

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

Bagla, (Rahya Suchani), District Samba -181143, Jammu, J&K

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the COURT of Central University of Jammu (CUJ) held on 15th June, 2015 at 10.00 A.M. in the Committee Room at Administrative Block (DDE Building), Central University of Jammu, Village: Bagla (Rahya Suchani), District: Samba – 181143, Jammu (J&K).

Present:

1. **Shri N. N. Vohra,** in the Chair
Governor, J&K,
Chancellor, Central University of Jammu;
2. **Prof. Ashok Aima,**
Vice Chancellor,
Central University of Jammu;
3. **Shri Naseem Ahmad,**
Chairperson,
National Commission for Minorities,
Khan Market,
New Delhi -- 110 003;
4. **Gen N.C. Vij,**
Former Chief of the Army Staff,
H.No. 4500, Sector-23-A,
Palam Vihar,
Gurgaon (Haryana);
5. **Shri B.S. Baswan,**
Former Secretary ,
Department of Higher & Secondary Education, MHRD,
& Former Director IIPA, New Delhi,
E-12/1, Vasant Vihar,
New Delhi – 110 057;
6. **Prof. K.L. Chopra,**
Former Director, IIT Kharagpur,
& Padma Bhushan Awardee,
M-70, Kirti Nagar,
New Delhi – 110 015;



7. **Prof. V.K. Jain,**
Vice Chancellor,
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PO Ajabpur, Dehradun;
8. **Prof. Abdul Wahid,**
Former Vice Chancellor,
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9. **Prof. M.K. Surappa,**
Director,
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10. **Prof. Rajinder Jeet Hans Gill ,**
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11. **Prof. Bharati Baveja,**
Dean, Faculty of Education,
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12. **Dr. Madhu Purnima Kishwar,**
Senior Fellow,
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13. **Prof. Champa Sharma,**
Sahitya Academy Award Winner in Dogri 2006,
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14. **Shri Siddharth Kak,**
Documentary Film Maker & Founder Trustee,
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15. **Prof. Jigar Mohammad,**
Dean Faculty of Social Sciences,
University of Jammu, Jammu;
16. **Prof. Harjeet Singh Sehgal,**
Head, Department of Environmental Sciences,
Central University of Jammu;
17. **Dr. Shrikant Paranjpe,**
Professor,
Department of Defence & Strategic Studies,
University of Pune,
Pune-411007;
18. **Shri Jit Singh,**
Registrar,
Central University of Jammu;
19. **Shri H.K. Prasher,**
OSD (Finance),
Central University of Jammu,
(Special Invitee).

The following members could not attend and were granted Leave of Absence:

1. **Prof. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar,**
Former Vice Chancellor
University of Jammu,
Jammu;
2. **Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma,**
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3. **Shri Haseeb Drabu,**
(Former Chairman & Chief Executive J&K Bank)
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4. **Shri Kashmiri Lal Zakir,**
Former Deputy Chairman,
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5. **Dr. Girish Sahni,**
Director,
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6. **Dr. Ram Vishwakarma,**
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Coimbatore – 641 028;
8. **Prof. Surendra Parsad,**
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New Delhi-110016;
9. **Prof. R. Vaidyanathan,**
Professor of Finance,
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10. **Shri Masood Samoon, IAS (Retd.),**
Former Member,
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11. **Prof. S.C. Saxena,**
Vice Chancellor (A),
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12. **Prof. Siddiq Wahid,**
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2. Introductory

- 2.1 At the outset, the Chancellor welcomed the members to the 3rd meeting of the Court and expressed satisfaction that the meeting has been organised at the new, under construction campus of the University. He observed that the obtaining pace of construction is far too slow and needs to be accelerated. He advised the Vice Chancellor (VC) to fix time lines for all such works, so that the entire campus buildings are put in place, and the academic activities started from the campus in full swing. He added that, if need be, intervention of the nodal Ministry should be invoked by the VC.



- 2.2 Chancellor emphasized the importance of inculcating ethical values and moral standards among the students so that academic excellence can be channelized in a positive direction and the youth prepared for contributing towards societal strengthening and nation building. Thereafter, he declared the Court meeting open and called upon the VC to present his report on the progress achieved since the last meeting of the Court, which was held on 11th April 2014.
- 2.3 VC welcomed the Chancellor and the members of the Court and expressed his sincere thanks to them for sparing valuable time and coming all the way to attend the meeting of the Court at the campus of the University. He said that their able guidance and active participation would help him in steering the affairs of the University in the right direction.
3. **Thereafter, VC made a detailed Power Point Presentation highlighting various academic and developmental initiatives taken by the University during the period.**
- 3.1 The VC informed the Court that he took over on 17th April, 2015, in pursuance of MHRD letter No. 52-4/2014-CU.III, dated 17th April, 2015. He added that it was a matter of satisfaction that the Administrative Office had been shifted to the Campus site in the month of January, 2015 and all the administrative activities are since being performed from the Campus site. He informed that six academic departments would be shifted to the Campus site from where the classes would be started w.e.f. Academic Session 2015-16.
- 3.2 VC apprised the members about the Entrance Examination CUCET 2014, conducted by the Nodal University, i.e. Central University of Rajasthan, on the basis of which admissions to various programmes of study were made for the Academic Session 2014-15. He presented data relating to the admission capacity, number of students admitted, 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 level of the students who had passed out in the previous Session. He also informed that the admission to various programmes of study for 2015-16 session would be made on the basis of CUCET 2015, for which the entrance test had already been conducted by Nodal University on 6th and 7th June, 2015. He informed that against 2666 applications received for Academic Session 2014-15 for CUCET 2014, 8775 applications had been received this year for CUCET 2015.

- 3.3 VC highlighted various important activities undertaken by the University, viz lectures by eminent personalities; visits of dignitaries and external experts; meetings of the Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, School Boards, Boards of Studies, Building Committee, and other important meetings; Workshops, Seminars; Training Programmes; Cultural and Co-curricular activities/functions; Annual Prize Distribution; Annual Sports Meet; Recruitment Drive under UDAAN, Felicitation of meritorious students of the Academic Session 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14; and observation of Foundation Day of the University during the period under report. He also informed about the organisation of other important activities in the University such as *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*, *Rashtriya Ekta Diwas*, *National Education Day*, and *Mother Earth Day*, wherein students, staff, faculty and officers participated.
- 3.4 VC also apprised the members about the Hostel facilities provided in the hired buildings to male and female students; library facilities which include E-Journals, Print Journals, E-Resources facilities, Full Text E-Journals, Full-Text Databases, Computer Lab with Wi-Fi facilities, Reprographic Services, Reference services, Library Automation; Computation facilities available to the scholars/students and faculty which include Internet and Computing facilities like NKN, Wi-Fi, LAN, Installation of UTM device CYBERROAM for secure and authorised internet access, Routers & Switches & Wi-Fi Access Points, Centralized Computing facilities, Class Room-cum-Lab facility for students of Department of Computer Sciences & IT.
- 3.5 VC informed that the University has entered into MoUs with neighbouring Universities. A tripartite MoU was signed on 6th May, 2015 among **Central University of Jammu**, **Central University of Kashmir** and **Central University of Himachal Pradesh** for certain Post Graduate Courses viz MBA (Human Resource Management); MBA (Tourism and Travel Management); English; Applied Mathematics; Economics; and Education. Further, the Department of Tourism and Travel Management and Central University of Jammu had, on 24th September, 2014, signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Gwalior, an organization of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- 3.6 VC informed that UGC has sanctioned Swami Vivekananda Chair to the University in the Department of Public Policy and Public Administration along with an initial grant of Rs. 25 lakh, a Community College under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) for promotion of Vocational Education, and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India granted National Service Scheme to the University with one NSS Unit of 100 volunteers, on self-financing Basis.

- 3.7 VC apprised the members of the Court that 30 students from the Departments of Educational Studies, MBA (TTM), Economics, Environmental Sciences and English have qualified JRF/NET/SET. Chancellor advised the VC to encourage and guide students to qualify NET/JRF examinations conducted by CSIR-UGC, which is a national level test and, thus, carries more credibility for the successful candidates, as well as for the University.
- 3.8 VC also apprised the members of the Court about the status of land in possession of the University and the financial received support from UGC : Rs.240.00 crore was received during the 12th Five Year Plan against the approved allocation of Rs.388.50 crore.
- 3.9. VC gave a brief description of the infrastructure development activities at the Campus site (Bagla) and also apprised the members about the recent visits of dignitaries i.e. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister (PMO) Government of India, along with Shri Chander Prakash Ganga, Minister of Industries & Commerce, J&K State who visited the Campus on 10th May, 2015; Professor (Dr.) Ram Shankar Katheria, Minister of State, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi, who visited the Campus on 26th May, 2015; and Dr. Nirmal Singh, Deputy Chief Minister, J&K State, who visited the Campus on 13th June, 2015.
- 3.10 VC also informed about various current initiatives being taken by the University:-
- Starting of B.Voc. courses in **Retail Management** and **Tourism Management**.
 - Starting of **Department of Hindi**.
 - Starting of new programmes i.e. **Pharmaceutical Sciences; M.Tech. in Space Technology; M.Tech. in Nano Technology; M.Tech. in Nuclear Physics; M.Tech. in Computational Mathematics; M.Tech. in Earth Sciences; M.Tech. Bioinformatics; Law; Healthcare Management; MBA Marketing and Supply Chain Management.**
- 3.11 During the deliberations, members of the Court made several valuable observations/suggestions, which are summarised as follows:-
- **Professor K.L. Chopra** suggested that the grid system should be avoided and, instead, there should be distributed solar energy so that each building is connected independently by solar energy.
 - **Professor M.K. Surappa** appreciated the University for recruiting a good number of female faculty members, which is a good news for women empowerment.

- **Dr. Shrikant Paranjpe** suggested that the nomenclature of Post-Graduate programme in "National Security Studies" ought to be brought in line with the UGC scheme. He suggested that the nomenclature should be changed to "International Relations" or "Strategic Studies". He added that disaster management and environmental studies are frontline areas and credit goes to the University for pursuing these important subjects.
- **Dr. Madhu Purnima Kishwar** noted that a number of lectures organized by the University show that the main focus remained on the armed forces. She suggested that the scope of such lectures should be broadened. She wondered how the English Department had conducted a seminar/workshop on Dowry Deaths !
- **Shri Naseem Ahmad** observed that while the Ph.D programme is going on well in the National Security Studies, the Post Graduate programme had not been opted by any student in the previous year and that this should be reviewed early by VC.
- **Professor Jigar Mohammad** observed that students in J&K prefer to take courses in the social sciences stream and not in the national security arena. Resultantly, a feeder channel for national security studies is not readily available. VC hoped that the response to the programme would be good in the Admissions for the current session 2015-16.
- **Professor K.L. Chopra** remarked that the University is paying considerable amount of rent towards hiring of buildings and suggested that the University should explore the possibilities of purchasing the building at Sainik Colony, Jammu, from where the academic activities are being presently carried out, so that such activities can effectively carried out from Jammu city till such time as adequate building space is available at the new campus.
- **Professor K.L. Chopra** observed that there are certain courses which are not compatible with the employment market and, thus, many of the pass outs do not have good employment opportunities. He emphasized that the faculty should be competent and efforts should be made to recruit persons who possess Ph.Ds. in the relevant areas, so that they can guide research students.
- **Shri Naseem Ahmad** pointed out that the recruitment of faculty should be as per UGC Guidelines, which prescribe Ph.D. or NET/SLET qualifications. He also enquired whether any teacher has been recruited without Ph.D. or NET/SLET qualifications as prescribed under UGC

rules and VC informed that there is no such case. VC further informed that to overcome the problem of supervision of research students, the University is proposing to engage co-Supervisors from the neighbouring universities.

- **Professor Rajinder Jeet Hans Gill** suggested that while choosing co-Supervisors from other Universities, it must be ensured that they possess Ph. D qualifications.
- **Professor Bharti Baveja** observed that each University has its own character and suggested that since this is not a professional University, it ought to be decided, in the first place, as to what type of courses the University should devise and teach. She further remarked that as the Choice Based Credit System is being implemented, it must be seen how this University would become unique and different from others; and how it could contribute to the society and the country.
- **Professor K.L. Chopra**, while re-emphasising importance of quality education and research, suggested that the University should admit a minimum number of students in the Post-Graduate programmes and classes could be started if a minimum of at-least ten students are enrolled in any programme. VC informed that after the admission process for the Academic Session 2015-16 is over, the necessary review would be undertaken in the matter.
- **Professor K.L. Chopra** remarked that the Choice Based Credit System prescribes that 80% of courses should be common for all universities. He said that this scheme of things would not serve any useful purpose, as in that case all universities would be pursuing similar courses. He suggested that such issues should be left to the Equivalence Committee to determine the equivalence of courses.
- **Professor Abdul Wahid** added that the Choice Based Credit System cannot be implemented in the new universities, particularly because of the small number of Departments of Studies which have become functional at the initial stage.
- **Chancellor** suggested to the VC to examine whether CBCS could, initially, be implemented at the regional level rather than at the national level. He observed that he had earlier raised concerns about this matter but there had been no specific response. He suggested to the VC to consider detailed discussions by a group of Vice Chancellors and Deans of Schools to identify the courses to be taught and equivalences settled. Chancellor also suggested the usefulness of all the VCs of Universities in J&K joining hands to devise socially relevant and



economically viable courses which would prepare students to compete with their counterparts in the rest of the academic world. He also referred to the usefulness of VCs exploring shared use of available equipments and visiting faculties besides pooling experiences for better results.

- **Professor K.L. Chopra** suggested that a code of conduct be prescribed to churn out good research papers, thesis, books by students and faculty. He suggested that an Ethics Committee for the purpose be formed by the University.
- **Professor Champa Sharma** highlighted that as there was likelihood of many foreign companies being established in Jammu, the University should think of starting capsule courses in foreign languages which would help the students to overcome their language barriers and help them in effective communication.
- **Shri Naseem Ahmad** informed the Chair that Dr Zakir, a worthy member of the Court, who could not attend the meeting owing to his ill health, had requested that Urdu language courses be started in the University. VC informed that a Certificate Course will be considered in the School of Languages.
- **Gen. N.C. Vij** also supported the idea of promoting Urdu language.
- **Professor V.K. Jain** wondered how a course on "Beauty" could be framed, since beauty itself is a subjective matter. VC informed that a Beauty & Wellness course is one of the approved UGC programmes.
- On the initiative of the University to start hi-tech science courses, **Professor Chopra** suggested that these courses cannot be started by the University at this stage, as it lacks the required wherewithal, apart from lack of funding and subject faculty in these areas.
- **Professor V.K. Jain**, while supporting the observations of Prof. Chopra, stated that high-tech science courses cannot be started unless the University has teaching programmes in physical sciences, chemistry, and maths. He suggested that instead of starting new hi-tech science courses, physical sciences should be started in the first place, since the University already has a Mathematics Department.
- **Dr. Madhu Purnima Kishwar** noted that as the University is situated in the rural area, it must focus on academic programmes relating to the development of rural areas, rural technology and rural culture. She also stressed that the University should emerge as a new role model and establish better linkages with the society.



- **Sh. B.S. Baswan** suggested that demand and supply driven courses should be started by the University, keeping in view the market trends and frame courses to meet such requirements.
- **Sh. Siddharth Kak** stated that while framing courses/programmes of study, it must be critically examined what would be the contribution to the country and the society and what would be the future of the students involved -- would they get jobs and be able to contribute to the society. He added that limited numbers of students are admitted to the various academic programmes and wondered about the fate of those who are not admitted because of limited seats? He stressed that rural technology, automobiles, workshops, etc. need to be provided as skill development courses to make the youth skilful to get employment and be able to contribute to the society. He further suggested that "catch them young" should be the motto and skill development courses should be formulated and conducted with the active participation of industry experts.
- **VC** clarified that the University is already working in the given direction and would seek full support from the industry experts while preparing and conducting such courses.
- A member enquired the basis on which three posts in the Department of Mathematics had been declared reserved out of the sanctioned strength of seven posts. He demanded that this matter should be urgently reviewed so that the Department of Mathematics does not suffer on account of faculty positions remaining unfilled because of a faulty decision. Chancellor asked the VC to urgently review this entire matter.
- **Sh. Siddharth Kak** expressed satisfaction about the infrastructural facilities which have been created and congratulated the VC and his entire team.



Thereafter, the Agenda Items were taken up for discussion and the following observations/decision were made:

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Item No. 1

4.1.1 Considered the report of the Vice Chancellor, regarding the developments since the last Court Meeting, held on 11th April, 2014.

4.1.2 **Resolved to adopt** the VC's report regarding the development activities of the University since the last meeting of the Court (held on 11th April, 2014), as given in the Agenda Item, and the **same be placed on record**.

4.2 Item No. 2

4.2.1 Considered confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Court held on 11th April, 2014.

4.2.2 **Resolved that** the minutes of the second meeting of the Court, held on 11th April, 2014, (circulated vide No. CUJ/Adm/Court/2014/1255-1283 dated 9th June, 2014 and letter No. CUJ/Adm/Court/2014/3879-3908 dated 13th Aug, 2014) **be confirmed**.

4.3 Item No. 3

4.3.1 Considered Action Taken Report in respect of minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Court, held on 11th April, 2014.

4.3.2 **Resolved that** the Action Taken Report in respect of the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Court held on 11th April, 2014, **be recorded**.

4.4 Item No. 4

4.4.1 Considered the Annual Report for the year 2013-14.

4.4.2 **Resolved that** the Annual Report for the year 2013-14 **be approved**.

4.4.3 **Resolved further that** a copy of the Annual Report be submitted to the Visitor through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi.

4.5 Item No. 5

4.5.1 Considered the Annual Accounts alongwith Audit Report for the Financial Year 2013-14.

4.5.2 *Resolved that* the Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report for the year 2013-14, *be approved*.

4.5.3 *Resolved further* that a copy of the Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report be submitted to the Visitor through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi.

4.6 Item No. 6

4.6.1 Considered the Revised Estimates for the Financial Year 2014-15, and, the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year, 2015-16.

4.6.2 *Resolved that* the Revised Estimates for the year 2014-15 and the Budget Estimates for the year 2015-16, *be approved*.

4.7 Item No. 7

4.7.1 Considered the fixation of date for the next meeting of the Court, with the permission of the Chair.

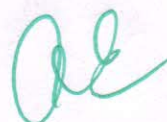
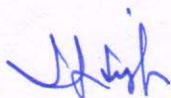
4.7.2 *Resolved that* the VC be authorised to fix the date of the next meeting of the Court in consultation with the Chancellor.

5. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

5.1 Item No. 1

5.1.1 Considered formulating rules and regulations for the appointment of well-qualified Ph.D. or equivalent faculty worthy of the name of a Central University.

5.1.2 *Resolved* to authorise the VC to formulate rules and regulations for the appointment of well-qualified Ph.D or equivalent faculty for Central University of Jammu.



5.2 Item No. 2

5.2.1 Considered planning introduction of flexible Credit Based System in all courses.

5.2.2 Resolved that the norms of UGC be followed in this regard.

5.3 Item No. 3

5.3.1 Considered withdrawing unpopular courses being taken by a very few students.

5.3.2 Resolved to authorise the Vice Chancellor that the position be reviewed, if need be, after the admissions for Academic Session 2015-16 are concluded.

5.4 Item No. 4

5.4.1 Considered introducing appropriate applied science and skill training courses.

5.4.2 Resolved to authorise the Vice Chancellor that such courses be devised by the University, keeping in view the needs of the community, particularly the youth of the State of J&K.

5.5 Item No. 5

5.5.1 Considered setting up a Research Integrity Committee in the University to investigate cases of academic and scientific misconduct by students and faculty.

5.5.2 Resolved to authorise the Vice Chancellor to form a group of experts for the purpose, with the approval of the Chancellor.

5.5.3 Keeping in view the observations made by the hon'ble members, the Chancellor decided that the VC should set up a number of groups comprising subject experts, scientists, social scientists, industry experts and others to address the issues relating to the promotion of ethical values among the students and faculty; starting of new courses; establishing effective linkages with the society; devising relevant skill development courses; promoting rural development programmes; promotion and preservation of rural cultural heritage; exploring possibilities of keeping members of the Court as members of the committee(s) for the selection of faculty positions, subject to the

UGC/MHRD rules/policy; exploring the sharing of resources, equipments etc for research projects; sharing of research experiences by faculty; exchange of faculty on visiting basis, and other important matters.

5.5.4 Chancellor, in view of the suggestions and observations of the members regarding the various proposed new courses, advised the VC to undertake a critical analysis of the courses already being taught in the neighbouring universities in the J&K State and also the emerging trends *vis-a-vis* employment opportunities in the job market at home and at the national and global levels.

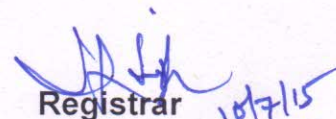
5.5.5 VC stated that a 2-3 day meeting of subject experts from institutions and members of the Court in the related areas would be organised in July 2015 to evolve definitive approaches regarding the nature and level of courses to be started w.e.f. Academic Session 2016-17.

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


10/7/15

Vice Chancellor

Central University of Jammu


10/7/15

Registrar

Central University of Jammu