

Matter No 14.15 : DFI number of Sugamya Library and its three year access related matter

Sugamya Library is India's largest online library for blind and print disabled people. It is an online library run by TCS, Daisy Forum of India and NIEPVD (National Institute for Empowerment of Person with Visual Disability, Government of India for Blind and Print disabled people). This library has national and international level partnership. Books written in about 17 languages can be accessible and downloadable. Around 6,53,234 books and audios are available in Gujarati, Urdu, Hindi languages. People with blind and print disabilities from all over the world can access and download. The university is running B.Ed and Sp. B.Ed. programs, so it is necessary to do the procedure of DFI number for access of Sugamya library and the University has also approved a subscription for just Rs. 11,600 for three years. With reference to Sp. B.Ed., above matter should be informed to the institute with whom MOU is done.

Matter No 53.11 : Matter of recognizing new study centers under the University

The following study centers were allowed to be started by the university. The Board of Management has given approval to start this study center.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed all members that 24 Jails of the Gujarat State received recognition of study center by the university. Total of all jail inmates, 2235 jail inmates in the February session and 1387 brothers / sisters jail inmates in the August session had taken admission in various courses run by the university. At present, the university is not charging any fees to the brother/sisters jail inmates who get admission in the course. It was decided to make a representation to the Home Ministry through the Education Department to get a grant in this regard from the Government.

Matter No 68.12.1: MBC students related matter

The decision has been taken to implement the prevalent rules of state government with respect to SC/ST/SEBC/OBC or any other scholarship.

Matter No 80.09: Matter of exempting course fees for the children of the soldiers who were martyred in the Indian Army and their widowed wives if they get admission in the regular as well as vocational professional courses run by the university.

The matter was presented before the committee to exempt the children of the heroic soldiers who were martyred in the Indian Army and their widows from the course fees if they get admission in the regular as well as vocational professional courses run by the university. The matter was applauded by the committee and approval was given for exemption from course fees from the upcoming January 2020 session.

Matter No 80.11: matter of establishing the Scheduled Caste research center

The initiative to establish a Scheduled Caste Research Center at the University Headquarters has been mentioned by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. This initiative has been welcomed by all members of the Board of Management. All members of the Board of Management have given assurance to provide every kind of help in this regard.

Matter No 80.13: matter of launching of "Social Harmony Chair" at University and planning of various programs in this regard

The Committee has presented the matter of launching a "Social Harmony Chair" at the university and planning of various programs in this regard. All members welcomed this matter. The initiative was applauded by the members.

Matter No 88.07: matter of establishing Gujarat Asmita and Research Center

The university decided to start functioning as Gujarat Asmita and Research Center under SC/ST Research Center from the grant sanctioned by the state government in the campus. It was decided to allocate Rs 2 lakh from the University funds for the work to be done under Gujarat Asmita and Research Center by the board of management. It was also decided to form an advisory committee and to include one member from the Board of Management as a representative in this regard.

Matter No. 7 : matter of establishing Gargi- the Center for Holistic Development

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has taken initiative to establish Gargi-The Center for Holistic Development. This honor was applauded by members of the Board of Management. All members of the Board of Management had given approval to establish the Gargi- Center for the holistic development of women. It was decided to provide the necessary facilities for this. The Board of Management has decided to allocate Rs. 25 lakh from the University funds for this center. This fund was to be provided for in the forthcoming University Budget. A proposal was made by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor regarding the phase wise planning of a one-day workshop for women Sarpanches and their efforts for women empowerment through education in rural areas. In order to establish Harmony chair by the university, the board of Management has

decided to allocate Rs. 25 lakh from the university. This fund was to be provided for in the forthcoming university budget. This decision was applauded by all members of the Board of Management.

Matter : 90.16 : matter of exempting fees for students who have lost their parents and individual who have lost an earning member of the family and providing free admission to those mothers /daughters who have lost their breadwinner father/husband/son in the Covid-19 pandemic.(letter baou/vc/283/2021, dt: 14/05/2021)

Regarding educational responsibility in the world wide epidemic of Covid-19, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University has announced an educational Assistance Scheme. Any individual who has lost a parent, who has lost a husband, father or son as the sole breadwinner or who has not had a breadwinner at home in the Covid-19 pandemic will be able to get free admission to the August-2021 admission session under this scheme. In particular, according to a recent circular issued by the university, a person admitted under this scheme should not be engaged in any kind of financial earning activity. It has been decided that individuals will have to fill an affidavit prescribed by the university. If the person getting admission earns money, he will stop getting the benefit of this scheme and he will have to pay the fixed fee for the remaining sessions. It was unanimously decided that both these matters would have to be repealed and a new circular would have to be issued to amend the original resolution accordingly. So that needy person can use it. The Board of Management has also taken a noble decision to refund fees and provide financial assistance of Rs. 11,000/- to families of students who have passed away due to Covid-19.

PWD

1. To do disability audit
The members appreciated the accessibility structure of the University but there are still parts of the university that are not accessible for disable people. So, the committee suggested a disability audit for the whole university to remove the barrier.
2. To start special support centers in all regions of Gujarat.
The committee has congratulated the university that they have started the Special Learner Support center at University campus and they requested the University to start the same type of centers in all the regions of Gujarat.
3. To start a skill development programme for special needs people.
The committee suggested that the University should start centers of skill based programmes for special needs people so that they can be earning members of the society.