

**AGENDA FOR THE
5TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament No.35/2012
Sriperumbudur 602105, Tamil Nadu

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FIFTH ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF RGNIYD HELD
ON 24TH JULY 2014 AT INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI**

Members Present:

1.	Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD	Chairperson
2.	Shri Sudhir Kumar, Joint Secretary Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member
3.	Prof. Jeemol Unni Director Institute of Rural management Post Box No.60, Anand-388 001, Gujarat	Member
4.	Prof. Gopal Guru Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University Room No.110, Centre for Political Studies, SS-11 Building, New Delhi-67	Member
5.	Ms. Frederika Meijer Representative, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) No.55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110 003.	Member
6.	Ms. Radha Chellappa Head of Office International Organisation for Migration - India F-5, Kailash Colony, Greater Kailash - 1 New Delhi - 110048	Member
7.	Prof. C. Thangamuthu Former Vice-Chancellor Bharathidasan University Plot No.43, 6 th Main Street, Lakshmi Nagar Extension, Porur, Chennai 600 116	Member
8.	Dr. K. Gireesan Faculty Head, RGNIYD	Member
9.	Ms. Krithika First Year M.A. School of Gender Studies RGNIYD	Member
10.	Shri Victor Sundaram First Year M.A. School of Youth Studies and Extension, RGNIYD	Member
11.	Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar i/c, RGNIYD	Member Secretary

Mr.H.M.Kundlia, Under Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi and Ms.Jaya, UNFPA, New Delhi also participated in the Meeting.

The following Members sought leave of absence due to their prior commitments:

1.	Shri Rajeev Kapoor, IAS Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie-248179, Uttarkhand	Member
2.	Prof.Saibal Chattopadhyay Director, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta Diamond Harbour Road, Joka, Kolkata West Bengal-700 104	Member
3.	Prof.Bhaskar Ramamurthi Director, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai-600 036	Member
4.	Dr.Ashok Ganguly Chairman, ABP Private Ltd Gandhi Mansion, 4 th Floor, 20, Altamound Road, Mumbai-400026	Member
5.	Shri Nikhil Dey 278, Hauz Khas Apartments Aurobindo Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110 016	Member
6.	Mr. RCM Reddy Managing Director & CEO IL&FS Education & Technology Services Ltd. 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Floor, NTBCL Building Toll Plaza, Noida - 201 301	Member

The Director welcomed the members and made a detailed presentation about RGNIYD highlighting the history of the organization, the transitions that have taken place, training activities, academic programmes offered and staff position. She dwelt at length on the challenges and opportunities of the Institute, in terms of augmenting academic & physical infrastructure, attracting students for the programmes on offer and enhancing its academic base. The Academic Council made the following suggestions:

- To have a thorough relook into the curricular content of various programmes
- Take measures for the appointment of a critical number of permanent faculty.
- Explore the possibilities of inviting retired / senior professor on short assignments of 3 to 6 months duration for handling 3 to 4 credit courses and initiating the Schools into Research.
- Teaching, training & research to be appropriately reflected in the workload as in the case of other similar institutions such as NUEPA; IIMs etc.

SECTION - A

ITEM NO.I: FOURTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF RGNIYD

The Fourth Meeting of the Academic Council which was conducted on 08.08.2013 was reported and noted.

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The members expressed the need to have more academicians in the Academic Council and hence recommended that the academicians of the Institute be included in Academic Council. The Director mentioned that the Executive Council had made a similar observation and the matter regarding amendment of Statutes has been referred to the Ministry for further action.

ITEM NO.II: M.A. SYLLABUS

The Syllabi of the six courses offered by RGNIYD for the 2013-15 batch duly approved by the respective Boards of Studies were placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

- a) M.A. Youth Empowerment
- b) M.A. Career Counseling
- c) M.A. Gender Studies
- d) M.A. Local Governance
- e) M.A. Life Skills Education
- f) M.A. Development Practice 2013 – 15 batch

The Academic Council ratified the Syllabi of the above mentioned courses. The members agreed to go through the Syllabi in detail and send their suggestions if any.

Master's Degree in Development Practice was recently introduced in 2013 and its syllabus was framed through a Curriculum Development Committee, which also formed the Board of Studies. Since the practicum and field placement components were not appropriately dovetailed, in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Council, the syllabus was examined further. The revised syllabus for 2014-16 is placed for approval.

The Syllabus of the M.A. Development Practice for 2014 – 16 batch was approved. It was proposed that collaboration will be made with MSSRF & Dharm Foundation at different levels for this Programme.

Mr. Sivakumar
Board of Studies
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not yet completed

As the existing Programmes have little scope for career opportunities, the Members expressed the need to re-examine the courses with the help of the subject experts to make the courses more attractive with better opportunities. Ms. Freidricka Mejer made a specific reference for the need to update the Life Skills Syllabi and also have a thorough review of the MA Life Skills Education curriculum.

The Joint Secretary emphasized the need to introduce more of skill development programmes and with the perspective of youth led development in line with the mandate of the Ministry.

The Director explained the initiatives already undertaken in this regard to bring convergence between formal education and vocational education as well as to assign academic equivalence to vocational education.

ITEM NO.III: CHANGE IN THE EVALUATION PATTERN IN THE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Seminar presentation is one of the components of internal assessment at RGNIYD. In the existing system, Seminars are evaluated by three faculty members (of which one from outside the School) and the average is taken up. In view of the shortage of faculty members and the matter being relevant to the School concerned, it is suggested to have two faculty members from the School for the evaluation of Seminar instead of three members.

The Academic Council approved the recommendation of having two faculty members from the School for the evaluation of Seminar instead of three members.

ITEM NO.IV: BOARDS OF STUDIES

Panel of Members for the Board of Studies of various PG degree programmes offered at RGNIYD for the Batches of 2013-2015 and for MA Development Practice (2014-2016 Batch) were placed for ratification.

✓ The Academic Council ratified the Boards of Studies constituted for all the six M.A. Programmes. (It was also suggested to include field level practitioners into Board of studies.)

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ITEM NO.V SPECIALISATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR FACULTY POSITIONS

As all the programmes that are offered by RGNIYD are interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary in nature a framework of relevant / allied / cognate disciplines was provided for the purpose of shortlisting faculty for different teaching positions at RGNIYD.

1) MA Youth Empowerment

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Social Work, Sociology, Economics, Youth Empowerment and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening /selection committee

2) M.A. Career Counseling

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Psychology, Applied Psychology, Counseling, Career Counseling and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening/ selection committee

3) M.A. Gender Studies

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Gender Studies, Women Studies, Sociology/Economic/ Psychology/Political Science with specialisation in Gender Studies and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening /selection committee

4) M.A. Local Governance

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Political Science, Public Administration, Local Governance and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening /selection committee

5) M.A. Life Skills Education

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Life Skills Education and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening /selection committee

6) M.A. Development Practice

Relevant disciplines/ Allied / Cognate Subjects: Development Studies, Development Administration, Economics, Sociology and any other discipline found to be relevant by the screening /selection committee

The framework suggested was approved by the Academic Council.

ITEM NO.VI: CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE FOR ORDINANCES

As per Clause 34 of the RGNIYD Act, Ordinance shall be made by the Academic Council. All Ordinances made by the Academic Council shall have effect from such date as it may direct, but every Ordinance so made shall be submitted, as soon as may be, to the Executive Council and shall be considered by the Executive Council at its next succeeding meeting'.

Refer to Committee
The Academic Council resolved that RGNIYD may frame the draft ordinances and vet it by a sub-committee of Academic Council with Prof. C. Thangamuthu, former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University & Member of the Academic Council, RGNIYD as the Convener. The Ministry would also nominate a member to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's recommendation would then be circulated to the members of Academic Council, and be placed for consideration in the next meeting of Executive Council with modifications, if any.

ITEM NO.VII: HANDBOOK AND PROGRAMME GUIDE

The Academic Council approved the Handbook and Programme Guide for the year 2014-15 which provide a brief of Academic Programmes, Research Programmes, Employment Cell, general rules and regulations, hostel rules and regulations, fees structure, evaluation pattern, academic programme calendar, etc.

ITEM NO.VIII: TRAINING – ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan for training for 2014-15 with details of programmes, venues, etc. was placed before the Academic Council for information.

The Action Plan of Training Programmes was noted.

ITEM NO.IX: NEW PROGRAMMES TO BE INTRODUCED

In the XXVIII Meeting of the Executive Council, it was resolved that "the number of programmes on offer should be enhanced by collaborating with reputed Universities / Organisations....."

A) The Institute proposes to strengthen its academic offerings through the introduction of:

- 1) Five year integrated MA Degree Programme — To be Academic
- 2) New interdisciplinary programme at PG level — ATDC Ge Up.
- 3) Certificate and Diploma Programmes — Dr. Lalitha.

B) New Programmes to be introduced by the Schools:

- 1) Certificate Programme in Participatory Development — n. Giviana.
- 2) Certificate Programme in Management of Youth Organisation — JE Dr Lalitha.

All the proposed initiatives following the due process of Stakeholders' Meeting, Curriculum Development Committee and Board of Studies were approved by the Academic Council.

ITEM NO.X: LAUNCH OF B.VOC PROGRAMMES IN COLLABORATION WITH APPAREL TRAINING & DESIGN CENTRE (ATDC) IN APPAREL-FASHION-TEXTILES SECTORS UNDER THE NVEQF/NSQF SYSTEM

The recommendation of the B.Voc programmes in collaboration with the ATDC in Apparel Fashion Textiles Sectors under the NVEQF/NSQF system was approved in order to produce new generation of Entrepreneurs, Design Professionals & Managers, Merchandisers, Quality Professionals etc., in apparel industry.

AICTE has recently accorded approval to 30 ATDCs as "Skill Knowledge Provider (SKP)" under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF), which enables ATDC to offer "Vocational Contents" for the Certificate Level I to Level VII in the subject area of Fashion Design, Textile Design, Apparel Manufacturing and Fashion Management.

Dr.Darlie Koshy, Director General & CEO, ATDC & IAM was invited to Academic Council meeting as a special invitee who made a detailed presentation on B.Voc Programme in Apparel Designing. The programme was highly appreciated by all the members of Academic Council. Shri Sudhir Kumar, Joint Secretary, MoYAS, GOI reiterated the need to launch such programmes in consonance with the mandate of the Government.

ATDC will tie up in the first phase, 30 Vocational Institutes with "Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development" for collaboration between the "SKP" and the "University" for imparting and awarding credits for the "Vocational Contents" by ATDC and "Academic Contents" by IAM & RGNIYD prescribed under the NSQF Curricula under the nomenclature of ATDC-IAM new genre Skill-Knowledge courses focusing on Apparel/Fashion industry entrepreneurship.

In order to formalise the collaboration, it was resolved to recommend that a Joint Committee of RGNIYD and ATDC be set up to work out the details and operationalize the same at the earliest.

ITEM NO.XI: PROGRAMMES FOR NYK AND NSS VOLUNTEERS THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION

Section 7 (1) (s) of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Act, 2012 (No.35 of 2012) provides an injunction to this issue which states that "set up distance learning or education centres in collaboration with Open Universities to provide access to the aspiring young professionals"

A. In this background, with a view to upscale the employment potential among the National Youth Corps of NYK, RGNIYD has taken up innovative initiative to provide need based educational programmes to make them become more productive and secure gainful employment. It is proposed to offer certificate/diploma/advanced diploma/Bachelor's degree in Vocational Education/Entrepreneurship development through Distance Learning.

B. Similarly, it is proposed to offer skill based programmes for NSS Volunteers to enhance the employability of the students in various disciplines through Certificate/diploma/Advanced Diploma Programmes.

The proposals were approved and are to be introduced after deploying the requisite staff for the programme.

a) Structure of the Programme for NYC Volunteers was approved as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Duration of the Course	Eligibility
1.	Certificate Programme	6 Months	10 th Std
2.	Diploma Programme	1 year	10 th Std
3.	Advanced Diploma Programme	2 years	12 th Std
4.	Bachelor's Degree Programme	3 years	12 th Std

b) Structure of the Programme for NSS Volunteers was approved as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Duration of the Course	Credits
1.	Certificate Programme	1 year	15
2.	Diploma Programme	2 years	30
3.	Advanced Diploma Programme	3 years	45s

On the completion of 15 credits in the 1st year, certificate will be given, on completion of 30 credits in the 2nd year, diploma will be given and on completion of 45 credits in the 3rd and Advanced Diploma will be given.

For each programme, there shall be a compulsory training programme for two credits in Personality Development and Professional Ethics (1st year), Volunteerism and Community Development (2nd year), Human Values and Service Learning (3rd year)

The Members of the Academic Council opined that these courses may be thrown open to others also.

ITEM NO.XII: RGNIYD REGIONAL CENTRE, CHANDIGARH

As per the decision taken by the XXXI Meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd July 2014 at Sriperumbudur (Item No.XXIV), Vocational and Skill Development Programmes will be taken up at RGNIYD Regional Centre in consultation with important stake holders like DGE&T, FICCI, etc. An amount of Rs.25 lakhs has been approved for this by the Executive Council. The Director mentioned about her recent visit to the Centre and a report submitted to the Ministry in this regard, wherein it has been suggested that Mr.Stanzir Dawa may be given independent charge RGNIYD, Regional Centre and report to the Director, RGNIYD. This would help in avoiding overlaps / confusion with NYKS. An Expert Committee report to look into the functions of Regional Centre vis-a-vis Headquarter was also approved by the EC in its 31st Meeting.

As the functions of RGNID Regional Centre involves academic, training and research and is in variance from that of NYKS, an academician with a requisite qualification may be considered for the post of Regional Coordinator in the place of NYKS Zonal Director.

The matter placed before the Academic Council was noted.

ITEM NO.XIII: ACADEMIC ARCHITECTURE OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute with its change in orientation due to transition from a training Institute to an Institute of National Importance and lack of appropriate hand-holding with the necessary human power requirements is in a stage where the academic structures may have to be revisited. This is imminent in order to have some parity with National / International terminologies / structures.

Vide Statutes 8(xiii), the Academic Council may *"make recommendations to the Executive Council with regard to the creation or restructuring of Divisions, Centres and Departments of the Institute."*

*File
Ordinance*
The Academic Council authorized the Director to constitute a Committee to undertake an academic exercise in this matter. It is also recommended to include a definition of Schools, Centres, Departments, School Boards, etc., in the Ordinances.

ITEM NO.XIV: PERSPECTIVE AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Green
The newly formed EC of the Institute held its First meeting on 9th Jan 2014 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri. Deep Joshi. In order to draw a road map for the Institute, on the initiative of the Chairman, Executive Council, a Perspective and Strategic Plan Meeting was held on 2nd July 2014 at Sriperumbudur. Leading academicians and administrators participated in this exercise. It was further suggested that two or three more such deliberations be held to finalise the plan.

The recommendation for few more perspective and strategic plan meetings was approved.

ITEM NO.XV: TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One of the major activities of RGNIYD is to conduct ToTs (Training of Trainers), Skill development programmes, and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes. A Department of Training needs to be established to develop training modules and manuals, monitoring and evaluating the training programmes, follow up of ToT, assessing the impact of training programmes continuously. There is a need to integrate training and research for scientific and effective implementation. It is recommended to constitute an Advisory Committee for evolving a mechanism and scientific process for the training programmes. In the interim period, the Training Activities at Headquarters may be coordinated by a Training Consultant.

The recommendation for the Advisory Committee for evolving a mechanism and scientific process for training programme was approved.

ITEM NO.XVI: COLLABORATION WITH VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS

- Dr. Lalitha*
1. BANYAN is a leading NGO in the field of Mental Health. RGNIYD proposes to collaborate with BANYAN for sharing and transacting training modules, conducting a six months certificate course for community wellness mobilizers, partner for research, conferences and sharing of infrastructure. BANYAN already has similar linkages with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai.
 2. A Committee constituted for review of Ph.D Guidelines recommended the collaborative research CDS on Migration in Tamil Nadu with a total budget of the Project for Rs.5,00,000/- which shall be used for salaries of the project assistant or field investigators/field work/data processing/preparation for project report etc.
 3. Centre for Social Initiative and Management (CSIM) offers Social Entrepreneurship training programmes across the country. Recently, under the auspicious of British Council - RGNIYD collaboration, CSIM was a knowledge partner. CSIM offers certificate/diploma programmes in leading educational institutions in Tamil Nadu. In order to enhance the course offerings to the students of RGNIYD, it is proposed to collaborate with CSIM for a certificate programme. The institute will enter into a MoU on similar lines of other colleges/universities it has partnered with.

Dr. Anand

Similar collaborative ventures are under consideration with National Council for Co-operative Training (NCCT), National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), M.S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Dhan Foundation, & Centre for Social Research for various academic and training programmes.

The recommendation for the collaborative venture with well-established institutions for academic and research purposes was approved. The Academic Council also recommended that the Institute may endeavor to have international collaborations.

ITEM NO.XVII: FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FACULTY FOR COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

During the 31st Meeting of the EC, it was recommended that "a Committee be constituted to develop Guidelines for providing financial support for faculty for collaborative projects".

The Academic Council authorized the Director to constitute a Committee and prepare the specific and well defined guidelines for providing financial support to faculty for collaborative projects. Further, the Academic Council emphasized that all the Research proposals submitted for financial support be evaluated by a Committee for the recommendation of the financial support.

Action Taken
by
Prof. S. Karunanidhi

ITEM NO.XVIII: REVISED Ph.D. GUIDELINES, RECOGNITION OF RESEARCH GUIDES & CONTINUATION OF RESEARCH SUPERVISORS

In order to review the regulations of Doctoral programme of RGNIYD, status of research supervision and the issues relating to research scholars, an Expert Committee with the following Members was constituted:

- 1) Prof. Joseph Duralraj
Vice Chancellor
Gandhigram Rural University
Gandhigram, Dindigul District
- 2) Prof S. Karunanidhi
Dean – Research
University of Madras
Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005
- 3) Prof. Hiremath
Former Registrar of Gulbarga University and Member of
State Knowledge Commission
Professor & Chairperson of Sociology, Gulbarga University
Gulbarga
- 4) Dr R.M. Ranganath
Former Registrar
Bangalore University, Bangalore

App
(Prof. S. Karunanidhi)

5) Dr D. Jayalakshmi
Registrar i/c
RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur – 602 105

6) Dr K. Gireesan
Faculty Head
RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur – 602 105

The recommendations made by the Committee were approved as follows:

To be circulated
1. Revised Ph.D guidelines

Revised Ph.D guidelines duly approved by the Executive Council is placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

Summed
2. Recognition of Research Guides

Dr.P.Sivakumar and Dr.T.Gopinath have been assessed and recommended by the Expert Committee for the research guideship at RGNIYD.

3. Continuation of Research Supervisors

Dr.A.Radhakrishnan Nair (who has been repatriated to parent organization), Dr.V.Reghu (who has retired from the services) and Dr.P.Sahoo (who is on deputation to Bhubaneswar Development Authority) have been recommended to continue the guide ship with the students who have already registered under them and who have already undergone Doctoral Committee Meeting and course work in view of the shortage of guides at RGNIYD.

The recommendations of the expert committee on these points were placed in the 31st meeting of the Executive Council held on 3rd July 2014 at Sriperumbudur as item No.XX.

The Academic Council suggested that the same Research Committee with Director, RGNIYD as Chairperson may continue to guide the research activities of the Institute.

ITEM NO.XIX: STUDENT SAFETY INSURANCE POLICY WITH UNITED INDIA INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

During the 31st meeting of EC held on 3rd July 2014 at Sriperumbudur as item No.XXV, a proposal on Group Insurance Scheme for students was approved with effect from the academic year 2014-15.

It is proposed to have student safety Insurance Policy with United India Insurance Company with the following coverage:

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| 1) Compensation for Accidental Death of Student | -Rs.10,000 |
| 2) Compensation for Accidental Death of Student's Bread-winner | -Rs.50,000 |
| 3) Reimbursement of Hospitalisation expenses incurred for the students arising out of accident up to | -Rs.50,000 |

The above coverage is provided to the students on one time premium of Rs.60/- plus service tax of 12.36% and it works out to Rs.67/- per student.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council noted and approved.

ITEM NO.XX: ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

As an Institute of National Importance, RGNIYD receives a few admission requests from foreign students. It is suggested that the Institute may incorporate the rules and regulations in the prospectus, Brochure and advertisement. The fees, Hostel Room rent and Food Charges to be collected from the students from Developing Countries, SAARC Countries and from other Countries, as suggested below may kindly be approved.

The existing fee structure was found to be very low and hence the Academic Council suggested to look at the fee structure of other Universities & prepare the proposal afresh. It was also recommended that collaboration be established with BRIC and SAARC countries and provide capsule based courses.

ITEM NO.XXI: CONVOCATION

During the 29th Meeting of the Executive Council of RGNIYD held on 9th January 2014, it was decided that "Degree Certificates for all the eligible students from 2009-2011 batch to 2012-14 batch will be awarded with the Deemed University status, as they were admitted accordingly. Convocation will be held in the future for the first batch of students admitted under the Institute of National Importance." As per the decision, the degree certificate to the students from the first four batches of Deemed to be University starting from 2008-2010 batch to 2011-13 batch was provided.

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The results of 2012-14 batch is placed as separate item (Item No.B-III) before the Academic Council for declaration after which degree certificates will be issued to the students.

As decided in the XXIX Meeting of Executive Council, the first Convocation shall be conducted for the students of 2013-15 batch.

A Committee may be constituted to develop form of procedure for the Convocation.

The Academic Council suggested that the proposal to hold the First Convocation of the Institute for the students of 2012-14 batch (Deemed University) may be placed for consideration of Executive Council. EC-Resol
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ITEM NO.XXII MEDALS, RANK CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

It is recommended to institute Gold and Silver Medals and Rank Certificates for the First and Second Rank holders for all the PG Degree programmes offered at RGNID.

The Academic Council recommended the Institute's Gold medal for first rank holders and Silver medal for second rank holders of all the PG degree programmes offered at RGNID.

Endowment

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An Endowment in the name of "Lakshmi-Vaidyanathan Gold Medal" for the rank holders in Gender Studies has been instituted by Dr V. Kadambari, Chennai - 500 044 and donated a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) with the following guidelines:

- The award to be given to a Post Graduate M.A. Programme student in Gender Studies of RGNID taking into account of the marks obtained in all the four semesters.
- The student should not have had any arrears.
- The student should have been regular in attending classes.

The Academic Council noted and approved the Endowment.

ITEM NO.XXIII: ANY OTHER ITEM

In order to reach out to the youth under various programmes it is proposed that on the lines similar to RGNIYD's partnership with Governmental organisations / NGO's the Institute may conduct the following programmes in colleges especially in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

- Youth Connect: Programme on themes such as Youth and Entrepreneurship, Youth, Science and Literature, Art, Agriculture, Media etc.
- Youth Conclaves: Programmes on Personality Development, Soft-Skills, Employability Skills, Life Skills etc.
- Youth Summits: To recognize youth Icons for their creativity, create a force for debates and dialogues.

Conducting programmes with affiliated and autonomous colleges also enhances the credibility of linkages since the issue of RGNIYD partnership with various institutions has been adversely commented. The guidelines for the scheme will be formulated and initially for the year 2014-15, the target would be around 250 colleges.

The Academic Council approved this proposal.

SECTION B (CONFIDENTIAL) - ITEMS

ITEM NO. B I: COMPOSITION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Section 17 of First Statutes of RGNIYD mentions appointing authority as follows

- a) The Director shall be the appointing authority for Academic Staff and Registrar
- b) The Registrar shall be the appointing authority for Non-Academic Staff

There is no mention about the selection committee in the statutes

Hence, the Executive Council of RGNIYD in its 30th meeting held on 2nd April 2014 at New Delhi has resolved that *"the constitution of Selection Committee will be made by the Director with the approval of the Executive Council (by convening a special meeting or by circulation among the members)"*.....

It was resolved in the XXXI Executive Council Meeting *"to adopt UGC guidelines for the constitution of selection committees for various Academic Positions at RGNIYD"*.

Accordingly, a letter has been sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to obtain the Visitor's nominees. A list of experts to be considered for Selection Committee was also approved in XXXI Meeting of the Executive Council.

*Letter to Ministry
Sent*

The matter was noted by the Academic Council.

ITEM NO. B II: BOARD OF EXAMINERS/ QUESTION PAPER SETTERS

The panel of Examiners for the Boards of Examiners/Question Paper Setters for various PG Degree programmes was placed in a confidential cover.

The Academic Council recommended that the Board of Examiners be constituted with academicians of repute & integrity.

ITEM NO. B III: RESULTS OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

Results of the students of 2012-2014 batch was placed before the Academic Council for declaration. (Annexure I)

The Academic Council approved the results of the students of 2012-14.

ITEM NO. B IV: LIST OF EXPERTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES

The Director requested the Academic Council to suggest names of Experts for various committees of the Institute. A suggestive format was circulated to the Members.

The Academic Council authorized the Director to constitute the committees and members would also send their suggestions.

The 5th meeting Academic Council of RGNIYD came to an end with vote of thanks proposed by the Director to the members for sharing their time and valuable suggestions.