



**MINUTES OF THE 134<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MAY 04, 2019 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, NEW VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. Ravindra Ramchandra Kanhere, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), MHRD	- Representative, Secretary, MHRD
4.	Shri Ashok Bhagat	- Member
5.	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
6.	Prof. Satyakam	- Member
7.	Prof. Debal K. Singharoy	- Member
8.	Dr. Ranjan Kumar	- Member
	Ms. Vidya Sonal, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Prof. V.S. Prasad and Prof. S.G. Deshmukh have requested for leave of absence. The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Atul Chandra Nishar and Shri D.N. Bezboruah could not attend the meeting.

Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

The meeting of the Board of Management began with a welcome note by Registrar (Admn) I/c. Thereafter, Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members. The Chairman also placed on record the appreciation for valuable contribution made by the outgoing member of the Board, namely, Dr. Hitesh Deka.

Before the items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Chairman presented before the BOM a brief account of the developments that had taken place in the University since the last regular meeting of the Board (131<sup>st</sup>) held on 22.12.2018, as under:

1. The Chairman informed that the University had conducted its 32<sup>nd</sup> Convocation on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 at the Headquarters as well as its

- 53 Regional Centres and awarded around 2 lac Degrees and 70 Medals to the students.
2. IGNOU has played a major role in assisting NAAC regarding development of Matrices and parameters for Accreditation process for open and distance learning. NAAC has already initiated the process of accrediting open universities.
  3. The Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) process for major undergraduate programmes has been initiated and it will be implemented from July, 2019 session. The admission for advertisement in this regard has already been issued.
  4. In the ensuing Term-End Examination scheduled in June 2019, 20% more students will be appearing in the examination as compared to the last year TEE.
  5. The University is organising a Workshop to get inputs with regards to enhance the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in OPEN and Distance Learning shortly. The Vice Chancellors of all State Open Universities and 20 Dual Mode Universities have been invited. The Board suggested that Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development, Govt. of India may also be invited in the Workshop. Secretary, MHRD has kindly consented to guide the deliberations by his benign presense.
  6. The process of discussions in signing of MOU with the Ministry of Home Affairs to impart soft skill training to 6000 police personnel has been initiated
  7. The entrance examination for MBA and B.Ed programmes will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to be conducted by NTA.
  8. The MHRD has approved a Special Grant of Rs.155 crore to the University in admissions for economically weaker section scheme. University will make an additional enrolment of 1,50,000 learners in next two years. The Board members thanked MHRD for this special financial assistance.

The following Agenda was, subsequently, transacted by the Board:

- ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 131<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2019 AND**
- a) TO CONSIDER THE OBSERVATIONS/ COMMENTS OF THE MHRD
  - b) TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT

**BM 134.1.1** The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 131<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on

22.12.2018 were circulated to the members of the Board on 28.12.2018. The MHRD vide its letter No.F.5-26/2018-DL dated 14.01.2019 had suggested some modifications in the language of 131<sup>st</sup> BOM minutes in respect of Resolutions No.131.17.2&3, 131.21.1 (*inadvertently mentioned as 131.12.1*) and 131.27.2. Accordingly, as per the approval of the Chairman, BOM/Vice Chancellor, the modifications in the language suggested by the MHRD had been incorporated in the relevant resolutions of the minutes and forwarded to the concerned Divisions for taking further necessary action. The details of the revised resolutions are placed at **Appendix-1**. The Board noted the same.

- BM 134.1.2** The Board also noted the Action Taken Report and confirmed the Minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.
- ITEM NO. 2**
- (A) **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 132<sup>ND</sup> MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2019 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON**
- (B) **TO NOTE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 133<sup>RD</sup> MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AND THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON**
- BM 134.2.1**
- (A) The Board confirmed the minutes of 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 15.01.2019 and noted the action taken report.
- (B) The Board noted the action taken report on the minutes of 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 25.02.2019 as the minutes had already been confirmed by the Board.
- ITEM NO. 3** **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE (1)(V) OF STATUTE 6A OF THE IGNOU ACT DEALING WITH THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**
- BM 134.3.1** It was informed that the Ministry of HRD vide their letter No.5-60/2014-DL dated 10.12.2014 had informed that the 263<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary

Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on the functioning of Indira Gandhi National Open University which was presented to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha and to Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, was examined by the Ministry (**Appendix-2**). After careful examination of the Report, the following has been decided:

University may amend Statute 6(A)(1)(v) as “*Two representative of Government of India; Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Ex-officio)/or his Nominee and Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Ex-officio)/or his Nominee.*”

Accordingly, the Ministry had, therefore, requested the University to take necessary action in the amending of Statute 6(A)(1)(v) of the IGNOU Act, 1985 suitably and forward the same to the Ministry for taking further necessary action as per the IGNOU Act, 1985 at the end of Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The aforesaid matter was apprised to the Board of Management in its 122<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 25.4.2015. However, further action in this regard had been put on hold in the light of the MHRD letter dated 9.10.2014 addressed to the Vice Chancellors of 39 Central Universities wherein the decisions like amending the Statutes, bringing new Ordinances or amending the Ordinances etc. should not be taken up by the Acting Vice Chancellor. The MHRD was informed accordingly.

### **BM 134.3.2**

Now, again this matter was taken up before the Board for consideration. The Board deliberated the matter in detail. The Board noted that the two nominees of the Visitor in the Finance Committee of the University nominated at the level of the Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary in the MHRD dealing with the subject matter of IGNOU and Financial Adviser in Ministry of Human Resource Development, placed under Item No.7 of the present Board is provided under Clause (1) (iv) of Statute 11 of the IGNOU Act. The Board has suggested that in consonance with the provision made for the composition of the Finance

Committee, as referred to above, the nominees of the Secretaries in the BOM meetings of the University be at the level of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary of the concerned Ministry may be considered.

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO GRANT OF INCENTIVE INCREMENT FOR COMPLETION OF POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**BM 134.4.1** The matter was deliberated in detail. The Board directed that the benefit of incentive increment to all the employees of IGNOU for acquiring the Post Graduate Diploma in Distance Education (PGDDE), Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE), Degree/Diploma in Management and Degree/Diploma in Computer Programmes and other specified Programmes from the University be discontinued . The Board, however, decided to give full fee exemption for acquiring the above Degrees/Diplomas for the employees of IGNOU.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTIONS OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UNDER CLAUSE (1)(VI)(A) & (C) OF STATUTE 6A OF THE IGNOU ACT**

**BM 134.5.1** The Board co-opted the following two persons as members on the Board of Management under Clause (1)(vi)(a) & (c) of Statute 6A:

- BM 134.5.2**
- (1) Dr. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata [*Under Clause (1)(vi)(a)*]
  - (2) Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, Chairman, National Board of Accreditation ,New Delhi[*Under Clause (1)(vi)(c)*]

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (1)(IV) OF STATUTE 11 OF THE IGNOU ACT**

**BM 134.6.1** The Board nominated Dr. P. Prakash, Member BOM on the Finance Committee under Clause (1)(iv) of Statute 11 of the IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 7 TO REPORT THE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE (1)(VI) OF STATUTE 11 OF THE IGNOU ACT MADE AS PER THE MHRD LETTER NO.F.5-130/2007-DL DT.02.04.2019 CONCERNING THE NOMINATIONS OF THE JOINT SECRETARY/ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MHRD (DEALING WITH IGNOU) AND THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR, MHRD ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS EX-OFFICIO VISITOR'S NOMINEES**

**BM 134.7.1** The Board noted that as per the MHRD letter No.F.5-130/2007-DL dated 02.04.2019, the amendments to Clause (1)(vi) of Statute 11 of the IGNOU Act have been notified vide notification No.IG/Admn.(G)/FC/2012/227 dt.23.4.2019 (**Appendix-3**).

**BM 134.7.2** The Board directed that the amendments be got published in the Gazette of India as per Section 40 of the IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 8 TO REVIEW THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE PRESCRIBED FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, COMPUTER DIVISION IN THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 134.8.1** The Board perused the proposed qualification for the post of Director, Computer Division and suggested that this should be in the line with the qualification, age etc. prevalent in other central Universities. The Board further desired that this position should be filled up on deputation basis for a period of 3 years. The maximum permissible age for submitting application be 57.

**BM 134.8.2** Accordingly, the Board authorized the Chairman, BOM/Vice Chancellor to make suitable changes in the proposed qualification for the post of Director, Computer Division.

**ITEM NO. 9 TO REPORT THE SIGNING OF AN MOU WITH FOOD INDUSTRY CAPACITY & SKILL INITIATIVE (FICSI) TO CREATE AN ECO-SYSTEM, TO STRENGTHEN THE SKILL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND VALUE ADDITION IN THEIR**

## **ACTIVITIES THROUGH MUTUAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**

**BM 134.9.1** The Board noted the signing of an MOU with Food Industry Capacity & Skill Initiative (FICSI) to create eco-system to strengthen the skill development activities and value addition in their activities through mutual academic collaboration.

**BM 134.9.2** The Board directed that the Clause 13 of the said MOU be adopted as a standard practice of all MOUs to be signed by IGNOU in future.

### **ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE REPLIES RECEIVED FROM DR. A.N. TRIPATHI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR & SHRI SHER SINGH, ARD ON THE INQUIRY REPORT SUBMITTED BY SHRI A.N. BOKSHI, INQUIRY OFFICER**

**BM 134.10.1** Director, ACD was invited to present this Item. He briefed the Board about the matter. The matter was discussed and deliberated in detail.

**BM 134.10.2** The Board noted from page 17 of the Enquiry Report that Dr. A.N. Tripathi failed to exercise supervisory control over the staff attached with B.Ed examination process. The Inquiry Officer further concludes that it could not be said whether it was designed with a *mala fide* intention for gains. Further, the aspect of any allegation of bribery is not concluded by the Inquiry Officer. The Inquiry Officer however, has concluded that the charges are proved.

**BM 134.10.3** It is understood that Dr. A.N. Tripathi is retiring in June 2019. In normal circumstances, a person with deficient supervisory control would normally be transferred to another place unless there is a loss of reputation or finance to the employer (IGNOU in this case). Since he is retiring now, the aspect of transferring him to another place does not serve any organizational purpose.

In the light of fact given that he failed to exercise his supervisory control, the Board of Management as the Disciplinary Authority decides that Dr. A.N. Tripathi

should be censured for his failure to exercise the adequate supervisory control.

**BM 134.10.4** As regards Shri Sher Singh, the Board noted that the Inquiry Officer has noted that none of the candidates deposed before the Committee has given any evidence for charges of financial impropriety against Shri Sher Singh. However, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that an admission activity called daily allotment sheet was not prepared. Accordingly, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that Shri Sher Singh did not perform his duty in a manner expected of him.

**BM 134.10.5** It is thus concluded by BoM that there has not been any breach of financial integrity by Shri Sher Singh. However, he could not rise to the occasion of meeting the professional expectation. In the light of this, it is in the fitness of justice that Shri Sher Singh be censured for his failure to perform his professional duty at the level expected of him.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO ACCEPT THE TECHNICAL RESIGNATION TENDERED BY DR. BABU P REMESH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOITDS SO AS TO ENABLE HIS ABSORPTION AS PROFESSOR IN AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY, DELHI (AUD) W.E.F. 01.08.2016**

**BM 134.11.1** The Board accepted the request of Dr. Babu P Remesh, Associate Professor for accepting his technical resignation and release of terminal benefits as admissible under the Rules.

**ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF DR. S. KISHORE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, RC CHENNAI FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 134.12.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. S. Kishore, Regional Director, RC Chennai for voluntary retirement from the services of the University.

**ITEM NO. 13 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT/GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS/CENTRES**

**BM 134.13.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving charge of Directorship of following Schools/ Divisions/Centres to the following Teacher/Academic as per details given below:

#	Name of the Teacher/Academic	School/ Division/Centre/ Unit/Cell	Period of Appointment/ Charge given
1.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal Professor, SOSS	Centre for Online Education	30.01.2019 to Till further orders
2.	Prof. CRK Murthy Professor, STRIDE	Research Unit (RU)	20.02.2019 to Till further orders
3.	Dr. OP Dewal Associate Professor	School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)	25.02.2019 to 24.02.2022
4	Dr. Pankaj Khare Deputy Director, P&DD	Planning and Documentation Division (P&DD)	01.03.2019 to Till further orders
5	Prof. BB Khanna Professor SOMS	International Division	01.03.2019 to Till further orders
6	Dr. Bharat Bhushan Deputy Director	Student Support Centre (SSC)	05.03.2019 to Till further orders

**BM 134.13.2** The Chairman also informed the Board that the charge of Director, School of Foreign Languages has been given to Prof. Nandini Sahu, Professor of English, SOH w.e.f. 30.4.2019, as the present Director Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta is superannuating in August, 2019.

**BM 134.13.3** The Board ratified the actions taken by the Vice Chancellor in giving charge of Directorship.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF DR. MASOOD PRAVEEZ, SR. REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO RELIEVE HIM WITH LIEN FOR TWO YEARS TO ENABLE HIM TO JOIN AS PROFESSOR IN JAMIA HAMDARD**

**BM 134.14.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Masood Praveez to relieve him with lien for two years to enable him to join as Professor in Jamia Hamdard.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO EXAMINE THE VALIDITY OF ALLEGATION AND COUNTER ALLEGATION MADE BY DR. S. NEETHIRAJAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND SHRI S. SAUNAND, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE - BHAGALPUR AGAINST EACH OTHER**

**BM 134.15.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board directed that the matter be sent to CVO, IGNOU for examination.

**ITEM NO. 16 TO RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC), A STANDING COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MADE AT ITS 44<sup>TH</sup> AND 45<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS HELD ON 08.01.2019 AND 10.4.2019 RESPECTIVELY**

**BM 134.16.1** The Board ratified the recommendations of the Student Services Committee, a Standing Committee of the BOM made at its 44<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> meetings held on 8.1.2019 and 19.4.2019 respectively.

**ITEM NO. 17 TO PRESENT A STATUS REPORT OF REGIONAL CENTRES AND LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES AND MEASURES FOR ENHANCING THE GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO (GER) IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**BM 134.17.1** The Board perused the Status Report of Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres alongwith measures for

enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education. The Joint Secretary, MHRD stated to the Board that IGNOU enrolls 6 lacs students annually at present. He further said that the Ministry expects that this figure needs to be enhanced upto 30 lacs by the year 2024. He further informed that the Govt. may consider to allot the extra funds to meet the target. In this respect, to meet the extra enrollment under EWS Scheme, a sum of Rs 75 crore has already been sanctioned under “capital” to expand the initial enrollment by 1.5 lakh at the end of 2020-21 session. The Joint Secretary urged that the Detailed Project Report for the sanctioned sum be prepared by the University and submit the same to the MHRD at the earliest. The MHRD also advised the University to fill up the teaching and non-teaching positions falling vacant in the University on priority basis and also expand the base of its Study Centres who meets the basic learning requirements of students.

**ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER RENAMING OF INTER-UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR TECHNOLOGY ENABLED FLEXIBLE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (IUC-TEFED) AS CENTRE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION (COE)**

**BM 134.18.1** The Board was informed that this matter was considered and approved by the Planning Board of the University in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26.4.2019 vide Item No.8.

**BM 134.18.2** The Board noted the same and approved the renaming of Inter University Consortium for Technology Enabled Flexible Education and Development (IUC-TEFED) as the Centre for Online Education (COE).

**ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS) PROMOTION/ PLACEMENT OF TEACHING/ ACADEMIC/ POSITIONS**

**BM 134.19.1** The Chairman informed the Board that the University has received a letter from the MHRD vide No.5-39/2012-DL dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 on the framing of Ordinances on (i) Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and (ii) Career

Advancement Scheme of Academics in IGNOU. The contents of same were read out by the Chairman. In this regard, it is informed that all the necessary details in the matter as desired by the President's Secretariat will be furnished to the MHRD for further necessary action at their end.

**BM 134.19.2** In view of the above, the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings for CAS promotion/placement of teaching/academic positions were not taken up.

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE POSTS OF FINANCE OFFICER, REGISTRAR (MPDD), REGISTRAR (SRD), REGISTRAR (SED) AND REGISTRAR (ADMINISTRATION) UNDER STATUTE 12(2)(II)(D) & (E) OF THE IGNOU ACT**

**BM 134.20.1** At the time of deliberation of this Item, the Secretary, BOM Ms. Vidya Sonal, Registrar (Admn.) I/c withdrew herself for this Item as she has applied for the above mentioned post(s).

**BM 134.20.2** The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate the members on the Selection Committee for appointment of the Finance Officer and Registrars under Statute 12(2)(ii)(d) & (e) of the IGNOU Act.

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEM**

**ITEM NO.21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PART-MINUTES OF 96<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 01.05.2019 IN RESPECT OF ITEM NOS.3 & 6**

**BM 134.21.1** The Board considered and approved the Part-Minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.05.2019 in respect of Item Nos. 3 & 6.

The Board also confirmed the above resolution and directed to take further action accordingly.

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

**(Nageshwar Rao)**  
Chairman