



## **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 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 10:30 am through Online Mode.**

**Following members were present (Online) :**

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| 1. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar</b><br>Officiating Vice-Chancellor,<br>RGNUL, Patiala  | <b>Chairperson</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa</b><br>Vice-Chancellor,<br>NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad                              | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur</b><br>Professor of Law and Director,<br>Centre for Corporate Law and Governance, NLU Delhi. | <b>Member</b>   |
| 4. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Meena Sehgal</b><br>Former Chairperson, Department of Psychology,<br>Panjab University Campus, Chandigarh  | <b>Member</b><br><b>(Joined through</b><br><b>Telephonically)</b> |
| 5. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar</b><br>Professor of Law,<br>RGNUL, Patiala   | <b>Member</b>   |
| 6. | <b>Dr. Kamaljit Kaur</b><br>Associate Professor of Law,<br>RGNUL, Patiala   | <b>Member</b>   |
| 7. | <b>Dr. Vipin Kumar Goyal</b><br>Assistant Professor of Law,<br>RGNUL, Patiala   | <b>Member</b>   |
| 8. | <b>Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats</b><br>Officiating Registrar,<br>RGNUL, Patiala.   | <b>Secretary</b>  |

\* Mr. Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman, BCI, New Delhi and Mr. Minderjeet Yadav, Chairman, State Bar Council, Chandigarh, could not join the Meeting.

Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Officiating Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson) welcomed the Hon'ble Members and thanked them for taking out valuable time from their busy schedule to join the online meeting of the RGNUL Punjab.

**ITEM (1) To confirm of the proceedings and Action Taken Report of the previous meetings of the Academic Council held on 22.09.2020 (Annexure-1)**

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the previous meeting of the Academic Council was held on 22.09.2020. As such, the Proceedings and Action Taken Report of the said meeting are placed before the Academic Council for kind perusal and approval please.

**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 22.09.2020 (Annexure-1) and unanimously resolved to approve the same.**

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- ITEM (2)**
- (i) To peruse and approve the Report of the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC), which was held on 13.10.2020 Moderation of Research Methodology for Ph.D. Programme in English Literature and Political Science at RGNUL, Punjab (Annexure-2) and;**
  - (ii) To peruse and approve the recommendation of the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) regarding revised syllabus of the English subject for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem. of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.), Five Year Integrated Course of RGNUL, Punjab (Annexure-3).**

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor nominated the External Experts, Prof. (Dr.) Deepti Gupta Chairperson & Professor of English and Dean International Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Kumar, Lala Lajpat Rai Chair Professor of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, to moderate and evaluate the syllabi of the Research Methodology for Ph.D. Programme in English Literature and Political Science. The syllabus of Research Methodology for Ph.D. Programme in English Literature and Political Science had been moderated by External Experts.

The moderated copies of syllabi were placed before the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) in its meeting held on 13.10.2020 to confirm the report of the External Experts. The Members of the CDC Committee have accepted the Moderated Syllabi of Research Methodology Syllabus of English Literature and Political Science, which was submitted by the External Experts and recommended it to the Academic Council for its approval.

The Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) has recommended the Ist Semester and IInd Semester syllabi of English subject for B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) for restricting into two semesters. Accordingly, the syllabus were sent to external experts of the subject to moderate/revise the syllabi.

The Moderated syllabi of English as received are recommended in its meeting on Jan 29, 2021 by the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) for Semester II of B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) for batch 2020-2021 only.

The Report of the CDC Committee is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for kind approval, please.

**Decision :**

**After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve recommendations of the Curriculum Development Committee (CDC). And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.**

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ITEM (3)

To consider the request of Ph.D./LL.D. Research Scholars for approval of the Extension of Six Months for Submission of Ph.D./LL.D. Thesis.

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

1. Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ph.D. Researcher, was registered for Ph.D. Programme at RGNUL on 18.05.2015, under the learned supervision of Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL (Supervisor) on the Research Topic "PROTECTION SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST AND THE LAW: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY".

Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ph.D. Researcher has submitted request for his Ph.D. Research Work is almost completed and in the stage of finalization. His learned supervisor (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL has recommended that the extension may be granted of Six months due to Covid-19 Pandemic, as per UGC Guidelines. The candidate has also submitted his Ph.D. thesis recently.

2. Ms. Rajwanti, Ph.D. Researcher, was registered for Ph.D. Programme at RGNUL on 18.05.2015, under the learned supervision of Dr. Renuka Soni, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL (Supervisor) on the Research Topic "RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: A STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL OFFENCES".

Ms. Rajwanti, Ph.D. Researcher has submitted request for six months extension. Her learned supervisor (Dr. Renuka Soni, Assistant Professor of Law, RGNUL has recommended that the extension may be granted of Six months due to Covid-19 Pandemic, as per UGC Guidelines.

3. Dr. Gyanendra Kumar Sharma was enrolled as Post-Doctoral Research Scholar at RGNUL, Punjab on 2015. In this regard, he has requested for two years additional time for the purpose of submitting my thesis for Post-Doctoral Research vide letter No. 838/02-1/2019 dated 07.12.2020. He has requested that due to crises for Covid-19 Corona virus Pandemic, no administrative and research activity was possible during that period. The situation is not still sound to resume the research activities. Considering the constraints mentioned in my previous letter and in this letter, it is requested that two years additional time for completion of Post-Doctoral Research.

As per the UGC Guideline April, 2020 and Dec 2020 the UGC has relaxed the time for submission of Ph.D. Thesis due to Covid-19 Pandemic till 30.06.2021. Considering his request and UGC Guidelines he may be allowed extension.

As per the regulation 10 of the Ph.D. Regulation 2017 "for every extension, the candidate shall pay to the University, prescribed fee (i.e. Rs. 8000/-)".

However, the UGC vide its Guidelines April, 2020 under clause 13 (Annexure-4) during Covid-19 state that :

*"The extension of six months may also be considered for those students who are yet to submit their Thesis".*

As per Public Notice No. F.1-10/2020 (CPP-II) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 – Regarding extension of date for submission of thesis for terminal M.Phil./Ph.D. students (Annexure-5):

*The University Grants Commission has issued Guidelines on Examination and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown on 29th April, 2020. As per these Guidelines, extension of six months was conveyed for M.Phil./Ph.D students who were to submit their Dissertation/Thesis by 30th June, 2020.*

*Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the universities have remained closed for the past several months. Therefore, the students have not been able to conduct their research/ experiments in the university laboratories nor they were able to access library services that are critical for completion of thesis.*

*In view of the above and in the larger interest of the research scholars, a further extension of six months for terminal M.Phil./Ph.D students, who were supposed to submit their thesis by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020, may be granted by the universities i.e. till 30<sup>th</sup> June,*



*2021. Extension of six months, as mentioned above, may also be granted for submitting evidence of publication and presentation in two conferences. However, the tenure of fellowship of M.Phil/Ph.D will be the same (5 years).*

The case was submitted to the worthy Vice-Chancellor to allow the extension as per UGC guidelines April, 2020 under clause 13 during Covid-19, and same was considered by the Vice-Chancellor and allowed the extension of six month period for completion of his Ph.D. Research Work in anticipation of approval of Academic Council.

It is proposed that as per UGC guidelines April, 2020 under clause 13 during Covid-19 the extension of six month may be allowed to all the candidates applied extension during the COVID-19 period.

*The applications are placed before the Hon'ble members of Academic Council for kind confirmation and approval of extension with exemption of extension fee of Rs. 8000/- please.*

*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".*

**Decision :**

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to approve the extension of Six Months for Submission of Ph.D. Thesis to Ph.D. Researcher(s), Mr. Mayank Tiwari, Ms. Rajwanti and Dr. Gyanendra Kumar Sharma Post-Doctoral Researcher (LL.D.) with exemption of extension fee of Rs. 8000/-.

Further, the Hon'ble Members authorized the Vice-Chancellor to allow the extension for submission of the Ph.D./LL.D. Thesis of Researchers due to Covid-19 Pandemic. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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**ITEM (4) To consider the application of Advocate (Dr.) P.C. Markanda for pre-submission of LL.D. thesis (Annexure-6).**

The Vice-Chancellor read out that Advocate (Dr.) P.C. Markanda is a Senior Advocate already completed his Ph.D. and LL.D. from other Institutions is a registered candidate of LL.D. at RGNUL, Punjab. He is renowned author in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has submitted an application that his LL.D. Thesis on the same area of ADR is ready for submission but as per RGNUL Regulations Part IV – Section F – Post Doctoral Research Regulations Clause 6.

**6. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

The minimum and maximum time permissible for completion of the Post-Doctoral Degree shall be as under:

- (i) Minimum period shall be Three years and Maximum Five years for both categories i.e. part-time and full time researchers.
- (ii) The duration of the Post-Doctoral Research and the time for submission of the thesis shall be counted from the date of Registration of the candidate.
- (iii) In exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, if deems it fit, may extend the period by Six months at a time subject to maximum of One year which shall not exceed the total duration of six year. Thereafter, the registration of the candidate shall be deemed to be cancelled.





He has requested that he has crossed 83 years of age on Sept. 12, 2020 and also suffering from some ailment including Heart Problem. It is his cherished desire that he may be bestowed a degree of Doctor of Laws during his lifetime.

Accordingly, he has requested to allow him to submit the LL.D. Thesis before the prescribed time of three years as per RGNUL Regulations.

Submitted for perusal and approval of the Members of the Academic Council, please.

**Decision :**

After thoughtful consideration and detailed discussion, the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council unanimously resolved to defer the item. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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**ITEM (5)**

To note the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into and signed with

(i) School of Legal Studies Central University of Kashmir (Jammu & Kashmir) (Annexure-7)

(ii) Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi (ICSI) (Annexure-8)

The Vice-Chancellor read out that :

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

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

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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 at 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, of RGNUL, Punjab, has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with

(i) School of Legal Studies Central University of Kashmir (Jammu & Kashmir) on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

(ii) Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi (ICSI) on 14.12.2020.

The signed copies of the MoU are placed before the Academic Council for kind information, please.

**Decision :**

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council examined the signed copies of the above said MoU, after thoughtful discussion the Members unanimously resolved to approve above said MoU including Devi Ahilya University, Indore.



Further, it was resolved that in future, the merits/benefits of the MoU for RGNUL, should also be mentioned in the agenda item relating to MoU, placed before Academic Council. And further recommended to the Executive Council for its kind approval.

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**ITEM (6)**

**To note the orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, for Relieving of Prof (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 30.11.2020 (AN) (Annexure-9).**

The Vice-Chancellor read out that the Hon'ble Chancellor vide his order dated 06.11.2020 has relieved Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal from his duties and responsibilities as Vice-Chancellor of the RGNUL on 30.11.2020 (AN) and designate Prof (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Senior most Professor of the University to perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor until the new Vice-Chancellor assumes office.

The orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor has been complied w.e.f. 01.12.2020 and the same is placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council for kind information, please.

**Decision :**

The Hon'ble Members of the Academic Council perused the orders of the Hon'ble Chancellor, RGNUL, Punjab, for Relieving of Prof (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal, from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab, w.e.f. 30.11.2020 (AN) and unanimously resolved to note the same.

In this regard, the Members of the Academic Council acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of Prof. (Dr.) Paramjit S. Jaswal as the Vice-Chancellor, to RGNUL, Punjab. Hon'ble Members also conveyed their best wishes to Officiating Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Anand Pawar. And recommended it to the Executive Council for its consideration.

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The Chairman 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.



**Chairman  
(Academic Council)**



**Secretary  
(Academic Council)**