

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

(Established under Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006)
(Accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC)

PROCEEDING

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Academic Council of RGNUL, Punjab, held on 19th June, 2020 at 11:00 am through On-Line Mode.

Chairperson

Following members were present (Online):

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad

National Law University, New Delhi

RGNUL, Patiala

Professor (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal
 Vice-Chancellor,
 RGNUL, Patiala

2. Professor (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa Member Vice-Chancellor,

3. Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur
Professor of Law and Director,
Centre for Corporate Law and Governance,

4. Professor (Dr.) Meena Sehgal Member
Former Chairperson, Department of Psychology,
Panjab University Campus, Chandigarh

Member
(Through Audio Mode)

5. Mr. Karanjit Singh Member
Chairman, State Bar Council Punjab & Haryana,
Chandigarh. (Through Audio Mode)

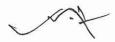
6. Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar
Professor of Law,
RGNUL, Patiala

7. Dr. Sharanjit
Associate Professor of Law,

8. Dr. Vipan Kumar Goyal Member
Assistant Professor of Law,
RGNUL, Patiala

9. Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats
Registrar,
RGNUL, Patiala.

Professor (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson) welcomed the Hon'ble Members and thanked them for joining On-Line Meeting of the RGNUL Academic Council during the period of COVID-19 Pandemic.



ITEM (1) To confirm of the proceedings of the previous meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.01.2020 (Annexure-1)

The Vice-Chancellor read out the Proceedings and Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the Academic Council which was held on 25.01.2020.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the Proceedings and Action Taken Report of the previous meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.01.2020 (Annexure-1) and unanimously resolved to approve the same.

ITEM (2) To confirm the recommendations of Academic Planning Board made in its meeting held on 19.06.2020 (Annexure-2).

The Vice-Chancellor read out the recommendations (item-wise) of the Academic Planning Board which was held on 19.06.2020.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the recommendation of the Academic Planning Board which was held on 19.06.2020 (Annexure-2) and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To adopt the UGC Letter D.O.No.F.21-13/2019(CPP-II) dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure-3), to Award degree only within the Framework of Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, which is reproduced below:

The Vice-Chancellor read out that RGNUL, Punjab, is presently running the course *i.e.*, B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Five Year Integrated Course, LL.M. (Post-Graduate) One Year Course and Ph.D. Research in Law, Humanity Social Science and Literature and Post-Doctoral Research. All the courses are leading to the recognized Degree as per UGC. The letter received from UGC on 20.01.2020 as reproduced here under:

- The right of conferring of granting degrees shall be exercised only by a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act or an institution deemed to be a University under Section 3 or an Institution specially empowered by an Act of Parliament to confer or grant degrees.
- Save as provide in sub-section (1) no person or authority shall confer, or grant, or hold himself/herself for itself out a entitled to confer or grant, any degree.
- For the purpose of this section 'degree' means any such degree as may be with the previous approval of the Central Government, be specified in this behalf by the Commission by notification in the official Gazette.

The Commission has been time and again requesting the Universities to award degrees only within the framework of Section 22 of the UGC Act. The consolidated list of UGC approved nomenclature of degree(s) for the purpose of Section 22(3) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 is available on the UGC website.

It has observed that some Universities/Institutions are awarding unspecified degrees leading to litigations and different problems for the students conferred with such degrees. The universities are



once again requested to abide by the provision of Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 and award only such degree as have been specified by the UGC.

If University wishes to award a degree other than the specified by the UGC, it shall approach the UGC for its approval six months prior to starting the degree programme with full justification on the course to be started.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the UGC Letter D.O.No.F.21-13/2019(CPP-II) dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure-3), to Award degree only within the Framework of Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, which is reproduced above. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members noted that the nomenclature of the Degrees being awarded by the RGNUL are in consonance with UGC guidelines and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (4) To consider amendment in the RGNUL Regulations relating to counting of the tenure of Ph.D. Course at RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that RGNUL in consonance with the guidelines and directions issued by the University Grants Commission has incorporated provisions relating to Ph.D. Course at RGNUL, Punjab in the RGNUL Ph.D. Regulation 2017.

The duration of the course prescribed in rule 9 of RGNUL, Ph.D. Regulation 2017 is as follows:

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

(i) The minimum and maximum time permissible for completion of the Ph.D. Degree shall be respectively as under:

Minimum period shall be Three years and Maximum Six years for both categories i.e., parttime and whole time researchers.

- (ii) The duration of the Ph.D. Programme and the time for submission of the thesis shall be counted from the date of Registration of the candidate.
- (iii) The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for upto 240 days.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of RGNUL has received a mail from the Coordinator Ph.D. suggesting that researchers have raised their concerns about counting of the period for the Ph.D. Course at RGNUL, Punjab at present is from the date of Registration instead of date of enrollment.

They have requested that due to procedural formalities sometimes the period from enrollment to registration is unreasonably extended due to multiple reasons because of that the researchers have to suffer and sometimes have to apply for extension. Therefore, this period should be counted from date of enrollment instead of date of Registration of the candidate to avoid the procedural delay. Accordingly an amendment is required in Regulation 9(ii) and the word "Registration" is to be replaced by the word "Enrollment".



Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the proposed amendment in the RGNUL Regulations relating to counting of the tenure of Ph.D. Course at RGNUL, Punjab, from the date of enrolment as given above. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To consider the request of Ms. Deepti Singla, Ph.D. Researcher (Full Time), RGNUL, Punjab for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/- for the extended period for submission of Ph.D. Thesis due to Covid -19 situations.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that:

- 1. Ms. Deepti Singla, Ph.D. Researcher (Full Time), was registered for the Ph.D. Programme at RGNUL on 20.04.2013, under the learned supervision of Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Professor of Law, RGNUL (Supervisor) on the Research Topic "Scientific Techniques in Investigation of Crimes: A Study with Special Reference to DNA Techniques and Its Admissibility in Court". After getting registered for Ph.D., the researcher qualified for JRF and joined as JRF on 16.02.2015. She completed two years tenures as JRF on 15.02.2017 and she was upgraded from JRF to SRF w.e.f. 16.02.2017 for next three years.
- 2. As per aforesaid status the UGC fellowship (SRF) of Ms. Deepti Singla was available upto 15.02.2020. However RGNUL Regulations on Ph.D. Programme 2010 provided for maximum period as five years. RGNUL has revised the Ph.D. Program Regulations in 2017, wherein the maximum period for completion of Ph.D. work is Six years. If considered under new Regulations, Ms. Deepti Singla could proceed with her work upto 20.04.2019. But after she enrolled for UGC (JRF) since UGC granted her fellowship upto 15.02.2020 for completion of research work by Ms. Deepti Singla upto 15.02.2020
- The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve the grant of First Extension from 16.02.2020 to 15.08.2020. The Hon'ble Members of the Executive Council perused the recommendations of the Academic Council, and unanimously resolved to approve the same. (see Annexure-4)
- 4. Ms. Deepti Singla, will be governed by RGNUL Ph.D. Regulation 2010. As per RGNUL Ph.D. Regulation 2010 the Maximum period for Ph.D. Programme is Five Years and in exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, if deems it fit, may extend the period by six months at a time subject to maximum of two years. Thereafter, the registration of the candidate shall be deemed to be cancelled. For every extension, the candidate shall pay to the University, prescribed fee (i.e. Rs. 8000/-).
- Ms. Deepti Singla, Ph.D. Researcher has submitted a request through her e-mail dated May 19, 2020 for the extension for a period of 2/6 months. She has given Pre-Submission Seminar Presentation in the end of August (see Annexure-5). She has requested for further extension of 2 Month for her Ph.D. Submission.
- As per UGC XIth Plan Guidelines Junior Research Fellowship in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences under clause 14 (iii)

The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the Commission will be final and binding. The tenure of the fellowship is for five years from the date of joining, subject to satisfactory progress report of the Fellow or submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier. No extension is permissible beyond the total tenure of five years and the awardee ceases to be a UGC JRF/SRF

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7. However, the UGC vide its Guidelines of April, 2020 under clause 13 during Covid-19 state that, "The extension of six months may also be considered for those students who are yet to submit their Thesis" (see Annexure-6).

The case is placed before the Academic Council for kind consideration and approval of the request for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/-.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Ms. Deepti Singla, Ph.D. Researcher (Full Time), RGNUL, Punjab for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/- for the extended period for submission of Ph.D. Thesis due to Covid-19 situations, as given above. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that late fee of Rs. 8000/- be waived. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To consider the request of Ms. Shikha Dewan, Ph.D. Researcher, RGNUL, Punjab, for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/- for the extended period for submission of Ph.D. Thesis due to Covid -19 situations.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Ms. Shikha Dewan, Ph.D. Researcher was registered for the Ph.D. Programme at RGNUL on 20.04.2013, under the learned supervision of Professor (Dr.) G.I.S. Sandhu (Retd.) (Supervisor) on the Research Topic "CORPORATE MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS IN INDIA: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO COMPETITION ACT, 2002". However she has already consumed all extensions period (i.e. maximum 2 years). Now, she has submitted an application of the extension of Covid-19 for a period Six Months for Submission of Ph.D. Thesis research work (Annexure – 7).

As per regulation 12 of the Ph.D. Regulation 2010:

In exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, if deems it fit, may extend the period by six months at a time subject to maximum of two years i.e. which she will be completing on 19.04.2020. Thereafter, the registration of the candidate shall be deemed to be cancelled. However, for every extension, the candidate shall pay to the University the prescribed fee.

However, the UGC vide its Guidelines April, 2020 under clause 13 during Covid-19 state that, "The extension of six months may also be considered for those students who are yet to submit their Thesis" (see Annexure-8).

The case was submitted to the worthy Vice-Chancellor to allow her the extension as per UGC guidelines of April, 2020. Her request was considered by the Vice-Chancellor as a special case and allowed the extension of period for completion of her Ph.D. Research Work upto 19.10.2020. However, the UGC guidelines are silent as to the late fee.

The case is placed before the Academic Council for kind consideration and approval of the request for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/-.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Ms. Shikha Dewan, Ph.D. Researcher, RGNUL, Punjab, for waiving of late fee of Rs. 8000/- for the extended period for submission of Ph.D. Thesis due to Covid-19



situations, as given above. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that late fee of Rs. 8000/- be waived. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (7) To consider the request of Dr. B.A. Rajwade, Assistant Professor of Law, Army Institute of Law, Mohali for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Applicant Dr. B.A. Rajwade, who is presently working as Assistant Professor of Law, Army Institute of Law, Mohali has requested for enrolment for Post-Doctoral Program in Law. He has requested for enrolment in Post-Doctoral Research at RGNUL on the tentative topic, "Idea of Concept of Justice" under the able guidance and supervision of Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Professor of Law and Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The proposal of the above said topic is attached herewith as Annexure-9.

In view of the above, the candidature of Dr. B.A. Rajwade, may be considered for enrolment for the Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.).

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Dr. B.A. Rajwade, Assistant Professor of Law, Army Institute of Law, Mohali, for enrolment for Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that the research proposal be got examined by a committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and if approved by the said committee the item be placed before the Academic Council again. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (8) To consider the request of Dr. P.C. Markanda, Senior Advocate practicing at National (Supreme Court and High Courts and at International Level for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Applicant Dr. P.C. Markanda, Senior Advocate practising at National (Supreme Court and High Courts all over the Country) and International Level, has requested for enrolment for Post-Doctoral Program in Law (LL.D.). He has done LL.D. from Singhania University, Rajasthan. His title of thesis was "Need for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism: A Critique of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996". He has requested for enrolment in Post-Doctoral Research at RGNUL on the tentative topic, "A Need to Revisit Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 with Reference to Consistency in Scrutinizing Arbitral Awards, Damages and Build Confidence Amongst Foreign and Domestic Investors" under the supervision of Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats, Registrar, RGNUL, Punjab. The proposal of the above said topic is attached herewith as Annexure-10.

In view of the above, the candidature of Dr. P.C. Markanda, may be considered for enrolment for the Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.).

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Dr. P.C. Markanda, Senior Advocate practicing at

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National (Supreme Court and High Courts and at International Level for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that the research proposal be got examined by a committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and if approved by the said committee the item be placed before the Academic Council again. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (9) To consider the request of Dr. Pankaj, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Hisar for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Applicant Dr. Pankaj, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Hisar, has requested for enrolment for Post-Doctoral Program in Law (LL.D.) and requested for Registration at RGNUL, Punjab. He has done his Ph.D. on the topic "Right to Information and Freedom of Press" from Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. He is presently serving as Additional District and Session Judge, Hisar. He has also taken permission from the Hon'ble High Court to pursue his Post-Doctoral Research. He wishes to pursue the Post-Doctoral Research on the tentative topic "Legitimate Expectation and Its Impact: A Study" under the joint supervision, Professor (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab and Professor (Dr.) Nishtha Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor of HPNLU, Shimla. The proposal of the above said topic is attached herewith as Annexure-11.

In view of the above, the candidature of Dr. Pankaj, may be considered for enrolment for the Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.).

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Dr. Pankaj, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Hisar for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that the research proposal be got examined by a committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and if approved by the said committee the item be placed before the Academic Council again. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To consider the request of Dr. Sunaina, Assistant Professor of Law, Panjab University SSG Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur, Punjab for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Applicant Dr. Sunaina, who is presently working Assistant Professor of Law, Panjab University SSG Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur, has requested for enrolment in Post-Doctoral Research at RGNUL on the tentative topics, "A Journey from Distributive to Restorative Justice: Emerging Issues and Challenges" Annexure-12.

In view of the above, the candidature of (Dr.) Sunaina, Assistant Professor of Law, may be considered for enrolment for the Post-Doctoral Research (LL.D.).

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Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council considered the request of Dr. Sunaina, Assistant Professor of Law, Panjab University SSG Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur, Punjab, for enrolment for Post-Doctoral research (LL.D.) at RGNUL, Punjab. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved that the research proposal be got examined by a committee to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and if approved by the said committee the item be placed before the Academic Council again. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To note Institution of Gold Medal in the name of Late Harbans Lal Sarin, Senior Advocate, entitled "The Sarin Foundation Best Mooter of the Year" to the student of RGNUL at Annual Convocation.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that:

- The RGNUL Act 2006 sub clause 15 of Section 5. Powers and functions of the University authorises the University to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Prizes and Medals at RGNUL. The objective is to encourage the students of RGNUL to work hard and to achieve academic excellence.
- 2. Mr. M. L. Sarin, has expressed his desire to Institute a Gold Medal in the name of his father Late Harbans Lal, Senior Advocate, who was born on 1st February 1910, practiced as an Advocate from 1932 till 1993 (61 years). He has further stated that it would be appropriate if a medal is got instituted in the name of his father Late Harbans Lal, entitled "The Sarin Foundation Best Mooter of the Year" in the memory of his father's 110th Birth Anniversary.
- 3. He has further requested that the Gold Medal Should be awarded to a students of RGNUL, Punjab who has participated (and preferably won a position) in at least one International and One National Level Moot Court Competition. Mr. Sarin has sponsored the Institution of Gold Medal for the students of RGNUL by donating Rs. 3 Lakhs through Cheque to RGNUL, Punjab.
- 4. The amount received from the donor will remain in fixed deposit and Gold Medal will be awarded from the Interest earned on the fixed deposit which will be conferred at the Annual Convocation.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the Institution of Gold Medal in the name of Late Harbans Lal Sarin, Senior Advocate, entitled "The Sarin Foundation Best Mooter of the Year" to the student of RGNUL at Annual Convocation. The Hon'ble Members appreciated the gesture of Sh. M.L. Sarin, Senior Advocate, for instituting the medal for the "Best Mooter of the Year" in the name of his revered father and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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ITEM (12) To note the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Annexure-13).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

Sections 4(6) and (11) of RGNUL Act provides that :

- 4(6) to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and Abroad.
- 4(11) to do all such things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the University.

"In compliance of the above said provision in RGNUL Act, 2006 the Executive Council in its meeting held on 10.03.2011 (Para 7) authorized the Vice-Chancellor for entering into and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any Institution promoting education and research in India or Abroad for the advancement of the objectives of RGNUL Act, 2006."

In view of the above, the Vice-Chancellor has singed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 9th June, 2020.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab, on 9th June, 2020 (Annexure-13) and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (13) To note the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) Mullana-Ambala and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Annexure-14).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that:

Sections 4(6) and (11) of RGNUL Act provides that :

- 4(6) to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and Abroad.
- 4(11) to do all such things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the University.

"In compliance of the above said provision in RGNUL Act, 2006 the Executive Council in its meeting held on 10.03.2011 (Para 7) authorized the Vice-Chancellor for entering into and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any



Institution promoting education and research in India or Abroad for the advancement of the objectives of RGNUL Act, 2006."

In view of the above, the Vice-Chancellor has singed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) Mullana-Ambala and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 17th June, 2020.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) Mullana-Ambala and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on 17th June, 2020 (Annexure-14) and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (14) To note the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida (Affiliated to GGSIPU University, New Delhi) and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Annexure-15).

The Vice-Chancellor read out that:

Sections 4(6) and (11) of RGNUL Act provides that :

4(6) to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and Abroad.

4(11) to do all such things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the University.

"In compliance of the above said provision in RGNUL Act, 2006 the Executive Council in its meeting held on 10.03.2011 (Para 7) authorized the Vice-Chancellor for entering into and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any Institution promoting education and research in India or Abroad for the advancement of the objectives of RGNUL Act, 2006."

In view of the above, the Vice-Chancellor has singed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida (Affiliated to GGSIPU University, New Delhi) and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab on $8^{\rm th}$ June, 2020.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Delhi Metropolitan Education, Noida (Affiliated to GGSIPU University, New Delhi) and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (Annexure-15) on 8th June, 2020 and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

ITEM (15) To note and approve the uploading of revised Annual Quality Assurance Report.



The Vice-Chancellor read out that Rajiv Gandhi National University of law, Punjab was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the year 2015 with Grade 'A'. The second circle of the accreditation is due in the month of May 2020. The Annual Quality Assurance Report sent to the NAAC, were returned with the observation to resubmit as per revised format.

The NAAC has recently revised the criteria of assessment in December 2019. The date for uploading Annual Quality Assurance Report was extended by UGC due to Covid-19 pandemic and accordingly the revised AQARs of previous years NAAC portal. The revised AQARs for the second circle accreditation, placed for kind perusal and approval please.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the revised Annual Quality Assurance Reports and unanimously resolved to approve the same. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on 18.06.2020 (Annexure-16) for award of Ph.D. Degree to the scholar Ms. Vani Sahi.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that online Ph.D. Viva-voce examination was conducted by the Board of Examiners on 18.06.2020. Board of examiners have submitted their report to Doctoral Committee recommending the Award of Ph.D. Degree to the scholar Ms. Vani Sahi. The online Doctoral Committee under the chairmanship of worthy Vice-Chancellor, in its meetings held on 18.06.2020 at 03:00 PM considered the reports of external examiners of the thesis and Board of Examiners for viva voce examination. The Doctoral Committee has recommended for the award of Ph.D. Degree to the scholar.

Submitted for consideration and approval of the Academic/Executive Council to issue of notification for award of Ph.D. Degree to the scholar Ms. Vani Sahi.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council examined the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee meeting held on 18.06.2020 (Annexure-16) for award of Ph.D. Degree to the Scholar Ms. Vani Sahi. After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members unanimously resolved to approve the award of Ph.D. Degree to Researcher Ms. Vani Sahi. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the Hon'ble members of the Academic Council for their valuable inputs in the meeting and for sparing valuable time during the period of COVID-19 Pandemic. The Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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VICE-CHANCELLOR