

**MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY 76th MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD OF THE
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES HELD ON JUNE 07, 2021 at 11.30AM**

The 76th Meeting of the School Board of School of Social Sciences was held on June 07, 2021 at 1130 hours through virtual mode.

The Meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Prof. Rashmi Sinha (In Chair)
2. Prof. Gautam Kshatriya
3. Prof. A.R. Khan
4. Prof. Virginius Xaxa
5. Prof. C. Sheela Reddy
6. Dr. Jagdish Arora
7. Prof. Neera Singh
8. Prof. Sunil Kumar
9. Dr. P. Vijayakumar
10. Prof. Swaraj Basu
11. Prof. Debal K. SinghaRoy
12. Prof. Abha Singh
13. Prof. S. Vijayasekhar Reddy
14. Prof. Alka Dhameja
15. Prof. Uma Medury
16. Prof. Anurag Joshi
17. Prof. Jaideep Sharma
18. Prof. Jagpal Singh
19. Prof. Dolly Mathew
20. Prof. B.S. Prakash
21. Prof. Kaustuva Barik
22. Prof. S.B. Upadhyay
23. Prof. Neena Talwar Kanungo
24. Prof. Nita Mathur
25. Prof. Durgesh Nandini
26. Prof. Swati Patra
27. Prof. Rabindra Kumar
28. Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar
29. Prof. Satish Kumar
30. Dr. Archana Shukla
31. Sh. Saugato Sen
32. Sh. Ajay Mahurkar

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33. Dr Monika Misra

34. Dr Smita Gupta – as special invitee

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof Narayan Prasad
2. Dr Gaurav Singh

The Chairperson welcomed all members to the 76th Meeting of the School Board of the School of Social Sciences. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members of the School Board especially new External Members of the School Board Professor V Xaxa and Professor A R Khan who attended the School Board Meeting for the first time.

The Discipline of Psychology has been receiving many queries related to the recent gazette notification of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act (NCAHA, 2021), dated 28th March 2021. In view of these queries regarding the validity of their degrees in reference to the Act, an emergency 76th School Board Meeting of School of Social Sciences was convened on June 07, 2021 through virtual mode to discuss the issue.

The following items on the Agenda were deliberated upon:

SB 76.1 To consider and approve the Implications of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 (NCAHA, 2021) for fresh admission in MA Psychology (MAPC) and BA Hons. Psychology (BAPCH) Programmes of SOSS

(Psychology Discipline)

SB 76.1.1 Discussion was initiated after the presentation was made by the Discipline on the salient points of the Act related to the Discipline. The following points were noted after intense discussion:

- (1) *The Act mentions the following in Section 2(e) under chapter 1 in the notification: "allied and healthcare qualification" means a recognized diploma or degree possessed by an allied and healthcare professional through regular learning mode under this Act"*

Thus, the Section 2(e) of the NCAHA, 2021 excludes degrees completed through open and distance learning.

It was proposed that representation needs to be sent from the University to the concerned ministries – Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and also to UGC about including distance learning mode in the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

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Act (NCAHA, 2021) along with the regular learning mode as recognized degrees for allied and healthcare professional qualification.

- 2) The concerned Ministries may also be contacted by the University informing about the non-inclusion of distance learning mode in the NCAHA, 2021.
- 3) Two separate documents should be prepared with regard to MA Psychology and BA Hons Psychology Programmes and submitted to the competent authority for representation. The document should include comprehensive information about the Programme/course structure, delivery and assessment procedure.
- 4) Members are of the opinion that the decision regarding fresh admission in view of the current NCAHA Act needs to be taken at the University level.
- 5) Keeping the current pandemic situation and the interest of Learners in view, permission may be taken from the concerned Ministries to offer MAPC and BAPCH Programme in July 2021 session.

SB76.2 To consider and approve the list of Unit Writers for BAG and BAPAH courses

(Public Administration)

- i) **BPAE 141: Right to Information (BAG & BAPAH V-Semester)**
- ii) **BPAC 112: Rural Local Governance (BAPAH V-Semester)**

SB 76.2.1 The Item was not placed before the House for approval with the decision to invite agenda List of Course Writers of CBCS Courses offered in January 2021 and July 2021 sessions by June 14, 2021 from all the concerned Disciplines. The House authorized the Chairperson to give approval of the same.

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

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Chairperson & Director