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GOA UNIVERSITY
Taleigao Plateau, Goa

Minutes of the Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on Friday, 26th April, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Hall of Goa University under the Chairpersonship of the Vice-Chancellor, Goa University.

Members Present

Dr. Unnikrishnan. S. (Attended the meeting in online mode)	Member
Dr. Aparna Devdatta Patil	Member
Prof. Datta B. Naik	Member
Dr. Ganesh Gaonkar	Member
Prof. Vidhyadatta M. Shet Verenkar	Member
Prof. Anuradha Wagle	Member
Dr. Anura Prashant Bale	Member
Prof. S. Krishnan	Member
Registrar	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Shri Bhushan Savoikar, Director, DHE attended on behalf of the Secretary Education.

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

Prof. Suhas Pednekar	Member
Shri Arjun Chowgule	Member
Shri Shrinivas Vasudeva Sinai Dempo	Member
Dr. Ajit Parulekar	Member
Shri Sudin Naik	Member
Secretary (Finance)	Member (Ex-Officio)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the Esteemed Members to the Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council. He also welcomed Prof. Vidhyadatta M. Shet Verenkar and Prof. Anuradha Wagle who were recently appointed as the Members on the Executive Council. Thereafter, the agenda were taken up for discussion.

D 1.1 (i) To confirm the minutes of the 26th(Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 24/01/2024.

RESOLUTION I: The Executive Council confirmed the minutes of the 26th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 24/01/2024 with a modification to the RESOLUTION NO. I of the minutes by dropping the word 'unanimously' from the original resolution as under:

RESOLUTION I: After deliberations it was resolved to accept the proposal of utilizing 2 lakh sq meter of the University land in principle subject to the Government accepting the request of the House to make such Colleges constituent Schools of the University. It was further resolved to send a delegation of Executive Council Members to meet and consult the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Chancellor & Governor of Goa for expressing the views of the Executive Council in the matter. It was further resolved to take a final decision based on the outcome of these discussions.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.1 (ii) To confirm the minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 16/02/2024.

RESOLUTION II: The Executive Council confirmed the minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 16/02/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.1 (iii) To confirm the minutes of the 28th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 13/03/2024.

RESOLUTION III: The Executive Council confirmed the minutes of the 28th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 13/03/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.2 (i) Action taken on the minutes of the 26th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 24/01/2024.

RESOLUTION IV: The Executive Council noted the action taken on various decisions as per the minutes of 26th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 24/01/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.2 (ii) Action taken on the minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 16/02/2024.

RESOLUTION V: The Executive Council noted the action taken on various decisions as per the minutes of 27th Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 16/02/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.2 (iii) Action taken on the minutes of the 28th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 13/03/2024.

RESOLUTION VI: The Executive Council noted the action taken on various decisions as per the minutes of 28th (Special) Meeting of the Tenth Executive Council held on 13/03/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Non-Teaching))

D 1.3.6 (i) To consider the Recognition of teachers as Ph.D. Research Guides under the Ordinance OA-2.

The Registrar informed the House that cases of three teachers who had applied for recognition as Ph.D. Guides of the University were placed before the Recognition Committee under Ordinance OA-2 and the said Committee recommended them for recognition as a Ph.D. Guides.

RESOLUTION VII: The Executive Council approved the recognition of the following teachers as Ph.D. Research Guides of the University in the subject mentioned against their respective names as per Ordinance OA-2.

Ph. D. Research Guide:

Sr. No.	Name	Subject	Institution/College
1.	Dr. Samiksha Samil Volvaikar	Physical Oceanography	CSIR- National Institute of Oceanography
2.	Dr. Ranjana Beverly Ferrao	Law	V.M. Salgaocar College of Law
3.	Dr. Shilpa Dinanath Parab	Music	Goa College of Music

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Academic (PG))

D 1.3.6 (ii) To consider the Recognition of teacher as Post-Graduate teacher of the Goa University under the Ordinance OA-2.

The Registrar informed the House that one teacher had applied for recognition as Post-graduate Teacher of the University. The application of said teacher was placed before the Recognition Committee under Ordinance OA-2 wherein the Committee recommended her for recognition as a Post-Graduate Teacher.

RESOLUTION VIII: The Executive Council approved the Recognition of the following teacher as Post-Graduate teacher of Goa University as per the Ordinance OA-2.

Post-Graduate teacher:

Sr. No.	Name	Subject	Institution/College
1	Dr. Mutyala Sunil Chandra Vidya Sagar	Cardiac Anaesthesiology	Goa Medical College

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Academic (PG))

D 1.4.1 (i)

Confidential matter pertains to POSH Act 2013.

D 1.4.1 (ii) Consideration of Sabbatical Leave to Professor Guntur Anjana Raju, Goa Business School, Goa University.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the House that Prof. Guntur Anjana Raju, Goa Business School has requested for Sabbatical Leave for the period from 12/06/2024 to 11/06/2025. He also informed that this was her second application for sabbatical leave. Further, it was informed that the Dean, GBS and the Discipline Faculty Committee of Commerce Discipline, GBS has recommended the request of Prof. Guntur for grant Sabbatical leave.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor briefed regarding the difficulties which are being faced by the Schools if such a leave is granted to the seniormost teachers who are required to guide the newly joined Assistant Professor. It was informed that the percentage of Professors is around 10% as compared to Assistant Professors is around 71% in the University, as many of the senior faculty members who were initially appointed have retired. Therefore, their presence is required to guide the newly joined young faculty members. Moreover, the Vice-Chancellor also said that the University is preparing for its next NAAC

accreditation in the year 2026 and presence of senior faculty members is highly essential as they are required to get involved in preparations for the same.

One of the members suggested that the sabbatical leave was sought to attend routine workshops, training programs, which could be carried out even otherwise without availing any leave.

RESOLUTION X: The Executive Council did not approve the request of Prof. Guntur Anjana Raju, Goa Business School for the grant of Sabbatical Leave.

Further, it was resolved to keep all such applications made by Professors/ Senior professors for Sabbatical leave under suspension for at least a period of two years in view of the preparations for the NAAC accreditation of the University.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

D 1.4.1 (iii)

Confidential matter pertains to POSH Act 2013.

D 1.7 (i) Proposed Statute SC-15 relating to Autonomous Colleges as per UGC revised Regulations 2023.

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble members that the UGC has notified revised 2023 Regulations regarding Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures of Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges. Amendment to the relevant Statute which is SC-15 was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 and thereafter the same was placed before the Drafting & Vetting Committee meeting held on 27/03/2024.

RESOLUTION XII: The Executive Council approved the part amendment to Statute SC-15 relating to the Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures of Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges.

It was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(General))

D 1.7 (ii) Proposed part amendment to the Ordinance OC-78 relating to the award of a Four-Year Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Degree of Goa University.

The Registrar informed the Hon'ble Members that the part amendment to the Ordinance OC-78 relating to the award of a Four-Year Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Degree of Goa University was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 with modifications. Thereafter, the same was placed before the Drafting & Vetting Committee on 27/03/2024 with inclusion of suggested modification of the Academic Council.

RESOLUTION XIII: The Executive Council approved the part amendment to the Ordinance OC-78 relating to the award of a Four-Year Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Degree of Goa University.

It was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (iii) Proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-34A relating to the Integrated Five-Year Double Degree Programme in Law Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A.LL.B.) and/or Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. LL.B.).

The Registrar informed the House that the amendment to Ordinance OC-34A was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024. Later the same was placed before the Drafting & Vetting Committee on 27/03/2024.

It was further informed that this amendment has been proposed in view of the issues faced with regard to the assessment of answer papers. Some teachers doesn't want to accept to assess/examine papers of courses they have not taught in spite of providing answer keys and students suffer when there is no consistency in the marks given by the two examiners.

RESOLUTION XIV: The Executive Council approved the proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-34A relating to Integrated Five-Year Double Degree Programme in Law Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A.LL.B.) and/or Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. LL.B.).

Further, it was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (iv) Proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-35A relating to Three Year LL.B Degree Programme in Law - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Degree.

The Registrar informed that the amendment to Ordinance OC-35A was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024. Subsequently, the said amendment was placed before the Drafting & Vetting Committee on 27/03/2024.

RESOLUTION XV: The Executive Council approved the proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-35A relating to Three Year LL.B Degree Programme in Law - Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Degree.

It was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (v) Proposed part amendment to OC-70 Ordinance related to four-year Credit Based Degree Programme in Pharmacy [Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Programme] in Affiliated Colleges of Goa University (Applicable to candidates seeking admission to B.Pharm Programme from the academic year 2024-25 onwards).

The Registrar informed that the amendment to OC-70 was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 with corrections suggested by the Members. Accordingly, the said amendment was placed before the Drafting & Vetting Committee on 14/03/2024.

He further informed that the admission criteria and examination related issues needed some changes which has been clearly spelt out and shown properly in this proposed amendment.

RESOLUTION XVI: The Executive Council approved the proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-70 related to four year Credit Based Degree Programme in Pharmacy [Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Programme] in Affiliated Colleges of Goa University (Applicable to candidates seeking admission to B.Pharm Programme from the academic year 2024-2025 onwards).

It was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (vi) Proposed part amendment to OC-27A Ordinance relating to the Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm.) Degree.

The Registrar informed that the amendment to OC-27A was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 and was subsequently vetted by the Drafting & Vetting Committee on 14/03/2024.

RESOLUTION XVII: The Executive Council approved the proposed part amendment to Ordinance OC-27A Ordinance relating to the Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm.) Degree.

It was resolved to send the said amendment to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (vii) Proposed New Ordinance OC-XX relating to the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Three Years Degree Programme in Law.

The Registrar informed that New Ordinance relating to the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Three Years Degree Programme in Law was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 and was later vetted by the Drafting & Vetting Committee.

It was informed that the said action has been taken since the existing rules were 20 years old and had several ambiguities in it.

RESOLUTION XVIII: The Executive Council approved the proposed New Ordinance OC-XX relating to the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Three Years Degree Programme in Law.

It was resolved to send the said New Ordinance to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (viii) Proposed New Ordinance OC-XX relating to the Integrated Five-Year Double Degree Programme in Law -Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. L.L.B.) and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. L.L.B.).

It was informed that the New Ordinance relating to the Integrated Five-Year Double Degree Programme in Law-Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. L.L.B.) and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. L.L.B.) was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024. Subsequently, the same was vetted by the Drafting & Vetting Committee. It was also informed that this is in line with the earlier agenda item pertaining to three-year L.L.B. program.

RESOLUTION XIX: The Executive Council approved the proposed New Ordinance OC-XX relating to the Integrated Five-Year Double Degree Programme in Law -Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (B.A. L.L.B.) and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (B.Com. L.L.B.).

It was resolved to send the said New Ordinance to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (ix) Proposed New Ordinance OA-24A governing the Master's in Business Administration (Executive) (Effective from April 2023).

It was informed that the New Ordinance OA-24A governing the Master's in Business Administration (Executive) vetted by the Drafting & Vetting Committee was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Academic Council, in view of urgency.

RESOLUTION XX: The Executive Council approved the proposed New Ordinance OA-24A relating to the Master's in Business Administration (Executive) (Effective from April 2023).

It was resolved to send the said New Ordinance to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.7 (x) Proposed New Ordinance OA-XX Governing the Undergraduate (UG) Programmes of Bachelor of Engineering and other such Programmes of study conducted by the on-campus Schools of Goa University and its Affiliated Colleges based on the Guidelines of curriculum and credit framework for Undergraduate Programmes, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Credit Framework (NCrF). (Effective from the Academic Year 2024-2025).

The Registrar informed that the said New Ordinance OA-XX was approved by the Academic Council in its meeting held on 09/02/2024 and further it was vetted by the Drafting and Vetting Committee on 14/03/2024.

RESOLUTION XXI: The Executive Council approved the proposed New Ordinance OA-XX relating to the Undergraduate (UG) Programmes of Bachelor of Engineering and other such Programmes of study conducted by the on-campus Schools of Goa University and its Affiliated Colleges based on the Guidelines of curriculum and credit framework for Undergraduate Programmes, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Credit Framework (NCrF). (Effective from the Academic Year 2024-2025).

It was resolved to send the said New Ordinance to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Legal)/Assistant Registrar-Acad.(PG))

D 1.8 (i) Proposal for admitting students to consider award of Degrees/Diplomas in presentia at the Convocation or in absentia at any time after the approval of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXII: The Executive Council approved the proposal for admitting the students for award of Degrees/Diplomas in presentia at the convocation or in absentia at any time after the approval of the Executive Council in the respective Faculty/School.

The motion was moved by Prof. Anuradha Wagle, Dean, Shenoï Goembab School of Languages and Literature on behalf of Dean, Goa Business School, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dean, School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Dean, School of Physical and Applied Sciences, Dean, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Dean, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy, Dean, School of International and Area Studies and Dean, Faculty of Medicine was approved by the House.

The motion was proposed by Hon'ble Member Prof. S. Krishnan and was seconded by Hon'ble Member Prof. Vidhyadatta M. Shet Verenkar.

(Action: Controller of Examinations)

D 1.8 (ii) Extension Counter cum Regional Centre of AYJNISHID (D), Mumbai at Goa University.

The Registrar informed that the Ministry of Social justice & Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India has given approval for opening an extension counter of Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyanqjan) [AYJNISHD (D)], Mumbai at Goa. Further, AYJNISHID(D) wrote to State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa, regarding the said proposal to run academic programmes leading to Diploma or Degree related to the field of disability.

Subsequently, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities met the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, GU and the possibility to start the above facility at GU campus w.e.f. AY 2024-2025 was discussed.

Further, the DHE, Goa had conveyed its NOC to start Off-Campus Centre of AYJNISHID (D) in Goa on Self Finance mode. It was informed by AYJNISHID (D) that all the cost to

establish the extension counter and the operational recurring cost during the period of MOU will be borne by AYJNISHID (D) itself. It was further suggested that the University shall provide suitable space to start the extension counter for the said purpose and all the other arrangements like manpower etc. shall be made by the AYJNISHID (D) at their cost. There won't be any financial commitment from the University. Accordingly, it is proposed to provide a position of the building opposite to Block-C, used by the then Department of Computer Science and Technology for this purpose.

It was informed that although the Government has sanctioned teaching positions for Disability Studies under the Manohar Parrikar School, the University will find it difficult to identify eligible candidates who will satisfy residence condition stipulated in the statute. It will therefore be a welcome move to start Disability related Diploma & Degree Programmes and other services by signing a MOU with AYJNISHID(D) and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa which will provide comprehensive services to Person with Disabilities from the State of Goa. This will also help the University in its future NAAC accreditation.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the academic Ordinance for these programmes is being placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council. In view of urgency of the requirement to start the program in AY 2024-25, he requested to permit the House to authorize him to approve the said Ordinance on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXIII: The House resolved to grant in principle approval to the draft MOU to be signed with the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyanqjan) AYJNISHID(D) and the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa pending finalization of the minutes.

The Executive Council approved to set up an Extension Counter cum Regional Centre of AYJNISHID (D), Mumbai at Goa University to start the following academic programmes leading to Diploma or Degree related to the field of disability w.e.f. the academic year 2024-2025 which will provide comprehensive services to the Persons with Disabilities from the State of Goa:

- 1. Diploma in Indian Sign Language.**
- 2. Diploma in Hearing and language Science.**
- 3. Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.**

The House further resolved to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to approve the Ordinance pertaining to above programs on behalf of the Executive Council.

(Action: Deputy Registrar (Academic))

D 1.8 (iii) Regarding accreditation of Goa College of Agriculture.

The Registrar requested the Hon'ble Members to recall that in its meeting held on 23/09/2022, the House had ratified the decision taken by the VC for the grant of affiliation to Goa College of Agriculture, Ela, Goa to start B Sc (Agriculture, Hons) program w.e.f. AY 2022-23. During the said meeting, it was informed that the State Government had ordered academic merger of the then existing Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sulcorna, Goa which started in the year 2015-16 with the Goa College of Agriculture and consequent closure of the Don Bosco College of Agriculture.

As a part of this merger, all the students enrolled in the AY 2022-23 for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th year of the said four-year B.Sc. degree programme were transferred to newly formed Goa College of Agriculture along with the posts of principal and full-time faculty members and the incumbent faculty. Four batches of graduated students had passed out by the end of AY 2021-22 from the then Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sulcorna.

It was informed that since the Government wants the Goa College of Agriculture to apply for ICAR accreditation for the benefits to its students, the College approached the University requesting the Registrar to fill online application which along with other information required to indicate date of start of the College. One of the criteria for grant of ICAR accreditation is that programme must be offered for five years and its first batch has been passed out.

The Registrar informed that the matter was discussed with Secretary Education, Government of Goa, in a meeting held on 10/04/2024 who agreed to the contention of the Goa College of Agriculture saying that the academic merger of two colleges including transfer of students and staff was carried out by the Government in order to provide applicable academic benefits to all the students involved. The students are presently not eligible to apply for certain positions as the college is not accredited by ICAR and upon accreditation the students of all the batches will be able to avail the benefits.

RESOLUTION XXIV: The Executive Council resolved to permit the Registrar to submit an online application on the behalf of the Goa College of Agriculture to enable the College to get accredited with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)for career benefits to its students.

Further, the Registrar was permitted to initiate the process of filling application pending finalization of the minutes.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Academic (General))

D 1.8 (iv) Regarding the use of e-office by the officers during their leave period.

It was informed that, on the basis of statutory provisions, the Vice-Chancellor in his absence, appoints a Dean to perform the routine and emergent functions of his office.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellor appoints a Professor or a Senior officer to perform the routine and emergent functions of the office of Registrar when the Registrar is on leave.

The Vice-Chancellor informed that the University has now implemented the e-office which permits certain officers to clear files even when they are away from the office. Suitable security arrangements have been provided by the service provider of the e-office for this purpose. Presently, only the Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor have been provided with this facility and it is now being proposed to extend this facility to other officers i.e., Heads of Divisions & Sections, Deans and Vice-Deans of Schools which will help in expediting clearing of e-files available on the e-office system thus increasing overall efficiency of the University administration. It was also informed that temporarily providing the e-office login credentials to the in-charge or officiating officer is not advisable.

RESOLUTION XXV: The Executive Council resolved to permit the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and other officers of Goa University i.e., Heads of administrative Divisions & Sections, and Deans & Vice-Deans of Schools to clear e-files available on the e-office system even when they are away from the office due to leave, official assignment or any other reason.

Further, it was also decided to add suitable instructions with regard to use of e-office in the Order, which shall be issued to the concerned officer including those who will be assigned as in-charge or officiating duties.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(NT)/Assistant Registrar-Admin.(T)/HOCC)

D 1.8 (v) Setting up Geological laboratory of Directorate of Mines & Geology, Government of Goa.

It was informed that the Directorate of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Goa had sent a proposal for setting up of a Geological laboratory of their office in the Goa University. The Directorate had suggested having a Geological Laboratory in the Earth Science/Applied Geology discipline of Goa University so as to analyze the grade of ore of the mining concerns so as to get a correct representation of the grade and avoid leakage of revenue to the State. They require the laboratory space to house certain instruments/equipments as well as certification by the faculty members of the Geology Program.

Further, it was informed that the cost of the equipment as well as manpower, consumables, maintenance will be borne by the Directorate of Mines and Geology. It was informed that the said laboratory should be beneficial for students to do dissertation and the students of University should be allowed to use the laboratory free of cost.

RESOLUTION XXVI: The Executive council approved the proposal for setting up of the Geological laboratory of the Directorate of Mines and Geology at the Earth Science/Applied Geology discipline of the Goa University.

Further, it was decided to sign a suitable MoU between the Directorate of Mines and Geology, Government of Goa and the Goa University for the said purpose.

(Action: Program Director:Earth Science/Applied Geology discipline/AR-Admin.(Legal))

D 1.8 (vi) Matter pertaining to allocation of space for working women hostel.

The Registrar requested the members to recall the matter regarding allocation of land/built up space within the University campus for establishing Working Women Hostel (WWH) on the campus, which was informed to this House in its meeting held on 16/02/2024, wherein during this meeting it was resolved to gather further information/details on the matter to take a suitable decision.

The officiating Deputy Registrar (Administration) had visited the Working Women's Hostel of Porvorim, Goa and noted functioning of this institute and various issues. It was also noted that controlling such a hostel would become an issue as there was no dedicated/appointed warden. An attempt was also made to contact several other neighboring State Universities from Karnataka and Maharashtra but there was no positive response to confirm receipt of such letter from the Ministry of Women and Child Development. However, one reply was received from Dr. Sudesh V., Dean of Law, Bangalore University, wherein he informed that till date they had not received any such letter from UGC.

The House noted that although the construction cost will be borne by the concerned ministry, the maintenance of the structure may turn out to be a liability in course of time. Since, there is public road passing through the University campus, ensuring the safety of the students and women staying in hostel may also become difficult and lead to an additional expenditure.

RESOLUTION XXVII: The Executive Council after deliberations resolved not to consider the suggestion by Ministry of Women and Child Development of establishing Working Women Hostel (WWH) on the campus.

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

R 1 (i) Grant of Lien to Dr. Alaknanda P. Shringare, Assistant Professor, D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies, Goa University on the post of Assistant Professor in Political Science.

The Registrar informed the House that, the request of Dr. Alaknanda P. Shringare, Assistant Professor, D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies, GU for grant of lien on her position of Assistant Professor in the Political Science in the same School for a period of one year to join as Associate Professor in Public Administration at

Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, GU was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXVIII: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving to grant lien to Dr. Alaknanda P. Shringare on her position of Assistant Professor in the Political Science at D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences & Behavioural Studies for a period of one year to join as Associate Professor in Public Administration at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy for a period of one year w.e.f. 12/03/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

R 1 (ii) Minutes of Meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee held on 26/02/2024.

The Registrar informed the House that the Departmental Promotion Committee meeting was held on 26/02/2024 to consider the promotion of Smt. Sheila Pinheiro, Superintendent to the post of Assistant Registrar. The recommendation of the said Committee was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXIX: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee in respect of promotion of Smt. Sheila Pinheiro to the post of Assistant Registrar w.e.f. 27/02/2024.

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

R 1 (iii) Grant of Lien to Ms. Prachi Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University on the post of Assistant Professor in Women's Studies.

It was informed to House that Ms. Prachi Prabhu, Assistant Professor, MPS, GU had requested for grant of lien on her position of Assistant Professor in Women's Studies at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University for a period of 1 year to join as Assistant Professor in Social Work at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, GU. Her request was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council.

RESOLUTION XXX: The Executive Council ratified the decision of the Vice-Chancellor in approving to grant lien to Ms. Prachi Prabhu on her position of Assistant Professor in Women's Studies at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy to join as Assistant Professor in Social Work at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University for a period of one year w.e.f. 27/02/2024.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

R 1 (iv) Issuing of Ph.D. Award letter to students.

It was informed that three applications were received from Students requesting for Ph.D. Award letter to apply for job and the Vice-Chancellor had approved to issue the Ph.D. award letters to the said three students, in view of urgency.

RESOLUTION XXXI: The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-chancellor in approving to issue Ph.D. Award letters to the following three students.

Sr. No	Name	School Name	Programme
1	Ms. Nibedita Sahoo	School of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences	Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Sciences
2	Mr. Kerba Shivaji More	School of Chemical Sciences	Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
3	Mr. Vishal Gopalrao More	School of Chemical Sciences	Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

(Action: Controller of Examinations)

R 1 (v) Reporting item with regard to Mr. Saprem Shirvoikar, writ petition No.563 of 2023 in the High Court of Bombay at Goa.

The Registrar informed the House that a complaint was filed by Mr. Saprem Shirvoikar before the Goa Commission for SC/ST against the University for denial of Ph.D. admission seat under ST reservation policy, wherein, the Commission gave recommendation in his favor.

Subsequently, University filed Writ Petition No.563 of 2023 in the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa, challenging the order of the Commission. The Hon'ble High Court passed the judgement that the University should initiate action on the recommendations of the Goa Commission for SC/ST based on the merit of the case and submit its Action taken report within four weeks.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Central Admission Committee-Ph.D. Programme, wherein, the Committee noted that as per the relevant Ordinance, the GU-PET Score shall be valid for two academic years and there is no provision which empowers the authorities to extend the validity of the Score. Admitting the candidate without valid GU-PET score or NET/SET will be violation of the UGC Minimum Standards and procedures for the award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations.

Based on the recommendation of the Committee and the fact that Mr. Saprem Shirvoikar had failed to secure admission to the Ph.D. programme in Law during the admission sessions conducted in the academic year 2016-17 and 2017-18, it was decided that the

University cannot accept the recommendations put forth by the Goa Commission for SC/ST.

It was informed that in compliance to the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court to submit the Action Taken Report to the High Court and to the Goa Commission for SC/ST within four weeks from the date of its judgment, the Action Taken Report and the recommendations of the Central Admission Committee-Ph.D. Programme were approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council, in view of urgency.

RESOLUTION XXXII: The Executive Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the Central Admission Committee-Ph.D. Programme to submit the action taken report to the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa and the Goa Commission for SC/ST in compliance to the judgement passed by the Hon'ble High Court towards the Writ Petition No.563 of 2023.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Academic (Admissions))

A.O.B. (1): Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee constituted for implementation of project under PM-USHA funding held on 23/04/2024.

The Registrar informed that a meeting of the Committee constituted for implementation of project under PM-USHA funding to upgrade Goa University to a Multidisciplinary Education & Research University (MERU) was held on 23/04/2024 and the recommendations of the Committee were briefed to the Members. The said meeting was held to discuss and plan regarding the initiation of the work under the MERU project.

It was informed that out of the total sanctioned amount approximately Rs.82 crores will be used for infrastructure and Rs.18 crores will be used for equipment and computational facilities. As a first instalment Rs.8.33 crores was released to the University.

Further, the Registrar informed that, since this is a time-bound activity, all the projects sanctioned under the scheme will have to be completed by March, 2026. He informed that it has been recommended to carry out the purchases of the equipment under the sanctioned fund at a later stage. He further informed that it was recommended that the construction works which will require more time will be initiated first.

Further, the Registrar informed that, by following codal procedure, Architect UC Jain was finalized as consultant Architect for furnishing of Auditorium at Manohar Parrikar School. The plans of SEOAS & DDLI buildings were already made by Architect Jose Noronha and the same shall be adopted to carry out these works.

The Registrar requested the members to accept all the recommendations of the above said High level Committee. He also informed the House about certain provisions of Section 2.2 of CPWD Works Manual 2014 which reads as '*The urgent works need not to*

*be treated as par with the works to be taken up under emergency situations. **Urgent works may be defined as those kinds of works which requires fast start/completion within compressed schedule and are to be taken up on top most priority at the instructions of competent authority.** Under such situation availability of funds needs to be ensured before taking up execution of works.'* It was informed that in the present case, the Executive Council is the competent authority to take such decisions.

It was informed that the works under MERU project are to be completed by 31/03/2026 and involve constructions of four buildings, a futsal court and extension work to DDLI building that is being constructed. Therefore, the House may consider appointing the same consultant Architect, who has already been chosen as Architect for furnishing Auditorium of Manohar Parrikar School by following due codal procedures, as consultant Architect for furnishing DDLI interiors, FUTSAL Court and the three student hostels under the MERU scheme. He informed that the normal codal procedure to finalize Architect is time consuming and that this will lead to delay in completion of project works. The existing Architect UC Jain has formally agreed and provided written confirmation that he will charge @ rate of 3% which is on par with rates charged by Architects who are presently empaneled by the University. It was also informed that presently, the Architects typically charge @ 5% in accordance with the prevailing market rate.

RESOLUTION XXXIII : The Executive Council approved the recommendations of the of the High Level Committee constituted for implementation of the MERU project under PM-USHA funding, made in its meeting which was held on 23/04/2024.

Further, the House approved to engage services of UC Jain Architect as a consultant Architect for the FUTSAL Court, three student hostels and furnishing of interiors of DDLI building in view of the short time available for completion of the MERU project under PM USHA funding.

(Action: Executive Engineer)

A.O.B. (2): Starting Bio-engineering and Biomedical Engineering Program at MPSLGPP.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the House that it is proposed to start a four-year undergraduate program in Bachelor of Engineering in Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University. The program will have intake capacity of 20 each corresponding to total 40 seats. The said programs will help the University to increase the enrolment on Campus as envisaged in Institutional Development Plan and to develop the University as MERU.

It was further informed that the University is establishing a Research Park which house a Bio Incubator as one of the facilities. The said Bio-incubator will be supported by said proposed programs consisting of following four objectives:

1. To generate the ecosystem for the STEM education at the University.
2. To create on the ecosystem of Multidisciplinary Education and Research University (MERU) in HEI's to galvanise interdisciplinary research.
3. Explore the interdisciplinary research with the Goa Medical College and Goa Pharmacy College in areas of Health and Biological System.
4. Generate the Human Resource in the State of Goa in the areas of Biological Engineering having vast potential for futuristic research.

It was informed that sufficient space for classrooms and laboratories is available at the recently constructed building of the Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University.

It was informed that the University will take permission for re-appropriation of the existing sanctioned, vacant teaching positions of certain programs in order to create teaching positions for the above said programs. It was further informed that the total furnishing cost of various infrastructure viz Classrooms, Tutorials Rooms, Laboratory, Computer Laboratory etc. proposed under said program is estimated to be Rs.374,05,000.00 for which a proposal will be sent to the Government for one-time sanction of non-recurring grant.

RESOLUTION XXXIV: The Executive Council approved the proposal to start four-year undergraduate program in Bachelor of Engineering in Bio Engineering and Biomedical Engineering at Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance & Public Policy, Goa University.

Further, it was resolved to submit the proposal to Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa for approval and for required one time grant of for the following infrastructure under the said program:

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(T)/Executive Engineer)

A.O.B. (3): Request of Senior Professor Harilal B. Menon, School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University regarding post-facto approval for technical resignation from the post of Lecturer in Department of Marine Sciences, Goa University.

The Registrar informed the House that, Senior Prof. Harilal B. Menon, School of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences, Goa University has requested for post-facto approval for technical resignation from the post of Lecturer in the then Department of Marine Sciences, GU to join as Reader in the Department of Marine Sciences in order to avail

pensionary benefits. Prof. Menon was initially appointed as Lecturer in Marine Sciences w.e.f. 15/11/1988 and later as direct Reader in the same discipline w.e.f. 14/10/1997.

A query was raised by the Pensional Cell of the Directorate of Accounts with regard to service verification wherein approval of the House to the said request for technical resignation is essential.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. H.B. Menon recused himself during the discussion of this item.

RESOLUTION XXXV : The Executive Council approved the request of Prof. Harilal B. Menon for post-facto approval to the technical resignation from the post of Lecturer in the then Department of Marine Sciences, Goa University to join as Reader in the Department of Marine Sciences, Goa University.

(Action: Assistant Registrar-Admin.(Teaching))

The meeting ended at 12.50 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

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

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