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**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**  
(Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament No. 35/2012)  
Pennalur, Sriperumbudur – 602 105

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD  
held on 09<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi**

**Members Present:**

1.	Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD	Chairperson
2.	Mr. LK Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi.	Member
3.	Prof. Gopal Guru Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - 67	Member
4.	Ms. Radha Chellappa Head of Office, International Organisation for Migration – India	Member
5.	Prof. C. Thangamuthu, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University	Member
6.	Dr.K. Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur	Member
7.	Shri. Dibyajyoti Gogoi Student, II Year M.A. Local Governance, Sriperumbudur	Member
8.	Ms. Th.Rita Lungnila, Student, II Year M.A. Development Practice,	Member
9.	Dr. T.R.A: Devakumar Registrar, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur	Member Secretary

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

1.	Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras	Member
2.	Prof. Jeemol Unni, Director, Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Gujarat	Member
3.	Prof. Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director, Indian Institute of Management – Calcutta	Member
4.	Shri. Nikhil Dey, 278, Hauz Khas Apartments, Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016	Member
5.	Mr. RCM Reddy, Managing Director & CEO, IL&FS Education & Technology Services Ltd	Member

*T.R.A. Devakumar*

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The following members did not attend the meeting

1.	Shri. Rajeew Kapoor, IAS., Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie	Member
2.	Ms. Frederika Meijer, Representative, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) No.55, Lodi Estate, New Delhi - 110 003.	Member *

\* Ms. Frederika Meijer could not attend due to her prior commitments and hence Mr. Srinivasa Venkatesan represented UNFPA in the place of Ms. Frederika Meijer.

Dr P Sahoo, Faculty Head, RGNIYD and Mr A Velu, Asst. Registrar, RGNIYD were invited as Special Invitee for the meeting. Smt Debanjana Ray, US, MoYAS, and Mr Man Mohan, SO, MoYAS were also present in the meeting.

Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD presided the meeting and the agenda points were taken up for discussion.

**Item No. I : Confirmation of the Minutes of the VI Meeting of the Academic Council held on 23 March 2015 at India International Centre, New Delhi**

Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council which was conducted on 23 March 2015 was confirmed.

**Item No. II (i) : Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the VI Meeting of the Academic Council**

Action taken on the Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of RGNIYD was reported and the same was approved.

**Item No. II (ii) : Activity Report from April 2015 to September 2015**

Noted. The Director briefed the members of the initiatives taken to strengthen the teaching and training programs. She also mentioned about the increase in the number of faculty members being deputed for Seminars / Conferences. In addition to the faculty mentioned in the agenda notes – the following were reported.

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Details of Seminar / Conference	Place	Dates
1.	Ms. Avinu Veronica Richa, Assistant Professor	International Training Programme on "Sustainable Livelihoods" Rural organized by CIRDAP and NIRD	North Eastern Regional Centre of NIRD	05 - 14 January 2015

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2.	Dr. P. Hiranniya Kalesh, Assistant Professor	Asia Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers', organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	New Delhi	28-31 July 2015
3.	Dr. K. Gireesan, Faculty Head	International Workshop on Participatory Development organized by PRAXIS	Bangalore	07 – 14 September 2015
4.	Dr. P. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor	National consultation on Children and Internal Migration in India organized by UNESCO and Aid-et-action	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015
5.	Dr. S. Lalitha, Assistant Professor	Workshop conducted by British Council of India	London	30 <sup>th</sup> September to 04 <sup>th</sup> October 2015

It was also suggested that the various lecture programs organized by the Institute may be uploaded on the website.

Regarding the Community Radio Station (CRS), dissatisfaction was expressed about its lack of optimal performance. It was suggested that interested students may be involved in the activities of CRS.

**Item No. III : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Local Governance and Development (2015-16 on wards)**

Approved.

**Item No. IV : Syllabus from I to IV semester of M.A. Gender Studies (2015 - 2016 on wards)**

Approved. The Committee suggested that the syllabus for Gender Studies programme may be relooked at and suitably modified to include Gender perspectives, rather than confining it to Women; an apprehension also expressed by the student representatives. The Department should also take efforts to increase its enrollment by making the program more contemporary and through establishing linkages with National / International agencies working in the field of gender.

**Item No. V : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (2015-16 on wards)**

Approved.

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Item No. VI : Syllabus of I and II semester of M.A. Development Policy and Practice (2015-16 on wards)

Approved.

Item No. VII : Syllabus for the I and II semester of M.Sc. Counselling Psychology (2015-16 on wards)

Approved.

Item No. VIII : Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) for M. A. and M.Sc. Programmes Syllabus 2015 – 17

Approved.

Item No. IX (a) : Change in the Nomenclature of the Programme from M.A. Counselling Psychology to M.Sc. Counselling Psychology

The Council suggested that the programme should have adequate components of practical and field exposure, in order that students are able to relate the theory imparted in the classrooms.

Item No. IX. (b) : Eligibility for Admission

Approved.

Item No. X (a) : Setting up Technology Business Incubators at RGNIYD

Approved. The Council suggested that the Department may have to tie up with other Institutions having Technology Business Incubator in India.

Item No. X (b) : Setting Establishment of Knowledge Partnership with CSIE-IIT Madras

Approved.

Item No. XI. (a) National Level consultation workshop for developing schemes at State level under NIRBHAYA FUND and framework for establishing One Stop Crisis Centre for preventing violence against women – concept note.

The Council while approving the proposal, suggested to gather inputs from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, MHRD, United Nation Organizations and report on SAKSHAM by UGC.

Item No. XI. (b) Contextual realities of skewed sex ration in selected districts in India - concept note.

The Council approved the proposal and suggested that the work done by other agencies viz. UNFPA, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality etc. may be referred to and the study should not be limited to selected districts of Tamil Nadu.



