

**Minutes of the ninth School Board Meeting of School of Law held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010 at 11.00 a.m. at Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068**

The following members were present:

1. Prof. K. Elumalai, Professor, Director, SOL, IGNOU - Chairman
2. Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Former Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations, Government of India
3. Justice Y. Bhaskar Rao, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission
4. Prof. Pandav Nayak, School of Social Sciences IGNOU
5. Prof. CRK Murthy, Professor, STRIDE, IGNOU
6. Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, Professor, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU
7. Dr. Babu P. Ramesh, Reader, School of Inter disciplinary Studies, IGNOU
8. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, School of Law, IGNOU
9. Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Lecturer, School of Law, IGNOU
10. Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, School of Law IGNOU
11. Ms. Manasi Sharma, Lecturer, School of Law IGNOU

Prof. B.B. Pande, Former Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, Ms. Maja Daruwala, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Partner, Amarchand and Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co, Ms. Suneet Kashyap, Lecturer, School of Law, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao welcomed and informed all the Members of the School Board of School of Law that he has completed 3 years of service as Director, School of Law on 2 May, 2010 and introduced Prof. K. Elumalai, who has taken over as Director, School of Law

Prof. Rao briefed the Members of the Board about the achievements made by School of law during the past 3 years. The School of Law (SOL) was established in 2005 with an objective of imparting legal education through Open and Distance Learning system. School of Law is offering several programmes both in distance education and online mode ranging from Para-legal Practice, Human Rights, Consumer Protection, Cyber Law, Patent Practice, Legal Process Outsourcing and Intellectual Property Rights. A two year Masters Programme in Intellectual Property Law exclusively through online mode was launched from January, 2010 in association with Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia.

From July, 2010 onwards, the following 5 programmes will be launched i.e. (i) Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking, (ii) Diploma in Environmental law, (iii) Certificate in International Humanitarian Law, (iv) Awareness Programme on Right to Information and (v) Certificate in Cooperation, Cooperative law and Business Laws.

Prof. Rao asked the new Director of School of Law to take over the Chairmanship of School Board.



At the outset, the new Chairman Prof. K. Elumalai welcomed all the Members of the School Board of School of Law. The Chairman placed on record the contributions made by the earlier internal Members of the School Board viz. Prof. Pandav Nayak, SOSS, Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, School of Social Work, Prof. Santosh Panda, STRIDE, Prof. Salil Mishra, SOSS and welcomed the new internal members.

Prof. Pandav Nayak commended the work done by Prof. Rao in the last 3 years and said SOL may come out with vision document for the next 3 years. The chairman expressed his desire to come out with a vision and roadmap for the next 3 years and place the same before the next School Board. The chairman expressed his desire to move further with targets fixed for every six months and sought the support and cooperation of all concerned.

The items on the agenda were taken up for discussion and the following decisions were taken:

**Item No 9.1: Confirmation of minutes of the Eighth School Board Meeting and to note the action taken thereon.**

**SB 9.1.1** The Board was informed that the Eighth meeting of the School Board of School of Law was circulated among the members on 27 January, 2010. It was brought to the notice of the Members about the comments received from Prof. K. Elumalai with regard to Item No. 8.11 to 8.13 and circulation of the same to all Members. As further comments were not received, the minutes may be approved.

**SB 9.1.2** The Board confirmed the minutes with above corrections/additions.

**Item No 9.2 Reporting about the creation of new discipline of Criminal Justice in School of Law by Academic Council**

**SB 9.2.1** Prof. Rao informed that the Fourth School Board of School of Law held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 emphasized the need for creating new discipline in criminal Justice.

Prof. Rao further informed that the discipline for Criminal justice will undertake the Teaching, Research, training and advocacy realizing the importance values, justice and equity. School of Law will be launching several new programmes in the area of criminal justice in the coming years.

**SB 9.2.2** Prof. Madhava Menon emphasized that Criminal justice is not a theoretical discipline but an applied discipline. One of the problems that all the states are facing today is a State of helpless situation because of neglect of proper



administration of criminal justice. Criminal justice has a much larger task to think about knowledge, fighting crimes, policies and action programmes.

Prof. Madhav Menon has further observed/suggested that the following preliminary work/activities may be undertaken so as to lay down a clear cut roadmap for the proposed discipline.

- (i) Preparation of a vision document for the proposed discipline of Criminal Justice by clearly indicating the activities to be undertaken on priority basis as the scope and ambit of the discipline, prime facie, appears to be very wide and vast.
- (ii) The vision document may also spell out as how to help the State Governments to get out of the present mess.
- (iii) Identification of institutions i.e. BPR&D, Institute of Forensic Sciences etc. for having tie-up/collaborative arrangements.

Prof. Madhava Menon suggested that the IGNOU may take up with Home Minister for the above programmes in online and distance education mode.

Justice Bhaskar Rao stressed on the need to have the components of field study in our programmes and public issues, the duty of the police constables and about IPC and CRPC that policemen and the common citizen should be aware of.

**Item No 9.3 To consider and approve minutes of Third Doctoral Committee meeting and Reporting of Research Programmes at School of Law**

**SB 9.3.1** Prof. Rao, Coordinator Ph.D. Programmes in School of Law explained about the Research Programmes of School of Law. He informed that Ms. **Preeti Gupta**, has got registered for Ph.D. on the topic "**Transplantation of Organs Act: A Critical Appraisal**". She has been selected as the Asstt. Prof (Law) on NEHU, Shillong and expressed her interest to continue with her Ph.D at IGNOU. Prof. Rao has also informed that Ms. **Sophy Joseph, RTA**, has presented Ph.D synopsis on "**Farmers Rights and Intellectual Property Regime: A critical study of Law & Policy issues in India**" before the Doctoral Committee of SOL.

**SB 9.3.2** School Board members suggested that Ms. Preeti Gupta should do field case studies for her Ph.D. thesis. Members also suggested that Ph.D. Scholars synopsis/seminar papers presented should be circulated to the School Board Members.



- SB 9.3.3** School Board Members noted the research programmes of School of Law and also approved the third doctoral Committee Meeting of the School Board of School of Law.
- Item No 9.4 To consider and approve Phase 2 & 3 Forms of PG Diploma in Environmental Law**
- SB 9.4.1** Ms. Manasi Sharma, Programme Co-ordinator of the PG Diploma in Environmental Law explained about the programme and its launch. She informed that the materials are almost ready and the programme is ready for launch. w.e.f from July, 2010
- SB 9.4.2** Prof. C.R.K. Murthy pointed out factual errors in Phase 2&3 filled in Forms of PG Diploma in Environmental Law. It was mentioned in Phase 3 Form that 30% marks will be allotted for Practicals whereas the 30% marks should be for assignment. It was decided by the School Board Members that this programme will have a total credit of 32.
- SB 9.4.3** With the above observations and remarks, Phase 2&3 form of PG Diploma in Environmental Law were approved.
- Item No. 9.5 To consider and approve Phase 2& 3 Forms for Certificate in Cooperation, Cooperative law and Business Law**
- SB 9.5.1** Prof. K. Elumalai Programme Coordinator of the Certificate in Co-operation, Co-operative law and Business Law, explained about this programme and said that this programme is ready for launch in July, 2010. School Board Members requested to send the full syllabus of this programme.
- SB 9.5.2** With the above observations and remarks, Phase 2&3 Form of Certificate in Co-operation, Co-operative law and Business Law, were approved.
- Item No 9.6 To consider and approve Phase 2 & 3 Forms for Certificate in International Humanitarian Law**
- SB 9.6.1** Prof. Rao the Programme Coordinator explained about this programme and informed that this programme is ready for launch in July, 2010.
- SB 9.6.2** Prof. C.R.K. Murty said that there is discrepancy in Phase 2&3 Forms about the fees. Prof. Rao clarified that fees for this programme is Rs. 2000/- and total credits for this programme is 16. It was also said that word Module may be referred to as Block.



**SB 9.6.3** With the above observations and remarks Phase 2&3 Forms of Certificate in International Humanitarian Law were approved.

**Item No 9.7 To consider and approve Phase 2& 3 Forms for Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking**

**SB 9.7.1** Prof. Rao, the Programme Coordinator explained about this programme and informed that this programme is ready for launch in July, 2010. He informed that fees for this programme is Rs. 2000/- and total credits as 16.

**SB 9.7.2** Prof. CRK Murty asserted that evaluation methodology should be 70% for Term End Examination and 30% for continuous evaluation i.e. field based assignment.

**SB 9.7.3** With the above observations and remarks, Phase 2&3 Forms of Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking were approved.

**Item No. 9.8 To consider and approve Phase 2& 3 Forms for Awareness Programme on Right to Information**

**SB 9.8.1** Ms. Manasi Sharma the Programme Coordinator informed that this Awareness programme will be launched in July, 2010.

**SB 9.9.2** Phase 2&3 Forms of Awareness Programme on Right to Information were approved by the School Board.

**Item No. 9.9 To consider and approve Phase 1 form of Appreciation Course on Compensation Law**

**SB.9.9.1** Ms. Gurmeet Kaur explained about the need and objective of this Appreciation Course on Compensation Law.

**SB.9.9.2** Prof. Madhava Menon asserted that compensation is a remedy and justification should be given for imparting course on compensation. He suggested that instead of Appreciation on Compensation Law, the school should come out with Diploma in Legal Remedy which would be more appropriate as a Diploma and that will also include Compensation. Hence, it was suggested that a Diploma Programme on Legal Remedy may be initiated which can take care of Compensation.

**SB. 9.9.3** With the above observations and discussions, the School Board approved the Programme on Diploma in Legal Remedy



**SB.9.9.4** Prof. Menon suggested that School of Law should launch a Programme on Certificate Course on Constitutional Values and Responsible Citizenships. This is need of the Society today. Every citizen of our country should be aware of the provision of the Indian Constitution which includes Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties etc. Schools all over the country should be aware of Election law, Family Law and Employment Law. This programme may be associated with local Legal Aid Committee.

**SB.9.9.5** It was decided to set up a Committee consisting of the following School Board Members of School of Law for initiating this programme on Rule of Law meant for every citizen of the country. If necessary, a brainstorming meeting of the following group will be held in Trivandrum or elsewhere. The Committee will consists of:

- Prof. Madhava Menon- Chairman
- Justice Bhaskar Rao-
- Prof. Pandav Nayak
- Prof. K. Elumalai
- Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao

**Item No. 9.10** To consider and approve Programme code for Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber law (online)

**SB 9.10.1** Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Programme Coordinator of PGCCL informed the School Board Members that SED has requested for separate programme code for PGCCL online programme since PGCCL offered through ODL and virtual education in Law has different evaluation methodologies.

**SB 9. 10. 2** The School Board approved that PGCCL (online) course will be renamed as PGCCL online and the programme code could be PGCCL-OL.

**Item No. 9.11** To Consider and approve Evaluation Methodology for online programmes of MIPL and PGDLPO.

**SB 9.11.1** Prof. Rao informed that School of law is offering two online programmes i.e. PGDLPO and MIPL. Mr. Kunal Mehra from Rainmaker explained to School Board Members about the online examination methodology through Reliance Web World. He explained to them about the problem that is being faced for conducting the online examination.

**SB 9.11.2** Prof. Pandav Nayak informed the Board about that the Academic Council's Resolution (No. AC 50.19.3) which suggested submitting a draft report to the



Registrar (SED) for a decision in the matter. He also referred to a Committee which is being constituted for this purpose to prepare policy note/regulations for the online examination by the University.

School Board Members felt that the School of Law may consult other Schools in this regard who are offering online programmes.

**SB 9.11.3** School Board suggested that till a final decision on online evaluation is reached, the status-quo may be maintained by the School.

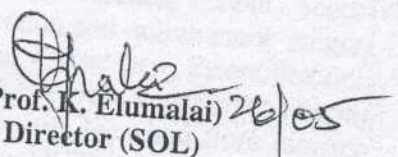
**Item No. 9.12 Approval of Paper Setters, Evaluators and moderators for 8 programmes of School of Law which are on offer**

**SB 9.12.1** School Board approved names of Paper Setters, Evaluators and moderators for 8 programmes of School of Law.

**Item No. 9.13 Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**SB 9.13.1** Justice Bhaskar Rao Proposed the idea that School of Law should come out with programmes on child rights and Laws as this is pertinent at this juncture. In collaboration with Institutes like CRY etc. Prof. K. Elumalai informed about the 'Law Made Easy Series' to be brought out by School of Law and assured to take care of the Child Rights and Laws on priority basis under the Law Made Easy Series.

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

  
(Prof. K. Elumalai) 26/05  
Director (SOL)