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The 3rd Meeting of the Court of the University was held on 16th November, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at Temporary Academic Block, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Shahpur, District Kangra, H.P.

1. The following members were present: -

SL. NO.	MEMBER
1.	Sh. Arun Maira,
	Hon'ble Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, H.P
	Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India, Yojna Bhavan,
	Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001 (Chairman)
2.	Prof. Furqan Qamar
	Vice-Chancellor,
	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P.
	(Ex Officio Member)
3.	Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves
	Director IIT <i>(Member)</i>
4.	Prof. Kasturi Dutta
	School of Environmental Sciences, JNU <i>(Member)</i>
5.	Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri
	Palit Professor, Department of Physics, University of Calcutta (Member)
6.	Prof. A.M. Pathan
	Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka (Member)
7.	Prof. Anupam Varma
	Advanced Centre for Plant Virology, Division of Plant Pathology (Member)
8.	Dr. Ranbir Singh
	Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi (Member)

9.	Prof. A.K. Ghatak
	Former Professor, Department of Physics, IIT, Delhi (Member)
10.	Dr. Vinod Prakash Sharma
	Former Director, National Institute of Malaria Research, Delhi (Member)
11.	Smt. Asha Swaroop
	Former Chief Secretary, HP <i>(Member)</i>
12.	Dr. Gautam Mukherjee
	Registrar,
	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
	(Ex Officio Member Secretary)

2. The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence:

1.	Prof. N.Sathyamurthy
	Director IISER, Mohali (Member)
2.	Prof. Sneh Bhargava
	Former Director AIIMS <i>(Member)</i>
3.	Dr. B.N. Goswamy
	Art Historian & Padma Bhushan Awardee (Member)
4.	Dr. B.L. Mungekar
	Hon'ble MP & Former Member, Planning Commission (Member)
5.	Prof. Krishna Kumar
	Professor in CIET, Delhi University & Former Director NCERT (Member)
6.	Prof. Chetan Singh
	Department of History, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (Member)
7.	Prof. Namwar Singh
	Former Professor of Hindi, JNU, Delhi (Member)
8.	Sh. Karan Johar
	Film Producer (Member)
9.	Dr. Ram Sagar
	Director, Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (Member)
10.	Prof. Anil Gupta
	Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun &
	Former Professor, IIT Kharagpur <i>(Member)</i>
11.	Prof. Parth Shah
	President, Centre for Civil Society (Member)
12.	Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai
	Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (Member)
13.	Dr. Shyam Kumar Sharma
	Vice-Chancellor, HP Agricultural University, Palampur (Member)
14.	Sh. M.K. Kaw
	Former Secretary, MHRD <i>(Member)</i>
15.	Sh. C.N. Dhar
	Chairman, CII-Himachal Pradesh State Council (Member)

1.	Prof. Yoginder S. Verma
	Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P
2.	Prof. Arvind Agrawal,
	Dean, School of Social Sciences
	Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P
3.	Sh. B.R. Dhiman
	Finance Officer,
	Central University of H.P, Dharamshala, H.P.

3. The following also attended the meeting as special invitees

- 4. Honourable Chancellor, extended a warm welcome and thanked all the members for making it convenient to attend the meeting despite their busy schedule. While welcoming the members, he expressed his appreciation about the progress made by the University on the academic front despite the constraint of physical facilities due to non-transfer of land to the University. He recalled his first visit to the University in February 2012 which provided him the opportunity to interact with the faculty and students of the University and also to preside over the first Convocation of the University which was graced by HH the Dalai Lama. He observed that while physical facilities and infrastructure are necessary, it is the curricular framework, the academic and administrative processes and above all the enthusiasm, commitment and dedication of the leadership, the faculty and students which are of crucial importance in attaining excellence in higher education.
- 5. After the introductory remarks, the Honourable Chancellor invited the Vice Chancellor to initiate discussion on the Agenda. While welcoming the members, the Vice-Chancellor thanked them for their participation in the meeting and extending their support despite their busy schedule. Emphasising on the role and importance of the University Court, he apprised that the University Court normally meets once a year to consider the annual report, audited annual accounts and budget estimates, it in the processes reviews the progress and advises on policies, strategies, vision and plans of the University. The Vice Chancellor also presented a synoptic view of the activities and progress of the University.
- 6. With these remarks, he invited Dr. Gautam Mukherjee, the Registrar, who is the ex-officio member Secretary of the Court, to introduce the Agenda. Thereafter the Agenda items were taken up for consideration, as under:

Item No. 3.1Confirmation of the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Court held on
7th December, 2012.

The Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Court held on 7th December, 2012 is placed before the Court as per **ANNEXURE – 3.1A** for confirmation.

<u>The Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Court held on 7th December, 2012</u> were confirmed.

Item No.3.2Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Court (By
Circulation) dated 12th April, 2013.

The Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Court (By Circulation) dated 12th April, 2013 is placed before the Court as per **ANNEXURE – 3.2A** for confirmation.

<u>The Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Court (By Circulation) were</u> confirmed.

Item No.3.3 To place before the Court the Report about the Action Taken on the decisions of its 1st Meeting held on 7th December, 2012.

The report about the action taken on the decisions of 1st Meeting of the Court held on 7th December, 2012 is placed before the Court as per **ANNEXURE - 3.3A**.

<u>The Court noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision taken in</u> <u>its 1st Meeting held on 7th December, 2012.</u>

Item No.3.4To place before the Court the Report about the Action Taken on the
decisions of its 2nd Meeting (By Circulation) dated 12th April, 2013.

The report about the action taken on the decisions of 2nd Meeting of the Court (By Circulation) dated 12th April, 2013 is placed before the Court as per **ANNEXURE - 3.4A.**

<u>The Court noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision taken in</u> <u>its 1st Meeting held on 7th December, 2012.</u>

Item No. 3.5To place before the Court the Annual Report of the University for the year
2012-13 for the period from 1st April, 2012 to 31st March, 2013.

The Central Universities Act 2009 provides that the "Annual Report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards

the fulfilment of its objects and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such dates as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Court shall consider the report in its annual meeting. The Court shall submit the annual report to the Visitor along with its comments, if any and a copy of the Annual Report, as prepared shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

Accordingly, the Annual Report of the University for the period 1st April, 2012 to 31st March, 2013 **(ANNEXURE – 3.5A)** has been prepared and the same is placed before the Academic Council and the Executive Council in their meetings held on 15th November, 2013 respectively.

The Annual Report for the year 2012-13 as approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council are placed before the Court in terms of Section 30(1) of the Act and Clause 10(2) of First Statutes for kind perusal and consideration.

Since the matter is to be considered by the 10th Meeting of the Academic Council and the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council, which are scheduled to be held on 15th November 2013, the Annexure 3.5A was placed on the spot.

The Vice Chancellor, with the Permission of Honourable Chancellor, invited Professor Arvind Agrawal, Dean, School of Social Sciences, to make a brief presentation highlighting the programmes, activities and progress of the University during the year 2012-13. Professor Yoginder Verma, the Pro Vice Chancellor, was also requested to fill in further details and respond to the queries/clarifications sought by the members.

The Court considered the Annual Report for the year 2012-13 and appreciated the efforts made by the University, its students, and faculty and non-teaching members of the University.

Item No.3.6 To place before the Court the Audited Annual Accounts together with Audit Report for the financial year 2012-13.

The Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2012-13 were prepared by the Finance Officer in terms of the provisions of Statute 7(7)(c) which were presented to the Finance Committee in terms of Statutes 17(7). The Finance Committee considered the accounts vide item No.9.8 of its 9th meeting held on 26.10.2013 and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval. As per the instructions issued in this behalf by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, issued vide their D.O. letter No.F.19-18/2003-IFD dated 23.5.2008, the annual accounts are required to be prepared and got

adopted by the Executive Council by 30th June of the following year before being sent to the audit authorities for commencement of audit. However, the annual accounts were sent to the CAG vide letter dated 11.6.2013, for undertaking the audit of the accounts in anticipation of the approval of the Executive Council so as to meet the schedule so fixed by MHRD for submission of accounts to the CAG i.e. 30th June of every year since the EC was not likely to meet before the said date in view of the fact that the term of Ist EC was over and the new EC was under constitution.

The audit party undertook the audit of accounts of the University on July 7-15, 2013. The Audited Annual Accounts together with Audit Report (English Version) of the CAG were received by the University on 14.10.2013. Thereafter the accounts in bilingual were prepared, and placed before the Finance Committee in its 9th meeting held on 26.10.2013. The Finance Committee considered the audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2012-13, together with audit report and the reply of the University thereto and expressed its satisfaction with the maintenance of accounts by the University. The Finance Committee recommended the same to the Executive Council for the approval and further submission thereof to the Court, Visitor and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, for causing them to be laid before both Houses of Parliament. The recommendations were placed before the Executive Council in its 12th meeting scheduled held on 15.11.2013. The Audited Annual Accounts together with Audit Report along with the observations of the Executive Council have been placed before the Court on the spot as per sub-section (2) of Section 31 of the Act.

The Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2012-13 together with the audit report and the reply of the University thereto as approved the FC/EC are placed before the Court in terms of Section 31(2) of the Act and Statutes 10(2) for kind perusal and consideration as per Annexure 3.6A.

While the matter was considered and recommended to the Executive Council by the Finance Committee in its 9th Meeting held on 26th October 2013, the same was considered in the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 15th November 2013. Hence the Annexure 3.6A was placed on the spot.

Shri B. R. Dhiman, the Finance Officer of the University was invited to make a brief presentation on the Annual Accounts and Audit Report of the University highlighting the salient features.

The Court considered and perused the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2012-13 and accorded its satisfaction with the maintenance of accounts by the University.

Item No.3.7To place before the Court the Budget Estimates for the financial year
2013-14 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2012-13.

The Budget Estimates of the university for the year 2013-14 and revised estimates for 2012-13, were prepared by the Finance Officer in terms of the provisions of Statute 7(7)(c), contained in The Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act 2009, under the guidance and supervision of the Vice-Chancellor and were placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and comments in terms of Statute 17(7) vide item No.7.5 of its 7th meeting held on 15.1.2013. The summary of receipts and expenditure as well as the actual funds which the university proposed as grant-in-aid from the University Grants Commission, is given below:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Rupees in lakl				
Head	Actuals	Budget	Revised	Budget
	for	Estimates	Estimates	Estimates
	2011-12	for 2012-	for 2012-	for 2013-
		13	13	14
(I)A.Plan General Development				
(Maintenance) Scheme				
i) Opening Balance	121.83	727.29	915.60	2065.60
ii) GIA from UGC	1000.00	3639.71	2500.00	2208.40
(iii)Income of the University				
Interest on bank deposits/investments	126.11	11.00	86.00	94.45
Income out of sale of prospectus,	24.23	30.00	1.50	2.00
application forms				
Income out of students fees, etc.	21.21	35.00	60.00	70.00
Income out of Processing fee of tenders	0.38	0.00	0.25	0.10
Income from rent of hostels/buildings	0.95	0.00	0.25	0.35
Misc. Income	9.26	1.00	2.00	3.10
Total Income	182.14	77.00	150.00	170.00
Total (I)	1303.97	4444.00	3565.60	4444.00
(I)B:Plan General Development				
(Maintenance) (New Scheme)				
i) Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ii) GIA expected from UGC	0.00	5828.00	0.00	1833.60
(I) C:Plan General Development				
(Capital)				
(i) Opening Balance	1119.76	995.71	1022.29	957.29
(ii) Grant-In-Aid from UGC	0.00	31629.29	1000.00	31667.71
Total IC	1119.76	32625.00	2022.29	32625.00
TOTAL (I A,B&C)	2423.73	42897.00	5587.89	38902.60
(II) A: Plan Merged General (new)				
Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(i) Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
(ii) Grant-In-Aid from UGC	0.00	0.00	70.00	394.00
(II) B: Plan Merged Capital (new)				
Scheme				

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(i)	Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
(ii)	Grant-In-Aid from UGC	0.00	0.00	30.00	180.00
TOTAL(II)		0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
	ship scheme to Non-Net,				
M.Phi	ill/Ph.D. scholars				
(i)	Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(ii)	Grant-In-Aid from UGC	0.00	0.00	62.54	70.00
	rked (Sponsored projects/				
Grants)					
(a)UGC Sp	onsored Research Project				
(i)	Opening Balance	1.55	0.94	0.92	0.00
(ii)	Financial Assistance	0.00	2.30	0.00	2.30
(iii)	Income	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00
	Total (a)	1.55	3.28	0.92	2.30
(b) UGC Sp	onsored scheme for JRF/SRF				
(i)	Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00
(ii)	Financial Assistance	4.51	52.60	35.89	56.05
Total (b)		4.51	52.60	35.99	56.05
TOTAL (IV		6.06	55.88	36.91	58.35
	ent Fund & Retirement				
benefits					
(i)	Opening Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
• • •	nancial Assistance on account of	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	we salary and pension				
	ntributions etc				
(iii)	Grant from UGC for	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
	retirement benefits				
TOTAL(V)		0.00	240.00	0.00	240.00
	sits & Earmarked Funds				
(i)	Opening Balance	12.93	36.60	52.23	86.93
(ii)	Financial Assistance	55.25	90.53	50.00	60.00
TOTAL(VI		68.18	127.13	102.23	146.93
GRAND TO	TAL RECEIPTS (I TO VI)	2497.97	43320.01	5889.57	40066.88

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

				Rupees in lakhs
Head	Actuals	Budget	Revised	Budget Estimates
	for	Estimates	Estimates for	for 2013-14
	2011-12	for 2012-13	2012-13	
(I) A. Plan General Development (Maintenance)				
Salary & wages of the staff	189.39	3444.00	1141.30	3444.00
Travelling expenses	8.88	300.00	57.50	300.00
Operational/administrative expenses	165.79	500.00	271.20	500.00
Rent on account of hiring of temporary buildings	24.31	200.00	30.00	200.00
Books, journals, periodicals, etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total (IA)	388.37	4444.0	0 150	0.00	4444.00	
(I) B:Plan General						
Development						
(Maintenance) New						
Scheme						
Salary & wages of the staff	0.00	2628.0	0	0.00	1577.90	
Travelling expenses	0.00	500.0	0	0.00	155.70	
Operational/administrative	0.00	2500.0	0	0.00	100.00	
expenses						
Rent on account of hiring of	0.00	200.0	0	0.00	0.00	
temporary buildings						
Total (IB)	0.00	5828.0	0	0.00	1833.60	
(I) C:Plan General						
Development						
(Capital)						
(1) CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT						
i).Boundary wall, fencing,	0.00	1500.0	0 5	0.00	1500.00	
gates						
ii).Levelling of land	0.00	1000.0	0	0.00	1000.00	
iii).Development of land	0.00	1000.0		5.00	1000.00	
iv).Construction of internal	0.00	3000.0		0.00	3000.00	
roads	0.00	000010	0	0.00	000000	
v).Augmentation and	0.00	5000.0	0	0.00	5000.00	
Providing Water, power,	0.00	5000.0	0	0.00	5000.00	
sewage, drainage,						
rainwater harvesting, etc.						
Total(1)	0.00	11500.0	0 6	5.00	11500.00	
(2) CONSTRUCTION OF BUILD		1100010	• •		11000100	
i)Administrative building		0.00	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	
ii)Academic Block		0.00	9300.00	0.00	9300.00	
iii)Library & Information Resou	irce Centre	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
injubrary & mormation Resou	li ce Genti e	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
iv)Residential Buildings						
a)Statutory Officers (VC, PVC, R	ogistrar	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
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b)Guest Houses		0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
c)Hostels for Boys		0.00	1000.00	0.00		
d)Hostels for Girls		0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	
		0.00	1000.00			
e)Faculty Residence			1000.00	0.00	1000.00	
f)Staff Residence		0.00		0.00	1000.00	
Total (2)		0.00	16800.00	0.00	16800.00	
(3) CENTRAL FACILITIES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
i)Shopping Complex		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
ii)Health Centre & Dispensary		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
iii)Central School		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total (3)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(4) Temporary Campuses						
i)Temporary accommodation		0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	
ii)Renovation, furniture, fixture	S	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
Total (4)		0.00	900.00	0.00	900.00	
(5) Creation of fixed assets		97.47	3425.00	1000.00	3425.00	
Total (IC)		97.47	32625.00	1065.00	32625.00	
TOTAL PLAN GENERAL	485.84	42897.00	2565.00	38902.60		

(II) A. Plan Merged (new) General Scheme	0.00	0.00	15.00	449.00
(II) B. Plan Merged (new) Capital Scheme	0.00	0.00	10.00	200.00
Total (II)	0.00	0.00	25.00	649.00
(III) Fellowship Scheme to Non- Net, M.Phill/Ph.D. scholars	0.00	0.00	62.54	70.00
(IV) Earmarked (Sponsored projects/ Grants)	5.04	55.88	36.91	58.35
(V) Provident Fund & Retirement benefits	0.00	240.00	0.00	240.00
(VI) A. Deposits & Earmarked	15.95	36.60	15.30	36.60
Funds		90.53		110.33
B. Balance in Earmarked Funds				
Total (VI)	15.95	127.13	15.30	146.93
GRAND TOTAL {(I) TO (VI)}	506.83	43320.01	2704.75	40066.88

During the year 2013-14, the university income is expected to be Rs.170.00 lakh. The total funds that the University would require during the year 2013-14 vis-a-vis the unspent balances and the University income is summed up as under:

				(Rup	ees in lakhs)
Head	Opening	Univ.	Total	Budget	Grant
	balance	Income		Estimates	Required
				for 2013-14	from UGC
Plan General	2065.60	170.00	2235.60	4444.00	2208.40
Development					
(Maintenance)					
grant					
Plan General				1833.60	1833.60
Development (New	-	-	-		
scheme)					
Plan General	957.29	-	957.29	32625.00	31667.71
Development					
(Capital) Grant					
Plan Merged	75.00	-	75.00	649.00	574.00
Schemes					
Fellowship to Non-	-	-	-	70.00	70.00
net M.Phill/ Ph.D.					
scholars					
Retirement				40.00	40.00
benefits					
Total	3097.89	170.00	3267.89	39661.60	36393.71

The Budgeted figures are provisional estimates for the execution of the plans and policies of the university within the available means/grants as may be provided.

The Finance Committee considered Budget Estimates for the year 2013-14 and Revised Estimates for the year 2012-13 and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were considered and approved by the Executive Council vide item No.9.8 of its 9th meeting held on 15.01.2013.

The Budget Estimates for the financial year 2013-14 and revised estimates for 2012-13 as approved the FC/EC and submitted to the UGC and MHRD, (as at Annexure 3.7A, were placed before the Court in terms of Section 31(2) of the Act and Clause 10(2) of First Statutes for kind perusal and consideration.

<u>The Finance Officer made a brief presentation highlighting the salient</u> <u>features of the budget estimates for the year 2012-13.</u>

<u>The Court considered the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2013-14</u> <u>and revised estimates for 2012-13.</u>

Further, the Court felt that from the next year, the University should plan its budgetary process such that the budget estimates for the next year and revised estimates for the current year could be placed in the meeting the University Court.

Item No.3.8 To place before the Court 'The Regulations for the conduct of the Business of the Court'.

Section 29 of the Central Universities Act and Statute 38 of the 1st Statutes set out in the Second Schedule to the Act ibid, provide that the authorities of the University may make Regulations consistent with the Act, Statutes and the Ordinances, for the conduct of their own business, procedure to be observed at their meetings and the number of members required to form quorum; providing for the giving of notice to the members of such authority of the dates of meeting and of the business to be considered at meetings and for the keeping of a record of the proceedings of meetings.

Accordingly the draft Regulation 9 for the conduct of the Business of the Court was approved by the Court vide Item No 1.1(T) of its 1st meeting held 7.12.2012. However, after the circulation of the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Court, comments on this item were received from one of the Hon'ble member and as

such the said regulation were not notified. The position with regard to the provisions and the comments together with the position of the provision of rules is appended as **ANNEXURE – 3.8(i)A**.

The revised regulations after taking into cognizance the provision of the Statutes, are placed before the Court as per **ANNEXURE-3.8 (ii)A** for consideration and approval please.

The Court considered the comments received from members on the draft Regulation No. 9 dealing with the conduct of Business of the Court and also the reply of the University vis-à-vis the provision of rules/statutes.

<u>Recognising the fact that the Regulation has to be in accordance with the</u> <u>Statutes, the Court approved the Regulation No. 9 as proposed (Annexure</u> <u>3.8).</u>

As regards the comment of a member that the meeting of the Court be fixed by the Chancellor and not by the Executive Council, the court observed that while the provision is in accordance with the Statutes, the University may establish the tradition whereby, the Executive Council authorises the Vice Chancellor to fix the date of the Court in consultation with the Honourable Chancellor.

Members of the Court, in particular Prof. A.M. Pathan, Prof. A.K. Ghatak and Prof. Ranbir Singh observed that the University is moving in right direction and its innovative curricular framework, academic process, administrative practices and ability to recruit good number of quality faculty need to be appreciated. The University has made remarkable progress in such a short span of time and they put on record their appreciation for the leadership, the faculty, the administrative staff and students.

Members were in particular appreciative of the innovative choice based credit system that the university has developed which provides opportunities to all students to take courses from outside their areas of specialisation. The members noted that the faculty members have been able to mobile resources from premier funding agencies to take up research projects and have published a significant number of papers in reputed journals and have participated in seminars and conferences.

A couple of members while appreciating the efforts of the University also felt that the University may also consider introducing select number of quality undergraduate programmes. Responding to the suggestion, the Vice Chancellor informed that the Statutes and Ordinances of the University do provide such a scope and that the University would like to take up the

suggestion as soon as the physical facilities, infrastructure and faculty resources further improve.

Honourable Chancellor, in his concluding remarks, once again thanked the members for their active participation in the deliberations and for making valuable suggestions and hoped that the University shall continue to maintain its momentum and would continue to work with dedication and commitment to emerge as one of the premier higher educational institutions in the country.

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

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(Dr. Gautam Mukherjee) Registrar

<u>Confirmed</u> Sd/-(Arun Maira) Chancellor