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MINUTES

- 1. The 65th Executive Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 6th DECEMBER, 2023 at 12:30 PM through blended mode. The External Members joined through blended mode and Internal Members joined the meeting through offline mode at VC's Secretariat, Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P. -176215.
- 2. The following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS			
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal	CHAIRMAN		
	Vice Chancellor,			
N	Central University of Himachal Pradesh			
2.	Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar	MEMBER		
	Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana			
3.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal,	MEMBER		
	Secretary General, AIU, New Delhi	22/2/2		
4.	Prof. Nagesh Thakur	MEMBER		
	Professor, Department of Physics, H.P. University Shimla			
5.	Prof. Rajnish Kumar Shukl,	MEMBER		
	Vice-Chancellor,			
	Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, MH.			
6.	Prof. A.K. Mahajan,	MEMBER		
	Dean, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences			
	and Dean Student Welfare			
7.	Prof. Asutosh Pardhan,	MEMBER		
	Professor, Department of Social Work			
8.	Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh,	MEMBER		
	Dean, School of Humanities			
9.	Dr. Brihaspati Mishra,	MEMBER		
	Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit			

10.	Dr. Dimple Patel,	MEMBER
	Dean, School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences	
11.	Dr. R. P. Rai,	MEMBER
	Dean, School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	
12.	Dr. Khem Raj Sharma,	MEMBER
	Assistant Professor, Department of English	
13.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar	SPECIAL
	Dean(Academic)	INVITEE
14.	Prof. Sunil Kumar	SPECIAL
	Proctor	INVITEE
15.	Prof. Suman Sharma	SPECIAL
	Controller of Examination	INVITEE
16.	Sh. Narinder Thakur	SPECIAL
	Finance Officer	INVITEE
17.	Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Member
		Secretary

- 3. The Registrar extended warm welcome to all the members of the Executive Council of the University. Thereafter, the Registrar invited the Vice-Chancellor to deliver his address.
- 4. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Executive Council members and apprised them that various diploma courses, value-added courses under NEP-2020, have been successfully started. The university remains the harbinger in the field of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The university has prepared and published the guidelines for its implementation after numerous workshops and brainstorming sessions of meetings which were released by the Governor of HP. The University has adopted various guidelines issued by MoE/UGC in context of recommendations of NEP-2020 and it is making continuous and rigorous efforts for implementation of these guidelines as well as recommendations of NEP 2020 for its implementation in the University in a gradual manner. The University is making efforts to start online programmes from 2024 for which preparations are under way.

The Vice-Chancellor also apprised the Executive Council about the university's recent collaborations through Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with several esteemed national and international institutes. The national MoUs underline mutual cooperation in academic research, faculty exchanges, joint research ventures, and resource sharing, fostering a rich exchange of diverse knowledge and innovative educational approaches. Similarly, international collaborations signify the university's global outlook, emphasizing crosscultural learning and collaboration. These agreements cover joint academic programs, student, collaborative research initiatives, and exploration of shared interests across diverse fields.

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Executive Council that UGC has recently allotted three departments viz. Centre for Disaster Management, Department of Hotel & Hospitality Management and Department of Law to the university.

The Vice-Chancellor also apprised the Executive Council that today on 6th December, 2023 the university is conducting student council elections. Emphasizing the event's significance, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted its pivotal role in nurturing a democratic culture within the institution and importance of active student engagement in shaping the future trajectory of the university on its developmental path.

The current focus of the university lies in the initiation of dual degree and joint degree programs in collaboration with other institutions of national and international importance.

Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar-cum-Ex Officio Secretary to take up the agenda items as follows:

Item No. 65.1:

Matter Regarding Providing Financial Assistance for Travel Grants to Regular Faculty to Attend Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Symposia, and Short-Term Training Programs, Publication Grants, and Faculty Development Programs (FDP).

It is apprised to the Executive Council that the University Grants Commission through its letter no F.No.29-2/2023(CU) dated 10.05.2023 has approved the provision of an amount of Rs. 42.40 lakh for the scheme namely (i)Travel Grants (ii) Conference/Seminar/workshops/symposia/short Term Training Programmes, (iii) Publication Grant (iv) Visiting Professors/Visiting Fellows, (v) Day Care Centre (vi) Faculty Development Programme (FOP) and (vii) Establishment of Career and Counselling Cell in Universities. The Expenditure on each schemes may be incurred strictly as per XII Plan Guidelines of General Development Assistance of Scheme.

In pursuance to the UGC letter, University has constituted a committee vide office order no 1-1/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड X/4638-44 दिनांक 04.08.2023. The committee convened its first meeting on dated 08.08.2023 and recommended the following:

क. हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में रेगुलर टीचिंग स्टाफ को Travel Grant, Conference/Seminar/Workshop/Symposia/Short Term Training Programmes Publication Grants and Faculty Development Programme (FDP) में Financial Assistant देने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा जारी "XII Plan Guidelines of General Development Assistance of Scheme को विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा अंगीकृत करने हेत् संस्तुति प्रदान की गयी

ख. विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा प्रेषित पत्र से No. 29-2/2025 (CU) दिनांक 10.05.2023 के संदर्भ में B.E. Approved by UGC (2023-24) की कुल राशि Rs. 1300 Lakh में से Rs. 42.40 Lakh को निम्नलिखित प्रकार से आवंटित करने हेतु संस्तुति प्रदान की:

सं	मद विवरण	राशि (.रु)
1.	Publication Grant	5 Lakh
2.	Conference/Workshop	5 Lakh
3.	Faculty Development	20 Lakh
	Program (FDP)	
4.	Career Counselling	5 Lakh
5.	Travel Grant	7.4 Lakh
	Total	42.40 Lakh

Subsequently, Circular no अ.अ./1-6/शैक्षणिक/हि.प्र.के.वि./22/620-628 dated 04.10.2023 was circulated within the university, detailing the committee's recommendations after the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's approval on this matter. Further, the committee convened its second meeting on 19.10.2023 and made the following recommendations:

- a. After a thorough study of the XII Plan Guidelines of General Development Assistance of the Scheme issued by the University Grants Commission for Symposia/Short Term Training Programmes, Publication Grants, and Faculty Development Programme (FDP), the committee proposed the following:
- 1. अंतराष्ट्रीय (International) कार्यक्रम के लिए कुल अनुमानित ट्रेक्त बजट (Tentative Travel Budget) का 50% Financial Travel Assistance Grant के रूप में संबंधित शिक्षक को केवल तीन (03) वर्ष में एक (01) वार ही प्रदान किया जा सकता है।
- 2. राष्ट्रीय (National) कार्यक्रम के लिए कुल अनुमानित ट्रेवल बजट (Tentative Travel Budget) का 75% Financial Travel Assistance Grant संबंधित शिक्षक को प्रति वर्ष एक बार ही प्रदान की जा सकती है।
- 3. Financial Assistance Grant शिक्षकों को उनके आवेदन पर पहले आओ पहले पाओ (First come first serve) के आधार पर प्रदान किये जाने की संस्तुति की जाती है।
- 4. Financial Assistance Grant केवल बजट की उपलबधता के आधार पर प्रदान करने की संस्तुति प्रदान की जाती है।
- 5. उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावित संस्तुतियों को वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 से लागू करने की संस्तुति प्रदान की जाती है।

- 6. सिमति द्वारा प्रस्तावित बिन्दुओं को अध्यादेशः 48 में अंगीकृत किये जाने क[्]र संस्तृति की जाती है।
- 7. उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावित संस्तुतियों/बिन्दुओं को अध्यादेश -48 में अंगीकृत होने तक प्रशासनिक एवं वित्तीय क्रियान्वन की सुविधा के लिए सिमिति द्वारा संस्तुत प्रावधान ही लागु किये जायें।

The University vide Office order no: 1-1/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड -X/6260-72 दिनांक 02.11.2023 had adopted these recommendations to provide Financial Assistance for Travel Grants to Regular Faculty to Attend Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Symposia, and Short-Term Training Programs, Publication Grants, and Faculty Development Programs (FDP) after approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration, approval and ratification of the following decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard:

- (a) adoption of the scheme in accordance with the UGC Letter No F.No.29-2/2023(CU) dated 10.05.2023
- (b) constitution of committee dated 04.08.2023.
- (c) approval of the recommendation of the committee as explained above.

The Executive Council after deliberations on the matters ratified and approved the followings:

- a) Adoption of the scheme in accordance with the UGC Letter No F.No.29-2/2023(CU) dated 10.05.2023
- (b) Constitution of the committee by university dated 04.08.2023.
- (c) Recommendations of the said committee as explained above.

Item No. 65.2: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding

acceptance of resignation of Dr. Mohinder Chand, Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management and Decision regarding notice period.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that Dr. Mohinder Chand, was appointed to the post of Professor in the Department of Tourism & Travel Management vide letter No. 1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/2010/Vol-IX/5715-17 dated 11.10.202. Further, Prof. Mohinder Chand joined as such on 1.11.2022 vide office order No. 1-3/CUHP/Estt./2010/Vol-X/6479-91 dated 15.11.2022.

Prof. Mohinder Chand vide his application dated 08.11.2023 submitted resignation and requested the university to repatriate him to his parent department i.e. Kurukshetra University and condoning the notice period.

In view of above, the Vice-Chancellor accepted the resignation tendered by Prof. Mohinder Chand, Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management w.e.f. 30.11.2023 (FN) condoning the shortfall of 07 days in required notice period in case of temporary employees. As per rules, one month's notice period is required from those who are not confirmed employees of the University. Accordingly, the matter is being placed before the Executive Council for ratification of the approval accorded by Vice-Chancellor regarding acceptance of his resignation and waiving off 07 days shortfall from one month required notice period.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration, ratification of approval accorded by vice chancellor in this matter and condoning the shortfall in notice period.

The Executive-Council ratified the approval accorded by the Vice-Chancellor in this matter and condoned the shortfall of 07 days in the notice period. The Executive Council further directed the University to re-advertise this post as per norms.

Item No. 65.3:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding request of Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Science for extension in Lien for a further period of 06 months.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that consequent upon his appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Computational Sciences at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Dr. Jagdish Kumar Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomical Science was relieved from the university services on 24.11.2022 by retaining lien at CUHP for a period of one year from the date of his relieving in terms of decision of Executive Council vide item No. 52.8 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021. The teacher vide his email dated 08.11.2023 informed the university that his services have not yet been confirmed by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. Hence, his lien at CUHP may be extended for a period of six months or confirmation of his services at CUP Bathinda whichever is earlier. It is pertinent to mention here that the Executive Council vide item No. 57.28 in its 57th meeting held on 16.12.2022 approved to grant extension in lien (initially for a period of 06 months) after completion of 01 year lien which can further be extended for another 06 months on the approval of the ViceChancellor. The Executive Council also decided and approved that the cases of extension in lien after a total of 02 years will be placed before the Executive Council for decision in the matter." Accordingly, in pursuance to the said decision of the Executive Council, the Vice-Chancellor accorded approval to extend the lien of the teacher in this university for a period of 06 months beyond one year w.e.f. 25.11.2023 vide office order No. 6- 40/CUHP/Estt./2012/6915-20 dated 04.12.2023

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration, approval and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

The Executive Council ratified/approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 65.4: Matter regarding promotion granted by the University to its Group-C Non-Teaching Employees.

The Executive Council is appraised that as per approval of Vice-Chancellor, the university has conducted Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting for promotions of Lower Division Clerks to Upper Division Clerk and Multi-Tasking Staff to Lower Division Clerk (Group-C Posts) as per provisions contained under Ordinance No. 24 (Cadre Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Staff of the university). Before conduct of meeting of DPC, the university has also conducted Typing/Skill Test which was qualifying in nature as per provisions of the clause 25.5 of ordinance No. 24 of the university. The result(s) of above typing/skill test(s) contained in sealed cover was placed before the Department Promotion Committee.

2. The meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) was held on 09.11.2023 and as per provisions contained under Ordinance No. 24 and the DPC has recommended following employees fit for promotion:

a. Promotion from Lower Division Clerk to Upper Division Clerk:

SL. NO	NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE	CATEGORY	Date of promotion
1.	Manish Vashisth	GENERAL	09.11.2023
2.	Samarjeet Singh	GENERAL	09.11.2023
3.	Deepika Pagrotra	GENERAL	09.11.2023
4.	Anupam Thakur	GENERAL	09.11.2023
5.	Manish Kumar Sharma	GENERAL	09.11.2023
6.	Rahul Chauhan	SC	09.11.2023

b. Promotion from Multi-Tasking Staff to Lower Division Clerk:

SL. NAME OF THE EMPLOYEE	CATEGORY	Date of promotion

NO			
1.	Urmila Rathore	GENERAL	09.11.2023

- 3. Further, as per recommendations of the DPC, the promotion shall be effective from the date of Departmental Promotion Committee i.e. 09.11.2023. The effective date of promotion for all the consequential benefits shall be from the Date of Joining of the concerned employee(s) after promotion to the said higher post.
- 4. In pursuance to the recommendations of the DPC, the university has issued promotion orders and concerned employee(s) have joined accordingly.

Hence, all the above recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion is submitted to Executive Council for approval alongwith the following matter which is placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the matter:-

- (a) Decision of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of various Committees for conduct of Skill/Typing Test and its respective recommendations and action taken accordingly by the committee.
- (b) Decision of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion of Non-Teaching Staff ('Group C') of the university.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the action(s)/decisions(s) taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the following matters:

- (a) Ratification/Approval of constitution of various Committees for conduct of Skill/Typing Test and its respective recommendations and action taken accordingly by the respective committee.
- (b) Ratification/Approval of constitution of Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion of Non-Teaching Staff ('Group C') of the university as given at a and b tables in this agenda item.
- (c) <u>Ratification/Approval of promotion orders already issued to the incumbents as per recommendation of the DPC.</u>

Item No. 65.5: To place before the Executive Council the Matter regarding relieving of Dr. Ankit Tandon, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences consequent upon his selection at Central University of Jammu.

The Executive Council is apprised that Dr. Ankit Tandon , Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences dated 09.09.2023 had requested to issue NOC for the post of Assistant Professor at Central

University of Jammu which was placed before the Vice-Chancellor an the request could not be exceeded to in pursuance to decision passed by the Executive Council vide item number 52.8 in its 52nd meeting.

The teacher vide his application dated 26.10.2023 again submitted that his son is suffering from Autism Spectrum Disorder and since, his wife is working at Central University of Jammu, he also be permitted to apply/given NOC for the post of Assistant Professor at Central University of Jammu.

It is submitted to the Executive Council that Dr. Ankit Tandon, was appointed to the post of Assistant Professor in Department of Environmental Sciences in this University vide appointment letter No. 1-3/CUHP/Rectt/2010/6012-14 dated 09.11.2012 and the incumbent has joined as such on 22.11.2012 vide Office Order No. 1-3/CUHP/Estt./2012/6240-46 dated 23.11.2012. Taking into consideration the medical condition of the child of the teacher, the Vice-Chancellor of the University approved to issue NOC to the teacher for the Post of Assitant Professor in the Department of Environment Science at Central University of Jammu vide F.No. 6-35/हि.प्र.के.वि./संस्थापना/2012/6206-07 दिनांक 31.10.2023.

In view of the aforesaid matter, it is submitted that in the 52nd meeting of Executive Council, it was decided and approved that in larger public interests, the University shall not forward the applications of its employees for outside employment against the similar/equivalent or lower post. However, the Executive Council further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to take final decision in such matter on genuine grounds at his own level. Further, as per decision of the 57th Meeting of Executive Council, it was decided and approved that no application of teachers and non-teaching employees will be forwarded for outside employment for lower / equivalent/same / higher posts for first three years from the date of their joining in the University. The Executive Council also approved that this decision will be applicable for existing employees and those individuals who will join afterwards. The Executive Council also approved that this decision shall be mentioned in the Appointment / Offer Letter to be issued to the newly selected/appointed candidates for teaching and non-teaching positions. The Executive Council further decided and approved that no application of teachers and non-teaching positions for lower posts shall be forwarded in any case by the University for outside Employment even if the incumbent have completed more than three years of service in Central University of Himachal Pradesh. However, the Executive Council approved and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take decision for forwarding applications of teachers and non-teaching employees for higher posts only".

Accordingly, consequent upon selection of Dr. Ankit Tandon to the post of Assistant Professor at Central University of Jammu (for which university has given NOC to the teacher concerned taking into consideration the matter on humanitarian grounds vide F.No. 6-35/हि.प्र.के.वि./संस्थापना/2012/6206-07 दिनांक 31.10.2023), the teacher vide his application dated 28.11.2023, submitted technical resignation and requested the university to relieve him from the university services by retaining lien for a period of one year, so as to enable him to join at Central University of Jammu to the post of Assistant Professor.

In the light of above, the Vice-Chancellor taking into consideration the humanitarian grounds took a decision to relieve Dr. Ankit Tandon, Assistant Professor from the university services w.e.f. 28.11.2023 by allowing the teacher to retain lien for a period of one year in this university, as per power vested in him under clause 11(3) of Central University Act, 2009.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of the following decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor:

- (a) Decision to issue NOC to the teacher for the post of Assistant Professor at Central University of Jammu.
- (b) Decision to accept the technical resignation submitted by the teacher and relieve him by retaining lien for period of one year from date of his relieving.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decisions taken and approval given by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive Council also accorded approval to advertise this post.

Item No. 65.6:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding streamlining of the tendering process and its uploading on the GeM Portal.

It is appraised to the Executive Council that earlier the Tender Document for housekeeping & general services and transport services were floated by the University on CPP Portal, whereas now, in pursuance to the latest directions of Govt. of India, the same is required to be floated through GeM Portal. Whilst uploading the tender for hiring of Housekeeping & General Services, number of technical glitches arose and

after deep analysis, it was observed that the Tender Document s prepared by the University is not compatible with the requirements of GeM Portal. Accordingly the University has developed the tender documents for Hiring of (i) Housekeeping & General Services and (ii) Transport Services in the Central University of Himachal Pradesh which are compatible with GeM. These tender documents were evaluated by the tender document evaluation committee and after approval from Vice-Chancellor, these two tenders were successfully uploaded on GeM portal.

Therefore, above matter was placed before the Executive Council for consideration, ratification and decision of the Vice-Chancellor to upload both tender documents through GeM portal.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decisions taken and approvals given by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 65.7:

शोध पात्रता परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण अभ्यर्थी जिनकी स्नातकोत्तर शोध पात्रता परीक्षा परिणाम घोषित होने की तिथि तक पूर्ण हो गई उन्हें शोध पात्रता प्रमाण पत्र जारी करने के सम्बन्ध में।

कार्यकारिणी परिषद को यह अवगत करवाया जाता है कि परीक्षा नियंत्रक कार्यालय द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय शोध पात्रता परीक्षा-2023 के सम्बन्ध में निम्न प्रकार से प्रेषित किया है :

1. हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय शोध पात्रता परीक्षा-2023 की अधिसूचना दिनांक 12 जून, 2023 शोध निदेशक कार्यालय द्वारा माननीय कुलपति महोदय के अनुमोदन से जारी की गई।

2. हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय शोध पात्रता परीक्षा-2023 में आवेदन हेतु न्यूनतम पात्रता स्नातकोत्तर (अधिसूचना के दिनांक से पहले) उत्तीर्ण होना चाहिए।

3. कुछ अभ्यर्थियों ने आवेदन के समय गलत स्नातकोत्तर के अंक/प्रतिशत गलत अंकित की तथा स्नातकोत्तर की संचयी अंकतालिका की जगह भी सेमेस्टर की अंक तालिका अपलोड करके आवेदन किया।

4. परीक्षा में शामिल होने के लिए ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों को प्रवेश पत्र एडिमट कार्ड जारी किया गया | परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण हो जाने पर अभ्यार्थियों द्वारा सत्यापन के समय प्रस्तुत दस्तावेज तथा आवेदन के समय प्रस्तुत दस्तावेज अलग होने तथा अधिसूचना में वर्णित न्यूनतम पात्रता के अनुसार नहीं थे |

5. आवेदन फॉर्म में लिखा गया था जिसकी जानकारी अभ्यर्थियों को थी कि गलत जॉनकारी देने की स्थिति में आवेदन रद्द किया/माना जायेगा।

इसलिए ऐसे अभ्यार्थियों को शोध प्रमाण पत्र जारी नहीं किए गए।

- 7. शोध पात्रता प्रमाण पत्र शोध परीक्षा का परिणाम घोषित होने की तिथि से दो वर्ष तक मान्य होता है |
- 8. कुंछ ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों ने उन्हें शोध प्रमाण पत्र जारी करने के निवेदन माननीय कुलपति महोदय तथा अधिष्ठाता अकादिमक के पास व्यक्तिगत मिल कर किए है।
- 9. परीक्षा नियंत्रक महोदय द्वारा प्रकरण निम्नलिखित आशय के साथ कार्यकारणी परिषद के समक्ष रखा जाता है कि भविष्य में शोध पात्रता परीक्षा की अधिसूचना जारी हो तो उसमे न्यूनतम पात्रता में स्नातकोत्तर तथा स्नातकोत्तर कर रहे छात्रों को शामिल किया जाने का प्रस्ताव है | वर्ष 2023 में उत्तीर्ण उपरोक्त से सम्बन्धित ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों को प्रमाण पत्र जारी करने का भी प्रस्ताव है अनुमोदन की स्थिति में जारी किए जाने वाला प्रमाण पत्र शोध परीक्षा का परिणाम घोषित होने की तिथि से दो वर्ष तक मान्य होगा |

Hence, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification/approval on the above aspects at point no. 09 as requested by the Controller of Examination Office.

The Executive council accorded its approval as per rules to allow such students/applicants who were in 2nd year of Post-Graduation while at the time of applying to Shodh Patrata Priksha-2023 and have attained 55% of marks(relaxation as per rules to reserve category students) in final result of their PG programme which was declared subsequently in August/September 2023 after conduct of Shodh Patrata Parisksha-2023. The Executive Council further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to study/review the admission process of PhD programme in various departments of the University in the future.

Item No. 65.8:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding deposition of Goods & Services Tax (GST) of total amount of Rs. 53,41,897/- in respect of M/s H.P. Ex-Servicemen Corporation, Sainik Bhawan, Hamirpur.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that Central University of Himachal Pradesh has been entered into an agreement with M/s. HP Ex-Servicemen Corporation, Hamirpur on 1st October, 2015 for providing the Security Services to the University (w.e.f. 1st October, 2015 to 30th November, 2020). Since, the Govt. of India has introduced the GST w.e.f. 1st July, 2017. Therefore, the Clause / Term of GST has not been inducted in the agreement at the time of signing of agreement.

M/s. HP Ex-Servicemen Corporation, Hamirpur time and again requested / representing to release the outstanding payment of GST amounting to Rs. 53,41,897/- which have been deposited in the Govt. Treasury by M/s. HP Ex-Servicemen, Hamirpur as observed by the team of Directorate General of Goods & Service Tax Intelligence, Chandigarh Zonal Unit.

In view of the above, it is submitted before the Executive Council that the Internal Audit Officer and the Finance Officer has given their suggestions on the matter in their File F.No. Acctts. 3-12/CUHP/2015 vide Page No. 86 to 88 Note-438, 450 to 454 as the agreement was not amended after application of GST, it is not possible to pay the GST amount without amendment in relevant clause of the agreement. Further, the period of agreement executed between the CUHP and M/s. HP Ex-Servicemen has already been over and a huge liability is involved. The Finance Officer has further suggested to seek an opinion on the matter from the Assistant Solicitor General of India (ASGI) as the payment of GST was not a part of Agreement. The University vide letter F. No. 4-5/ CUHP/GA/2019/Security Services/6429-32 dated 14th November, 2022, 4-5/CUHP/GA/2019/Security Services/5064-88 and 4-5/

CUHP/GA/2019/Security Services/6859-63 dated 30th November, 2023 requesting the Joint Commissioner, CGST, Shimla to clarify as to whether the Central University of Himachal Pradesh being an educational institutional is exempted or not from paying the Goods & Services Tax(GST) as per provisions contained in the Notification No. 12/2017-Central Tax(Rate) dated 28th June, 2017 issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue). But the clarification from the concerned Department has not yet been received by the University till date.

Therefore, the above matter was submitted before the Executive Council for decision or further directions/future course of action as to whether an outstanding amount of GST amounting to Rs. 53,41,897/- is to be paid by the University in favour of M/s. HP Ex-Servicemen without seeking clarification from the Joint Commissioner, CGST, Shimla or not.

The Executive Council was of the opinion that this matter is financial in nature, therefore, it should be placed in the Finance Committee.

Item 65.9:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding retention as Member of School Board during Lien period of Dr. Ranjit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences in School Board of School of Life Sciences, CUHP.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that the nomination/retention of Dr. Ranjit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences in School Board of School of Life Sciences in the capacity as 'One Assistant Professor from each Department / Centre in the School to be appointed by rotation in order of seniority from each Department / Centre in the School', is to be continued or not, as the above Assistant Professor has joined as Professor in Department of Zoology, Nagaland University while retaining Lien in the University. w.e.f. 22.09.2023 to 21.09.2024. In this matter, the Office Memorandum OM number 28020/1/2010-Estt dated 26.12.20213, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Govt of India referred and according to the para (1) of the above mentioned OM the Lien is defined as:

"Lien represents the right/title of a Government employee to hold a regular post, whether permanent or temporary either immediately or on the termination of the period absence The benefits of having a lien in a post/service/cadre is enjoyed by all officers who are confirmed in the post/service/cadre of entry or who have been promoted to a higher post

declared as having completed the probation where it is prescribed, or those who have been promoted on regular basis to a higher post where no probation is prescribed under the rules as the case may be".

Moreover, Fundamental Rule 9(13) defines the Lien as:

"It represents the right of a Government employee to hold a regular post, whether permanent or temporary, either immediately or on the termination of the period of absence. The benefit of having a lien in a post/service/cadre is enjoyed by all employees who are confirmed in the post/service/cadre of entry or who have been promoted to a higher post, declared as having completed the probation where it is prescribed. It is also available to those who have been promoted on regular basis to a higher post where no probation is prescribed under the rules, as the case may be."

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and decision whether the teacher's membership/nomination is to be retained/continued as member of School Boards/Board of Studies or other statutory bodies of this university during their currency of Lien in this University or not.

The Executive Council after deliberation in the matter, approved that "In all such matters where the incumbent is on lien, in future, all the memberships held by the incumbent in any statuary body of the university shall be discontinued from the date of his/her relieving from the university. It was also approved that the PhD candidates allotted under the guidance of such incumbent shall continue be guided by him/her even if the teacher is on lien. But if any student is admitted against the vacant seat (of such teacher) in PhD programme in a department and supervisor is not yet allotted to the candidate/student, in such cases, he/she may be allotted other supervisor as per rules".

Item 65.10: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of NOC to Internal Audit Officer to pursue PhD.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that the University has conducted Shodh Patrta for PhD admission and Sh. Om Prakash, Internal Audit Officer (On deputation) has cleared the Shodh Patrta in PhD admission in Management. Subsequently, the Officer vide his application dated

104.10.2023 requested the university to kindly issue the NOC to pursue the PhD in management department.

As per the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the officer was informed through letter no. 7-88/हि.प्र.के.वि./संस्थापना/2022/5939-40 dated 12.10.2023 that if he desires an NOC to pursue a PhD in management, he will have to return to his parent department. The University will not approve Study leave in this matter and requested the Officer to provide an undertaking.

The officer, in his letter dated 28.11.2023, has submitted an undertaking regarding admission to the PhD program in Management and has requested permission to attend the office during the course work (duration of 6 months), ensuring that official work is not hampered during this period.

It is submitted that the University in its ordinance 42 clauses stipulates the following provision:

- 2.5 An employee of any university/institution/college/government department/public sector undertaking/R & D industry/private industry or organization, fulfilling all eligibility conditions, may apply for admission to PhD programme of study in concerned subject. However, No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued only by his/her employer / appointing authority only shall be mandatory required to be submitted at the time of submission of Ph.D. Admission fee without which he/she shall not be given admission in Ph.D programme. In addition, such candidates are compulsorily required to submit sanction order of Study leave/leave of the due kind for a minimum period of six months (at a continuous stretch) issued by his/her employer/appointing authority before the start of Ph.D. coursework classes failing which Ph.D. admission shall stand forfeited
- 3.4 The minimum residency period for each candidate admitted to PhD programme shall be one and half year (including course work duration). However, in case of candidates admitted to PhD programme as per Clause 2.5, the minimum residency period shall be one year (including course work duration). No relaxation shall be permissible in any case in this regard. Except residency period of six months during course work (in a continuous stretch), remaining required residency period can be completed by the research scholar in parts also.
- 8.3. The coursework in PhD programme shall be mandatory for all candidates (including those who have done M.Phil. earlier or completed coursework earlier from some other university or CUHP) There shall be no exemption to any candidate from PhD coursework on any ground, whatsoever it may be. The duration of coursework shall be six months

and each candidate has to complete the coursework within a maximum duration of one year. Any further extension (but not more than 3 months) in this regard shall only be given by Vice-Chancellor, in highly exceptional circumstances.

It is pertinent to mention here that the University has sanctioned with one post of Internal Audit Officer On deputation basis and the incumbent Sh. Om Prakash has been appointed in the university on deputation basis from Department of Treasury, Accounts and Lotteries, Govt. of HP, Shimla for a period of five years w.e.f. 24.01.2022

The University has appointed Sh. Om Prakash, Internal Audit Officer (On deputation) vide offer of appointment letter No. 1-4/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol V/8633-36 dated 28.12.2021. Further, Sh. Om Prakash joined as such on 24.01.2022 vide office order No. 7-88/हि.प्र.के.वि./संस्थापना/2022/629-33 दिनांक 02.02.2022.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Internal Audit Officer is on deputation to this university from Department of Treasury, Accounts and Lotteries, Govt. of HP, Shimla and NOC in this regard is to be issued from his parent department and not from CUHP. The university can issue NOC to its regular employees only.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for a decision on the matter regarding Internal Audit Officer to pursue PhD in management while on deputation with Central University of Himachal Pradesh and to accord him leave (while being on deputation with CUHP) or not.

The Executive Council deferred the matter.

Item 65.11:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding conduct of test for promotion of Group-B & C Non-Teaching employees of the University.

The Executive Council is appraised that the university initiated the promotion cases for various Non-Teaching (Group-B & Group-C) employees of the university as per Model CRR Circulated by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi and adopted by the university in the form of ordinance No. 24. There are following provisions in the ordinance No. 24 of the university:

Clause 25.2:

In addition to the conditions for promotion for the posts, as specified at 23 above, University may decide the method and procedure to be followed for promotion in respect of any category of posts. For this purpose, the University, at its discretion, may opt the fitness-cum-seniority or hold written test or other

trade/professional tests and fix qualifying marks for any post to assess the competence in an objective manner. In such cases, association of at least one external expert shall be mandatory.

Clause 25.5:

Qualifying in Typing Test/Skill Test with knowledge of computers shall be the compulsory requirement for promotion to the post of Lower Division Clerk, Upper Division Clerk, Assistant, Semi-Professional Assistant, Library Assistant and other positions as identified from time to time. Further, qualifying in Typing Test/Skill Test with knowledge of computers shall be the compulsory requirement for all Personal Assistants of the University who shall be considered for promotion as Private Secretary as per the eligibility criteria prescribed in these Rules as prescribed for direct recruitment. The University may impose any condition to be complied with at a future date failing which the competent authority may order for stoppage of increment.

Accordingly as per approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the university vide office order No. 4-1/ CUHP/Estt./2010/DPC(2023)/5815-16 dated 09.10.2023 and office order No. 4-1/CUHP/Estt./2010/DPC(2023)/5817-18 dated 09.10.2023 constituted a committee to conduct the skill test for promotion to the post of Senior Technical Assistant (amongst Technical Assistant) and Technical Assistant (amongst Laboratory Assistant). The committee finalized the syllabus and circulated it among employees who were under zone of consideration for promotion i.e. Technical Assistant and Laboratory Assistant. The committee further informed that the said skill test shall be conducted on 08.11.2023 on 11:00AM at Shahpur Parisar, Shahpur.

It is further appraised that the all the Technical Assistant(s) and Laboratory Assistant(s) vide their various applications represented the following:

Email-1:

Respected Sir

Regarding above mentioned subject I want to draw your kind attention toward following concerns:

- 1. A proposed examination for promotion of lab staff has been scheduled to be held on 8^{th} Nov 2023; regarding which an objection email was sent by me on 6^{th} Nov 2023; but no response has been received from the concerned authority.
- 2. The notification for the examination was not received from the Registrar office. In this case is this notice valid?
- 3. Clarification on the rules/clause under which this examination is scheduled is not provided.
- 4. No information about the validity of this exam has been provided.
- 5. The contents of the provided syllabus are not relevant for all the Labs staff; for example CBB, Physics, Computer Science etc.

- 6. The content of the syllabus is also not aligned with the duties assigned and performed by the Lab staff during their tenure in this University.
- 7. The notification for the examination was short period notice and it is not possible for anyone to study all these reference books in one day.
- 8. The recruitment /Service Rules are of statutory nature. Moreover, any amendment in these rules generally has prospective effects.

Therefore it is requested to kindly review and re-consider the matter of the proposed examination for the welfare of Laboratory staff. It is also requested this examination should not be conducted on the scheduled date and time 8th Nov 2023 on such a short notice.

Email-2:

Respected Sir,

In response to the trailing email received, regarding the examination for the promotion of Technical Assistant to Senior Technical Assistant. I would like to draw your kind attention to the following concerns.

- 1.— As per ordinance 25.5 of new CRR rules; Qualifying in Typing Test/Skill Test with knowledge of computers shall be the compulsory requirement for promotion to the post of Lower Division Clerk, Upper Division Clerk, Assistant, Semi-Professional Assistant, Library Assistant, and other positions as identified from time to time. In this clause, those posts are mentioned where the requirement of computer knowledge is essential. These posts include ministerial service cadre, administrative service cadre, Secretarial service cadre, and library service cadre (mentioned in Model RCC) only. None of the posts from the Laboratory service cadre is mentioned. Therefore this exam should not be mandatory for any Laboratory service post cadre.
- 2. As per ordinance 25.5 of new CRR rules; a Compulsory Skill Test with knowledge of computers is mentioned but a skill test for Laboratory skills is not mentioned anywhere. Therefore this compulsory test should not be meant for the promotion of any laboratory service cadre posts.
- 3. As per ordinance 25.5 of the new CRR rules; only a skill test is mentioned while in the examination pattern mentioned in the provided letter, there is a provision for a written test, which is not aligned with this clause 25.5. Therefore, I request to not conduct any such examination which is not compulsory as per ordinance 25.5 of the new CRR rules.

Therefore, it is requested to do the needful for the promotion of Technical Assistant to Senior Technical Assistant without any obligation of skill/written test as soon as possible so the university employees can benefit without any delay and any academic and financial loss.

Email-3:

Respected sir

Regarding above cited subject, I want to submit the following case of my due promotion from Technical Assistant to Senior Technical Assistant.

Under the advertisement published by the university on date 27.05.2017 notice vide no. Employment No.001/2017, I applied for the post of Technical Assistant and after qualifying the national level written exam. I joined the university on date as Technical Assistant. Therefore, as per the university ordinance 24 (applicable at the time of my recruitment at the post of Technical Assistant) and model recruitment rules provided by UGC vide No 7-1/2022 Dated 23.09.2022. And on date 10.06.2023, I become eligible for the promotion to the next post. Regarding which on 12.06.2023 I sent a letter to the registrar through proper channel for my due promotion. Until 06.11.2023 I did not receive any communication from the Registrar office and the delay in promotion eventually led to financial loss and loss of months of experience as Senior Technical Assistant.

On 06.11.2023 at \sim 4 pm , I received an email regarding proposed examination for promotion which was scheduled to be held on 08.11.2023 at 11 a.m. Regarding this short notice, I sent an objection email to the Registrar immediately after receiving the above said email. On 08.11.2023 before the scheduled exam I again sent a representation against this proposed exam via email to the Registrar. At \sim 11 a.m. on the date of exam I received a threatening email from the Registrar to strictly appear in the exam as per the email received on 06.11.2023 without addressing any of the concerns raised by me in my two emails. This kind of threatening attitude shown by the Registrar is against the moral ground and is also discouraging. Any deviation to the provisions of approved recruitment and promotion rule is ultra-varies and unlawful.......

The Executive Council is further appraised that despite the directions of the Competent Authority of the university the employees did not appear in the skill test and again wrote to the university authorities w.r.t. their old demand/grievance as stated above. The Executive Council is also appraised that the language and words used by these employees to their authorities are not appropriate and shows clear disrespect to the authorities.

The entire matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor ordered that the matter is the case of disobedience hence, be placed in the Executive Council for further orders/directions.

Therefore, the matter is being placed before the Executive Council for further orders/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council took a very serious view of the matter and considered it as a matter of disobedience and non-compliance by the concerned Non-teaching employees to the directions issued by higher authorities of the University. After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Executive Council pointed out that the language used by these employees in their email towards their higher authorities is not acceptable on any grounds and emphasized that such disobedience/use of inappropriate language toward university authorities be dealt seriously in future. Further, the Executive Council after deliberations in the matter approved that:

i. The condition of promotion test for Group B & C Laboratory staff (who did not appear in the test) cannot be relaxed and they are mandatory required to qualify the test as per the earlier directions given to them.

ii. In all further promotions to Group B and C non-teaching posts (all the Group B & C post sanctioned at present and to be sanctioned in future), the typing test/Skill Test with knowledge of Computer, as the case may be, shall be mandatory requirement.

<u>iii. It shall be prerogative of the competent authority of the University to decide about the scheme and mode of such examinations.</u>

iv. In case of promotion of group B & C non-teaching employees on the basis of seniority in their respective post, this promotion test (typing test/Skill Test with knowledge of Computer as the case may be) shall be qualifying in nature only.

v. In case of promotion of Group B & C non-teaching employees on the basis of LDPE (Limited Department Promotion Examination), promotion shall be made on the basis of performance based merit in typing test/Skill Test with knowledge of Computer, as the case may be. This test shall be conducted exclusively and separately after a gap of minimum 15 days from the date of promotion test as stated in part iv above.

Item 65.12: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding conduct of written test for Direct Recruitment of Group B & C Non- Teaching positions through National Testing Agency.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that in pursuance to its decision vide item No. 63.10 in its 63rd meeting of Executive Council held on 11.09.2023 wherein it was decided by the Executive Council that the test(s) for Direct Recruitment for the post of Group B &C shall be conducted through NTA. The University vide Letter No. 1-4/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.VI/5936 dated

12.10.2023 informed the NTA accordingly. The NTA forwarded the university the scheme of Examination and their fees/charges for the purpose. The Vice-Chancellor of the University constituted the committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Officer to finalize the fee for the direct recruitment to the Group B & C posts. The committee after deliberation, decided the fee structure as follows:

Sl.No.	Category	Application/ Processing fee (Rs.)	Examination fee to be charged by NTA	Total fee to be paid to NTA (RS.)
1.	UR/OBC(NCL)/ EWS	250/-	1500/-	1750/-
2.	SC/ST/PwD/ Women Candidates (all categories)	-Nil-	1500/-	1500/-

- 2. The Vice-Chancellor approved the above fee structure recommended by the committee and also approved the pattern of Examination forwarded by NTA. The University accordingly has forwarded the following to the NTA for their further necessary action:
- a. Confirmation/approval of scheme of examination as forwarded by NTA vide their email dated 13.10.2023.
- b. Approved fee structure for different Group-B & Group-C posts.
- c. Final list of Group B & C Non-Teaching posts for advertisement (to be advertised).
- d. Approved CRR for the posts to be advertised.
- e. Satisfaction/confirmation of online candidate registration form which was forwarded by NTA for checking.
- 3. The Executive Council is also apprised that the NTA has confirmed that they will finalise the advertisement along with other three University namely (1) Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi (2) Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari (Bihar), (3) Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi and it will develop the application form, fee portal etc. at their level. The same has been confirmed during a review meeting taken by the Secretary, Ministry of Education with the Vice-Chancellor of the University on dated 01.12.2023.
- 4. Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for approval, ratification of the following decisions taken /approvals accorded by the Vice-Chancellor:
 - ${\bf a.} \quad {\bf Constitution} \ {\bf of} \ {\bf committee} \ {\bf for} \ {\bf finalization} \ {\bf of} \ {\bf fee} \ {\bf for} \ {\bf different} \ {\bf posts}.$
 - b. Confirmation/approval of scheme of examination as forwarded by NTA vide their email dated 13.10.2023.
 - c. Approved fee structure for different Group-B & Group-C posts.

- d. Final list of Group B & C Non-Teaching posts for advertisement (to be advertised).
- e. Approved CRR for the posts to be advertised.
- f. Satisfaction/confirmation of online candidate registration form which was forwarded by NTA for checking.

The Executive Council appreciated efforts of university and ratified and approved all the above decisions taken/approvals accorded by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item 65.1(S):

To place before the Executive Council matter regarding recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees for placement of Dr. Dilbag Singh under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

The University had conducted Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for placement of Dr. Dilbag Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) from Assistant Professor (Academic Pay Matrix Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Academic Pay Matrix Level-11) wherein the matter pertaining to Dr. Dilbag Singh, Assistant Professor regarding his placement from Academic Pay Matrix Level-10 to Academic Pay Matrix Level-11 was placed before the said committee. The committee had recommended the upward movement of the teacher w.e.f. 22.11.2020, the same has also been placed for approval in the 63rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 11.09.2023.

But during preparing the minutes of the 63rd meeting of the Executive Council, his name was mentioned in the category of teachers promoted from Pay Matrix Level-11 to Pay Matrix Level-12 at agenda item no. 63.25. Whereas, the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee has recommended promotion of the teacher from Pay Matrix Level-10 to Pay Matrix Level-11 w.e.f. 22.11.2020 which is correct as per record.

In view of above, as a corrective measure, the matter is being placed before the Executive Council to authorize the university to issue modified/revised placement/promotion order of the said teacher from Academic Pay Matrix Level-10 to Academic Pay Matrix Level-11 w.e.f. 22.11.2020 as per recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee.

Therefore, the Matter was submitted before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

The Executive Council after deliberations approved that the necessary rectification orders in the matter be issued as per rules.

Item No. 65.2(S)

To place the matter of Sh. Arjun Sanyal, Assistant Librarian, CUHP before the Executive Council regarding issuance of NOC.

The Executive Council is apprised that Sh. Arjun Sanyal, Assistant Librarian has applied for the post of Assistant Librarian at:

- (a) University of Delhi, Delhi
- (b) University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- (c) Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

In this context, it is submitted that Sh. Arjun Sanyal Assistant Librarian was appointed to the post of Assistant Librarian in this University.

In view of the aforesaid matter, it is submitted that in the 57th meeting of Executive Council, it was decided and approved that keeping in view the larger interests of the university, no application of teachers and non-teaching employees will be forwarded for outside employment for lower / equivalent/ same / higher posts for first three years from the date of their joining in the university. The Executive Council also approved that this decision will be applicable for existing employees and those individuals who will join afterwards. The Executive Council also approved that this decision shall be mentioned in the Appointment / Offer Letter to be issued to the newly selected / appointed candidates for teaching and non-teaching positions. The Executive Council further decided and approved that no application of teachers and non-teaching positions for lower posts shall be forwarded in any case by the University for outside employment even if the incumbent has completed more than 03 years services. However, the Executive Council approved and authorised the Vice-chancellor to take decision for forwarding applications of teachers and non-teaching employees for higher posts only.

In the light of above, the Vice-Chancellor approved to issue NOC to Sh. Arjun Sanyal, Assistant Librarian for outside employment as per mentioned above, as per powers vested in him under clause 11(3) of Central Universities Act, 2009.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decisions taken/approvals accorded by the Vice-Chancellor in this matter.

Item No. 65.3(S)

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the executive Council that Sh. Hem Raj, Deputy Registrar has submitted a representation to him with a request to confer him the additional charge of Registrar, since he is the only Deputy Registrar in the hierarchy of the post. The Vice Chancellor placed the said representation along with all points raised by him before the Executive Council in addition to other facts of the matter.

The Executive Council after deliberations on the matter at length, approved that, it is prerogative and discretionary powers of the Vice-Chancellor to assign additional charge of Registrar or any

other statutory post of the university to any employee of the university whom the Vice-Chancellor consider appropriate for performing the duties and responsibilities attached with the concerned statutory post. The Executive Council further requested Prof. Rajnish Shukl to finalise the pending enquiry entrusted to him as chairman of the inquiry committee at the earliest on priority basis.

Item No. 65.4(S) The Vice-Chancellor taking reference to the item No. 61.6 of 61st meeting of the Executive Council, appraised the Executive Council that the university has successfully completed three phases of teacher's recruitment under mission mode Recruitment Drive of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Most of the teaching posts in university in its various departments are filled and only few posts are left vacant as of now. The university is also planning to advertise these remaining few posts shortly. The Vice-Chancellor further appraised the Executive Council that one post of Professor each in the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication and Department of Social Work could not be filled up due to unavailability of eligible, qualified and competent The Vice-Chancellor apprised that these two candidates. fields/disciplines (JMC & Social Work) are such areas where persons with high expertise and field and industrial experience can contribute more towards academia and providing a greater There are persons in this field who exposure to the students. possess a high eminence and repute in their respective filed and thus can contribute towards institutional growth and development. These persons can also contribute towards higher placement of students and improving Academia-Industry interface and providing corporate experience to the students as well as faculty members.

> The members of the Executive Council after deliberation requested the Executive Council to suggest the University to fill these posts of Professor in the Department of Social Work & Journalism & Mass Communication as the university is not finding qualified and competent candidates in these disciplines. The EC deliberated regarding appointing the Professor of Practice in these two departments as per UGC guidelines. After going through the UGC Guidelines for PoP, it came to forefront that the appointment of PoP shall initially be for one year which can be extended further. The EC deliberated on the matter and pointed out that no person of such expertise, experience and repute shall join the university for a mere period of one year by leaving his well settled profile in the concerned field. Moreover, the guidelines of PoP issued by the UGC

are not clear and have ambiguity. Then, the member secretary of the Executive Council appraised the Executive Council that earlier, the University had appointed (i) Dr. Baldev Bhai Sharma and (ii) Sh. Harsh Vardhan as Eminent Professors in Journalism & Mass Communication and Fine Arts respectively, as per provisions of the Statute 19 as contained under second schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009, for a period of five years.

Thereafter, the Executive Council deliberated in detail on the matter regarding appointment of Professors as PoP or Eminent Professor and decided and approved that the university may appoint to Eminent Professor from Unreserved Category in the Department of Journalism & Mass Communication and Social Work as per provision of Statute 19 as contained under second schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009 for a period of five years, as was done by the university in the past. The EC also suggested to appoint such persons who have showed a remarkable achievement in their respective fields and possess a high repute and eminence on account of their expertise and practices. The Executive Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take further decision in this regard and report the same to the Executive Council for its ratification/approval.

Item No. 65.5(S)

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Executive Council that UGC has recently allotted 21 posts in three departments viz. Centre for Disaster Management, Department of Hotel & Hospitality Management and Department of Law to the university. However, these posts are yet to be approved by the MoE, GoI. Taking into consideration the geographical terrain of the state and resent Landslide tragedy and disasters in Himachal Pradesh, the university intends to start Department of Geology under School of Earth and Environment Sciences. Therefore the matter was placed before EC to suggest the ways to start the said department.

The Executive Council after deliberations appreciated the concern of the University and approved that the university can start Department of Geology under School of Earth and Environment Sciences. In order to kick start the Department of Geology and for carrying out initial preparations like framing of curriculum, syllabi mode of examination etc., the Executive Council approved that two vacant posts of Assistant Professor (UR) from Department of Education (B.Ed/M Ed) be filled in the proposed Department of Geology. The Executive Council further approved that these posts be reverted to the concerned department i.e. Department of

Education (B.Ed/M.Ed) after the receipt of formal sanction of teaching posts under Department of Geology which has already been demanded by the university from UGC/MoE, GoI.

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

Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed

(Prof. S.P. Bansal)

Chairman & Vice - Chancellor