

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SEVENTIETH (70<sup>th</sup>) MEETING**

**OF**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC)**

**HELD ON**

**30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
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**70<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON  
30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 (TUESDAY) AT 2.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE  
CHANCELLOR BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.**

The following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
3.	Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
4.	Prof. Sudip Ranjan Jha, Professor, SOS	Member
5.	Prof. M.S.S Raju, Director, SOMS	Member
6.	Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar Director, SOSS	Member
7.	Prof. Nawal Kishor, Professor, SOMS	Member
8.	Dr. A. Murli M. Rao, Director, Computer Division	Member
9.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA	Special Invitee
10.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD	Special Invitee
11.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, COE	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. V. B. Negi, Registrar, SED	Special Invitee
13.	Dr. V.P. Rupam, Addl. Director, SRD	Special Invitee
14.	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director, P&DD.	Member Secretary

Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director from P&DD were present to provide academic support to the Committee.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson, Member(s), and Special Invitee(s) to the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) and requested the Chair for opening remarks.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor IGNOU and Chairperson of APC welcomed all the Members, Special invitees and all present to the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). The Chairperson welcomed the new members Prof. M.S.S. Raju, Director (SOMS), Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar, Director (SOSS), Dr. A. Murli M.Rao, Director (Computer Division) and Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar (Admn). He also placed on record the valuable contributions made by Prof. Meenal Mishra, Director, SOS, Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS, Dr. U.C. Pandey, Director, RSD and Dr. Himansu Kumar Bose, Registrar, SRD during their tenure as Members of the APC.

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The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to initiate the proceedings.

The Member Secretary briefed the Committee that there were 21 agenda items and 5 tabled items. The agenda included 2 reporting items, 6 Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) and 15 Programme Launch Forms (PLFs). Out of the 15 PLFs, 13 were for ratifications. The agenda also included the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) and comments received on the Minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> APC meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The proceedings of the Academic Programme Standing Committee are as follows:

<b>A.P.C. 70.1</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and consider the action taken reports.</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.1.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 69 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 were circulated to the Members of the Committee for comments.
<b>A.P.C. 70.1.2</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the comments were received on the Minutes of 69 <sup>th</sup> APC from Prof. S.R. Jha, Member, APC. The Committee noted and approved the comments on the minutes of the Member.  <b>(Action: P&amp;DD)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.1.3</b>	<b>Refer item No. 69.1.5: Academic programmes with low enrollment and the corrective measures taken to increase enrollment in each programme:</b>  The Member Secretary informed that the Review Committee for Low Enrollment Academic Programmes was constituted vide notification No. 61 dated 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. In order to find out more about the causes of low enrollment, the Committee conducted a survey before making any recommendations. The Schools of studies participated in the initial phase of the survey and the committee will present the report after more deliberations.
<b>A.P.C. 70.1.4</b>	<b>Refer item No. 69.8.</b> The Committee observed that the Academic Council in its 80 <sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved the broad framework (Major, Honors and Multidisciplinary) for 4-year Bachelor's Degree Programmes under NEP 2020 as per guidelines notified by UGC for Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes.  The Committee while deliberating on it opined that the FYUP aims to give students a variety of enrollment options and is seen as a significant change in Indian higher education.



	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Committee the schools have submitted the PPFs for FYUP records as noted in 69<sup>th</sup> APC meeting except SOSS. After detailed deliberations the Committee advised SOSS to report the item related to offering FYUP programmes in the School Board and suggested to record FYUP as new programmes offered as old Honours programme are still on offer. The minutes of the School Board should then be submitted to P&amp;DD for records.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that all the Schools offering FYUP should report the item to their respective School Boards and submit the minutes to P&amp;DD for records.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: All Schools)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.1.5</b>	<p>After the detailed deliberations, the Committee noted the Action Taken Reports and confirmed the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> APC meeting with the above suggestions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: P&amp;DD)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.2</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Arts (Lifelong learning) (SOE).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.2.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Education (SOE) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Arts (Lifelong Learning).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.2.2</b>	<p>The Programme Coordinator presented the Programme Proposal form (PPF). The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 57<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 vide item No. 57.9 The main objective of the programme is to promote learning of individuals all through their lives. The programme shall promote seamless learning based on prior learning through sustainable access to learner centric quality education, skill up gradation and training to all the individuals in different walks of life. It shall enhance and ensuing convergence of all existing system of learning and education for their meaningful march towards recognition, validation and accreditation of prior learning of all the needy and deserving people. The programme will be launched from July 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.2.3</b>	<p>After deliberations, the Committee recommended changing eligibility as "Any Graduate" for the said M.A. programme. The Committee also suggested restructuring the course outline as per the credit requirements.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.2.4</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Arts (Lifelong Learning).</b></p>



	<b>(Action : SOE)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.3</b>	<b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Arts (Bhagwadgita) with an exit option as P.G. Diploma (SOH).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.3.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A (Bhagwadgita) with an exit option as P.G. Diploma.
<b>A.P.C. 70.3.2</b>	<p>The Committee was informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 73<sup>rd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> December 2023 vide item no. 73.3</p> <p>भगवद्गीता भारतीय ज्ञान परम्परा का सार ग्रंथ है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में मान्य शिक्षा मार्गों, विषयों और विविध ज्ञान विज्ञान के पक्षों को समाज के सभी वर्गों की शिक्षा के लिए प्रस्तुत करना भगवद्गीता में स्नातकोत्तर कार्यक्रम का प्रयोजन है। भगवद्गीता में समस्त भारतीय चिंतन परम्परा का ज्ञान निहित है। यह एक निर्विवाद ज्ञान ग्रंथ है जिसमें ब्रह्म सूत्र, षड्दर्शन, उपनिषद्, के ज्ञान के साथ-साथ समस्त वैज्ञानिक और सांस्कृतिक ज्ञान समाहित है। भारत की गरीबी से संघर्ष करने, आतंकवाद दूर करने, युद्ध, सैन्य पर्यावरण, प्रबंधन, समाजशास्त्र, मानव मूल्य के साथ-साथ भारतीय चिंतन परम्परा के वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण भगवद्गीता में हैं। समस्त ज्ञान-विज्ञान के दर्शन इस ग्रंथ में होते हैं। इससे राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति की मान्यताओं का क्रियान्वयन सिद्ध होगा। विविध ज्ञान-विज्ञान, कला साहित्य, आदि की पृष्ठ भूमि वाला समाज का कोई भी इसका लाभ प्राप्त कर सकेगा। यह कार्यक्रम वर्तमान में यू.जी.सी. द्वारा संचालित नहीं है। किन्तु भारतीय विद्याओं के मर्म को पूरी तरह समझकर प्रायोगिक ज्ञान के साथ श्रेष्ठ व्यक्तित्व सम्पन्न शिक्षित नागरिक का निर्माण भगवद्गीता के इस कार्यक्रम से संभव हो सकेगा। रामायण, महाभारत, उपनिषद् एवं विभिन्न दर्शनों के सैद्धान्तिक ज्ञान के व्यावहारिक प्रयोग की जानकारी गीता में ही निहित है। यह भारतीय संस्कृति का सर्वोच्च प्रतिमान शिक्षा ग्रंथ है। भारतीय न्याय भी इसी की मर्यादा का अधिकांश पोषण करता है। देश के विभिन्न संस्थानों में इसकी शिक्षा दी जाती है। दूरस्थ शिक्षा के माध्यम से गीता ज्ञान के व्यावहारिक उपयोग को जन-जन तक पहुंचाया जा सकता है। समाज के किसी भी क्षेत्र, समूह, जाति, संवर्ग के स्त्री-पुरुष जो किसी भी विषय में स्नातक उत्तीर्ण हों, वे इस कार्यक्रम के लाभार्थी होंगे। यह कार्यक्रम 80 क्रेडिट वाले प्रारूप का होगा, जिसमें 40 क्रेडिट के अध्ययन के पश्चात् स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा तथा सम्पूर्ण अध्ययन की पूर्णता पर स्नातकोत्तर उपाधि दिये जाने का प्रावधान होगा।</p> <p>The tentative launch date of this programme is July 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.3.3</b>	<b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Bhagwadgita) with an exit option as P.G. Diploma.</b>

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	<b>(Action: SOH)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.4</b>	<b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate Programme in Life Skill Education. (SOSW)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.4.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Work (SOSW) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate Programme in Life Skill Education in compliance with the NEP regulations.
<b>A.P.C. 70.4.2</b>	The Programme Coordinator presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF). The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 30 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 vide item No. 30.4.1. The main objective of the programme is to develop an understanding about Life Skills Education and its application in diverse areas of life. The programme shall provide theoretical understanding of the Life Skill Education and to enhance employable skills. It shall strengthen the use of Life skills Education in daily life and to understand the applicability of different life skills in diverse areas of human life. The programme will be launched from July 2025.
<b>A.P.C. 70.4.3</b>	After detailed deliberations, the Committee observed that life skill courses are also offered by other schools. The Committee advised that new courses in the relevant areas of life skill be developed as part of FYUP programmes and also offer it on SWAYAM.
<b>A.P.C. 70.4.3</b>	<b>The Committee referred back the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for the Certificate Programme in Life Skill Education.</b>
	<b>(Action: SOSW)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.5</b>	<b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of MLIS (Integrated). (SOSS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.5.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of MLIS (Integrated).
<b>A.P.C. 70.5.2</b>	The Director and Programme Coordinator from School of Social Sciences (SOSS) presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programmes was approved in the 82 <sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 vide item No. 82.47. Earlier the agenda for restructuring of MLIS (Integrated) was approved in 81 <sup>st</sup> School Board Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023. Subsequently, it was placed in ACSC meeting. The ACSC referred back the proposal to the School for getting necessary approvals by statutory bodies. The faculty informed that the MLIS integrated programme aims at strengthening the discipline's subject knowledge. The student will get the



	<p>opportunity to have a holistic learning experience and an understanding of the interconnectedness of various fields and how they can be integrated for better problem solving. By providing wide range of learning opportunities, student can have a greater flexibility in learning and choices of studies. The student will be given a practical experience through internship before getting into the job market. The provision of multiple entry and exit would remove rigid boundaries for the students allowing them to flexibly pace their learning. The programme will be launched from July 2025 / January 2026.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.5.3</b>	<p>The Committee was informed that as per NEP 2020 guidelines, the programme will have multiple entry and exit and will be multidisciplinary in nature. The programme will be offered both in Hindi and English. The Committee after deliberations advised that the nomenclature of the programme should be as per UGC norms.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.5.4</b>	<p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of MLIS (Integrated). <b>(Action: SOSS)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.6</b>	<p>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Business Administration (Agribusiness Management) (SOA).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.6.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Business Administration (Agribusiness Management).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.6.2</b>	<p>The Committee was informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 44<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 vide item No. 44.4. The main objective of this programme is to generate competent business professionals in agriculture, food, rural, and allied sectors. The programme shall generate startups and entrepreneurship among farmers, intermediaries and traders in the agri-business chain. It shall equip business professionals with specific managerial skills and to develop expertise in management of techno-commercial aspects of agribusiness. It shall impart knowledge and expertise to agribusiness managers to deal effectively with national development plan, agricultural policies and global trade. The programme will be launched from July 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.6.3</b>	<p>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Business Administration (Agribusiness Management). <b>(Action: SOA)</b></p>



<b>A.P.C. 70.7</b>	<b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the Master of Arts (Population and Family Health Studies). (SOEDS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.7.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension & Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Master of Arts (Population and Family Health Studies).
<b>A.P.C. 70.7.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the Programme was approved in the 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board held on 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the 68 <sup>th</sup> Meeting the School Board meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023. vide item No. 68.2. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for P.G. Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies were approved by 30 <sup>th</sup> School Board of SOEDS held on 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Programme Development form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme was approved in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ACSC held on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. A notification No. 132 dated 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 has been issued by the Planning and Development Division for its launch from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.7.3</b>	<b>To Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the Master of Arts (Population and Family Health Studies).</b>  <b>(Action: SOEDS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.8</b>	<b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Master of Arts (Spanish). (SOFL)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.8.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Master of Arts (Spanish).
<b>A.P.C. 70.8.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in the 58 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022 vide item No. 20. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. A notification No. 133 dated 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 has been issued by the Planning and Development Division for its launch from January 2024 session.



<b>A.P.C. 70.8.3</b>	<b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Master of Arts (Spanish).</b>  <b>(Action: SOFL)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.9</b>	<b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts Philosophy (FYUP).(SOITS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.9.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) (FYUP).
<b>A.P.C. 70.9.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR of the programme were approved in the 63 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 vide item No. 63.18. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 01 <sup>st</sup> January 2024. The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.9.3</b>	<b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts Philosophy (FYUP).</b>  <b>(Action: SOITS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.10</b>	<b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Social Work (FYUP) (SOSW).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.10.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Work (SOSW) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Social Work (FYUP).
<b>A.P.C. 70.10.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the programme The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme was approved in the 81 <sup>st</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP from January 2024 session
<b>A.P.C. 70.10.3</b>	<b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Social Work (FYUP).</b>



	<b>(Action: SOSW)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.11</b>	<p>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) of: (SOH)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Arts (English) (FYUP)</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Arts (Hindi) (FYUP)</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Arts (Sanskrit) (FYUP)</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Arts (Urdu) (FYUP)</li> </ol>
<b>A.P.C. 70.11.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) of above four FYUP programmes.
<b>A.P.C. 70.11.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in the 63 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 vide item No. 63.11, 63.12 and 63.13. The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP programmes from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.11.3</b>	<p>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) of following four programmes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bachelor of Arts (English) (FYUP)</li> <li>2. Bachelor of Arts (Hindi) (FYUP)</li> <li>3. Bachelor of Arts (Sanskrit) (FYUP)</li> <li>4. Bachelor of Arts (Urdu) (FYUP)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: SOH)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.12</b>	To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Diploma in Agriculture Cost Management. (SOA).
<b>A.P.C. 70.12.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management.
<b>A.P.C. 70.12.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 vide item No. 36. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. A notification No. 134 dated 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued by the Planning and Development Division for launch from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.12.3</b>	The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of



	<b>Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management.</b> <b>(Action: SOA)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.13</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Awareness-cum-Training Package for Parents (Visual Impairment). (SOCE).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.13.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Awareness-Cum-training Package for Parents (Visual Impairment).
<b>A.P.C. 70.13.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the MoU between IGNOU and RCI has been re-initiated on 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2023. The RCI has approved the re-initiation of the above mentioned programme with an intake of 250 learners as per Academic session. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and other forms for the above mentioned programme was approved in the 66 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board held on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 and 68 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of APC held on 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in 61 <sup>st</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.
<b>A.P.C. 70.13.3</b>	<b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Awareness-cum-Training Package for Parents (Visual Impairment).</b> <b>(Action: SOCE)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.14</b>	<b>To report the scheme of fee support to the IGNOU students belonging to SC/ST categories seeking fresh admissions and re-registration in January 2024 admission cycle under DAPSC/STC grants. (P&amp;DD).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.14.1</b>	The Committee on utilization of SCSP/TSP was re-constituted by the Competent Authority (now DAPSC/STC) Grants Committee vide notification No. 58A dated 1st December 2023 to propose policies, guidelines and to monitor utilization of the grants under the SCSP/TSP (DAPSC/STC) Scheme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Status quo may be maintained regarding fee waiver in three UG programmes i.e. BAG, BSCG and BCOMG in January 2024 admission cycle.</li> <li>ii) Status quo may be maintained regarding fee waiver for re-registered SC/ST students in January 2024 admission cycle, who already availed the benefits of the scheme in earlier admission cycles.</li> <li>iii) Status quo may be maintained with respect to the criteria of income ceiling for fresh and re-registered SC/ST learners for</li> </ul>



	<p>availing fee waiver as applicable in January 2023 admission cycle.</p> <p>iv) The Income Certificate shall be issued by the Authority as decided by the respective State Governments.</p> <p>v) As per the decision taken earlier, SC/ST students availing fee waiver shall be required to pay the non-refundable Registration fee of ₹300/- for admission in the January 2024 cycle.</p> <p>vi) As decided by the Finance Committee, a Development Fee of ₹ 200/- will be charged from SC/ST students also, availing fee waiver for admission in July 2024 Cycle.</p> <p>vii) The Committee directed P&amp;DD to circulate the study conducted by P&amp;DD regarding the enrolment and pass out status of the SC/ST students and the document of the scheme of the GOI regarding DAPSC/STC.</p> <p>viii) The Committee after deliberations proposed that in the admission portal two options may be created viz.a.viz. a) Fees exemption from IGNOU b) Social welfare schemes of GOI. The admission to the students will be subject to the verification of all the documents physically at the respective Regional Centre by the designated nodal officer for fee exemption from IGNOU. The implementation of this is proposed to be done by SRD,RSD and SSC.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.14.2</b>	The Committee deliberated and suggested to check the feasibility to physically verify the documents for availing fee exemption at Regional Centres (RCs) as per the SCSP/TSP (DAPSC/STC) Scheme.
<b>A.P.C. 70.14.3</b>	<p>The Committee noted the January 2024 admission cycle notification under DAPSC/STC grants and suggested to relook the feasibility to physically verify all of the documents at the Regional Center(s) and RSD.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: RSD and P&amp;DD)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.15</b>	To report the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. January 2024 admission cycle. (P&DD).
<b>A.P.C. 70.15.1</b>	A Committee was constituted vide Notification No. IG/P&DD/Notification/2022/767 dated December 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022 to deliberate and discuss the revision of fee, rationalization and marketability of IGNOU's academic programmes. A meeting of the committee was convened on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 to recommend fee for the cycle January 2024 admission cycle.

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	<p>a. To rationalize the fee for a limited number of programmes (62 out of about 331 programmes on offer). Out of the 62 programmes for which fee rationalization is recommended, 23 are UG Programmes and 36 are PG Programmes and 1 Certificate programme. The rationalization proposed is with the condition that the maximum enhancement shall be within the range of ₹200/- to ₹400/- in a year/semester, as the case may be.</p> <p>b. A non-refundable admission fees of ₹300/- and development fees of ₹200/- to be charged in all the programmes including the professional programmes with entrance exam and the merit based programmes. In the earlier decision the committee has recommended to charge the admission and development fees for all the programmes.</p> <p>c. In Six programmes, which promote Indian Knowledge system as per NEP 2020, the programme fees have been reduced.</p> <p>A notification no. 60 dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 has been issued by Planning and Development Division in compliance of recommendations of the committee with approval of the Competent Authority.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.15.2</b>	<p>The Committee noted the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. January 2024 admission cycle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: P&amp;DD)</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.16</b>	<p>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the M.Sc.(Industrial Safety). (SOET).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.16.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Industrial Safety).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.16.2</b>	<p>The Director of the School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) presented the programme launch form (PLF) of the programme. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of APC held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 vide item No. 68.15. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 vide item 63.30. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 08<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.16.3</b>	<p>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent</p>



	<p><b>Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Industrial Safety).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: SOET)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.17</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) of Certificate in Event Management (SOCE).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.17.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Continuing Education (SOCE) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Certificate in Event Management.
<b>A.P.C. 70.17.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Certificate in Event Management is a stand-alone programme as well as an exit option for Diploma in Event Management students after 6-months of completion. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) was approved in the 50 <sup>th</sup> Planning Board. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the above mentioned programme were approved in the 67 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the School Board held on 06 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 and in the 63 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.
<b>A.P.C. 70.17.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Forms (PLFs) of Certificate in Event Management (SOCE).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: SOCE)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.18</b>	<b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Media and Information Literacy. (SOJNMS).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.18.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Media and Information Literacy.
<b>A.P.C. 70.18.2</b>	The Director of the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF). The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programmes was approved in the School Board meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 vide item No. 2 through circulation. The emergence of Web 2.0 technologies has not just transformed the technological advancements in the playfield of media and communications but has also paved the way for consumers to become producers. The prowess of information processing as well as content curation and creation is no longer run by the few ones with power and authority but is decentralized in the hands of any and everyone. However, with autonomy and agency comes the responsibility to be well informed about the three fundamentals access, interpretations and participation. These three





	concepts build to be the frameworks of media and information literacy, which are essential not just for comprehension of knowledge but for imbibing critical thinking skills, along with empowering individuals with the social and cultural competencies to engage and participate in new media spaces in a wholesome manner. The programme will be launched from July 2024.
<b>A.P.C. 70.18.3</b>	The Committee deliberated on the matter checked for the enrolment status of other programmes of SOJNMS and the Committee took a serious note on the low enrolment of other programmes of SOJNMS and suggested that SOJNMS should take constructive steps to increase the enrolment.
<b>A.P.C. 70.18.4</b>	<b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Media and Information Literacy.</b>  <b>(Action: SOJNMS)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.19</b>	To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A. (Journalism and Digital Media) under FYUP. (SOJNMS).
<b>A.P.C. 70.19.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts (Journalism and Digital Media) under FYUP framework.
<b>A.P.C. 70.19.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the programme were approved in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of ACSC held on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 vide item No. 62.13. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024. The launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP programme from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.19.3</b>	<b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) Bachelor of Arts (Journalism and Digital Media).</b>  <b>(Action: SOJNMS)</b>

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<b>A.P.C. 70.20</b>	<b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Forms (PLF) under FYUP of (SOS).</b> i) <b>Bachelor of Science.</b> ii) <b>Bachelor of Science (Bio-Chemistry).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.20.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Science (FYUP) and Bachelor of Science (Bio Chemistry) (FYUP).
<b>A.P.C. 70.20.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the Academic Council in its 80 <sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 approved the broad framework (Major, Honors and Multidisciplinary) for 4-year Bachelor's Degree Programmes under NEP 2020 as per guidelines notified by UGC for Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes. The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP programme from January 2024 session.
<b>A.P.C. 70.20.3</b>	<b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Forms (PLF) under FYUP of (SOS).</b> i) <b>Bachelor of Science.</b> ii) <b>Bachelor of Science (Bio-Chemistry).</b> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: SOS)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.21</b>	<b>To consider and approve the SOPs for course adoption/adaption from different Schools of Studies.</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.21.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the University (IGNOU) recently launched various academic programmes including a four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP) under NEP 2020. The Schools of Studies are adopting/adapting courses developed by other Schools in-order to bring synchronization under FYUP or the Multiple Entry and Exit System (MEES) of NEP 2020. Apart from this the Schools have been adopting/adapting courses for other programmes as well.
<b>A.P.C. 70.21.2</b>	<b>The Committee while deliberating on the SOPs observed that faculty members while preparing courses and programmes, such as UG certificates, UG diplomas, PG/UG degrees etc. The Schools of Studies (21) are adopting/adapting courses created by other Schools without informing the School which has developed the respective course. With passage of time, it becomes quite difficult for the Schools and Divisions to identify the original course since the Schools, while adopting or adapting the courses, delete or eliminate the original credit page or acquire a new course code and title without making any structural modifications in the course leading to operational difficulties.</b>

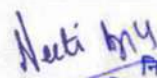


<b>A.P.C. 70.21.3</b>	<p>The Committee deliberated on the issue and was of the opinion that there are various other issues also involved and more inputs are required. The Committee then agreed on constituting a committee comprising of the following members :</p> <p>Prof. Nawal Kishor (Chairperson)          Prof. Manjulika Srivastava          Prof. Sudip Ranjan Jha          Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar          Prof. Neeti Agrawal (Convener)</p> <p>The Committee directed P&amp;DD to coordinate and present the final SOPs for consideration and approval at the earliest.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: P&amp;DD)</b></p>
<b>TABLED ITEMS</b>	
<b>A.P.C. 70.22</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology. (SOSS)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.22.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.22.2</b>	<p>The Director of the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) informed that the Discipline of Psychology is developing the Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology programme. This programme is one of the programmes to be offered by IGNOU in the ODL mode as per the MoU signed between IGNOU and RCI on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The objective of this programme is to create a cadre of Rehabilitation Counsellor and to strengthen the professional working in the field of disability to qualify as Rehabilitation Counsellor offering professional programmes for preparing the individual for employability.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.22.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Action: SOSS)</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.23</b>	<p><b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.Com (FYUP) (SOMS).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.23.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.Com (FYUP).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.23.2</b>	<p>The Committee was informed that the Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Programme Project Report (PPR) for</p>





	<p>Bachelor of Commerce (Honours/Honours with - Research) Programme as per UGC's FYUP-2022 was placed before the Academic Council's Standing Committee as Item No. 62.40 in its 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The Minutes of 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ACSC were duly placed before the Academic Council in its 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting as Item No. 80.2. The Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme was approved by the Competent Authority on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP programme from January 2024 session.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.23.3</b>	<p>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.Com (FYUP).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: SOMS)</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.24</b>	<p>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A (Multidisciplinary) (FYUP). (SOH).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.24.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A. (Multidisciplinary). The Launch Notification No. 135-A dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 has been issued for launch of the FYUP programme from January 2024 session.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.24.2</b>	<p>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of B.A (Multidisciplinary) (FYUP).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: SOH)</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.25</b>	<p>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts (Facility and Service Management) (FYUP). (SOTHSM).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.25.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts (Facility and Service Management) (FYUP).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.25.2</b>	<p>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Arts (Facility and Service Management) (FYUP).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Action: SOTHSM)</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 70.26</b>	<p>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of B.Voc. (Tourism Management) (FYUP) (SOTHSM).</p>

  
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<b>A.P.C. 70.26.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of B.Voc. (Tourism Management) (FYUP).
<b>A.P.C. 70.26.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the School has been offering B.Voc. (Tourism Management) programme from July 2023. However, the programme on offer is not as per NEP 2020 structure followed by the university. The School therefore proposes to offer the programme as per the NEP 2020 structure under FYUP.
<b>A.P.C. 70.26.3</b>	<b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) B.Voc. (Tourism Management) (FYUP).</b> <b>(Action: SOTHSM)</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.27</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Tourism &amp; Travel Management (FYUP)(SOTHSM).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 70.27.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Tourism & Travel Management (FYUP).
<b>A.P.C. 70.27.2</b>	The Committee was informed that the School has been offering Bachelor of Tourism & Travel Management programme from July 2023. However, the programme on offer is not as per NEP 2020 structure followed by the university. The School therefore proposes to offer the programme as per the NEP 2020 structure under FYUP.
<b>A.P.C. 70.27.3</b>	<b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Tourism &amp; Travel Management (FYUP).</b> <b>(Action: SOTHSM)</b>

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair, the members and the special invitees.

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