

Central University of Jammu

8/8, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the COURT of Central University of Jammu(CUJ) held on 11th April, 2014 at 10.00 AM at Raj Bhawan, Jammu.

Present:

1. Sh. N.N. Vohra,
Governor, J&K,
Chancellor, Central University of Jammu;
2. Dr. S.S. Bloeria,
Vice Chancellor,
Central University of Jammu,
Jammu- 180012;
3. Shri Naseem Ahmad, IAS (Retd.)
Chairman,
National Commission for Minorities,
Khan Market,
New Delhi- 110003;
4. Prof. Abdul Wahid,
Former Vice Chancellor,
Central University of Kashmir,
Near G.B. Pant Hospital, Sonawar,
Srinagar- 190004;
5. Dr. Ram Vishwakarma,
Director,
Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine,
Post Bag-3, Canal Road,
Jammu- 180001;



6. Shri B.S. Baswan, iAS (Retd.)
Former Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
E-12/1, Vasant Vihar,
New Delhi- 110057;
7. Prof. M.K. Surappa,
Director,
Indian Institute of Technology Ropar,
Nangal Road, Rupnagar,
Punjab- 140001;
8. Prof. S.C. Saxena,
Vice Chancellor (A),
Jaypee Institute of Information Technology,
A-10, Sector-62,
Noida- 201307. (U.P);
9. Shri Kashmiri Lal Zakir,
Former Deputy Chairman,
Haryana Urdu Akadami,
H.No.367, Sector 44-A,
Chandigarh- 160047;
10. Prof. Bharati Baveja,
Dean, Faculty of Education,
Delhi University,
C-11, Maurice Nagar,
Delhi- 110007;
11. Prof. Champa Sharma,
Founder, Head of the P.G. Department of Dogri
& Sahitya Akadami Awardee in Dogri-2006
H.No.65, Sector-2, Trikuta Nagar,
Jammu- 180012;
12. Dr. Shrikant Paranjpe,
Professor,
Department of Defence & Strategic Studies,
University of Pune,
PUNE- 411007;



13. Prof. Sikander Farooq,
H.No.74, Lane No.5,
Quyum Colony,
Rawalpura,
Srinagar- 190005;
14. Prof. Jigar Mohammad,
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences,
University of Jammu,
Jammu- 180006;
15. Prof. Harjeet Sehgal,
Former Chairman,
Department of Zoology,
Punjab Agricultural University,
Ludhiana- 141004;
16. Prof. Rajive Gupta
Pro-Vice Chancellor
Central University of Jammu
(Special invitee);
17. Sh. Jit Singh
Registrar,
Central University of Jammu;
18. Dr. P.S. Pathania,
Senior Consultant
Central University of Jammu.
(Special invitee);
19. Sh. H.K. Prashar
OSD (Finance)
Central University of Jammu,
(Special invitee).



The following members could not attend the meeting and were granted Leave of Absence.

1. Gen. N.C. Vij,
Former Chief of the Army Staff,
H.No.4500, Sector-23-A,
Palam Vihar,
Gurgaon (Haryana);
2. Shri Haseeb Drabu,
(Former Chairman & Chief Executive J&K Bank)
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HICON Residency, 26th Road,
Bandra West,
Mumbai-400050;
3. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma,
Padma Vibushan,
22, Rajvir Apartments,
Zig Zag Road, Pali Hill, Bandra,
Mumbai-400050;
4. Prof. V.K. Jain,
Vice Chancellor,
Doon University,
Mothrowala Road, Kedarpur,
P.O. Ajabpur,
Dehradun;
5. Prof. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar,
Vice Chancellor,
University of Jammu,
Jammu- 180006;
6. Prof. Siddiq Wahid,
Former Vice Chancellor,
Islamic University of Science & Technology, Srinagar,
R/o Ladakh House, Mughal Lane,
Zukra, P.O. Naseem Bagh,
Srinagar- 190006;



7. Prof. K.L. Chopra,
Former Director, IIT Kharagpur,
& Padma Bhushan Awardee,
M-70, Kirti Nagar,
New Delhi- 110015;
8. Sh. Sidharath Kak,
Documentary Film maker &
Founder Trustee,
Surabhi Foundation,
Bungalow No.179,
SVP near Versova Telephone Exchange,
Andheri West,
Mumbai- 400053;
9. Shri Masood Samoon, IAS (Retd.)
Member,
J&K Public Service Commission,
Resham Ghar Colony,
Jammu- 180001;
10. Dr. Baldev Raj,
Director, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research,
Kalpakkam, 3-H, May Flower, Metropolis,
F.No.9/2, Udayampalayam,
Main Road, Sowripalayam,
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11. Prof. Mohammad Fida Hassnain,
Former Director,
Archives and Libraries, J&K Govt.,
(A noted scholar and historian)
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Parry Pora Bhagat P.O. Sanat Nagar,
Srinagar- 190005. (J&K);
12. Dr. Madhu Purnima Kishwar,
Senior Fellow,
Centre for Study of Developing Societies,
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13. Dr. Girish Sahni,
Director,
Indian Institute of Microbial Technology,
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Chandigarh- 160036;
14. Prof. R. Vaidyanathan,
Professor of Finance,
Indian Institute of Management,
Bangalore- 560076;
15. Prof. Rajinder Jeet Hans Gill,
Professor in Mathematics,
Punjab University, Chandigarh,
House No.1611, Sector-44 B,
Chandigarh- 160047;
16. Prof. Surendra Parsad,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT),
New Delhi- 110016.

2. Introductory.

- 2.1 At the outset, the Chancellor welcomed the members to the 2nd meeting of the COURT of the Central University of Jammu. The Chancellor made a special mention and welcomed Prof. S.C. Saxena, Prof. Shrikant Paranjpe and Prof. Sikander Farooq who were attending the COURT for the first time.
- 2.2 Chancellor stressed the importance for all required measures being implemented to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) and ,side by side, to reduce the drop out ratio, especially of the students belonging to the economically weaker sections living in the difficult and remote areas of the State.
- 2.3 Chancellor informed the members that he had visited the Campus site at village Bagla, Samba, on 27th January 2014 and was briefed at the site by the Vice Chancellor about the Master Plan, construction activities and infrastructure being developed at the Campus site. Later, he had also visited the Temporary Academic Block(TAB) established at Sainik Colony, Jammu, and had observed

the obtaining infrastructure facilities, IT labs and sports facilities available for the students. He expressed appreciation of the various developmental initiatives taken by the University, particularly in regard to taking possession of the allotted land, commencing construction activities at the campus site and also the academic programmes being carried out at the Temporary Academic Block, Sainik Colony, Jammu. He observed that in case the construction work at the Campus site is not completed by the targeted date, the University should keep an alternative plan in hand. 77

- 2.4 Vice Chancellor informed that the University Engineers are keeping a close liaison with the Engineering Project India Limited, (EPIL) and the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) and expressed the hope that by end of June, 2014, the Directorate of Distance Education complex, faculty residences and the hostels for boys and girls, along with associated facilities, would be ready.
- 2.5 Chancellor informed the COURT that he had received an e.mail (dated 9th April, 2014) from member Shri Sidharath Kak, who had, while conveying his inability to attend the meeting, suggested that the University should take steps for setting up a Vocational Training Institute/Community College in the new Campus. He had further urged that the introduction of vocational training along with the academic learning system would give a great boost to the hopes of the less privileged youth in Jammu and Kashmir as well as to the State's economy. Welcoming the suggestions put forth by the worthy member the Chancellor desired the Vice Chancellor to examine the same, keeping in view the available resources and the practical aspects.
- 2.6 Vice Chancellor informed the COURT that Professor K.L. Chopra, a worthy member, had also regretted his inability to attend the meeting vide his e.mail dated 5th April, 2014. The Vice Chancellor read out Professor Chopra's e-mail in the meeting, which stated that from the Agenda Notes Prof. Chopra had noticed that a large number of the faculty members of the University did not possess Ph.D. degrees. In this context, Prof. Chopra suggested that no non-Ph.D. faculty be considered for a permanent faculty position in the University. A copy of his e.mail along with a brief Note, explaining the University's position, was circulated in the meeting. The Vice Chancellor invited attention of the members to the UGC Regulations, 2010, which prescribe the eligibility criteria for recruitment as Assistant Professor. According to these Regulations, the eligibility for recruitment is

Master's Degree with 55% marks and NET/SLET/SET qualification. He further explained that as per UGC Regulations 2009, candidates with Ph.D. Degree are exempted from NET/SLET/SET. Some members opined that if candidates having Ph.Ds are considered, it would restrict the choice and competition among the candidates. After discussion, it was agreed that UGC Regulations should be followed, but the faculty recruited without Ph.D. should be encouraged by the University to complete their Ph.D. degrees within a clearly defined period of 4/5 years. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University is already taking a pro-active approach in the matter and has been encouraging the concerned faculty to complete their Ph.Ds as a priority requirement. The COURT appreciated the concern expressed by Professor Chopra and reiterated that the University must closely follow the UGC Regulations in this regard.

- 2.7 The Chancellor observed that in the present scenario in regard to School, College and University Education is not satisfactory and the curricula and teaching at various levels is not adequately integrated. There also appears to be impediments in attracting good students to the College and University systems. Thus, there is a need to take steps to provide for improved systemic linkages. Prof. Sikander Farooq suggested that co-ordinated efforts should be made to address the issue of improving the quality of education.
- 2.8 While deliberating on the academic pursuits, including Research Degree Programmes offered by the University, Shri Naseem Ahmad and Professor Bharti Baveja suggested that the University should provide degrees separately for M.Phil. and Ph.D. under the Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme. Vice Chancellor apprised that the relevant University Ordinance provides for M.Phil. degree as an exit option to a scholar admitted to the Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme to leave after successful completion of M.Phil. course, if he/she wishes to do so. Vice Chancellor also informed about the Ordinance relating to Part-time Ph.D. Programme which facilitates in-service Administrative Personnel and Academicians to undertake research in the University.
- 2.9 Prof. S.C. Saxena suggested that at Master's Degree level skill based courses beyond 80 credits need to be introduced for the benefit of students, wherever it is possible, keeping in view the faculty position and resources. Further Learning Based Education may be introduced so as to augment employment opportunities for

the students, provided faculty positions and other resources are in place.

3. **After the brief opening remarks and interventions by members, the Vice Chancellor made a detailed Power-Point Presentation highlighting the following academic and administrative initiatives undertaken by the University since the last meeting of the COURT, which was held on 15th April 2013.**
 - 3.1 The Vice Chancellor informed that the University plans to partially shift to the Campus site in the forthcoming Academic Session 2014-15. The new courses, viz., Post Graduate Courses in Public Policy and Public Administration; National Security Studies; Mass Communication and New Media; and Social Work would be started at the new Campus site. However, the programmes of study presently being run at Temporary Academic Block would continue to run there. The Vice Chancellor further informed that the University has plans to open up new courses and Constituent Colleges as and when the buildings and other infrastructural facilities become available at the Campus site.
 - 3.2 The Vice Chancellor informed that the admission for 2014-15 Session would continue to be made through the Central Universities Common Entrance Test on All-India basis, which would be conducted by the Nodal University, i.e. the Central University of Rajasthan. He said that this arrangement was agreed to by the Collegium of Universities and this responsibility is shared on rotational basis. VC also informed that the University provides supernumerary seats to Kashmiri migrants and also provides reservation to SC/ST/OBC/PWDs as per Govt Policy.
 - 3.3 The Vice Chancellor presented data relating to the admissions capacity, numbers of students admitted to the various Programmes of Study, gender representation, category-wise representation of students belonging to the weaker sections of society, State-wise representation of students and faculty in the University, declaration of results and the performance levels of the students who passed out in the previous Session. The members congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team for undertaking major academic, administrative and infrastructural activities and accomplishing them at a steady pace.



- 3.4 Regarding filling up of the teaching positions, the Vice Chancellor informed that majority of the faculty positions had been filled up on regular basis. However, for the posts of Associate Professors and Professors in many disciplines, eligible candidates were not available. Therefore, to cope with the shortage of faculty, the University has engaged faculty on contract basis and some have been engaged on deputation basis. The Chancellor suggested that retired professors beyond the age of 65 years may also be engaged by the University to avail of their academic expertise and rich experience. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University was already thinking on these lines and would discuss such issues in the next meeting of the Executive Council.
- 3.5 The Vice Chancellor further informed that the non-teaching posts were advertised in September 2013, the applications were received and the process for recruitment is underway. He hoped that the process would be completed in April/May, 2014.
- 3.6 The Vice Chancellor also informed that barring an area of 134 Kanals, the entire area of allotted land had been taken over by the University. The members, expressing satisfaction on this achievement, observed that, to avoid any encroachment on the campus land, fencing/erection of boundary wall should be undertaken on priority. As regards facilities like roads, electricity, water etc at the Campus site, the Vice Chancellor informed the Court that the matter has already been taken up with the respective State Government agencies. He added that as per a survey done on the land at the Campus site, the water availability is not up to a satisfactory level. However, as a second attempt, another agency with the latest scientific equipments had been hired to make a fresh survey with a view to locating availability of water within the campus. The Chancellor suggested that appropriate steps should also be taken for the underground interlinking of the water reservoirs within the campus land.
- 3.7 The Vice Chancellor highlighted other important activities undertaken by the University, such as lectures by eminent personalities; lectures delivered by the faculty of the University; visits of dignitaries; meetings of the Executive Council, Academic Council and the Finance Committee; Seminars, Workshops; Training Programmes for the promotion of Hindi language; Cultural and Co-curricular activities/functions; Students Annual Sports Meet; Flag

hoisting; University Outreach Programme and Old Students' Meet during the period under report.

3.8 During the deliberations worthy members of the Court put forth their suggestions, which are as follows:

- **Shri Naseem Ahmad** suggested that in order to attract good faculty from across the country, the University may provide certain facilities to ensure that their academic activities are carried on smoothly.
- **Shri B.S. Baswan** (stressed the need for community colleges,) which may include courses on hospitality, computer, plumbing, electricity, floriculture, and such other courses, so that the youth is able to acquire Skill Based Education, earn their livelihood and also contribute to the society, apart from keeping traditional skills alive. Shri Baswan expressed concern that, in the present context, Public Administration as a subject has lost its relevance in the employment market. He added that knowledge base in Public Policy is also not very encouraging. The Vice Chancellor informed that the University has already invited Professor Y. Parthasaradhi, a well known Professor in Public Policy & Public Administration, on deputation basis from Osmania University, Hyderabad, apart from four regular Assistant Professors in the Department of Public Policy and Public Administration. The Department would be designing academic courses in the next month. These would be considered by the Board of Studies and the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor assured that the concern expressed by the worthy member will be kept in view while framing courses.
- **Professor Bharti Baveja** suggested that integrated post graduate level courses may be started to provide linkage after 10+2, to ensure that more students from schools and colleges come for quality education in the university.
- **Professor Paranjpe** suggested that courses which prepare students for competitive examinations based on UPSC/PSC syllabus, may be included as choice-based courses.
- **Professor Kashmiri Lal Zakir** urged that the University should also take steps for promotion of Urdu language, when new language courses are introduced.

Thereafter, the Agenda Items were taken up for the discussion and following Observations /Decisions were made:

4. **AGENDA ITEMS.**

4.1 **Item No. 1**

4.1.1 Considered the report of the Vice Chancellor about the developments since the last meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013.

4.1.2 ***Resolved to adopt*** the report of the Vice Chancellor regarding the development activities of the University since the last meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013, as given in the Agenda Item, in view of the aforementioned deliberations and ***same be placed on record.***

4.2 **Item No. 2**

4.2.1 Considered confirmation of minutes of the first meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013.

4.2.2 ***Resolved that*** the minutes of the first meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013, as already circulated vide No. CUJ/OSD(A)/Court-meet/883-912 dated 13th June, 2013, ***be confirmed.***

4.3 **Item No. 3**

4.3.1 Considered Action Taken Report in respect of minutes of the first meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013.

4.3.2 ***Resolved that*** the Action Taken Report in respect of the minutes of the first meeting of the Court held on 15th April, 2013, ***be recorded.***

4.4 **Item No. 4**

4.4.1 Considered the Annual Report for the year 2012-13.

4.4.2 ***Resolved that*** the Annual Report for the year 2012-13, ***be approved. Resolved further that*** a copy of the Annual Report be submitted to the Visitor through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

4.4.3 ***Also resolved that*** in case of urgency the Vice Chancellor be authorized to take necessary action for submission of Annual Report/Annual Accounts to MHRD/Visitor .

4.5 **Item No. 5**

4.5.1 Considered the Annual Accounts alongwith Audit Report for the year 2012-13.

4.5.2 ***Resolved that*** the Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report for the year 2012-13 , ***be approved.***

4.6 **Item No. 6**

4.6.1 Considered the Revised Estimates for the year 2013-14 and the Budget Estimates for the year 2014-15.

4.6.2 ***Resolved that*** the Revised Estimates for the year 2013-14 and the Budget Estimates for the year 2014-15, ***be approved.***

4.7 **Item No. 7**

4.7.1 Considered the fixation of date for the next meeting of the Court.

4.7.2 ***Resolved that*** the Vice Chancellor be authorized to fix the date of the next meeting of the Court in consultation with the Chancellor.

Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Vice Chancellor
Central University of Jammu



Registrar
Central University of Jammu