

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 28th May, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room, New VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.

The 12th meeting of the Equivalence Committee was held on 28th May, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room, New VCO Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. The following were present:

Prof. R R Kanhere, PVC	Chairperson
Prof. Madhu Parhar, Dir (STRIDE)	Member
Prof. Swaraj Basu, Dir (SOSS)	Member
Dr Rakhi Sharma, Dir (SOET)	Member
Prof. Rashmi Sinha, BDP Prog. Coord.	Member
Shri Kuldeep Dagar, Dy Secy, AIU	Special Invitee
Prof. S Srilatha, Registrar (SRD)	Convener

Dr S K Pulist, Dy Dir (SRD) was present to provide academic inputs to the Committee. Shri Sambhav Srivastava, Consultant, AIU was present along with the AIU representative.

At the outset, the Chairperson Prof. R R Kanhere, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU welcomed the members to the meeting. He then requested Prof. S Srilatha, Registrar (SRD) and Convener to take up the agenda items.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision:

12.1 To Report the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for recognition of Veda Vibhushana Course of MSRVVP as equivalent to 10+2 for purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU.

12.1.1 The Convener informed the members that Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan, Ujjain is an autonomous body of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and is functioning under the Department of Higher Education dedicated to the preservation and propagation of oral tradition of Vedas. The following institutions have already recognised the Ved Bhushan and Ved Vibhushan programmes of MSRVVP as equivalent to class X and class 12 respectively for admission to their programmes:

1. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University), New Delhi
2. Shri Venkateswar Vedic University, Tirupati, A.P.,
3. Rastriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, A.P.,

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4. Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore, Karnataka,
5. Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur, Rajasthan,
6. Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu,
7. Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak
8. Gurukula Kangari Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, and
9. Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar

12.1.2 The members noted that the Vice-Chancellor, under Clause -3 of Ordinance 5 – Ordinance on Recognition of Examinations/Degrees, has already approved recognition of Veda Vibhushana course of MSRVP as equivalent to 10+2 for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU and a Notification to this effect has been issued on 27.03.2019.

12.2 To Report the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for accepting Section 'A' & 'B' Examinations of The Institution of Engineers (India) for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU

12.2.1 The Convener informed the members that IGNOU has already recognized the Section A & B Examination of Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI), Kolkata, as a 'professional qualification' for purposes of admission to Management Programme only vide Notification F.No. IG/ SRE-Ex.IV/ Equiv./ 2008/581 dated January 08, 2008. However, consequent upon revision of eligibility criteria for admission to MBA programme effective from January 2018 admission cycle, the professional qualification is not a part of the eligibility criteria. For want of such a notification by the University, Section A & B of IEI, Kolkata was not considered as equivalent to a Bachelor's degree for purposes of admission to University programmes.

12.2.2 The Convener further informed that the All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi vide Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 explains that *"the Council in its 52nd Emergent Meeting held on August 03, 2017 decided to recognize equivalence for all purposes including Higher Education & Employment to Technical Courses conducted by various Professional Bodies/Institutions which were duly recognized by MHRD with permanent recognition upto 31st May 2013. Thus all those students who were enrolled with these institutions with permanent recognition upto 31.05.2013, stand recognized."*

- 12.2.3 The members noted that the Vice-Chancellor, under Clause -3 of Ordinance 5 – Ordinance on Recognition of Examinations/Degrees, has already approved acceptance of Section 'A' & 'B' Exam of 'The Institution of Engineers (India) as equivalent to graduation degree for purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU, on the basis of AICTE Public Notice. However, the recognition will be restricted to the students who were enrolled with The Institution of Engineers (India) with permanent recognition up to 31.05.2013.
- 12.3 To Report the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor for acceptance of Higher Secondary Equivalence Examination conducted by Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority (KSLMA) for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU.**
- 12.3.1 The Convener informed that a number of students who had passed the Higher Secondary Equivalence Course from Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority (KSLMA) had approached the IGNOU Regional Centres in Kerala for admission to B.A. programme in January 2018. In the absence of any specific order from Govt. of Kerala regarding its acceptability for higher studies, the request of the prospective students was not considered for January 2018 session.
- 12.3.2 The Convener further informed that the Government of Kerala vide Order G.O.(Ms)No.79/2018/G.Edn dated Thiruvananthapuram, 04.06.2018 (Annexure-I) has issued a notification which *inter alia* reads that "Government have examined the mater detail in view of the reports furnished by the Directors of Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority, Higher Secondary Education and S.C.E.R.T. and sanction is accorded for inscribe Eligible for Higher Studies in the certificate to be given to the candidate who have passed the Higher Secondary Equivalency exam conducted by the Director, Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority."
- 12.3.3 In view of the position explained above, the Vice-Chancellor, under Clause -3 of Ordinance 5 – Ordinance on Recognition of Examinations/Degrees, has approved acceptance of Higher Secondary Equivalence Examination conducted by Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority (KSLMA) as equivalent to 10+2 for purposes of higher studies in IGNOU. The members noted the issuance of the Notification dated 19.07.2018 in this regard.



12.4 To Report the matter of NON-recognition of IGNOU Degrees by Sister Universities

12.4.1 The Convener informed the members that Kannur University, Kerala has not recognised the Master of Social Work (Counselling) - Face to Face Mode - Degree of IGNOU as equivalent to Master of Social Work Degree of the Kannur University for any purpose.

12.4.2 A letter to the Registrar, Kannur University with a request to recognise the Master of Social Work (Counselling) degree awarded by IGNOU through Face 2 Face Mode, was sent on 30.07.2018. However, no reply was received. In view of this, a reminder has been sent to the Registrar, Kannur University on 08th May, 2019. The members noted the status in the matter.

12.5 To report status of Recognition of IGNOU Degrees by Sister Universities

12.5.1 The Convener informed that the following universities have recognised IGNOU programmes as equivalent to their respective programmes:

Sl No.	Name of University/Institution	Recognition accorded to the Degrees/ Diplomas
1.	2.	3.
01	Kannur University, Kerala	(i) B.Sc Zoology of IGNOU, New Delhi has been recognized as equivalent to Zoology Degree of the Kannur University for the purpose of higher studies and employment.
02	University of Kerala	(i) M.A. Degree in Economics awarded by IGNOU, New Delhi has been recognized as equivalent to M.A. Degree in Economics of the University of Kerala for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

12.5.2 The members noted the status.

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- 12.6 **To consider and approve recognition of Section A and B of the Associate Membership Examination of The Aeronautical Society of India, New Delhi as equivalent to graduation for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Masters degree programmes.**
- 12.6.1 The Convener presented the case of recognition of 'Associate Membership Examination (Section A & B)' of Aeronautical Society of India, New Delhi as equivalent to Graduation for purposes of admission to IGNOU programmes. She informed that the Aeronautical Society of India, New Delhi is one of the professional bodies covered by the AICTE notification issued vide Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 which states that *"Council in its 52nd Emergent Meeting held on August 03, 2017 decided to recognize equivalence for all purposes including Higher Education & Employment to Technical Courses conducted by various Professional Bodies/Institutions which were duly recognized by MHRD with permanent recognition up to 31st May 2013. Thus all those students who were enrolled with these institutions with permanent recognition up to 31.05.2013 stand recognized"*.
- 12.6.2 The members noted that the case was similar to that of The Institution of Engineers India (IEI) Examination Section A and B and resolved to recommend to the Academic Council to accord recognition to Section - A and B' of Associate Membership Examination of Aeronautical Society of India, new Delhi as equivalent to graduation degree for admission to IGNOU post graduate programmes.
- 12.7 **Equivalence of Graduate Diploma in Materials Management (2 years) offered by Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM), Navi Mumbai – Recognition for purposes of admission to Management programmes.**
- 12.7.1 The Convener informed that Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM), Navi Mumbai had requested vide its letter dated 13.03.2015 & 25.07.2015 for recognition of Graduate Diploma in Material Management of 2 years for purposes of admission to IGNOU's Post Graduate programmes in management. The School of Management Studies has examined the case and given their recommendation that **since it is a 2 year diploma programme, it cannot be equated with degree.**

12.7.2 The Committee considered the matter and resolved to recommend to Academic Council NOT to accord recognition to Graduate Diploma in Materials Management (2 years) offered by Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM), Navi Mumbai as equivalent to graduation degree for admission to post graduate programmes of the University.

12.8 To consider and approve recognition of BA/BCom/BBA degree awarded by Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi to the Armed Forces Personnel (AKASHDEEP and GYANDEEP) after lateral admission to 3rd Year under Vertical Mobility (ODL mode) for purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU

12.8.1 The Convener informed that a few Armed Forces Personnel possessing the Mark-sheet and Provisional Certificate of B.A./B.Com/BBA awarded by Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) through ODL mode had applied for admission to PG Programmes in IGNOU. On examination of the copy of the detailed Mark-Sheet of B.A/BCom/BBA awarded by JMI, it was found that there is a variation in the Degree awarded by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and that of IGNOU to Armed Forces Personnel. A comparative statement of the certificates issued by JMI and IGNOU to the Armed Forces Personal under the Gyandeep and Akashdeep Projects was presented as under:

Year-wise distribution of marks for BA/BCOM of JMI & IGNOU

	JMI	IGNOU
Year	Total Marks	Total Marks
First Year	100*	400
Second Year	100*	400
Third Year	600	400
Total Marks	800	1200

**Credit given in the first and second year against In-service Training*

12.8.2 The Committee discussed the matter at length and resolved that since this is a case of lateral entry to Bachelor Degree Programme recognising the prior in-service training of the Armed Forces personnel that differs from a similar scheme implemented by IGNOU, the matter may be referred to DEB, UGC for clarification.

12.9 To consider and approve inclusion of the names of 5 Boards in the list of 'Unrecognized School Boards'.

12.9.1 The Committee went through the list of unrecognized School Boards declared by the Directorate of Education (Private School Branch), Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi as under:

SI No	Name of Unrecognized School Board
1.	2.
1.	The Central Board of Higher Secondary Education, New Delhi
2.	National Open School, New Delhi (other than the NIOS)
3.	Higher Secondary Education Board of Delhi
4.	Board of Higher Secondary Open Education
5.	Delhi Board of Secondary Education, Delhi

12.9.2 The Committee considered and resolved to recommend to the Academic Council for inclusion of the above names in the list of 'Unrecognized School Boards' maintained by the University.

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


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(R R Kanhere)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor &
Chairperson,
Equivalence Committee