

**Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Court held on 23rd March 2018 at
11:00 am in Banquet Hall of Denzong Regency, Gangtok**

1st meeting of the Court was held on Friday, 23rd March 2018 at 11:00 am in Banquet Hall of Denzong Regency, Gangtok. The following members were present:

1. Justice (Retd) Mrs. Ruma Pal
Chancellor - Chairperson
2. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang
Vice-Chancellor - Member
3. Dr.Sankar Nath Mukhopadhyay,
Chancellor, Techno Global University
Shillong, Meghalaya - Member
4. Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma
Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University
Kurukshetra, Haryana - Member
5. Prof. G.P. Prasain, Professor
Department of Commerce
Manipur University
Imphal, Manipur - Member
6. Maj Gen (Retd) Ashok Kumar Sen
Educationist & HRM&D
Kolkata - Member
7. Prof. Binayak S. Choudhury
Professor, Department of Mathematics
Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology,
Shibpur, Howrah, W.B. - Member
8. Prof. Padmakar Tripathi
Former Registrar and Dean,
College of Agriculture
Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture & Technology
Faizabad, U.P. - Member
9. Prof. Nikhilesh Guha,
Former Professor, Department of History
Kalyani University
Kalyani, W.B. - Member
10. Dr. Dhanpat Ram Agarwal
Economist & Financial Analyst
Kolkata, W.B. - Member

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| 11. Dr. Nagaraj Rao Havaldar
Hindustani Classical Vocalist
Sunanda Art Foundation
Bengaluru, Karnataka | - | Member |
| 12. Dr. Amitabh Mishra
Neuro Surgeon & Proprietor
Sanjeevani Neuro & Multi Speciality Hospital
Siliguri, W.B. | - | Member |
| 13. Sh. H.B. Kazmi
Secretary, Yadgar-E-Husaini Society
Allahabad, U.P. | - | Member |
| 14. Dr. Vishesh Kumar Gupta
Principal, Maharaja Harishchandra P.G. College
Moradabad, U.P. | - | Member |
| 15. Dr. M.P. Kharel
OSD, HRDD, GoS
Gangtok, Sikkim | - | Member |
| 16. Dr. Prajna Paramita Sarkar
Associate Professor, Department of History
Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College
Coochbehar, W.B. | - | Member |
| 17. Dr. Indira Javed
Associate Professor, Department of English
Sarojini Naidu Government Girls PG College
Bhopal, M.P. | - | Member |
| 18. Dr. Partha Pratim Paul
Assistant Professor, Department of Law
Assam University
Silchar, Assam | - | Member |
| 19. Sh. Narayan Sharma
Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali
Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing,
Sikkim | - | Member |
| 20. Shri T.K. Kaul
Registrar, Sikkim University | - | Member-
Secretary |

Regrets were received from the following members:

1. Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, W.B

2. Dr. Padma Subramanyam, Director, Nrityodaya, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
3. Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh
4. Prof. Adya Prasad Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University Imphal, Manipur
5. Sh. Sukamal Chandra Basu, Former Chairman & Managing Director, Bank of Maharashtra, Thane, Maharashtra
6. Dr. Sarup Prasad Gosh, Registrar, Techno India College of Technology, Kolkata, W.B
7. Prof. Achintya Biswas, Professor, Department of Bengali, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
8. Dr. Pranav Kumar Chatterjee, Former Director, Directorate of State Archives, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata, W.B.
9. Prof. Ramesh K. Gautam, Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, Delhi
10. Prof. Balvant Jani, Former Vice-Chancellor, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Rajkot, Gujarat
11. Sh. Sonam Lhendup, General Secretary, Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Association Delhi

Following Special Invitees were present in the meeting:

1. Sh. Debashish Pal, Finance Officer
2. Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, Controller of Examinations
3. Prof. A.S. Chandel, Librarian
4. Prof. Irshad Gulam Ahmed, Dean School of Languages & Literature
5. Prof. V. Rama Devi, Dean, School of Professional Studies
6. Prof. Nawal K. Paswan, Dean, School of Social Sciences
7. Dr. Subir Mukhopadhyay, Dean, School of Physical Sciences
8. Dr. K. R. Rama Mohan, Dean, School of Human Sciences

The Chancellor of the University and the Chairperson of the Court welcomed all members to the first Court meeting. It was followed by the introduction session. Member Secretary introduced himself, Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor to the members. Thereafter other members gave their self-introduction.

The Chairperson then started the proceedings as per the agenda items.

SECTION-1
CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Since this being the first meeting of the Court there is no confirmation of the minutes of earlier meeting and Action taken Report

SECTION-2
REPORTING ITEMS

CT1.2.1: A report on the working of the University during 2016-17

The Chairperson requested the Vice-Chancellor to present the report on the working of the University during 2016-17.

The Vice-Chancellor presented the report of the University by a power point presentation. After the presentation of the report some members sought clarifications on some points and some suggestions were also given.

Clarifications sought pertained to the construction of campus, availability of funds, infrastructure facilities around Yangang ie, Road connectivity, Water and Electricity supply. Some members suggested to start courses on Sanskrit, Physical Education, Fine Arts and even starting a Medical College, establishing Cell for disabled and conducting awareness programmes on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

All members were unanimous that the UGC may make sufficient funds available to the University for completion of campus so that the University can shift from the present rented buildings to its permanent campus.

SECTION-3
RATIFICATION MATTERS

CT1.3.1: Annual Report 2016-17

The Court was informed that the Annual Report 2016-17 has been prepared under the directions of the Executive Council and approved by it in its 29th meeting held on 1st Dec 2017. The Annual Report has been sent to the MHRD on 30th Jan 2018 for laying before both the Houses of the Parliament.

A brief about the Annual Report 2016-17 was given to the members. Members of the Court appreciated the work done by the Editorial Committee in collection of information, compiling data for the Annual Report 2016-17. The members suggested to give data about placements in the Annual Report. Annual Report 2016-17 as sent to the MHRD for laying before both the houses of Parliament was ratified.

CT1.3.2: Annual Accounts 2016-17 of the University and Audit Report

The Court was informed that the Annual Accounts 2016-17 has been prepared under the directions of the Finance Committee and the Executive Council and after its approval by the Executive Council was audited by the AG, Sikkim on behalf of C&AG. The Annual Accounts 2016-17 alongwith the audit report was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on authorization from the Executive Council in its 29th meeting held on 1st Dec 2017 on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Annual Accounts alongwith the audit report has been sent to the MHRD for laying before both the houses of Parliament.

A brief about the Annual Accounts 2016-17 and the audit report on it was given to the members by the Finance Officer. Members of the Court appreciated the work done by the staff members in compiling Annual Accounts 2016-17. However, a few members desired to know if there were some adverse observations by the audit. The members were informed that there are no major adverse observations by the audit.

A few members suggested that Internal Audit be carried out on quarterly basis. Suggestions about strengthening Internal Control System and carrying out Physical verification of assets regularly were given on the annual accounts. The Court was informed that Physical verification of assets are carried out regularly every year. Variation Report is also prepared on the basis of physical verification report. That report helps in reconciliation of mis-classified assets. The Court was informed that at the time audit on the accounts of 2016-17, physical verification of assets was going on and hence the report could not be presented at that time. As such there is an observation about it in the audit report.

To a question of Investment of Rs. 26.56 cr, the Court was informed that expenditure takes place gradually and the grant which is not expendable immediately is put in fixed deposit in the bank for earning better rate of interest.

SECTION-4 MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

CT1.4.1: Nomination of a member to the Finance Committee

The members were informed by the Chairperson that as per Statute 17(1)(iii), the Court has to nominate one person to the Finance Committee. She also asked the Vice-Chancellor to apprise the members about the difficulty being faced in having quorum for the Finance Committee. The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about difficulty in convening meetings of the Finance Committee at Gangtok and also the difficulty in having quorum even when meeting is convened at Delhi. He informed the members that at present there are seven members in the Finance Committee out of which five members present will form the quorum for the meeting.

It was suggested that each member may suggest a name to the Vice-Chancellor by e-mail and then the Vice-Chancellor may be authorized to choose amongst those names in consultation with the Chancellor.

Some of the members did not agree with the suggestion and desired to discuss the name in the meeting. After long deliberations, there was consensus on the name of Dr. Dhanpat Ram Agarwal, a member of the Court for being nominated to the Finance Committee. He assured the Court that he would make himself available for the meetings of the Finance Committee.

CT1.4.2: Regulations on conduct of meetings of the Court

Draft Regulations on conduct of the meetings of the Court was discussed clause by clause and a few modifications were suggested by the members which were incorporated. Some members also suggested to hold meetings of the Court at least twice in a year.

Regulations as placed at **Annexure-1** to these minutes were finally approved for conduct of the meetings of the Court.

SECTION- 5 ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

CT1.5.1: The Chairperson opened the session for suggestions and advice from the members. Following suggestions/ advice were given:

- i) To start courses which have potential for employment
- ii) For future course of development of the University, a high power committee to be constituted.
- iii) Advisory Committee to be constituted for assessing the strengths of the University so that its ranking can improve. Brain storming sessions can also be organised.
- iv) Starting Centres of Excellence in areas which are indigenous.
- v) Developing infrastructure facilities.

Thereafter Heads of Administration and the Deans gave a brief account of their respective departments and Schools.

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

**Sd/-
(Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang)
Vice-Chancellor**

**Sd/-
(T.K.Kaul)
Registrar &
Member Secretary**