposal for MPhil and PhD in Gender and Development Studies.
2. Proposals for PhD in Engineering & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Agriculture Extension and Nursing.
3. Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to suggest changes in the Guidelines and the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes.
4. Research proposals submitted for PhD in Hindi:
 - (i) **Ms. Tamanna Sharma** on “Bhishma Sahani Ke Upanyaason mein Nari Ki Samjik Drishti” for PhD in Hindi under the supervision of Prof. Shatrughna Kumar.
 - (ii) **Ms. Sushma Devi** on “Swantantrayottar Hindi Natakon mein Stri-Purush Sambandh” for PhD in Hindi under the supervision of Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal.
 - (iii) **Ms. Archana** on “Yashpal Kee Kahaniyon mein Himachali Jan Jeevan Ka Chitran for PhD in Hindi under the supervision of Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastaave.
 - (iv) **Ms. Chetan Kohli** on “Maitreyee Pushpa Ke Upanyaason mein Samajik Jeevan” for PhD in Hindi under the supervision of Dr. Vimal Thorat.

5. Research proposals submitted for PhD in Social Sciences:

- (i) **Mr. Ajay Pal Sharma** on “Impact of Leadership for Corporate Transformation and Organizational Development: A Case Study of Hero Honda Motors Ltd. for PhD in Public Administration under the supervision of Dr. R.K.Sharma, Dean IITM, CGS Indraprastha University, Delhi.
- (ii) **Mr. Harish Chandra Sundriyal** on “Socio Economic Impact of Tourism on “Garhwal Region” an Analytical Study” for PhD in Tourism under the supervision of Dr. Manohar Sanjnani (External Supervisor), Reader and Deputy Director, Amity Instt. of Travel and Tourism, Amity University, Noida and Dr. Sangeeta Pandey, Reader, SOSS, IGNOU.
- (iii) **Mr. Brijesh Kumar** on “Significance of Budget Hotels in the Development of Tourism for Common Wealth Games, 2010: A Critical Review for PhD in Tourism under the supervision of Dr. Manohar Sanjnani (External Supervisor), Reader and Deputy Director, Amity Instt. of Travel and Tourism, Amity University, Noida.
- (iv) **Mr. B.B. Mishra** on “State Finance of Assam: A Study of Sector-wise Subsidies, Cost Recoveries & Policy Implications” for PhD in Economics under the supervision of Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Professor of Economics, SOSS, IGNOU and Dr. Govinda Rao Marapalli (External Supervisor), National Instt. of Public Finance & Policy, New Delhi-67.
- (v) **Ms. Pragya Shankar** on “Evaluation of Trade Reforms in India: An Application of the Gravity Theory Approach” for PhD in Economics under the supervision of Prof. Madhu Bala, Professor of Economics, SOSS, IGNOU.

6. Research proposals submitted for PhD in Management:

- (i) **Mr. Satish Kumar Kushwaha** on Corp. Governance and Social responsibility. A dyanadic Theory for Evolving Indian Organizations in New Millenium, under supervision of Prof. G. Subbayamma, SOMS, IGNOU.
- (ii) **Onkar Chand Rana** on Scope and strategies financing SMEs by bank, under the supervision of Prof. K. Ravi Shankar, SOMS, IGNOU.
- (iii) **Subrata Kr. Mishra** on Role of Trust & Commitment in developing successful, Knowledge Management Programme in Indian Orgsanizations, under the supervision of Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU & Prof. T.K. Panda, IIM, Indore.
- (iv) **Vinay Sharma** on A comparison of services delivery in HIV/ AIDS Prog. in Private Hospitals in Delhi, under the supervision of Prof. Kamal Yadava, SOMS, IGNOU.

- (v) **Dibbyendu Mukherjee** on Study of learned helplessness, employee's; morale, ORS, and commitment as a result of exit option scheme in SBI, under the supervision of Prof. B.B. Khanna, SOMS, IGNOU & Prof. D.M. Pestonjee.
- 7. Supervisors for PhD in Distance Education.
- 8. Requests for extension of the period of registration of Mr. Rishipal and Mr. S.S.Rana, PhD students of Political Science.
- 9. Progress reports of Mr. Mehar Singh, Ms. Taruna Joshi, Mr. Subrata Chakrabarti and Mr. P.Vijay Kumar.

RC.10.2.2 The Research Council considered, and approved, the Minutes of the third meeting of the RCSC. The members discussed, in detail, the guidelines on the PhD programme, and finalized the same with slight modifications.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL OF MS. JOAN ANTONY FOR REGISTRATION INTO THE PHD IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

RC.10.3.1 The Member-Secretary informed the members that the School Board of the School of Continuing Education, at its 34th meeting held on November 29, 2007, had considered the research proposal entitled **Study of Academic Underachievement Among School Children: Strategies and Intervention**", submitted by Ms. Joan Antony for admission to the PhD programme in Child Development under the supervision of Dr. Khurshid Alam (External Supervisor), Department of Psychology, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, Delhi.

RC.10.3.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal entitled **Study of Academic Underachievement Among School Children: Strategies and Intervention**" (**Annexure-3**) submitted by Ms. Joan Antony for admission to the PhD programme in Child Development, under the supervision of Dr. Khurshid Alam (External Supervisor), Department of Psychology, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, Delhi.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ON RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

RC.10.4.1 The Research Council was informed that with an objective of encouraging research and providing greater thrust to research, a committee chaired by the Vice-Chancellor reviewed the Ordinance and Guidelines for the PhD programme, and made several recommendations which were considered and approved by the RCSC, at its third meeting held on 30.11.2007. This had necessitated amendment to certain clauses of the Ordinance on

Research Degree Programmes. A statement showing the existing clauses, proposed amendment and clauses after amendment is placed at **Annexure-4.**

RC.10.4.2 The Research Council considered, and approved, the proposal to amend Clauses 4.4, 5.1 and 8.1 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes.

ITEM NO.5 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN LAYING DOWN THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES UNDER THE RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME.

RC.10.5.1 The Research Council was informed that with the approval of the Research Council (RC.9.2.2 and RCSC 2.14.2), Academic Council (AC.39.5.3) and Board of Management (BM 89.41.2), the University had introduced a Research and Teaching Assistantship Scheme with an objective of attracting the best talents into teaching-cum-research in the areas of open and distance learning/teaching and research in discipline-based as well as general, open and distance learning pedagogy. Applications were invited in the month of April, 2007 for the award of Research and Teaching Assistantships in all the disciplines, for which about 3500 applications were received. As the number of applications was rather large, the following criteria were prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor for the initial shortlisting of applicants:

For General category candidates:

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| Age Limit | 25 years as on 1 st July, 2007 |
| % of marks required in all examinations from secondary onwards | 60% and above |

For SC/ST/PH category candidates:

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| Age Limit | 30 years as on 1 st July, 2007 |
| % of marks required in all examinations from secondary onwards | 50% and above |

For Women Candidates:

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| Age Limit | 30 years as on 1 st July, 2007 |
| % of marks required in all examinations from secondary onwards | 60% and above (for General category) |
| | 50% and above (for SC/ST/PH category) |

After the initial shortlisting, the applications were sent to the Schools concerned for taking necessary action for the selection of candidates. After meeting with the Directors of the Schools, the following composition of the Selection Committee was approved by the Vice-Chancellor:

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| 1. Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor associated with the School concerned | - | Member |
| 3. Director of the School concerned | - | Member |
| 4. An External Expert identified by the School & nominated by the Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 5. Professor/Reader of the discipline concerned | - | Member |

RC.10.5.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in laying down the eligibility criteria and selection procedure for selection of candidates under the Research and Teaching Assistantship scheme.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO RECOGNIZE GLOBAL INDIA FOUNDATION AS AN INSTITUTION OF LEARNING AND STUDIES FOR CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH.

RC.10.6.1 The Member-Secretary informed the members that the Global India Foundation, Kolkata, conceived by a diverse group of professionals including retired civil servants, service officers, academics and businessmen from all over India, has been established as a not-for-profit institution. The Foundation expressed its keenness to extend cooperation and expertise to IGNOU in areas of common interest, and requested that the Foundation may be considered for recognition as an institution of learning and studies in the field of international relations, social and public policy. The Foundation also requested support and cooperation between IGNOU and GIF for the conduct and supervision of research.

A three-member committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Basir Ahmad Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor visited the Foundation on October 5, 2007 and interacted with the Chairman, Executive Council members and Fellows of the Foundation. The Committee recommended that the Global India Foundation may be recognized as a Centre of Research of the Indira Gandhi National Open University and a Memorandum of Understanding may be signed between the two institutions. The report of the committee and a copy of the draft MoU are placed at **Annexure-5 and Annexure-6**, respectively.

- RC.10.6.2** The Research Council considered and approved the recommendations of the committee and the draft MoU to be signed between the IGNOU and the Global India Foundation, Kolkata.
- ITEM NO.7** **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF PROF. V.N.RAJASEKHARAN PILLAI, PRESENTLY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF IGNOU, FOR RECOGNITION AS A RESEARCH GUIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND AS A TEACHER FOR OFFERING COURSES AS A COURSE/PROGRAMME COORDINATOR IN THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCES.**
- RC.10.7.1** The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the School Board of the School of Sciences had considered the proposal by circulation for recognition of Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, a Professor of Chemistry at the M.G. University, Kottayam, and presently the Vice-Chancellor of the University, as a Research Supervisor of the University. The School Board had recommended that in the light of the provisions of the Clauses 4.2 and 4.3 of the Ordinance on the Research Degree Programmes, Prof. Pillai may be recognized as a Research supervisor of the University (**Annexure-7**).
- RC 10.7.2** The members welcomed the proposal, in the light of his distinguished career as a scientist, and approved Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai as a Research Supervisor of the University.
- ITEM NO.8** **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRAMME OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW.**
- RC.10.8.1** The Member-Secretary informed the Council that after approval of its School Board, the School of Law had submitted a proposal for offering a PhD programme in Law. He further informed that while the proposal envisages direct admission of MPhil degree holders, teachers with 5 years experience and selected for fellowship under FIP, practitioners in law with experience in field of work and Associate Member of the Institute of Company Secretary and Chartered Accountants, others will be considered for admission after defense of a written research proposal before the Research Area Committee.
- RC.10.8.2** One of the members pointed out that the proposal envisages course work through five research seminars, which could be a mode of assessment and not a substitute for course work. She also pointed out that the minimum eligibility for admission should be stated clearly.
- RC 10.8.3** Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law, explained that the proposal has been framed on the model of the PhD Programme in the National Law School University, Bangalore and five areas have been identified for research seminars of publishable standard.

- RC 10.8.4** The Research Council considered the proposal and decided that the proposal may be resubmitted after specifying the contents/credit weightage for each course/research seminar, minimum eligibility for admission and publishable standard. List of supervisors, with their brief bio-data, should also be submitted for approval to the Research Council.
- ITEM NO.9** **TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-**
(Tabled) **CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE REVISED RESEARCH**
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SH. K. RAMACHANDRAN FOR
ADMISSION TO PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.
- RC 10.9.1** The Member-Secretary informed the members that the School Board of the School of Social Sciences, at its 40th meeting held on December 27, 2006, had considered the research proposal submitted by Sh. K.Ramachandran, and advised him to revise the same. The School Board also authorized its Chairman to send the proposal for consideration of the Research Council, if the supervisor of the candidate was satisfied with the revision. Prof. Pandav Nayak, supervisor of the student, had conveyed that since the revision was satisfactory, the revised proposal may be taken as approval of the School Board. The Member-Secretary further informed that the revised proposal of Sh. K.Ramachandran had since been approved by the Vice-Chancellor to expedite registration of the candidate.
- RC.10.9.2** The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the revised research proposal on “**E-Governance in Aviation Industry in India**” submitted by Sh. K Ramachandran for registration to the PhD programme in Political Science under the supervision of Prof. Pandav Nayak, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU.

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

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman

Annexure-3
(To Resolution No. RC 10.4.1)

Statement showing the Existing/Proposed and Clause after amendment in the Ordinance of the Research Degree Programme.

| Existing Clause | Proposed amendments | Clause after amendment |
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| Clause 4.4: At any time, a supervisor shall not guide more than 4/5 students out of whom 2/3 students may be MPhil and not more than 2 PhD students. | Replace with the following: “At any time, a supervisor shall not guide more than 6 students. Provided that, in case of joint supervision, the load of each supervisor would be counted as ½. Thus, a supervisor can guide 6-12 PhD students at a time depending upon whether the candidates are under sole or joint supervision.” | Clause 4.4: At any time, a supervisor shall not guide more than 6 students. Provided that, in case of joint supervision, the load of each supervisor would be counted as ½. Thus, a supervisor can guide 6-12 PhD students at a time depending upon whether the candidates are under sole or joint supervision. |
| Clause 5.1: The MPhil programme shall consist of 64-68 credits and the PhD programme shall consist of 96-100 credits of which 32-36 credits in each case shall involve course work. | Replace “64-68 with 48 and add the following proviso to the clause: “Provided that the MPhil dissertation should be of 12-16 credits.” | Clause 5.1: The MPhil programme shall consist of 48 credits, and the PhD programme shall consist of 96-100 credits, of which 32-36 credits in each case shall involve course work. Provided that the MPhil dissertation should be of 12-16 credits. |
| Clause 8.1: The minimum and maximum time for completing the programme shall be 2 years to 4 years for MPhil and 3 years to 5 years for PhD respectively, counted from the date of registration to the programme. Provided that the period may be curtailed or extended with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. | Replace the words “ 2 years ” between the words be and to with “ 18 months ” and the number “ 3 ” between the words and and years with “ 2 ”. | Clause 8.1: The minimum and maximum time for completing the programme shall be 18 months to 4 years for MPhil and 2 years to 5 years for PhD, respectively, counted from the date of registration to the programme. Provided that the period may be curtailed or extended with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. |