

SIXTY THIRD MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE



MINUTES

DATE : 06.11.2023

TIME : 11.30 A.M.

VENUE : Syndicate Hall, Third Floor, Administrative Block,
Tamil Nadu Open University,
Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015

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MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11.30 A.M.

Members Present:

1.	Prof.S.Arumugam Vice-Chancellor Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Ex-Officio Chairman- Syndicate
2.	Thiru A. Karthik IAS., Principal Secretary to Government Higher Education Department Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.	Ex-Officio Member- Syndicate
3.	Prof.J.Prakash Professor Department of Instrumentation Engineering Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai - 600 044.	Member- Syndicate
4.	Dr. B. Ponnuswamy Former Associate Professor of Economics Choolaimedu High Road Chennai - 600 094.	Member- Syndicate
5.	Dr. K. Sekar Former Director of Collegiate Education 84, 2nd Street, Ganesapuram Namakkal District - 637 002.	Member- Syndicate
6.	Thiru V.Manoharan [Former Director TAMIN] Anna Nagar, Chennai	Member- Syndicate
7.	Mr.Baskaran Kesavan Founder & CEO, Kriya Tec IT Systems, India Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.	Member- Syndicate
8.	Prof.G.Archunan [Dean-Research, Marudupandiyar College, Thanjavur] Trichirappalli - 620 001.	Member- Syndicate
9.	Dr. S.Balasubramanian Registrar [FAC] Tamil Nadu Open University Chennai - 600 015.	Ex-Officio Secretary- Syndicate

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The Syndicate Members Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS., Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department, Thiru B.Karthikeyan, Secretary to Government, Law Department and Dr. S. Narayana Kalkura could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Syndicate and took up the agenda item. After due deliberations in the meeting the following resolution was arrived in the Syndicate Meeting, against Agenda Item.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.01

CONFIRMATION OF 61st & 62nd SYNDICATE

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 61st MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 31.07.2023 AND 62nd MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE OBTAINED THROUGH CIRCULATION DATED: 20.09.2023

The Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Syndicate held on 31st July 2023 and 62nd Meeting of the Syndicate obtained through Circulation dated 20th September 2023, as detailed in the Annexure-I Page Nos.40 to 88 to the Agenda Notes, **BE CONFIRMED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.02

ACTION TAKEN REPORTS OF THE 61st & 62nd MEETINGS OF THE SYNDICATE

The Action Taken Reports of the 61st and 62nd Meetings of the Syndicate, **BE APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.03

PERMANENT AGENDA NOTES

The Permanent Agenda Notes, as detailed in the Annexure-II Page No.90 to 06, to the Agenda Notes, **BE CONFIRMED.**

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ITEM NO. 2023-63.04

THE 14th CONVOCATION OF THE TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

The 14th Convocation of Tamil Nadu Open University, scheduled for 8th November 2023 for conferring Degrees/Diplomas to successful candidates, as per Annexure - III Page Nos.108 to 110 to the Agenda Notes,

BE APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.05

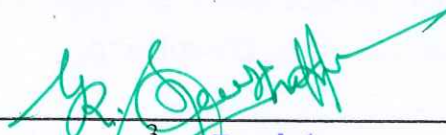
ENGAGEMENT OF DIRECTOR (i/c's) IN THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND DEPUTY CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS(i/c's)


The proposal for the creation of posts viz. Director (i/c's) for various Divisions and Assistant Controller of Examinations and Deputy Controller of Examinations to the Student Registration and Evaluation Division, with or without financial commitments, **BE SUBMITTED** to the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.06

PERMISSION FOR ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY FOR APPEARING EXAMINATIONS TO THE OLD BATCH OF STUDENTS ADMITTED IN TNOU

The request of the old batch students for completing Degree/Diploma who have joined since 2003-04 in TNOU, in various Programmes, for taking up the Examinations in the December 2023-January 2024 Calendar Year and June 2024 Term-End Examinations, by collecting a fee of Rs.750/- w.r.t. Certificates/Diplomas/Vocational Diploma/PG Diplomas and Rs.1500/- w.r.t. UG and PG Programmes, to get award in the Degree/Diploma, **BE APPROVED.**



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ITEM NO. 2023-63.07

THE MINUTES OF THE SYNDICATE SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2023 WITH REGARD TO CAS PROMOTION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER ACADEMICIANS FOR THE YEAR 2023.

The Minutes of the Syndicate Sub-Committee held on 8th September 2023 approving the Minutes of the Expert Committee held on 23rd August 2023 with regard to CAS Promotion of Teachers and other Academicians for the year 2023, along with the relevant Application Formats, as given in Annexure-I, **BE APPROVED. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** for the following positions, Promotion under CAS, **BE CONDUCTED** by following the G.O.Ms.No.5, Dated: 11.01.2021:

1. Assistant Professor (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale / Academic Level 11).
2. Assistant Professor (Senior Scale / Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection Grade / Academic Level 12)
3. Assistant Professor (Selection Grade / Academic Level (12) to Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A)
4. Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) To Professor (Academic Level 14)
5. Professor (Academic Level 14) to Senior Professor (Academic Level 15)

ITEM NO. 2023-63.08

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR FACULTY PROMOTION

For conduct of the Selection Committee for the Faculty Promotion under CAS as per UGC regulations, in accordance with the TNOU Act, Statutes and in line with the G.O.Ms.No.5, Dated: 11.01.2021, authorization of the Vice Chancellor to nominate the Screening/Selection Committee Members including Subject Experts, **BE APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.09

**ENGAGEMENT OF PRACTICING FOLK ARTS, SILAMBAM, AND TRADITIONAL
ARTS FOR CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

Engagement of practitioners in Folk Arts, Silambam, and other cultural crafts for offering Programmes on the tradition of the same discipline without any financial commitment on the part of TNOU, **BE APPROVED**. The nomenclature of the position is titled as "Honorary Faculty". The Vice Chancellor is authorized to frame the Guidelines, modalities, and selection process for the engagement of Honorary Faculty in the above disciplines.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.10

RESTRUCTURING UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS/SCHOOLS

For the purposes of restructuring University Departments/Schools, Vice Chancellor **BE AUTHORIZED** to constitute a high-level committee in accordance with the TNOU Act, Statutes and as per UGC-DEB Norms.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.11

**THE DONATION FOR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES AND
TAMIL RESEARCH, PARIS, FRANCE**

The Donation to the tune of Rs. 5,00,000/- to the International Institute of Higher Studies and Tamil Research (IIHSTR), Paris by the Tamil Nadu Open University, for conducting a Conference for the promotion of Tamil, being scheduled during 6th and 7th January 2024, by the same Institution, **BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**.

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ITEM NO. 2023-63.12

AWARD OF RESEARCH (Ph.D.and M.Phil) DEGREES FOR 2023

The Award of Ph.D., to the 24 Research Scholars and M.Phil., to the 8 Research Scholars, as given in the Annexure-II, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.13

FEE STRUCTURE REVISION

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee to finalize the Fee Structure for admission and examinations held on 14th February 2023, Annexure-VII Page No.218 to 262, to the Agenda Notes, **BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.14

SHARING PATTERN WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The new sharing pattern between TNOU and stakeholders given in the Annexure - VIII Page Nos. 264 to 290 to the Agenda Notes, as recommended by the Committee held on April 21, 2023, **BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.15

RE-PRINTING OF REVISED STUDY MATERIALS

Considering the huge amount spent on the book writing, the materials be reprinted for one more academic year (2024-25) and new syllabus be implemented in 2025-26. The Programme Coordinators, who have not submitted SLMs on time for printing, be directed to submit their explanations for the delay.

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ITEM NO. 2023-63.16

PAY PROTECTION AND FIXATION FOR THE VICE CHANCELLOR

The proposal for pay protection of Dr. S. Arumugam, Vice Chancellor from 1st April 2023, **BE DEFERRED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.17

RECOGNITION OF NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OFFER VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA/ ADVANCED VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES OF TNOU

The MoU signed with the new 22 Community Colleges of the School of Continuing Education at TNOU for offering Vocational Diploma and Advanced Vocational Diploma Programs, as detailed in the Agenda Notes, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.18

RENEWAL OF 11 COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF TNOU TO CONTINUE OFFERING VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA/ ADVANCED VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

The renewal of the existing 11 Community Colleges of the School of Continuing Education of TNOU for offering Vocational Diploma and Advanced Vocational Diploma Programs, as detailed in the Agenda Notes, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.19

THE STATUS REPORT AND ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO SUSPENSION OF Dr.A.S. ARUL LAWRENCE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, TNOU, CHENNAI

The Status Report with respect to Dr.A.S.Arul Lawrence, Assistant Professor, School of Education, TNOU, be noted. **FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Prof.J.Prakash, Member-Syndicate, BE NOMINATED** as Inquiry Officer to take up this matter and the Orders issued earlier to Tmt. R. Lalitha, I.A.S.,

Arumugam

J. Prakash
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Commissioner, Directorate of Technical Education (DOTE), as Inquiry Officer, be withdrawn, in view of her Transfer of position to the outstation.

ITEM NO. 2023-63.20

MoU ENTERED BETWEEN TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY AND MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, NAGPUR FOR ESTABLISHING ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The MoU entered between Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) and Maharashtra National Law University for organizing joint research programs, executing joint PG Diploma and Certificate Programs, and conducting Summer and Winter Schools in the subfields of Forensic Science, Criminology, and Criminal Justice Administration, as detailed in the Annexure - X Page Nos. 298 to 310, to the Agenda Notes, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.21

ESTABLISHING MOU WITH KPR WOMEN EMPLOYEES EDUCATIONAL DIVISION (KPR MILL LIMITED), ARASUR, COIMBATORE FOR ESTABLISHING ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The MoU entered between Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) and KPR Women Employees Educational Division, a recognized Learning Support Centre (LSC) of TNOU, as per the UGC-ODL Regulations 2017, for providing comprehensive, job-oriented training in Textile Courses and Computer-Based Skills, as detailed in the *Annexure XI-Page Nos. 312 to 320*, **BE NOTED AND RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.22

THE MoU ENTERED BETWEEN TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY AND MING CHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, TAIWAN, FOR ESTABLISHING ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The MoU entered between Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) and Ming Chi University of Technology, Taiwan, for the exchange of valuable academic resources, international staff exchanges, and any other mutually beneficial endeavors, in accordance with the UGC regulations and Open Distance Learning & Online Learning Regulations 2020, as detailed in the Annexure XII - Page Nos. 322 to 332, **BE NOTED AND RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.23

THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (CIQA) OF TNOU

The Minutes of the Seventh meeting of the CIQA of TNOU held on 24th June 2023, as detailed in the Annexure-XIII Page Nos.334 to 340, to the Agenda Notes, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.24

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIQA OF TNOU FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 AS SUBMITTED IN THE UGC WEB PORTAL

The Annual Report of the CIQA of TNOU, in the prescribed format, consisting of the data pertinent to various divisions, including Admissions, Examinations, Student Support Services, and Finance for the year 2022-23, submitted by the TNOU in the UGC WEB portal, as on 31.08.2023, as mandated by the UGC-DEB, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.25

THE UGC-DEB RECOGNITION STATUS FOR THE TNOU PROGRAMMES

The status of Programme Recognition of TNOU by the UGC-DEB for the Academic Year 2023-24 and Calendar Year 2024, as detailed in the Agenda Notes, **BE NOTED AND APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.26

THE PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF PETROL BUNK FOR FILLING FUEL TO THE TNOU VEHICLES

The change of the Petrol Bunk nearest to the Saidapet for filling Fuel to the TNOU Vehicles, **BE APPROVED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.27


PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION OFFERED TO THE NEW LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The recognition granted to three new Learning Support Centres, for offering UG and PG Programmes of the University, as detailed in Annexure XIV - Page Nos. 342 to 344 to the Agenda Notes, **BE RATIFIED.**

ITEM NO. 2023-63.28 (TABLE AGENDA - 01)

GOVERNMENT LETTER NO. 5933/K1/2020-4, Dated: 11.09.2023 and LETTER NO. 5933/K1/2020-6 12.10.2023 ALONG WITH DVAC COMMUNICATION




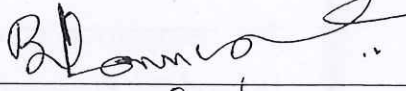

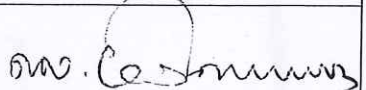
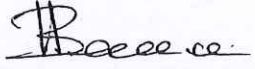

The request of the Government Letter No.5933/K1/2020-4, dated, 11.09.2023 and Letter No.5933/K1/2020-6, dated, 12.10.2023, which is self-explanatory, **BE APPROVED.**


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ITEM NO. 2023-63.29 (TABLE AGENDA - 02)

MINUTES OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CAR

Subsequent to the approval of the Syndicate in its 61st Meeting held on 31st July 2023, based on the recommendations of the 41st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the same day, regarding approval of Official Vehicle vide Item No.41.19, the Procurement of Car Model "Hector Plus 6-Seater Sharp Pro Black Diesel Manual Transmission BS 6.2" at a cost of Rs.26.86 Lakhs [Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs and Eighty Six Thousand Only] for official purpose, as recommended by the Purchase Committee dated, 25.10.2023 [Annexure-III],
BE RATIFIED.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Prof.S.Arumugam	
Thiru.A.Karthik, IAS.,	63.09- List after approval 16/11/23 Placed in permanent file in case of 
Dr.J.Prakash	
Dr.B.Ponnuswamy	
Dr.K.Sekar	
Thiru. V. Manoharan	
Thiru.Baskaran Kesavan	
Dr.G.Archunan	
Dr.S.Balasubramanian	