Proceedings of 04th Meeting of the Academic Council, Dated- 03.03.2025

- 1. At the outset Registrar of the Jharkhand State Open University, Ranchi welcomed the Vice-Chancellor and Hon'ble members of Academic Council of the Jharkhand State Open University, Ranchi.
- 2. Thereafter, Registrar of the University read over Proceedings of 3rd meeting of the Academic Council, dated- 10.06.2024 before the committee and after being satisfied with the same, members of the Academic Council unanimously confirmed Proceedings of meeting of the Academic Council, dated-10.06.2024.
- 3. Information regarding academic activities of the JSOU since third meeting of the Academic Council.

Registrar of the University apprised with academic activities of the JSOU since third meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.06.2024 and placed outcome of the Expert Committee Interface meeting held with Officials of the JSOU.

After going through report of the Expert Committee, UGC, DEB, New Delhi members of the Academic Council expressed their happiness that the University got permission to conduct at least three Degree Courses, namely-1) Bachelor of Commerce – 03 years, 2) Bachelor of Science, Hons (Information Technology) – 03 years and 3) Bachelor of Computer Applications (Computer Applications) – 03 years in addition to the already recognized two courses i.e. B.B.A. – 03 years and M.Com. – 02 years and suggested to comply with all the queries to obtain permission from UGC DEB to Conduct rest proposed programmes.

- 4. Approval of revised PPR and SLM for submission in DEB, UGC January 2025-2026 Academic Session as per the comments received from the DEB, UGC-
 - Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Political Science
 - Bachelor of Arts (Hons) History
 - Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Economics
 - Bachelor of Arts (Hons) English

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- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Hindi
- · Bachelor of Social Works
- Master of Business Administration (Management Studies)

Registrar of the University informed the Council that PPR and SLM for the aforesaid programmes for the Academic Session January, 2025-2026 has been prepared in accordance with the comments received from the DEB, UGC and placed the same before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Members of the Academic Council thoroughly observed PPR of all the above programmes and checked the SLM as well and discussed the matter at length.

They also checked appropriateness of contents of the SLM to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) to acquire specific skills and confidence by the students.

After being satisfied with the SLM members of the Academic Council approved the same with the suggestions that Hindi/TRL Languages be also included in M.I.L. in addition to English in Semester-II of all the programmes.

5. Proposal for extension of Course Duration of some courses of Certificate & Diploma as per market demand and in reference to other universities.

Certificate Courses: -

- Certificate in Legal Awareness (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in Media Management (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in Mass Communication (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in Rural Development (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in E-Commerce (From 6 months to 12 months)

Registrar of the University informed members of the Academic Council that extension of course duration of the following Certificate Courses is urgently required as per demand of the market and in reference to other universities and placed the proposal for extension of duration of the following Certificate courses for the benefit of students of the JSOU, Ranchi-

Certificate in Legal Awareness (From 6 months to 12 months)

• Certificate in Media Management (From 6 months to 12 months)

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- Certificate in Mass Communication (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in Rural Development (From 6 months to 12 months)
- Certificate in E-Commerce (From 6 months to 12 months)

The matter for extension of duration of the aforesaid Certificate Courses from 06 months to 12 months was discussed at length and keeping in view of course duration of other State Universities and as per the market demand members of the council agreed with the proposal and resolved that proposal for extension of duration of above-mentioned Certificate courses be approved.

- 6. Proposal for reduction of Course Duration of some courses of P.G. Diploma as per market demand and in reference to other universities.
 - Post Graduation Diploma in Computer Application (18 months to 12 months)
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (18 months to 12 months)
 - Post Graduate Diploma in Management (18 months to 12 months)
 - Post Graduate Diploma in HR (18 months to 12 months)
 - Post Graduate Diploma in IT (18 months to 12 months)

Registrar of the University informed members of the Academic Council that reduction of course duration of the following P.G. Diploma Courses is urgently required as per the Market demand and in reference to other Universities for the benefit of students of the JSOU placed the matter before the council for consideration and approval –

- Post Graduation Diploma in Computer Application (18 months to 12 months)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (18 months to 12 months)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Management (18 months to 12 months)
- Post Graduate Diploma in HR (18 months to 12 months)
- Post Graduate Diploma in IT (18 months to 12 months)

The matter for reduction of course duration of the above-mentioned P.G. Diploma courses from 18 months to 12 months was discussed at length and keeping in view of course duration of other universities and as per the market demand members of the council agreed with the proposal and resolved that proposal for reduction of course duration of above 5 (five) P.G. Diploma courses from 18 months to 12 months be approved.

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7. Provision of Online Examination of few courses.

Proposal for provision of Online Examination of the following Diploma and P.G. Diploma Courses was placed before the Council for consideration and approval -

- Diploma in First Aid Specialist
- Diploma in Computer Application
- Diploma in Health and Sanitary Inspector
- Diploma in Amanat and Surveying
- Diploma in Banking and Insurance
- Diploma in Rural Management
- Diploma in Nursery Teacher Training
- Diploma in Naturopathy,
- Diploma in Yoga
- Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application
- Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development
- Post Graduate Diploma in Management
- Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource

Registrar of the University informed members of the Academic Council that as per the Public Notice issued by the Secretary, U.G.C., New Delhi vide F. No.- 3.5/2022(DEB-III) Dated 02 September, 2022, the Regulation 22 of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulation, 2020 stipulates as under –

"Equivalence of qualification acquired through Conventional or Open and Distance Learning and Online modes.- Degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level in conformity with UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and Post graduate diplomas awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognized by the Commission under these regulations, shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level and post graduate diplomas offered through conventional mode." and requested members of the Council for consideration and approval of the proposal for provision of Online Examination of Students of the following Diploma and P.G. Diploma Courses.

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The matter was discussed in detail and in the light of the Public Notice issued by the Secretary, U.G.C., New Delhi they agreed with the proposal for provision of Online Examination in the aforesaid Diploma and P.G. Diploma Courses.

8. Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

Rename of D.Voc. (Logistics) to D.Voc.

Registrar of the university informed members of the Council that the JSOU is conducting D.Voc. (Logistic) Course for the purpose of skill development of students of the State of Jharkhand.

As per the UGC guidelines the said course is to provide judicious mix of skills relating to a profession and appropriate content of General education and to ensure that the student have adequate knowledge and skills, so that they are work ready at each exit point of the programme.

The present course, D.Voc. (Logistics) is particularized in one filed and this is not at par with the market demand. As such the proposal for rename of D.Voc. (Logistics) to D.Voc. has been placed for consideration and approval.

Considering the fact and its utility members of the Academic Council agreed with the proposal and resolved that D.Voc. (Logistics) course be renamed as D.Voc.

The Meeting was over with Vote of Thanks.

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