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**GOA UNIVERSITY**  
**Taleigao Plateau, Goa**

**Minutes of the Nineteenth (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at 10:30 p.m.in the Council Hall of Goa University under the Chairpersonship of the Vice-Chancellor, Goa University.**

**Members Present**

Prof. Suhas Pednekar	Member
Dr. Aparna Devdatta Patil	Member
Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar	Member
Secretary (Finance)	Member (Ex-Officio)
Prof. Savita S. Kerkar	Member
Prof. Gopal Krishna Rao	Member
Dr. Anura Prashant Bale	Member
Prof. S. Krishnan	Member
Registrar	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)

**Members who conveyed their inability to attend/could not attend.**

Dr. Unnikrishnan. S.	Member
Prof. Datta B. Naik	Member
Shri Arjun Chowgule	Member
Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo	Member
Shri Sudin Naik	Member
Dr. Ajit Parulekar	Member
Secretary (Education)	Member (Ex-Officio)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Esteemed Members to the Nineteenth (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed Dr. V. Candavelou, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance) and the Hon'ble Member of the House.

Thereafter the agenda was taken up for discussion.

**D 1.8 (i)** Furnishing 500-Seater Auditorium in the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy.

The Registrar informed the House that, State Government had sanctioned Rs.22 Crores for establishing Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy on the University Campus. The said building is expected to be ready by end of May 2023 except a 500-seater Auditorium of which shell has been constructed but its inside furnishing was not part of tendered work. For furnishing purpose, a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been invited to identify a consultant for finalizing plans. Estimated amount as indicated by University's Engineering Division for completion of work of furnishing of Auditorium is approximately Rs.8 Crores. The State Government has already released Rs.19 Crores and the balance amount Rs.3 Crores is expected.

Further, it was informed that Shri Surendra Desai, Senior Advocate from Goa had approached the Vice-Chancellor informing his interest in donating certain amount which might be close to 50% of above-mentioned expenditure required for furnishing the said Auditorium. However, Adv Shri Surendra Desai might propose certain terms and conditions including the condition regarding the naming of the said Auditorium as per his suggestion/request.

Therefore, matter was placed before the House to decide any such Terms and Conditions on which any such proposal for donation of funds could be accepted for the completion of work of furnishing the Auditorium. The Registrar further informed that the decision of House will be informed to the State Government before the decision of the House is communicated to the Party.

During the deliberations, it was suggested that the University, in principle, may accept such donations for its infrastructure development or furnishing existing facilities etc., from philanthropists/ reputed parties.

The House suggested to prepare a proper plan regarding the utilization of this Auditorium facility by the University and external parties.

**RESOLUTION I: The Executive Council after deliberations decided to resolve the following:**

- **To consult the State Government first regarding the acceptance of donation from Shri Surendra Desai, Senior Advocate, Goa for furnishing of the 500-Seater Auditorium in the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy and modalities for naming of the Auditorium in the name of the Donors/Sponsors.**
- **To check the possibility of seeking additional funds from the State Government for furnishing of the 500-Seater Auditorium in the Manohar Parrikar School.**

(Action: University Engineer)

**D 1.8 (ii) Establishing a Research Park on the University Campus.**

The Vice Chancellor informed the House that he had a meeting with the DHE Director and with the Chairperson of recently established Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) on 17/02/2023. In the said meeting, he had expressed University's desire to establish a Research Park on Campus, which shall house University's Bio-incubator, IT incubator and also the proposed Health incubator.

He further informed that GU has a long-standing commitment to research & innovation and our faculty and students have made significant contributions in various fields, including science, technology, humanities, and social sciences. The said proposal shall provide an ideal platform to the University to further enhance its research capabilities and engage with the wider community. It shall also offer state-of-the-art facilities and services to researchers, entrepreneurs, and start-ups and shall provide access to funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities to help them grow and succeed. The said park shall host incubators, accelerators, and research labs, along with other amenities such as conference rooms, cafeterias, and recreational facilities. GU will be able to leverage its expertise & resources to support the development of the region and the park will attract talent & investment, create high-quality jobs, and foster innovation and entrepreneurship. It shall also help to build stronger partnerships between the University, Industry, & Government.

It was informed that the University had received a letter dated 24/03/2023 from the DHE requesting to provide 30,000 sq.mts. of land to establish the said Research Park.

**RESOLUTION II: The Executive Council in principle approved the proposal regarding establishing of a Research Park on the Goa University Campus.**

**It was resolved to discuss the matter further with the Government for preparation and finalization of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government and the Goa University indicating the ownership of the University land and the said Research Park.**

(Action: University Engineer)

**D 1.8 (iii) Report of the High-Level Committee constituted by the Executive Council.**

The Chairman informed the Members that this X<sup>th</sup> Executive Council in its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13-01-2023 under Agenda No. D 1.4.2 (viii) had resolved to constitute a High-Level Committee to initiate action in the matter pertaining to functioning of the present Assistant Registrar (Legal) Smt. Bertha T.A. D' Mello e Daniel as per the directions of office of Hon'ble Governor of Goa and Chancellor, Goa University.

The House had also resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to constitute appropriate High-Level Committee as mentioned above pending finalization of the minutes and initiate required action in the matter. Accordingly, vide Order No. NO.GU/R/EC-INQ/2023/68

dated 21/02/2023, the Vice-Chancellor had constituted said Committee with following members.

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of the RTI Act 2005***

The Chairman informed that the said Committee has submitted its report. He suggested that Members may study the report and the supporting documents annexed to the report and the discussion will be started after the members have read the report.

Prof. Suhas Pednekar, Chairperson of the Committee and Prof. V S Nadkarni, Member-Secretary wanted to recuse themselves from the discussions. The House however unanimously advised them that at the beginning of discussion, they may answer the queries if any from Hon'ble Members and then recuse themselves from further part of discussion and the decision in the matter. Accordingly, both of them recused.

The Members discussed the matter thoroughly after going through the report and noted the observations of the Committee as well as the recommendations. The Members noted the serious allegation made by Assistant Registrar (Legal) Smt. Bertha T.A. D' Mello e Daniel regarding manipulation during the appointment of Deputy Registrar vis-a-vis the report of the said selection committee. Members specifically noted observations of the Committee regarding dereliction of duties and insubordination, defiant nature of Smt. Bertha and violation of Code of Conduct and her argumentative nature. The statements of former Registrars and serving officers/ officials recorded by the Committee and memoranda issued to Smt. Bertha were also noted by the Members.

The House unanimously decided to accept the report of the High-Level Committee and its recommendations and proposed that disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the Disciplinary Authority i.e., the Vice-Chancellor.

The Executive Council noted that preliminary inquiry has revealed that a prima facie case is made regarding refusal to carry out written orders of superior officer, baseless allegations against authorities resulting in insubordination, negligence and dereliction of duty, violation of Code of Conduct and that continuance in office of Smt. Bertha is likely to seriously subvert discipline in the office as disciplinary proceeding against her is contemplated/ pending. Therefore, the House unanimously resolved to place Smt. Bertha T.A. D' Mello e Daniel, Assistant Registrar (Legal) under suspension with effect from Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 (B.N.) till the disciplinary proceedings are completed as per applicable statutory provisions.

It was suggested that further developments the matter may be reported to the House in its next meeting. Pending finalization of the minutes, the Executive Council also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to initiate required action in the matter.

**RESOLUTION III:**

**The Executive Council unanimously resolved to accept the report of the High-Level Committee and its recommendations and proposed that disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the disciplinary authority.**

**The House also unanimously resolved to place Smt. Bertha T.A. D' Mello e Daniel, Assistant Registrar (Legal) under suspension with effect from Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 (B.N.) till the disciplinary proceedings are completed as per applicable statutory provisions.**

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admn.(NT))

**A.O.B.(i)** Proposal regarding the appointment of Shri M. Shreedhara as Consultant /O.S.D. at Goa University.

Before taking the item for discussion, the Hon'ble Member of the House, Prof. Gopal Krishna Rao, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy & Principle, Goa College of Pharmacy, Panaji, requested Shri M. Shreedhara, Joint Registrar (Administration) to kindly leave the meeting hall for some time. Prof. Rao then informed the House that Shri M. Shreedhara is due for superannuation on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 after attaining the age of 62 years on 30/05/2023 and after availing two years of extension in service granted to him. Prof. Rao requested the Chairperson to place the matter regarding the appointment of Shri M. Shreedhara as Consultant or O.S.D. at Goa University after his retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 and further requested the House to accept the proposal. Members said that services of such a senior and experienced officer would be very much useful to the University and attempts may be made to avail his services in a suitable manner. Advise of the Government may be obtained in this regard.

The meeting ended with thanks to the members.

Sd/-  
(Prof. V. S. Nadkarni)  
REGISTRAR

Sd/-  
(Prof. H. B. Menon)  
VICE-CHANCELLOR