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5th August 2024 in hybrid mode**

The 61st General Body meeting of NCTE was held on 5th August 2024 under the Chairmanship of Professor Pankaj Arora, Chairperson NCTE. The list of members who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, Chairperson NCTE welcomed all the participants and allowed Shri Madan Singh Yadav, Deputy Secretary NCTE (officiating as Member Secretary NCTE) to conduct the proceedings of the meeting as per the following agenda.

Agenda – 01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 59th and 60th (Emergent) General Body Meeting held on 4th December 2023 and 14th March 2024 respectively.

The Deputy Secretary NCTE apprised the Council about the Minutes of the 59th and 60th (Emergent) General Body Meeting held on 4th December 2023 and 14th March 2024 respectively, and requested the Council to confirm the same.

Decision of the Council:

The Minutes of the 59th and 60th (Emergent) General Body Meeting of the General Body of the Council were confirmed by the Council.

Agenda – 02: Action Taken report on the decisions taken by the General Body of NCTE in its 59th and 60th (Emergent) meeting held on 4th December 2023 and 14th March 2024 respectively.

Decision of the Council:

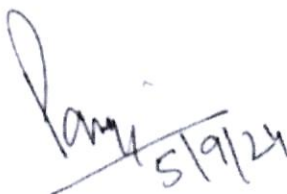
The members took note of the Action Taken Reports of the above meetings and confirmed the same.

Agenda - 03: Consideration and approval of online Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) module for submission of Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) for the Academic Session(s) 2021-22 & 2022-23 and other related documents by the Recognised Teacher Education Institutions.

The agenda was considered by the Council. The Council noted that the provisions of Section 12(j) & (k) of the NCTE Act, 1993 are as under:-

*“(j) examine and review periodically the implementation of the norms, guidelines and standards laid down by the Council, and to suitably advise the recognised institutions;
(k) evolve suitable performance appraisal system, norms and mechanism for enforcing accountability on recognised institutions;”*

2. In view of the above provisions of the NCTE Act 1993 to examine and review periodically the implementation of the norms, guidelines laid down by the Council a suitable Performance Appraisal System i.e. online Performance Appraisal Report (PAR) module, as a


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mechanism for enforcing accountability on recognised Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs), has been developed. This online PAR Module is required to be filled by all the recognized TEIs for their relevant academic session.

3. The PAR is required to be filled for the Academic Session(s) 2021-22 & 2022-23 in respect of concerned recognized TEIs.

4. In view of the above, the following proposals were placed before the General Body of the Council for kind consideration and approval:

- I. Online PAR Module which is to be filled by the recognised institutions.
- II. Replica of the Online PAR Module.
- III. General instructions for filling up the PAR.
- IV. Public Notice for the recognised institutions to submit PAR for the Academic Session(s) 2021-22 & 2022-23.
- V. Format of certificate to be obtained from the affiliating body by the institution concerned that the institution is affiliated to it and is following all the Norms and Standards of NCTE for the Course recognized by NCTE.
- VI. PAR processing fees will be charged from the recognised institution as under:

Sl. No.	Category of institution	Processing fees to be charged
i.	Government teacher education institution	Rs. 5000/- and additional GST & other statutory dues; per academic session
ii.	Other than Government teacher education institution	Rs. 15,000/- and additional GST & other statutory dues; per academic session


5. The following were also put for kind consideration and approval of the General Body of the Council:

- I. The Chairperson NCTE may be authorized to decide the timeline for submission of PAR by the recognised teacher education institutions.
- II. The Chairperson NCTE may also be authorized for any further alteration and deletion in the Online PAR Module as per requirement for the aforesaid and subsequent academic session(s).

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council discussed the agenda in detail along with all the proposals placed in the agenda and approved the following:

- I. Online PAR Module which is to be filled by the recognised institutions.
- II. Replica of the Online PAR Module.
- III. General instructions for filling up the PAR.
- IV. Public Notice for the recognised institutions to submit PAR for the Academic Session(s) 2021-22 & 2022-23.


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- V. **Format of certificate to be obtained from the affiliating body by the institution concerned that the institution is affiliated to it and is following all the Norms and Standards of NCTE for Course recognized by NCTE.**
- VI. **PAR processing fees will be charged from the recognised institution as under:**

Sl. No.	Category of institution	Processing fees to be charged
i.	Government teacher education institution	Rs. 5000/- and additional GST & other statutory dues; per academic session
ii.	Other than Government teacher education institution	Rs. 15,000/- and additional GST & other statutory dues; per academic session

Apart from the above, the Council authorized the Chairperson, NCTE to decide the timeline for submission of PAR by the recognised TEIs and for any further alteration and deletion in the Online PAR Module as per requirement for the aforesaid and subsequent academic session(s).

Agenda - 04 -: Ratification of the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the mode of submission of application to "offline" in place of "online" as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 and to waive off the requirement of having applied for an accreditation to an accrediting agency as required under para 2 of the Norms & Standards for M.Ed. course in the matter of Delhi Teachers University, Delhi.


The agenda was considered by the Council and the following was observed:

The Vice – Chancellor, Delhi Teachers University, vide letter No. VC/Pr.Br./DTU/24/798 dated 15.03.2024, had requested the Chairperson NCTE to exercise the powers conferred under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulation 2014 for considering the offline application for M.Ed. course in place of online and the requirement of NAAC ranking as the said University is in nascent stage and hence, cannot apply for any kind of accreditation.

2. The said offline application was placed before the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) in its 420th meeting held on 1st -2nd April 2024 and the Committee decided as under:

- *The institution applied offline instead of online as required under clause 5 (3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time. Therefore, relaxation under clause 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014 is required to relax the provisions of clause 5 (3) of NCTE Regulations 2014 to the extent to accept the offline application in place of online application submitted by the institution. All the other terms and condition of NCTE Regulations, 2014 will be applicable for further consideration of the case.*

In view of the above, the case be forwarded to the NCTE Headquarter for grant of relaxation as required above.


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3. The General Body of the Council in its 59th meeting held on 04.12.2023 considered the matter for processing of pending applications for the Master's degree programmes and decided as under: -

"The applications for M.Ed. and M.P.Ed. courses which were returned in light of decision taken by General Body in its 55th meeting and which are received and pending as on the date of the 59th GB Meeting i.e. 04.12.2023 in RC's should be processed further by the Regional Committees for grant of recognition as per norms and standard prescribed by NCTE."

4. Clause 5(3) of the Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time, provides the following manner of making an application & time limit: -

"5(3) The applications shall be submitted online electronically along with the processing fee and scanned copies of required documents such as no objection certificate issued by the concerned affiliating body. While submitting the application, it has to be ensured that the application is duly signed by the applicant on every page, including digital signature at appropriate place at the end of the application."

5. Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 provides the following power to the Chairperson, NCTE:

"On recommendation of the Central Government, or State Government, or Union territory Administration concerned, or in cases for removal of any hardship caused in adhering to the provisions in these regulations, keeping in view the circumstances peculiar to the said Government or Union territory. It shall be open to the Chairperson for reasons to be recorded in writing to relax any of the provision of these regulations in respect of any class or category of institutions, in the concerned State or Union Territory, or of Central Government Institutions to such an extent and subject to such conditions, as may be specified in the order and decisions shall be brought to the notice of the Council in the next meeting. In exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Chairperson, shall be competent to relax any of the provisions of these regulations and the related norms and standards subject to its ratification by the Council."

6. The Norms and Standards for M.Ed. course as amended on 29-4-2017 provides the following eligibility to apply: -

"2. Institutions Eligible to Apply

- i. Institutions offering teacher education programmes for a minimum period of five academic years, being affiliated to a university, and having applied for an accreditation to an accrediting agency approved by NCTE.*
- ii. University Departments of Education."*

7. The Chairperson, NCTE considered the matter under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 in respect of application submitted by the Delhi Teachers University, Delhi

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for M.Ed. course and relaxed the mode of submission of application to "offline" in place of online as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 and to waive off the requirement of having applied for an accreditation to an accrediting agency as required under para 2 of Appendix-5 of the Norms & Standards for M.Ed. course; subject to the condition that other requirements laid down in NCTE Regulations, 2014 including Norms & Standards for M.Ed. programme as amended from time to time shall be fulfilled.

The same was communicated to the office of NRC vide letter dated 03.05.2024 by the NCTE Headquarter.

8. The above relaxation granted by Chairperson NCTE u/c 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014 vide letter dated 03/05/2024 was placed before the Council for ratification as per requirement of clause 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014.

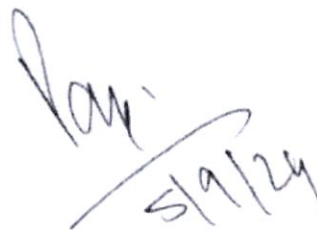
Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the mode of submission of application from "online" to "offline" as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 and to waive off the requirement of having applied for an accreditation to an accrediting agency as required under para 2 of Appendix-5 of the Norms & Standards for M.Ed. course in the matter of Delhi Teachers University, Delhi which was communicated to the office of NRC vide letter dated 03.05.2024 by the NCTE Headquarter.

Agenda - 05 -: Ratification of the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the mode of submission of application to "offline" in place of "online" as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 in respect of application of M.P.Ed. course submitted by Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following were observed by the Council:

- i. An email dated 05.09.2023 was received from the Section Officer, MoE forwarding therewith letter No. AC-2149/M.P.Ed./Prog/2019 dated 27.06.2023 from the Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh regarding grant of recognition of M.P.Ed. course. The V.C. of the University had put forth various reasons for consideration of the request.
- ii. The office of Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) received an application dated 28.02.2022 in offline mode from the Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh for grant of recognition of M.P.Ed. course.
- iii. The said application was considered by ERC in its 303rd meeting held on 24th March 2022 and the Committee decided as under. -


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"The original file of the Institution alongwith other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time, were carefully considered by ERC and the Committee made following observation: -

The matter be referred to the NCTE (HQ) for relaxation under clause 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014."

- iv. The matter was considered by the Hon'ble Chairperson NCTE, however, the request of the University could not be acceded to in the light of the following decision taken by the General Body of the Council in its 55th meeting held on 14.07.2022 vide Agenda No. [5] regarding decision on application, irrespective of any course, which are not in line with NEP 2020:

"The applications pending before the Regional Committees of NCTE shall not be processed further. Hence, all such pending applications before RCs at any stage of processing be returned along with the processing fee to the concerned institution(s). In the cases where the applications are being processed/ reopened as per the directions of the Hon'ble Court (s), the concerned Regional Committee shall file a review/appeal before the Hon'ble Court(s) alongwith stay application against the order passed by the Hon'ble Court(s) for processing of application(s) in view of the decision of the Council as taken in I above."

- v. The office of ERC informed the University accordingly vide its letter dated 19.05.2023.
2. Further, the General Body of the Council vide Agenda (8) also decided as under:

"The Council, after consideration of Agenda placed before the Council and detailed discussion and deliberation, as below, observed the following: -

- *The Council noted that in light of NEP 2020 a paradigm shift in the Teacher Education Sector is underway. Accordingly, NCTE is also revamping its various curricula of ITEP, 2 Year B.Ed, 1 Year B.Ed, and introducing new courses of 4 Year Physical Education and 4 Year Art Education in line with NEP 2020. These courses are also to be aligned to the various criteria laid down by UGC and in alignment with NHEQE, NCFSE and NCFTE. The prevalent courses which are currently running are not in alignment with these various aspects e.g. Credit System, 4 Stages of School Education (5+3+3+4), Entry- exit policy, no hard separation etc. These changes in curricula would also necessitate changes in the norms, standards and regulations.*

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In light of the above, the Council members unanimously decided the following:

This was deliberated upon by the Council and it was unanimously decided that the portal for inviting fresh applications should not be opened till the formulation of revised Norms / Curriculum aligned with NEP 2020."

Hence, no action was taken on the application of the University.

3. Further, The General Body of the Council in its 59th meeting held on 04.12.2023 considered the matter regarding processing the applications for M.Ed. and M.P.Ed. courses pending in RCs at various stages and the Council decided the following:

"The applications for M.Ed. and M.P.Ed. courses which were returned in light of decision taken by General Body in its 55th meeting and which are received and pending as on the date of the 59th GB Meeting i.e. 04/12/2023 in RCs should be processed further by the Regional Committees for grant of recognition as per norms and standard prescribed by NCTE."

In view of the above, the office of ERC office processed the application of the Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh for recognition of M.P.Ed. (2 Year) Programme, as per aforesaid GB decision. The Regional Director, ERC vide letter No. ERC/ NCTE-Reg1012/14/2023-Reg.Sec-HQ/69765 dated 12.06.2024 informed that the application of the Rajiv Gandhi University for M.P.Ed. course was considered by ERC in its 344th meeting held on 21st & 22nd May 2024 and the Committee decided the following: -

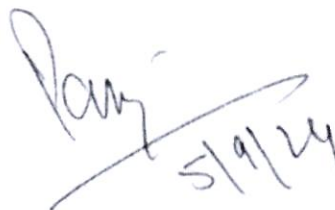
"The ERC noted that the University has submitted the offline application for M.P.Ed. Course. As per the provisions of NCTE Regulations, the University is required to submit the online application for M.P.Ed. course.

The ERC noted that since this is a Central University, it decided that the matter be forwarded to NCTE-Hqrs for relaxation to accept offline application, under clause 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014."

4. Then, the office of ERC referred the matter to NCTE (HQ) for relaxation to accept offline application, under clause 12 of NCTE Regulations 2014.

5. Clause 5 (3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 provides the following manner of making an application & time limit: -

"The application shall be submitted online electronically on National Council for Teacher Education portal alongwith the processing fee, as applicable, and scanned copies of required documents including no objection certificate issued by the concerned affiliating body, original registered land document and the document indicating that the society or institution applying for the programme possesses land on the date of application issued by competent authority."


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6. Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 provides the following power to the Chairperson, NCTE:

"On recommendation of the Central Government, or State Government, or Union territory Administration concerned, or in cases for removal of any hardship caused in adhering to the provisions in these regulations, keeping in view the circumstances peculiar to the said Government or Union territory. It shall be open to the Chairperson for reasons to be recorded in writing to relax any of the provision of these regulations in respect of any class or category of institutions, in the concerned State or Union Territory, or of Central Government Institutions to such an extent and subject to such conditions, as may be specified in the order and decisions shall be brought to the notice of the Council in the next meeting. In exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Chairperson, shall be competent to relax any of the provisions of these regulations and the related norms and standards subject to its ratification by the Council."

7. The Chairperson, NCTE considered the matter under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 in respect of application submitted by the Rajiv Gandhi University for M.P. Ed. course and relaxed the mode of submission of application to "offline" in place of online as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 subject to the condition that other requirements laid down in NCTE Regulations, 2014 including Norms & Standards for M.P.Ed. programme as amended from time to time shall be fulfilled.

The same was communicated to the office of ERC vide letter dated 22.07.2024 by the NCTE Headquarter.

8. The above relaxation granted by Chairperson NCTE u/c 12 of NCTE Regulation 2014 vide letter dated 22/7/2024 was placed before the Council for ratification as per requirement of clause 12 of NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the mode of submission of application to "offline" in place of "online" as required under clause 5 (3) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 in respect of application of M.P.Ed. course submitted by Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh which was communicated to the office of ERC vide letter dated 22.07.2024 by the NCTE Headquarter.

Agenda - 06 -: Ratification of the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the duration of completing the B.Ed. course from 3 year to 4 year in respect of Ms. Ujwala Ravasaheb Patil in compliance of order dated 09/10/2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in Writ Petition No. 3378/2023.

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following was observed by the Council:


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Miss Ujwala Ravasaheb Patil filed a Writ Petition No. 3378/2023 titled as "*Miss Ujwala Ravasaheb Patil Vs. State of Maharashtra*" filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay regarding declaration of result of her B.Ed. examination by the University as she has passed the B.Ed. in 4 years instead of maximum duration of 3 years as provided in the NCTE Regulations 2014.

2. Brief facts contended by the petitioner are as follows:

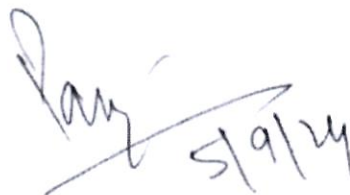
- 2015-16: The Petitioner took admission in Vaibhav Shikshan Sanstha Vita's College of Education situated at Sangli for the course of Bachelor of Education.
- 2015-16: The Petitioner gave her first and second semester exam in which she cleared.
- 2016-17: The Petitioner started suffering from Systemic Lupus Erythematosus and Avascular Necrosis and could not fill the examination form for her third semester.
- May 2019: The Petitioner filled up the examination forms for her third and fourth semesters together.
- August 2021: The Petitioner was informed by an official of the University that since she has not completed B.Ed. in the requisite time span therefore the decision w.r.t. the declaration of her result would be taken by the Head of the Examination Department.
- 03/09/2021: The Petitioner made her representation to the Board of Examination and Evaluation of Shivaji University.
- 16/12/2021: The Vice Chancellor, Shivaji University (Respondent No. 3) informed the Petitioner that as the Course was required to be completed within three years from the date of admission, her result could not be declared.
- 01/01/2022: The Petitioner sought redressal of her grievances vide her letter addressed to the Chancellor of Shivaji University.
- 05/02/2022: The Vice Chancellor, Shivaji University informed the Petitioner again that her result could not be declared as per rule 4 of Ordinance, Regulations and Syllabus for the degree of Bachelor of Education.

Being aggrieved the petitioner filed the writ petition. Initially, NCTE was not made a party to the petition.

3. The Hon'ble Court *vide* its Order dated 09.10.2023 granted leave to the petitioner to implead NCTE as a respondent in the petition. In para 3 of the said Order, the Hon'ble Court made the following observations:

"before we proceed further, we are of the opinion that the case of the Petitioner be placed before the Chairperson under clause 12 of the Regulations of 2014 for consideration as to whether any case is made out for relaxation. We have no doubt that if the Chairperson finds the case of the Petitioner genuine and falls in the exceptional cases category, the Chairperson would exercise the power if legally permissible to do so. However, whether the case falls within the class of exceptional cases is for the Chairperson to decide.

4. We grant leave to the Petitioner to amend the petition to join National Council for Teacher Education as a party Respondent. Amendment to be carried out during the course of the day."



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4. The matter was again listed on 30.01.2024 and *vide* order of the same date, the Hon'ble court granted permission to the petitioner to serve a copy of the petition to the Standing Counsel of NCTE. Accordingly, the copy was served to the Counsel of NCTE at Bombay High Court.

5. The matter was again listed before the Hon'ble Court on 12.03.2024 and the Court passed the following directions:

"2. Accordingly, the Petitioner is permitted to make such a representation with the Respondent No.5 (NCTE) by 14th March 2024. The same can be made through her authorized representative. If such representation is made, the same shall be considered by the Respondent No.5 and decided by 27th March 2024.

3. Put up on 28th March 2024. On the said date, the learned counsel for Respondent No.5 to indicate the decision taken on the said representation."

6. The petitioner made representation dated 14.03.2024 through her Advocate to the Hon'ble Chairperson NCTE with the request to kindly consider her hardship incurred on account of her medical condition and direct Shivaji University to declare her results and issue her the Marksheets and grant her the B.Ed. Degree.

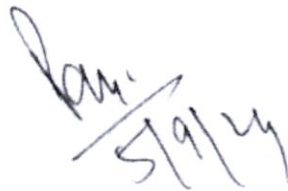
7. Regulation 2.1 of Appendix-4 (B.Ed.) NCTE Regulations 2014 provides the duration of the course as under :

"B. Ed. program shall be of a duration of two academic years, which can be completed in a maximum of three years from the date of admission to the programme."

8. Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 provides the following power to the Chairperson, NCTE: -

"On recommendation of the Central Government, or State Government, or Union territory Administration concerned or in cases for removal of any hardship caused in adhering to the provisions in these regulations, keeping in view the circumstances peculiar to the said Government or Union territory. It shall be open to the Chairperson for reasons to be recorded in writing to relax any of the provision of these regulations in respect of any class or category of institutions, in the concerned State or Union Territory, or of Central Government Institutions to such an extent and subject to such conditions, as may be specified in the order and decisions shall be brought to the notice of the Council in the next meeting. In exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Chairperson shall be competent to relax any of the provisions of these regulations and the related norms and standards subject to its ratification by the Council."

9. Keeping in view of the hardship of the applicant namely Ms. Ujwala Ravasaheb Patil, the Chairperson, NCTE considered the matter under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 and relaxed the duration of completing the B.Ed. course from the 3 years to 4 years in case of Ms. Patil who had completed her B.Ed. during the academic session 2015-16 to 2018-19 so that the



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Shivaji University may declare her result. The same was communicated to the office of WRC through file on e-office.

10. The above relaxation granted by Chairperson NCTE u/c 12 of NCTE Regulation 2014 was placed before the Council for ratification as per requirement of clause 12 of NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the duration of completing the B.Ed. course from 3 year to 4 year in respect of Ms. Ujwala Ravasaheb Patil in compliance of Order dated 09/10/2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in Writ Petition No. 3378/2023.

Agenda - 07 :- Ratification of the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the percentage of 55% marks required in M.Ed. for appointment to the post of Principal in Government College of Education, Jammu for its B.Ed. course sought by the Govt. of J & K in respect of candidate Dr. Jyoti Parihar.

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following was observed by the Council:

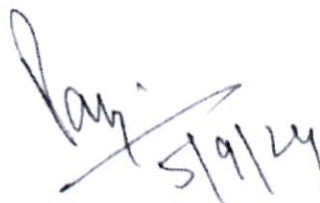
The Special Secretary to the Government, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K vide letter No. HED-Estb/3/2024-04 (7385867) dated 29-02-2024 stated that the as per Norms and Standards for B.Ed. course according to NCTE Regulations 2014, the qualification for the post of Principal/ HoD is as under :-

- i. Postgraduate Degree in Arts/Sciences/Social Sciences/ Humanities/ Commerce with minimum 55% marks; and
- ii. M.Ed. with minimum 55% marks; and
- iii. Ph.D. in Education or in any Pedagogic subject offered in the Institution; and
- iv. Eight years of teaching experience in a Secondary Teacher Education Institution.

Desirable: Diploma / Degree in Educational Administration or Educational Leadership.

2. It is further stated that in view of the aforesaid provisions, the Higher Education Department of the UT of J&K invited applications from the eligible candidates (Principal) as per the NCTE norms for filling up the post of the Principal, Government College of Education, Jammu. In response, the department received six (6) applications from the candidates for the post of Principal. After examination of these applications, it has been found that none of the candidates meet the criteria fully.

3. The Higher Education Department has shortlisted one eligible candidate, viz., Dr. Jyoti Parihar having qualification as M.Sc. Botany, M.Ed. with 52.5% marks and Ph.D. in Botany and


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has a vast teaching experience of 14 years and 05 months in the Secondary Teacher Education Institution(s) but does not have M.Ed. with 55% marks as per NCTE norms.

4. It is requested by the Govt. of J&K to kindly accord relaxation in the required percentage of marks required in M.Ed. in light of the Clause 12 of the National Council for Teacher Education (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, in respect of the aforesaid candidate possessing M.Ed. with 52.5% marks, to enable the Higher Education Department, UT of J&K to proceed further in the matter.

5. Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 provides the following power to the Chairperson, NCTE:-

"On recommendation of the Central Government, or State Government, or Union territory Administration concerned or in cases for removal of any hardship caused in adhering to the provisions in these regulations, keeping in view the circumstances peculiar to the said Government or Union territory. It shall be open to the Chairperson for reasons to be recorded in writing to relax any of the provision of these regulations in respect of any class or category of institutions, in the concerned State or Union Territory, or of Central Government Institutions to such an extent and subject to such conditions, as may be specified in the order and decisions shall be brought to the notice of the Council in the next meeting. In exceptional cases and for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Chairperson, shall be competent to relax any of the provisions of these regulations and the related norms and standards subject to its ratification by the Council."

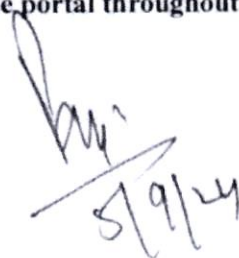
6. Keeping in view of the hardship of the Govt. of J&K, the Chairperson, NCTE considered the matter under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 and relaxed the required percentage of 55% marks in M.Ed. for appointment of Dr. Jyoti Parihar as Principal in Government College of Education, Jammu. The same was communicated to the Govt. of J&K vide letter dated 12.03.2024.

7. The above relaxation granted by Chairperson NCTE u/c 12 of NCTE Regulation 2014 vide letter dated 12/3/2024 was placed before the Council for ratification as per requirement of clause 12 of NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Decision of the Council:

The Council ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE under Clause 12 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 to relax the percentage of 55% marks required in M.Ed. for appointment to the post of Principal in Government College of Education, Jammu for its B.Ed. course sought by the Govt. of J & K in respect of candidate Dr. Jyoti Parihar, as a onetime measure and not to be taken as a precedent.

Agenda No. - 08 :- Seeking permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to delegate the power to NCTE to invite the application/opening of online portal throughout the year as per requirement.


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The agenda was considered by the Council and the following were observed by the Council:

The Supreme Court in *W.P. (C) 276/2012* titled *Maa Vaishno Devi Mahavidyalaya Vs. State of U.P & Ors.* vide its judgement dated 13.12.2012 has laid down the following in para no. 70

"There appear to be some over-lapping periods and even contradictions between the dates and periods stated under the regulations inter se and even with reference to the judgments of this Court prescribing the Schedule...."

Thus, it is necessary for this Court to put to rest these avoidable events and unnecessary controversies. Compelled with these circumstances and to ensure that there exists no ambiguity, uncertainty and confusion, we direct and prescribe the following schedule upon a cumulative reading of the Regulations and judgments of this Court in relation to recognition and affiliation...."

2. The Court had accordingly prepared a schedule whereby the process for submission of applications for recognition in terms of Regulation 5.4 had to be completed between 1st September to 1st October of the year immediately preceding the relevant academic year and the formal order of recognition had to be granted by 3rd March of every year. The Schedule laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court is reproduced below:

Schedule

1.	Submission of applications for recognition in terms of Regulation 5.4	1 st September to 1 st October of the year immediately preceding the relevant academic year.
2.	Communication of deficiencies, shortcomings or any other discrepancy in the application submitted by the applicant to the applicant in terms of Regulation 7.1	Within 45 days from the date of receipt of the applications
3.	Removal of such deficiencies by the applicant	Within 60 days from the date of receipt of communication
4.	Forwarding of copy of the application to the State Government/UT Administration for its recommendations/comments in terms of Regulation 7.2	Within 90 days from the date of receipt of the application
5.	Recommendations/ comments of the State Government/UT Administration to be submitted to the Regional Committee under Regulation 7.3	Within 30 days from the date of issue of letter to it.
6.	If recommendations/ comments are not received within 30 days, the Regional Committee shall send to the State Government/UT Administration a reminder letter for submission of the	Within seven days from the date of expiry of the period of 30 days.

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	recommendations/ comments.	
7.	State Government/UT Administration shall furnish the recommendations/ comments	Within 15 days from the date of receipt of such reminder letter
8.	Intimation regarding inspection by the Regional Committee to the to the applicant under Regulation 7(4)	Within 10 days from final scrutiny of the application.
9.	Report by the Inspection Committee under Regulation 7(5)	20 days thereafter
10.	Letter of intent to the institution with respect to grant or refusal of recognition in terms of Regulation 7.9	10th of February of the succeeding year/relevant year
11.	Time to comply with certain specified conditions, in terms of Regulation 7(10) and 7(11)	20 days from the date of issuance of letter of intent
12.	Issuance of formal order of recognition	By 3rd March of each year
13.	Last date for submitting proposal for affiliation	By 10th March of each year
14.	Forwarding of proposal by the University to the State Government/UT Administration after inspection by expert team	By 10th March of each year
15.	Comments to be submitted by the State Government/UT Administration, if any	By 10th March of each year
16.	Final date for issuance/grant of affiliation for the relevant academic year	By 10th March of each year

3. Further the Hon'ble Court in para 70 had also observed that:

"We make it clear that no Authority/person/ Council/Committee shall be entitled to vary the schedule for any reason whatsoever. Any non-compliance shall amount to violating the orders of the Court."

4. Subsequently, in August 2012, in SLP (C) No. 4247-48 of 2009, titled *Rashtrasant TMS & SBVMCA VID & Ors v/s Gangadar Nilkant Shende & Ors*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court constituted a high-powered commission on teacher education, chaired by Justice J.S. Verma. This event marked the inception for NCTE Regulations, 2009 being replaced by NCTE [Recognition Norms and Procedure] Regulations, 2014.

5. The Commission chaired by Justice Verma, submitted its report titled as "*Vision of Teacher Education in India Quality and Regulatory Perspective*" on 10.10.2012. In this report various recommendations were pointed out towards betterment of quality of teacher education, in service teacher education, teacher performance and teacher audit and strengthening regulatory functions of the NCTE. The Commission also recommended modifications in the Regulations of the Council. Consequently, the Govt. of India vide order dated 14/16.05.2013 constituted a group of four eminent educationalists to oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by

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Verma Commission. This group was designated as the *Implementation Committee* by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

6. That thereafter the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 10.09.2013, passed in *Rashtrasant (supra)* noted that the Implementation Committee had held meetings on 17.08.2013, 31.08.2013, 03.09.2013 and 06.09.2013 and it had prepared a comprehensive action plan for giving effect to the recommendations made by Justice Verma Commission. One of the recommendations made by the Implementation Committee was to revise the regulations framed by NCTE. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed NCTE to notify the new regulations.

7. The relevant part of the order is as follows:

"One of the recommendations made by the Implementation Committee is the revision of regulations framed by NCTE.

With a view to ensure that there is no further complication in the matter of grant of recognition for establishment of new Teacher Training Colleges/Institutions and permission to the existing Colleges/Institutions to run the Teacher Training Courses, we direct the concerned authorities including the NCTE to notify the new regulations latest by 30.11.2013.

We also reiterate the direction given earlier and make it clear that all the recommendations made by the Implementation Committee shall be binding on the Government of India, the Governments of all the States and the administration of Union Territories as also NCTE and University Grants Commission and all of them shall implement the same without any objection and without modifying the same

With the above direction, the proceedings of these petitions are closed and the special leave petitions are disposed of.

Those who are desirous of establishing teacher education colleges/institutions shall be free to make application in accordance with the new regulations. Their applications shall be decided by the competent authority keeping in view the relevant statutory provisions. All the pending applications shall also be decided in accordance with the new regulations.

The Government of India, NCTE and the Implementation Committee shall be free to file interlocutory applications as and when any direction is required from the Court in the matter of implementation of the recommendations made by the Verma Commission and the committee constituted vide order dated 14/16.5.2013."

8. Subsequently, NCTE filed I.A. No. 2/2013 in Civil Appeal No. 9078 of 2012 titled *Weltech College of Education & Anr. V. State of U.P. & Ors.* In the said application a prayer was made "to permit the NCTE to draw up its own internal schedule enabling thorough processing of each application for recognition and to re-fix the schedule in accordance with the internal schedule prepared by the NCTE." The Supreme Court vide order dated 18.06.2013 held as under:

"...6. Therefore, in modification of the Schedule for Recognition in para 87.1 of the judgment of this Court in Maa Vaishno Devi Mahila Mahavidyalaya (supra), we direct that the time schedule now suggested by the NCTE and extracted above would stand

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substituted for item Nos. 87.1.1. to 87.1.12 of the Schedule for Recognition and Affiliation. The NCTE will incorporate the new schedule as suggested by it and extracted above in its Regulations and publish the same as expeditiously as possible and the new time schedule will apply for the academic year 2014-2015 onwards.

7. In the proposed schedule sought to be incorporated in the Regulations of the NCTE, the time for submitting applications is 1st April to 30th April of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the relevant academic year commences and the aforesaid period, so far as the academic year 2014-2015 is already over. Hence, we allow submission of applications for the academic year 2014-2015 during the period 1.7.2013 to 31.7.2013.

8. We make it clear that we have not passed any order modifying the schedule for affiliation. If an application for modification of the time schedule for affiliation is filed either by any University or any State Government, the same will be considered on its own merits"

9. Consequently, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Rashtrasant* (supra), read with the directions issued in *Weltech College* (supra), and after considering the recommendations *Justice J. S. Verma Commission* and the report of the Implementation Committee, NCTE published the National Council for Teacher Education [Recognition Norms and Procedure] Regulations, 2014 ("Regulations 2014"), in consultation with all the stakeholders.

10. The NCTE Regulations, 2014 were promulgated vide gazette notification dated 1.12.2014 wherein the manner of making application and timeline for inviting of application was laid down under Regulation 5 as under:

"Duly completed application in all respects may be submitted to the Regional Committees concerned between 1st March to 31st May of the preceding year from the academic session for which the recognition is sought."

11. Then after every time any extension or modification was to be sought in the Schedule NCTE has been approaching the Hon'ble Supreme Court and seeking such change in schedule

12. After the promulgation of NCTE Regulations also, interim applications had to be filed on multiple occasions to seek extension of date for the grant of recognition. Therefore, so far, for opening the portal for inviting applications, NCTE has adhered to aforementioned timeline but as is evident from the above that NCTE has to move a miscellaneous application at very instance for seeking alteration or extension of time/schedule for completing the process of granting recognition or to invite fresh applications for processing.

13. As per the NCTE Amendment Regulations 2022, the procedure for conducting inspection of institutions has been changed from offline to online to save time as all the new applications are being processed through online mode. Thereafter, the time to complete the processing of applications upto grant of recognition is reduced as under:

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Previous NCTE Regulations 2014 and SOP 2019 Timeline (In days approx.)	Amended NCTE Regulations 2014 and the current SOP 2022 Timeline (In Days approx.)
1.	Submission of application for recognition	90	30
2.	Communication of deficiency	45	7
3.	Removal of deficiency, if any*	30*	22* (15+7)
4.	Letter to be sent to State Government for Comments / Recommendations	30 (Simultaneously with removal of deficiency)	7 (Simultaneously with removal of deficiency)
5.	State Government to give comments Recommendations	45	15(simultaneously with removal of deficiency)
6.	Reminder to State Government	45 (30+15)	7
7.	Conducting of Inspection by RCs	30	6+5
8.	Submission of VT Report	7	1
9.	Removal of deficiency, if any*	30*	15+7*
10.	Consideration of VTR by RCs	7	5
11.	Issuing LOI by RCs	1	1
12.	Time for compliance of LOI	60	60
13.	Removal of deficiency, if any*	30*	15+7*
14.	Decision of RC on the basis of LOI	7	3
	TOTAL	337+90*	125+66*

* If SCN is issued.

14. In view of the above, approval of the Council is accorded to seek the permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to delegate the power to NCTE to invite the applications/opening of online portal throughout the year as per requirement. The last date of grant of recognition shall remain 3rd March of every year as fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

15. This proposal was placed before the Council for approval so that the permission may be obtained from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to amend the NCTE Regulations 2014 accordingly.

Decision of the Council:

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In view of the above, the Council authorized the Chairperson NCTE to seek the permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to delegate the power to NCTE to invite the applications/opening of online portal throughout the year as per requirement subject to the condition that the last date of grant of recognition shall remain 3rd March of every year as fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The NCTE may obtain the permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and if the permission is granted by the Hon'ble Apex Court, the NCTE Regulations 2014 may be amended accordingly after following due process.

Agenda No. - 09:- Consideration of the Annual Accounts of NCTE for the Financial Year 2023-2024

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following were observed by the Council:

The Pre-audit of NCTE's Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-24 has been done by registered/practitioner CA Shri Vikas Singh Chauhan, Managing Parter, VMR & Company Office 712-A, Western Mall, District Centre, Janakpuri New Delhi-110058. The same were placed before the Finance Committee for their consideration. After consideration, the Finance Committee has approved the Annual Account of NCTE for Financial Year 2023-24 *vide* Minutes of meeting held on 11th July 2024.

2. The Annual Accounts of NCTE for the Year 2023-24 approved by the Finance Committee were placed before the Governing Body of the Council for consideration and approval.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council approved the Annual Accounts of NCTE for the Financial Year 2023-24.

Agenda No. – 10 :- Any other Agenda with the permission of Chair

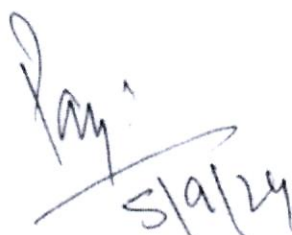
The following agendas were placed with the permission of Chair:

Agenda No. 10-A:- Ratification of the decision of the Chairperson, NCTE for re-constitution of Appeal Committee – regarding.

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following were observed by the Council:

The General Body of the Council (NCTE) in its 50th meeting held on 29th September 2020 considered the matter regarding re-constitution of Appeal Committee and decided as under:

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"The agenda was considered by the Council and after detailed discussions on various aspects as also the new proposal for constituting the Appeal Committee, the Council agreed with the Composition as proposed in Agenda Note including one officer not below the rank of Under Secretary from NCTE.

It was suggested that representative of the concerned RCs may also be present in the Appeal Committee Meetings if the circumstances so require.

The following will be the composition of the Appeal Committee: -

- *One member of the Council as Chairperson of the Appeal Committee, to be decided by Chairperson, NCTE.*
- *At least one member among the nine members of the Council appointed to represent the States and the Union Territory Administrations.*
- *Two other members of the Council as members of the Appeal Committee.*
- *One representative of the concerned Regional Committee, if the circumstances so requires.*

(Secretarial Assistance to the Appeal Committee shall be provided by the Appeal Division of the NCTE)

The Council authorized the Chairperson, NCTE to constitute the Appeal Committee, as per the above composition."

2. In compliance of the above decision of the Council, the Chairperson approved the following constitution of the Appeal Committee, and accordingly order No. NCTE-App1011/195/2020-Appeal Section Hq dated 16th April, 2021 was issued.

Sl. No.	Name and address of the member	Designation
a.	Prof. Anil Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer	Chairman
b.	Prof. Sunita Singh, Dean, School of Educational Studies, Dr. Ambedkar University, New Delhi	Member
c.	Shri Sambhrat Sharma, Member - Executive, Shri Aurobindo Society, New Delhi	Member
d.	Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Uttarakhand	Member

3. Accordingly, an Office order No. NCTE-App1011/195/2020-Appeal Section-HQ dated 16th April 2021 was issued reconstituting the Appeal Committee which was ratified by the Council in its 59th meeting held on 14th December 2023.

4. Consequent upon the amendment of Gazette notification number S.O. 980(E) dated 04.03.2020 by Gazette Notification number S.O. 3043 (E) dated 10.7.2023 issued by the Ministry of Education, GOI in which some of the members of the General Body of the NCTE

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have been replaced by the GOI, the Chairperson, NCTE in exercise of powers under rule 7(4) of the NCTE Rules 1997 reconstituted the Appeal Committee as per composition decided by the Council in its 50th meeting to hear the appeals preferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, consisting of the following members:-

Sl. No.	Name and address of the member	Designation
a.	Prof. Anil Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer	Chairman
b.	Prof. Neelima Bhagwati (Retd), 5A Bhagirathi Apts, 5 th Bye Lane, Zoo-Narengi Road, Guwahati-781021 (Assam)	Member
c.	Shri Subodh Tiwari, CEO Kaivalyadham, Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute Swami Kuvalyananda Marg, Lonavala, Pune-410403	Member
d.	Education Secretary (in-charge of Teacher Education) or Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Uttar Pradesh	Member

5. Accordingly, an Office order No. NCTE-App1011/195/2020-Appeal Section-HQ dated 14th August 2023 was issued reconstituting the Appeal Committee.

6. Subsequently the Chairperson, NCTE also approved the reconstitution of new Appeal Committee and the following names are proposed for the Appeal Committee and are put up for kind approval:

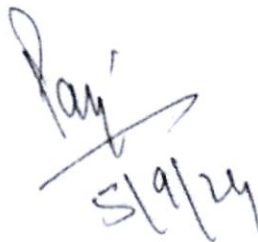
Sl. No.	Name and address of the member	Designation
a.	Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor, NIEPA	Chairman
b.	Prof. (Retd.) Sudhakar Venukupalli, C/o Education, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad	Member
c.	Prof. Nain Singh Dean, Faculty of Education, Himachal Pradesh University.	Member
d.	Education Secretary (in-charge of Teacher Education) or Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Uttar Pradesh	Member

7. Accordingly, an Office order No. NCTE-App1011/195/2020-Appeal Section-HQ dated 01.01.2024 was issued for the constitution of the Appeal Committee.

8. The matter was placed before the Council for ratification of the decision taken by the Chairperson, NCTE for reconstitution of the Appeal Committee.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson-NCTE for re-constitution of the Appeal Committee vide Office order No. NCTE-App1011/195/2020-Appeal Section-HQ dated 01.01.2024.


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Agenda No. 10-B:- Consideration of MoE letter No. 21-2/2021-IS.1(IS.20) dated 22nd July 2024 regarding relaxation to the institutions located in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh – regarding.

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following were observed by the Council:

The Council considered the MoE letter No. 21-2/2021-IS.1(IS.20) dated 22nd July 2024 regarding relaxation to the institutions located in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh along with the NRC letter No. NCTE-Regl011/575/2022-Regulation Section (J&K)/225390 dated 02.08.2024 stating the following:

"The Northern Regional Committee in pursuance of the relaxation granted to TEIs of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to submit their application by the MoE Vide letter dated 22.07.2024 discussed the matter at length in its 424th (Emergent) Meeting held on 1st August 2024. The Committee has decided as follows: -

"Consequent upon the promulgation of the J&K Reorganization Act 2019, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh came under the purview of NCTE. As per the directions of Ministry of Education vide letter dated 17th June 2020.

2. In order to bring all TEIs of Jammu and Kashmir under the purview of NCTE, NCTE invited online applications vide Public Notice dated 28th July 2020 and the said applications had to be submitted by TEIs between 30th July 2020 and 31.08.2020. The said timeline has been extended twice for various Teacher Education Programmes from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

3. The NRC received a total of 141 applications from various TEIs located in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

4. NRC has processed the applications of the TEIs who had submitted and uploaded the relevant documents online and in its various meetings decided to issue SCN/Final SCN, as the case may be, to the institutions concerned based upon deficiencies pointed out. On perusal of the reply of the institutions, it is observed that most of the applications were found to be deficient in terms of infrastructural & instructional facilities.

5. The MoE granted relaxation for extension of timeline to submit the applications of the State of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh twice i.e. till December 2022 on first occasion and till October 30th, 2023, on second occasion.

6. The NRC in its 415th Meeting held between 20th to 21st November 2023 considered the letter dated 3rd November 2023 received from Government of Jammu and Kashmir for consideration for further relaxation to the TEIs of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for a further period of one year and It was decided by the NRC that the request received from

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir seemed genuine and same may be forwarded to the Competent Authority in NCTE for favorable consideration.

- *Further, the NCTE (HQ), based on the aforementioned recommendation of NRC again requested MoE vide letter dated 26.12.2023 to extend the said relaxation till December 2024 with the following conditions as requested by NRC:*
 - i. *All the institutions will have to submit compliance to the deficiencies pointed out by NRC on or before 31st July 2024, so as to enable NRC to take final decision on the application of the institution / University.*
 - ii. *No admission can be made for the academic session 2024-2025 without formal recognition from NRC-NCTE.*
 - iii. *The relaxation will be applicable to all the 140 institutions, as per list below for the course(s) as mentioned against each institution.*

7. *In response, the MoE, vide letter dated 22nd July 2024, granted relaxation till December 2024 as under:-*

"In order to safeguard interests of students, the competent authority in the Department has acceded to the proposal of NCTE for granting relaxation to the Teacher Education institutions (TEIs) located in UTs of J&K and Ladakh from complying with norms and standards of NCTE up to 31st December 2024. The UT administration may take all necessary steps to ensure compliance of NCTE's norms in future."

8. *The Committee has also on perusal of the applications noted that the majority of the institutions do not have the land on ownership basis in the name of society / trust/institution and the land is in the name of an individual which is further leased to the society /trust/ institution for educational purpose. Also, the institutions do not have Change of Land Use for educational purpose, issued by the District Collector of the District, as per the Policy notified by the Revenue Department, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir.*

9. *As already elaborated above, the Committee noted that to ensure preparedness of the TEIs and to ensure compliance of NCTE's norms and standards, relaxation has been granted thrice to the TEIs of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir from the date of the first public notice issued on 28th July 2020.*

10. *In view of the above, the Committee in its Emergent meeting held on 1st August 2024 discussed the issue at length and in detail and unanimously felt that since almost four year period has lapsed and applications were first invited on 28th July 2020, in the meanwhile the TEIs must have done a lot of preparation to comply with the norms of NCTE, in light of this, the Committee unanimously decided to forward the following to NCTE (HQ) for consideration and approval of the Competent Authority:*

- *As stated above, since the applications were invited for the first time 4 years ago, the online portal for inviting applications from the institutions located in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh may be opened for at least a period of 15 days*

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providing one more, last and equal opportunity to all the TEIs located there and running any of the teacher education courses.

- *The Committee was also of the opinion that the institutions which have already applied (are included in the list of 140 institutions) should also apply afresh with the relevant documents and they need not pay processing fees again.*
- *In the meantime, the status-quo of these 140 institutions be maintained, as such, they may be allowed to take admission for the academic session 2024-25.*
- *During such time, the NRC shall process and dispose of all the applications and decide the recognition/permission of all the TEIs prior to the start of the next academic session."*

Therefore, in view of the above decision of the NRC, NCTE, the Competent Authority at NCTE (HQ) is kindly requested to allow the opening of the portal.

Decision of the Council:

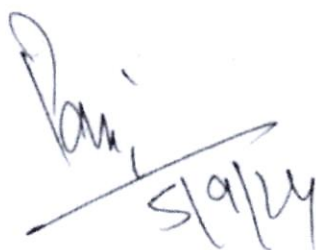
In view of the above, the Council decided the following:

- i. **The applications from the UTs of J&K and Ladakh were invited through online mode, therefore, all the applications are registered on the online portal, hence, there is no need to open the online portal again.**
- ii. **Further, the Council noted that the MoE's vide letter dated 22nd July 2024 granted relaxation till 31st December 2024 to the Teacher Education institutions (TEIs) located in UTs of J&K and Ladakh for complying with norms and standards of NCTE up to 31st December 2024. Therefore, the Council decided that a last opportunity be given to the TEIs for submission of compliance report of NCTE Regulations along with Norms & Standards. The NRC shall complete the entire process by 15th December 2024.**
- iii. **The Northern Regional Committee will provide a last opportunity to all 140 institutions which have already applied and are included in the list of 140 institutions to upload the documents through the online portal. The relevant provision of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dated 16.01.2024 be treated as relaxed only in respect of the applications of 140 institutions received from the UTs of J&K and Ladakh.**

Agenda No. 10-C:- Scholarship Scheme for SC / ST / OBC / EWS/ Single Girl child etc. offered under NSP – Central / State Schemes in the ITEP (BSc. B.Ed. / B.A. B.Ed. / B.Com. B.Ed.)

The agenda was considered by the Council and the following was observed:

National Scholarships Portal is one-stop solution through which various services starting from student application, application receipt, processing, sanction and disbursement of various scholarships to Students are enabled. This initiative aims at providing a Simplified, Mission-oriented, Accountable, Responsive & Transparent 'SMART' System for faster & effective


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disposal of Scholarship applications and delivery of funds directly into beneficiaries account without any leakages.

2. The Council noted that the 4 Year ITEP (BSc. B.Ed. / B.A. B.Ed. / B.Com. B.Ed.) is not enlisted on the National Scholarship Portal for candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC / EWS/ Single Girl child etc.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council decided that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India may be requested to include 4 Year ITEP (BSc. B.Ed. / B.A. B.Ed. / B.Com. B.Ed.) in the National Scholarship Portal for various scholarship schemes of Central / State Government for candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC / EWS/ Single Girl child etc.

Agenda No. 10-D:- Inclusion of Teacher Education as a Category in NIRF Rankings.

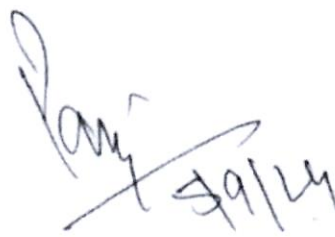
The agenda was considered by the Council and the following was observed:

The Teacher Education has not been included as a distinct category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the critical importance of quality teacher education in transforming the educational landscape of our country. At NCTE, we are deeply concerned about ensuring that institutions dedicated to teacher education are evaluated and recognized for their contributions to this essential field. This initiative aligns with our collective mission to elevate the standards of education in India and underscores the importance of teacher education in shaping the future of our nation.

2. The NIRF rankings have significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of higher education across various disciplines such as Engineering, Management, Medical, and several others. However, the domain of Teacher Education, which is foundational to all other fields, currently lacks representation in these prestigious rankings. Given the critical role that educators play in nation-building, it is imperative that institutions dedicated to teacher education are also evaluated and recognized for their contributions.

3. The inclusion of a Teacher Education category will:

- i. Promote Quality and Excellence: Encourage teacher education institutions to strive for higher standards of quality and excellence.
- ii. Enhance Visibility and Prestige: Provide due recognition to institutions excelling in teacher education, thereby enhancing their visibility and prestige.
- iii. Facilitate Informed Choices: Aid prospective students in making informed decisions regarding their education and career paths in the field of teaching.
- iv. Encourage Continuous Improvement: Motivate institutions to continuously improve their curricula, infrastructure, research, and faculty development programs.



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4. NCTE is committed to fostering innovative educators and achieving global standards through a transparent, responsible, and accountable organization. We believe that this proposed inclusion will greatly support our vision and contribute to the overall enhancement of teacher education in India.

Decision of the Council:

In view of the above, the Council decided that a proposal be sent to the National Board of Accreditation to initiate the necessary steps to include Teacher Education as a category in the forthcoming NIRF rankings.

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

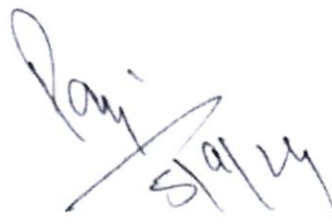
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List of Participants who attended the 61st GB Meeting of the Council held on 5th August 2024 at 11.00 A.M in Hybrid Mode.

1. Prof. Pankaj Arora, Chairperson, NCTE, G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
2. Shri Madan Singh Yadav, Deputy Secretary (officiating as Member Secretary NCTE), NCTE, G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
3. Mrs. Kesang Yangzom Sherpa, IRS, Member Secretary (On leave), Special Invitee, NCTE, G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. Shri Sankha Roy, Dy. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. (on behalf of Secretary MoE)
5. Dr. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
6. Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, 17-B, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, NCERT Campus, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi – 110016
7. Ms. Geetanjali Gupta, Adviser, DoSEL, Niti Aayog Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
8. Shri J.K. Yadav, Director, CBSE
9. Shri Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE, New Delhi.
10. Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Chairperson, ERC-NCTE, RRS Palace, Hotel Rhino, Silpukhuri, Guwahati-3, Kamrup, Assam
11. Prof. Shailesh N. Zala Chairperson, WRC-NCTE
12. Dr. Meena Rajive Chandawarkar Chairperson, SRC-NCTE.
13. Prof. Harish Chandra Singh Rathore Chairperson, NRC-NCTE
14. Smt. Indu Prasad, Director, School of Education and School of Continuing Education and University Resource Centre, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru
15. Prof. Nain Singh, Dean, Faculty of Education, Himachal Pradesh University
16. Prof. Anil Shukla, Ex Vice-Chancellor, 7-A Professor's Banglow, Lucknow University Campus, Badshah bagh, Lucknow-226007, Uttar Pradesh.
17. Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Chand Kiran Saluja, Central Institute of Education, Delhi University; Samskrit Promotion Foundation, Delhi
18. Prof. Dusi Ramakrishna Rao, Director, Vijnana Vihara Educational Society, Gudilova-531173, Visakhapatnam
19. Prof. (Retd.) Sudhakar Venukapalli, D/o Education, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
20. Dr. Shruti Mohapatra, Special Education Founder and Festival Director, Anjali International Children's Festival, Bhubaneswar.
21. Shri Gajanan Londhe, Executive Director, Samvit Research Foundation, Bangalore.
22. Shri Subodh Tiwari, CEO, Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute & Research Centre, Swami Kuvalyananda Marg, Parsi colony, Lonavala, Pune-410403, Maharashtra.
23. Prof. (Retd.) Neelima Bhagabati, Guwahati University
24. Prof. Ajitsinh Rana, Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Jyotirmay Parisar, Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Chharodi, Opp. Shri Balaji Temple, SG Highway, Chhararodi, Ahmedabad – 382481. Gujarat.
25. Shri Manoj Kaushik, SCERT, Haryana



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26. Department of State Educational Research and Training, Karnataka.
27. Shri. Ashutosh Dubey, State council of Education Research and training, Uttar Pradesh.
28. Shri Vipin Kumar, Principal, Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Sr. Secondary School, Nehru Nagar, Gaziabad.
29. Shri N.C. Sharma, Director, SCERT, Tripura
30. Ms. Rashmi Chauhan, Principal, Angels Academy Ucch Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Luxmi Vihar Bahadrabad Haridwar – 249402 Uttarakhand.
31. Shri Joby Balakrishnan, Sreepa Dam PRA, 194-A, Thoppli, Thrikkakara, Kochi – 682021, Kerala.
32. Prof. Sharad Sinha, NCERT, New Delhi.


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