



RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

(Established under the Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)

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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Urgent meeting of RGNUL Academic Council held on 10th May 2020 through On-Line Mode.

Following members were present (online)

(1)	PROFESSOR (DR.) PARAMJIT S. JASWAL Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Chairperson
(2)	PROFESSOR (DR.) FAIZAN MUSTAFA Vice Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad	Member
(3)	PROFESSOR (DR.) HARPREET KAUR Director, Centre for Corporate Law and Governance National Law University, New Delhi	Member
(4)	PROFESSOR (DR.) MEENA SEHGAL Former Chairperson, Department of Psychology, Panjab University Campus, Chandigarh	Member (Conveyed her approval through text message)
(5)	MR. KARANJIT SINGH Chairman, State Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh – 160 022	Member (Conveyed his acceptance to the proposal through telephone during the meeting)
(6)	PROFESSOR (DR.) ANAND PAWAR Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
(7)	DR. SHARANJIT Associate Professor of Law, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
(8)	DR. JASLEEN KEWLANI Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member

(9)	PROFESSOR (DR.) NARESH KUMAR VATS Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, Patiala	Member
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Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal welcomed the members and thanked them for joining Urgent On-Line Meeting of RGNUL Academic Council during lockdown period.

ITEM (1) To consider and confirm the recommendation of RGNUL Covid-19 Committee proposed in its meeting dated 09th May 2020 (Annexure-1)

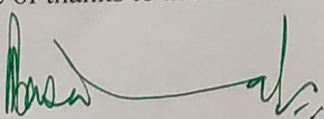
Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that RGNUL Academic Council in its meeting dated 6th May 2020 had approved the recommendations of RGNUL Covid-19 Committee to hold online examination of outgoing students i.e. X-Semester of B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course and LL.M. (Post graduate) One Year Course. The modalities were to be worked out by RGNUL COVID-19 Committee and that in compliance of the decision of Academic Council, University had notified the conduct of online examination to the students vide notice on University website.

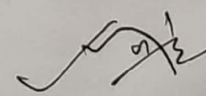
Vice-Chancellor informed the members that after the decision of the Academic Council in its meeting dated 06th May 2020, Government of Punjab declared summer vacations in all Government Universities and Colleges from 15th May 2020 to 15th June 2020. Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that various students have also raised concerns about on-line examinations owing to erratic and unstable internet connections and other factors. Keeping in view these factors, RGNUL Covid-19 Committee has reconsidered and recommended that in compliance with the orders of Government of Punjab, summer vacations be declared from 15th May 2020 to 15th June 2020 and the on-line examination proposed to held in May/June 2020 be postponed.

Decision :

Hon'ble members of the Academic Council, after thoughtful consideration, unanimously approved all the proposals of the RGNUL COVID-19 Committee and resolved that on-line examinations be postponed and that University shall observe summer vacations from 15th May 2020 to 15th June 2020 in accordance with the directions of Government of Punjab.

Vice Chancellor thanked the Hon'ble members for their valuable inputs in the course of discussions and for sparing valuable time during the lockdown period. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


VICE-CHANCELLOR


REGISTRAR

Proceedings of RGNUL Covid 19 Committee Meeting dated 9th May 2020

Urgent meeting of RGNUL COVID 19 Committee was called up to discuss the emergent situation during Lockdown amidst COVID 19 pandemic.

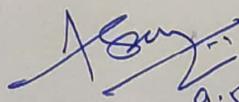
COVID 19 Committee had recommended in its meeting on 01st May 2020 that examinations will be held for all the classes. Students of first four years shall be promoted to next class. However, they shall be required to clear the examination which will be held once the lockdown is completely lifted. Committee had recommended that examination of crucial classes i.e. B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Final year and LL.M. (One Year Course) exams shall be conducted online. Recommendations were made keeping in view the recommendations of UGC Expert Committee and the recommendations of Expert Panel of Punjab Government contained in Exit Strategy for Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions (especially point number 7.4.3 at page 39 of the Report). Accordingly, Committee had Recommended for holding online examinations for outgoing students to protect the academic interest of the students so as to ensure that the outgoing students can go for job/higher education etc immediately and without delay. The recommendation of the Covid-19 Committee was approved by RGNUL, Academic Council in its meeting dated 6th May 2020.

However, after the decision was approved, two major developments have taken place.

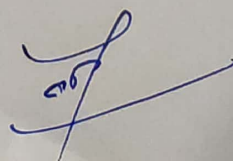
Firstly, the notification of Punjab Government memo no. E1/Sp./2020/1044 dated 07th May 2020 has been issued declaring summer vacations in all Government Colleges and Universities of Punjab from 15th May to 15th June 2020. Though the letter from the Department of Higher Education, Government of Punjab is addressed to the Vice-Chancellors of Guru Nanak Dev University, Panjab University and Punjabi University, however, University authorities have received telephones from the administration i.e. from Deputy Commissioner, Patiala and Department of Higher Education regarding summer vacations and restraint in conducting examinations during lockdown period.

Secondly, students have also claimed that during lockdown period internet is unstable and erratic and therefore, there might be problems in appearing in online examinations. Students have also raised other issues regarding examinations.

Keeping in view the above circumstances, RGNUL COVID 19 Committee is of the considered view that online examination for outgoing students can not be held before 15th May in anycase. Further from 15th May 2020 to 15th June 2020, as per the notification of Punjab Government, there shall be summer vacations and accordingly, COVID 19 committee unanimously recommends that in compliance of the decision of the Punjab Government, examination of outgoing students shall be postponed till the end of summer vacations. The decision regarding the examination of all the classes

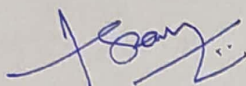

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(including outgoing classes) and the modalities thereof shall be taken after 15th June 2020 after taking holistic view of the circumstances.

The Committee also recommends that Vice-Chancellor may be requested to apprise the Chancellor and the University bodies regarding the recommendation of COVID 19 Committee and the appropriate decision may be taken by the University authorities before the beginning of summer vacations and students be notified of the same.



Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar

Prof. (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats

(Agreed and approved in online meeting)

Dr. Kamaljit Kaur

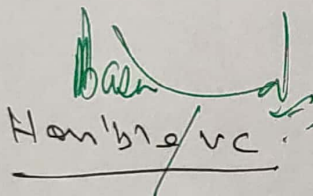
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Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma

Dr. Brindpreet Kaur

(Agreed and approved in online meeting)

Dr. Vipin Kumar



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