

Minutes of the 15th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held online on 27th May, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. through Google Meet.

The 15th meeting of the Equivalence Committee was held online on 27th May, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. through Google Meet. The following were present:

Prof. R P Das, PVC	Chairperson
Prof. Malati Mathur, Dir (SOH)	Member
Prof. S R Jha, SOS	Member
Shri KuldeepDagar, Dy.Secy., AIU	Special Invitee
Dr Himansu K. Bose, Registrar (SRD)	Convener

Dr S K Pulist, Deputy Director, SRD was present to provide academic inputs to the Committee.

At the outset, the Chairperson Prof. R P Das, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU welcomed the members to the meeting. Thereafter, on request of the Registrar (SRD), Dr S K Pulist, Deputy Director, SRD presented the Agenda Items one by one for discussion with permission of the Chair.

The following items were taken up for consideration and decision:

15.1 Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Equivalence Committee

15.1.1 The Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 1st February, 2022 were presented before the members for confirmation. While confirming the Minutes, the members noted that the Minutes of the Committee will be placed for approval before the Academic Council in its meeting to be held on 13th June, 2022. The matter of recognition of the technical qualifications awarded by the professional institutions is under review as desired by the Academic Council. The required information has been sought from the concerned institutions.

15.2 To consider and approve recognition of certificates awarded by Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai in connection to UGC's Public Notice F. No. 14-21/2021(CPP-II) dated 5th August, 2021

15.2.1 The Committee discussed the matter pertaining to recognition of certificates awarded by Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai with reference to



UGC's Public Notice F. No. 14-21/2021(CPP-II) dated 5th August, 2021 which *inter alia* reads as under:

"DBHPS is one of the institutions covered under Section 22 of the UGC Act 1956 for the purpose of conferring or granting degrees as specified by the Commission.

The degrees awarded by DBHPS, Chennai may be recognized for all purposes including higher education and employment."

- 15.2.2 After deliberations, the Committee recommended to recognise the degrees awarded by Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai which are approved by Distance Education Council/ Distance Education Bureau, UGC, in the light of the UGC's Public Notice F. No. 14-21/2021(CPP-II) dated 5th August, 2021.
- 15.3 **To consider and approve recognition of (i)Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim and (ii)Delhi Board of School Education, I.P. Extension, Patparganjfor the purposeof academic pursuit in IGNOU**
- 15.3.1 The Committee discussed the matter of recognition of Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, and Delhi Board of School Education, I.P. Extension, Patparganj for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU. Shri Kuldeep Dagar, External Expert informed that since AIU has been mandated by Ministry of Education, Government of India to undertake the task of recognising different boards of school education in the country, they are in the process of framing necessary guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for recognition of such boards. Once the guidelines are in place, all the boards will be asked to go through the process. The AIU will, then, come up with a list of Recognised Boards and Un-recognised Boards based on the recognition process. Till such time, the AIU has put the process of recognition of new Boards on hold.
- 15.3.2 In view of the above, the members recommended that we may wait for the AIU to complete the recognition process. Once the list of Recognised Boards and Un-recognised Boards is available from AIU, the University may take up the issue thereafter.



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- 15.4 **To report action taken regarding recognition of Urdu Courses from various Madrasa Boards for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU**
- 15.4.1 The members noted that the letters have been written to the Education Departments of the respective State Governments in case of different Madarsa Boards and the same are being followed up with reminders. However, no response has been received till now. The members also noted that in view of Item No. 3 above, now all these Madarsa Boards also come under the purview of AIU. The matter of recognition of these Madarsa Boards will also be resolved once the recognition process at AIU is over.
- 15.4.2 The Committee recommended that we may wait for the process at AIU to be over.
- 15.5 **To report action taken regarding 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**
- 15.5.1 The members noted that the matter of 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, has been referred to UGC for clarification as decided in the last meeting of the Equivalence Committee. A response in this regard is yet to be received from UGC.
- 15.5.2 The members further noted that there is a disparity between the degrees awarded by JMI to the Armed Forces Personnel under AKASHDEEP and GYANDEEP (Total Marks = 800) and to their regular students (Total Marks = 1200) unlike IGNOU where both - the students of the AKASHDEEP /GYANDEEP, and other students - were getting degree with the same weightage (Total Marks = 1200).
- 15.5.3 The members desired that the matter may be followed up with UGC for clarification.
- 15.6 **To report action taken regarding recognition of Technical Examinations conducted by various professional Institutions (as per MHRD's letter F**



No. 11-15/2011-AR (TS.II) dated 6-12-2012) for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU

15.6.1 The members noted that the matter of recognition of the certificates issued by the following Technical/Professional Institutions upto 31-5-2013 based on the AICTE Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 dated 31-10-2017 was referred to AICTE for seeking information on a) *correct name of National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering, Bombay*, b) *names of the institutes and details of the technical programmes of all the institutes which have been recognised by the AICTE as per Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 dated 31-10-2017*, c) *level of the programmes*, d) *entry level qualification for admission to these programmes*, and e) *equivalence of these programmes with the programmes offered by other universities in India*:

- 1) Institute of Engineers (India), Kolkata
- 2) Aeronautical Society of India, New Delhi
- 3) Institution of Civil Engineers, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 4) Institute of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai
- 5) Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, New Delhi
- 6) Institute of Fire Engineering, India, New Delhi
- 7) The Institution of Surveyors, New Delhi
- 8) Tool Room and Training Centre, Wazirpur, Delhi
- 9) College of Military Engineering, Pune
- 10) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, New Delhi
- 11) National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineer, Bombay
- 12) Indian Institute of Ceramics, Kolkata.

15.6.2 The AICTE vide letter No. F.AICTE/P&A/Misc./2022/84 dated 12th April, 2022 has *inter alia* mentioned as under:

"In this context, it is to inform that the AICTE Public Notice and Circular issued in Oct. 2017 and Nov 2020 respectively as mentioned in your letter on the above subject is only the endorsement/re-iteration of the decision of the Ministry as notified vide OM No F11-15/2011 AR (TS.II) dated 06.12.2012. Accordingly, a copy of the Ministry's OM dated 06.12.2012 which contains the complete details of the Professional Bodies/Institutions having permanent recognition up to 31.05.2013 is forwarded herewith for your reference and perusal. However, rest of the information viz. different level of programs, entry level qualifications for

admission, equivalence of programmes etc. maybe sought from the concerned Professional Bodies/Institutions/Ministry before withdrawing such equivalence."

- 15.6.3 In view of the letter dated 12th April, 2022 received from AICTE, SRD has written to the concerned institutions to provide the require information.
- 15.6.4 The Committee desired that the matter may be pursued with the said institutions vigorously so that the aspirants seeking admission to IGNOU programmes from these institutions do not suffer.

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

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**Pro-Vice-Chancellor &
Chairperson,
Equivalence Committee**