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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, HELD IN THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE AT MAIGAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110 068 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER, 30, 1991 AT 11.00 HRS.

The following were present:

1.	Prof. V.C. Kulandai Swamy, Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2.	Prof. H.P. Dikshit	Member
3.	Dr S.K. Gandhe	Member
4.	Prof. Rakesh Khurana	Member
5.	Prof. B.N. Koul	Member
6.	Prof. V.V. Mandke	Member
7.	Prof. R.N. Mathur	Member
8.	Prof. Pandav Nayak	Member
9.	Prof. M.B. Menon	Member
10.	Prof. M.L. Bhatia	Member
11.	Dr. A.W. Khan	Member
12.	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Taneja	Member
13.	Sh. K. Murugan	Member
14.	Prof. M.M. Pant	Member
15.	Dr. K. Gopalan	Member
16.	Dr. P.P. Gupta	Member
17.	Dr. Lalitha Kameswaran	Member
18.	Dr. T.S. Saraswathi	Member
19.	Dr. R.V.R. Chadrashekhara Rao	Member
20.	Dr. K.S. Karnik	Member
21.	Shri K. Narayanan, Registrar	Member-Secretary

Dr. S.S. Kalbagh, Prof. Ashok Chandra, Shri T.K. Balaji, and Prof. M.V. Pylee could not attend the meeting.

Dr. K. Anjanappa, Registrar (Admissions), Shri. D.C. Pant, Director (Evaluation), Shri C.R. Pillai, Director (P & TA) were present by special invitation.

Before the agenda was taken-up for consideration, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the new members of the Academic Council as well as those who were attending the meeting for the first time.

The following matters were considered:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 5, 1991.

AC 5.1.1 The minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 5th July, 1991 were confirmed subject to the following corrections:

In para 4.4.2, the last sentence be substituted with the following:

"The Council also suggested that the details of the proposed course in Technology Management may be spelt out in detail, and that the possibility of developing appropriate programmes in this area might be considered".

ITEM NO. 2 TO REPORT FOR INFORMATION CERTAIN DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 1991.

AC 5.2.1 The Chairman briefly appraised the Council about the up-dating of the 8th plan document in the context of the modified time-frame for the plan, namely, 1992 to 1997. The Council noted that the revised plan document has been approved by the Planning Board. With regard to the proposed programme in law for every day life, the details have still to be worked out and the proposal will be brought before the Academic Council as soon as matters like content, structure, etc. are finalised. In this connection, the Council noted the observation made by Prof. R.V.R. Chandrashekhara Rao that the Andhra Pradesh Open University was already offering a programme in law and that the APOU would be willing to collaborate with the IGNOU in developing the proposed programme.

AC 5.2.2 The Council noted that the remaining items considered by the Planning Board have been included in the agenda as separate items.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING A PG DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION.

AC 5.3.1 The proposal for launching a post-graduate diploma programme in Journalism and Mass Communication was considered. The Chairman explained that there has been a persistent demand for launching a programme of this type from various quarters and that the Planning Board had recommended consideration of such a programme in 1989. The details of the programme now being developed were explained by Prof. H.P. Dikshit, PVC and Prof.A.W. Khan, Director, Communication Division.

AC 5.3.2 During the course of discussions on this item, the following points were made by members in regard to

