

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Court of Central University of Gujarat held on 20th November 2015 at Seminar Hall, Academic Block, Sector-29 Campus, Central University of Gujarat.

The following members were present

1. Prof. Y.K. Alagh, Hon'ble Chancellor, CUG (Chairman)
2. Prof. S. A. Bari, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CUG (Member)
3. Dr. Harish Padh (Member)
4. Dr. Dharam D. Kambalia (Member)
5. Shri Voleti Raya Bhaskara Rao (Member)
6. Shri Salman Sayeed (Member)
7. Dr. Shilin N. Shukla (Member)
8. Prof. D.R. Goel (Member)
9. Prof. Anjana Desai (Member)
10. Dr. Jagdish Arora (Member)
11. Dr. Harshard Desai (Member)
12. Prof. Pradyumna Vyas (Member)
13. Prof. Sarita S. Gupta (Member)

The following could not attend:

1. Prof. M. L. Chippa (Member)
2. Dr. Manoj Soni (Member)
3. Prof. P.V. Krishna Bhat (Member)
4. Prof. Lalit Mohan Manocha (Member)
5. Dr. Bhanuben D. Patel (Member)
6. Shri Lakhanbhai B. Bharwad (Member)
7. Shri Nitin H. Shah (Member)
8. Shri Dinesh C. Patel (Member)
9. Padmashri Shri Sitanshu Yashchandra (Member)
10. Dr. Naresh Ved (Member)
11. Dr. Vijay R. Dave (Member)
12. Dr. B.S. Rawat (Member)
13. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain (Member)
14. Prof. Amita Shah (Member)
15. Prof. J.N. Goswami (Member)
16. Dr. Dinesh N. Awasthi (Member)
17. Dr. Sourendra Gupta (Member)
18. Dr. Timothy A . Gonsalves (Member)
19. Prof. Kamal Kishore Goenka (Member)
20. Dr. Meena Chandavarkar (Member)

The 2nd meeting of the Court of Central University of Gujarat commenced with Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcoming Hon'ble Chancellor and all the members present. On request by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, all the member introduced themselves to the House. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor thereafter, introduced the new Registrar to the House who had joined the Central University of Gujarat on 01/08/2015 and appraised the circumstances and need owing to which he took the decision to seek the services of Dr. S. L. Hiremath, which was ratified by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09/11/2015.

The Registrar thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for the invitation extended to him stating that he would deem it as a privilege and an opportunity to groom himself and stated that he would strive his sincere best to live up to the expectations of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, all the authorities of the University including the Court and all those approach or call on him as the Registrar of Central University of Gujarat.

Welcoming the members to the meeting the Hon'ble Chancellor said that the University had maintained its emphasis on being a leading research institution in the State and had its influence in adjoining States. Its research and publications were commendable, given the facts that facilities could not always be provided since it did not have a proper campus. He hopes that the formalities would be completed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, to enable the University to engage in an aggressive faculty recruitment drive. While welcoming the Chairperson, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and all the distinguished members present, the Registrar called upon the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to appraise the House about the major academic achievements and events organized or hosted by the University since the last meeting of the Court.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House that as assured in the first meeting of the Court, the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Central University of Gujarat for the year 2014-15 are being placed before the House for approval with observations and suggestions, if any to be incorporated, for placing them before the Parliament through Ministry of Human Resource Development and the same were the main items on the agenda. He stated that having put all his sincere efforts at all possible levels to persuade the Govt. of Gujarat and Govt. of India to allocate suitable land for the University to establish and develop its campus, he is now focusing on consolidating the strengths of the University for the achievement of excellence in academics in all its dimensions – teaching research and extension and the response as well as outcome has been encouraging.

He brought to the notice of the House that in pursuance of suggestion made in the last meeting of the Court, the University has prepared the draft Notification for filling up of faculty positions which has been approved by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09th November 2015, and in view of Ordinance relating to recruitment of teaching posts likely to be assented by the Hon'ble Visitor, the notification will be issued soon, in compliance with the reservation rules of Government of India and University Grants Commission and complimented the Registrar for expediting the preparation of Reservation Registrar, Reservation Roster Register and Vacancy Register.

Coming to the academic distinctions achieved by the University, he mentioned about the participation of Dr. Prakash Jha and Dr. Rajesh Vasita in the Innovation week at Rashtrapati

Bhawan and similarly the distinction conferred on Dr. Ishmeet Kaur, a faculty from Centre for English Studies, while participating in the Inspired Teacher programme at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He also informed the House about participation of Ms. Priti Raj Pandit in the interaction programme with the Minister for Human Resource Development at Delhi, while complimenting them all for representing Central University of Gujarat **admirably** at diverse fora.

While responding to Prof. Sarita Gupta about her query on collaborations, he appraised the house about various MoUs and collaborative ventures entered into by the University with the following University and institutions:-

1. Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2. Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF)
3. Division of Theoretical Chemistry & Biology (Theochem), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden
4. Condensed Matter Theory Group (CMT), Division of Materials Theory, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Uppsala University (UU), Uppsala, Sweden

The Registrar presented the list of organizations and institutions with which the Central University of Gujarat has signed MoUs in pursuance of research and extension objectives for the realization of which the University is established. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor brought to the notice of the House that Central University of Gujarat has been quite active in collaborative research and exchange programmes through MoUs and mentioned about two International MoUs signed during his visit to Sweden as a member of Indian Delegation to Sweden led by Hon'ble President of India. One was between Computation Chemistry Group of School of Chemical Sciences of Central University of Gujarat with Division of Theoretical Chemistry and Biology (Theochem), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Stockholm, Sweden and the other was a MoU between Computational Chemistry Group (CCG) of School of Chemical Sciences of Central University of Gujarat with Condensed Matter Theory Group (CMT) of Dept. of Physics and Astronomy of Uppsala University (UU) Uppsala, Sweden. He mentioned about other MoUs like one with Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation, McMaster University, Canada, and Gujarat, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the like. He opined that these MoUs would provide much needed exposure and access to scientific facilities in these reputed institutions to our faculty and students on the one hand and improve the image and repute of CUG in the academic and scientific circles in India and abroad on the other.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor explained the salient features and objectives of each MoU and explained how Central University of Gujarat stands to gain through these linkages and collaborative efforts.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House about various academic and scientific events organized and hosted by the University. He brought to the notice of the house numerous events organized by the University. The following academic events were organized:-

1. One day Workshop on IPR (Patent) & Innovation was organized on 14th August 2015 by University Industry Interface Cell (UIIC) Central University of Gujarat.

The main aim of workshop is to impart greater awareness about the issue of Intellectual Property Right (IPR), which has gained special importance for all the domains of socio-economic development. It helps understand patentability criteria in detail and viable aspect of the patents. Prof. Anil Kumar Gupta, IIM Ahmedabad and Prof. Anamik Shah, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad delivered special address on IPR & Innovation.

2. One day Workshop on Open Educational Resources (OER) Organised by University Industry Interface Cell (UIIC) Central university of Gujarat and Progia LLC (USA) on 25th July 2015. The objective of workshop is to improve access to education and to enhance the quality at reduced cost. And also teachers can craft richer and high quality learning experiences for their students, leading to impressive learning outcomes and reduced drop-out rates.
3. A Scientific lecture by Prof. Rajeev Ahuja (Department of Physics and Astronomy, Materials Theory, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden) on “Materials for Energy Applications: A Computational Material Science point of View” was organized on July 29, 2015 at Central University of Gujarat.
4. National Conference on Frontiers of Chemical Sciences and Potential Interfaces was organized by the School of Chemical Sciences Central University of Gujarat on 10th and 11th April 2015. The objective of the workshop is to encourage the participants and young minds for taking up daunting challenges in the interdisciplinary sciences to give a specific directions and also providing benefit to the Society and Industries.
5. Research Methodology Course for Ph.D. Students in Social Science Programme. The Centre for Studies in Society and Development, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat organized a ten day Research Methodology Course for Ph.D. Students in Social Sciences sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi during 03rd-12th August 2015. The keynote address was given by Prof. Nandu Ram, renowned Professor of Sociology. Inaugural Address was delivered by Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari. The participants of various social groups from 15 disciplines of social sciences and humanities were drawn from 10 different States. Selective lecture were digitalized for research use and maximum access to research fraternity.
6. Central University of Gujarat organized one day workshop on Choice Based Credit System on 16.04.2015 in pursuance of the letter No. D.O. letter No. F.11-1/2015 (CU-CBCS) dated 03.03.2015, received from Shri K.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC, New Delhi on Implementing Choice Based Credit System and Credit Frame work for Skilled Based Vocation Courses. The Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, officials of MHRD and UGC and also 73 Vice-Chancellors/their Nominees from 49 Universities/Institutions of the Gujarat and Odhisha State participated.

7. International Yoga Day celebration – University Celebrated 1st International Yoga Day on 21.06.2015. On this day students, teaching and non-teaching staff participated enthusiastically in huge numbers and got benefitted. On this occasion Yoga Exhibition was also organized by the University.
8. Writing Skill Enhancement Programme: Under Writing Skill Enhancement Programme, the following workshops have been conducted by the Central University of Gujarat for the benefit of UG/PG Students of the University:-

Sr. No	Date	Topic Name	No. of Participated Student
1	20th-23rd April, 2015.	Workshop on Research Writing Skills	76
2	20th-22nd April, 2015.	Workshop on Writing Skills	25
3	3rd Aug-19th Aug, 2015	Conversation, Presentations and Writing Skills	38
4	3rd Aug-14th Aug, 2015	Presentations Skills	55
5	29 Oct, 2015	Workshop on Descriptive Writing	30

9. Centre for Studies in Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences organised an International Seminar on “Debating Swaraj after 100 years of Gandhi’s Return to India from South Africa” from October 4th-6th, 2015. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sanctioned Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rs. Two lakhs fifty thousand only) for this Seminar. Prof. Y. K. Alagh, Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat delivered inaugural address, Prof. Akeel Bilgrami (USA) delivered key-note address and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari presided over the inauguration of international seminar.
10. Faculty Development (Enrichment) Programme “Saksham” was organised in collaboration and technical support from Microsoft from 08.09.2015 to 14.08.2015 to acquaint and equip the faculty and staff with diverse applications of different Microsoft Software.
11. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor also brought to the notice of the members that the University was called upon to organize a National Consultation Meet on “Improving State-public Universities” by MHRD, Government of India and the same was organized on 26th September 2015. About sixty sitting and former Vice Chancellors from the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala,

Andhra-Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Tamil-Nadu, Uttar-Pradesh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Madhya-Pradesh, West-Bengal and many other States attended and deliberated on the theme and several sub-themes identified, throughout the day to formulate the Consultation Document on Improving the

State Public Universities that would go into the formulation of New Education Policy of MHRD, GoI. Sri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon'ble Minister for Education, Civil Supplies and Legislative Affairs, GoG inaugurated the Consultation Meet, Prof Y. K. Alagh, the Chancellor of CUG delivered the Key-Note address and Smt. Ishita Roy, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD, GoI, appraised the delegates about NEP. The deliberations and panel presentations were moderated by Prof. A. M. Pathan and Resolutions, Decisions and Concluding Remarks were presented by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. A. Bari.

12. Workshop on Data Dissemination of Census 2011 was organised in collaboration with Directorate of Census Operations, Ministry of Home Affairs on 23rd September, 2015 coordinated by Centre for Studies of Economics and Planning, School of Social Sciences, under the guidance of Dr. Indira Dutta, Chairperson of the Centre.
13. A two weeks' Capacity Building Workshop for "Young Faculty" sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi was organised from 26th October 2015 to 08th November 2015. Prof. Kincha, Former Vice-Chancellor of Vishveshwariah Technological University, Karnataka delivered inaugural address and Prof. Muni, Expert in International Affairs and Security Studies delivered the Key Note address. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor S.A. Bari presided over the inauguration.
14. The University organised the Regional Consultation Meeting for Western Region on the theme "New Education Policy-Teacher Education" in collaboration with National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) on 27th October 2015, at Gujarat National Law University. Dr. Santosh Panda, Chairman NCTE, Prof. (Padmashree) J. S. Rajput, Former Chairman NCTE and Director NCERT, Prof. Bimal Patel, Director Gujarat National Law University, Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University and Dr. Jatin Soni, Vice-Chancellor Sports University were the guests and resource persons. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.A. Bari delivered the inaugural address.
15. NCTE Visiting Team led by Prof. Kamlesh Joshipura and Prof P.K. Sahoo visited Central University of Gujarat for inspection to accord NCTE recognition for M.Ed. Course proposed to be offered from academic year 2016-17.

16. University organized Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Commemoration week on the occasion of 140th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.A. Bari.
17. "Hindi Pakhwada" was organized by Central University of Gujarat from 16th to 30th September 2015. Several renowned Hindi poets, and writers delivered lectured and Kavi Sammelan was organized.
18. "Hindi Rashtra Bhasha" Implementation Team visited University to assess use of Hindi in Administration and functioning of Central University of Gujarat.
19. Annual Cultural Evening was organized by Central University of Gujarat on 20.10.2015.
20. Reservation and Roster Committee constituted by the University met on 16th September 2015 to prepare the Roster Register, Reservation Roster of the University. Dr. H S Rana, Dr. K. G. Verma and Dr. Jit Singh attended the meeting to help the University to prepare Roster Register, Reservation Roster of Central University of Gujarat.
21. Election to Student Council were held on 06.11.2015 and Student Council for the academic year 2015-16 has been constituted.
22. The House congratulated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for being instrumental in getting the B. Voc. programme sanctioned to Central University of Gujarat and having made all the prepared to launch the programme despite several constraints. The House was informed about the faculty positions sanctioned under the programme and grants received for recurring and non-recurring expenditure as well as approval of the course by the Academic Council in its meeting on 28.09.2015 vide Resolution No. 13.

However, in view of the type of programme proposed to be offered in the field of Rational Approach to Drug Design, Dr. Prakash Jha, the Nodal Officer has requested additional non-recurring grant for establishment of computational lab. The UGC has sanctioned a non-recurring grant of Rs 25 lakhs out of which Rs. 15-20 lakhs only could be spared for establishing a lab, which is considered as inadequate and as such has sought an additional grant of Rs. 30 lakhs from the General Development Assistance grant of UGC.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor appraised the House about the establishment of various Cells and Centres and launching of numerous programmes in the University.

UIIC

In addition to Placement Cell, ICT Cell and Internal Complaints (ICC), University Industry Interface Cell (UIIC) was established at Central University of Gujarat to provide Bridge between academic activities and ever-dynamic requirement of the Industry. This interface promotes the collaboration among academicians-industrialist to generate state-

of-the-art manpower for socio economic development required in under the present competitive global scenario. UIIC is dedicated to increase the awareness and opportunities amongst young academicians to provide them competent career choices. Moreover, UIIC arranges various activities like Industry Training program, Industrial Projects, Industrial Visits, Guest Lectures, Workshop, Case Studies and Research Projects. Dr. P. C. Jha, Assistant Professor School of Chemical Sciences has been appointed as Coordinator of this Cell.

School Adoption Programme

To achieve one of the objectives of universities defined in the Central Universities Act 2009, the University has to initiate various programmes under Extension and Outreach Activities. In addition, Executive Council in its meeting held on 21.11.2014 resolved to start Extension and Outreach Activities by the CUG so that the students, Society and Industries can avail the benefit of Central University of Gujarat. As a first step, the CUG initiated a School Adoption Programme with a budget provision of Rs. 6 lakhs and constituted Advisory Committee and Working Group.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan - Village Adoption Programme

The Ministry of Human Resource Development launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan with a view to bring about a positive transformation in rural development process by leveraging knowledge institutions to help provide foundations for an inclusive India. The Central University of Gujarat has been requested vide letter No. 20-53/2015-DeskU dated 28.08.2015 of Joint Secretary (CU&L), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi to initiate action on priority as per the Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan guidelines issued by Ministry of HRD, New Delhi dated 24.08.2015. The Central University of Gujarat constituted Advisory Committee and a Working Group for Village Adoption Programme consisting of 07 members with Dr. Litty Denis, Assistant Professor as Nodal Officer/Coordinator for this programme.

Equal Opportunity Cell

The Central University of established a Equal Opportunity Cell in pursuance of a scheme launched by the University Grants Commission granting financial assistance. Dr. Jayashree Ambewadikar has been appointed as the Coordinator of the said cell to oversee and suggest measures for equitable distribution of opportunities for growth through participation and promotional avenues, as well as to see to it that the students and staff belonging to SC/ST/OBC, Women, PWD and other weaker section are not deprived of opportunities they rightfully deserve.

Competitive Examinations Coaching Centre:

Competitive Examinations Coaching Centre has been established by CUG with a budget allocation of Rs. 6 lakhs, to organize coaching programmes for students appearing in various competitive examinations of UPSC and other recruitment agencies including UGC

NET, JRF, CSIR Fellowships, GATE, etc. A Committee is constituted to look after the activities of the Centre with Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan as the Coordinator.

Dr Sanjeev Kumar Dubey has been appointed as Public Relations Officer of the University – Notification No. 43, dated 28.08.2015.

Responding with appreciation the presentation made by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor studded with achievements of distinction and relevance, Prof Shilin Shukla stressed the need for University to have international collaborations in the field of Life Sciences and stated that much needs to be done in the field of Clinical research particularly in the field of Cancer Biology for which he offered to coordinate with reputed Cancer Research Institutions in Ahmedabad that are rated as best in the country. It was decided to have a separate discussion on the issue and Prof. J.P.N. Mishra was assigned to explore the possibilities of collaborative research. Prof. Shukla offered to provide contact leading to fruitful collaboration and use of Research and Development facilities available in the institutions with which he is still associated.

Prof. Padh speaking about the further course of action in terms of courses to be offered stressed on opportunities available in skill development and vocationalization of education that need to be harnessed rather than focusing on typical research being carried out in the traditional and age old concerns of disciplines. He stressed on exploring innovative approaches to connect with the Society, Industry and their developmental needs and inculcate in students the creative culture. He also stressed on abundant scope available for University to collaborate with industries in the area of renewable energy, product design and development and proper and effective documentation of the outcome of these efforts. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor agreeing to the suggestion stated that it is precisely what University is focusing on and attempts are being made to impress upon the teachers and researches. Introducing a paper is one thing but what is the contribution to the society in terms of technology transfer from lab to land or lab to the bed or lab to the industry is altogether different and is of greater academic and applied significance, which is being emphasized in all the MoUs, Collaborations and the schemes and projects being taken up by the University, which would add significantly to the extension profile of the University and thereby to its socially relevant existences.

The Hon'ble Chancellor appreciating the efforts and achievement of the University suggested that there are numerous industries in Ahmedabad, Baroda and Surat and other organizations, which can provide ideal milieu and forum for interaction with industry, Civil Society and business that can bring resources, both monetary and knowledge resources to the University. He suggested that people of industry should be invited for interaction with the Deans for collaborations and more mutually beneficial linkages. In view of well-equipped labs and no dearth of funds, the University is in a sweet spot to establish linkages with National Skill Development Corporation.

Dr. Goel who had joined the meeting late sought to know about the progress made by the University in introducing the M.Ed. course by the University. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained again the efforts made by the University and the latest developments, and stated that University is all set to start the course from academic year 2016-17.

With these introductory and preliminary remarks, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor requested the Chancellor to preside over the deliberations on the agenda. The Chancellor thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for the elaborate delineation on the events and achievement of the University and called upon the House to take up the agenda of the meeting for discussion.

Item: 1 To confirm the Minutes of 1st meeting of the Court of the University held on 31.03.2015.

Res: In view of the members having gone through the minutes of the said meeting circulated vide letters F.No.2-16(1)/2015-Admn./966 to 998 dated 22.06.2015 and the University having not received any observation and suggestion for modification, **the House unanimously confirmed the minutes of the First meeting of the Court held on 31/03/2015.**

Item No: 2 Approval of the Report of the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Court.

Res: The Registrar appraised the House on the action initiated by the University on each of the resolution passed and decision taken by the Court in its first meeting held on 31/03/2015. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor stated that suitable action has been taken on most of the decisions taken in the last meeting and in case of a few decisions like recruitment, introduction of M.Ed. Course, B. Voc. Programme, NAAC accreditation and the like, the University is in the advanced stages of implementation.

The House while appreciating the efforts made by the University, unanimously approved the report on the action taken on the minutes of First meeting of the Court.

Item : 3 Approval of Draft Annual Report 2014-15, prepared under the direction of the Executive Council and recommended to be placed before the Court.

Res : The Registrar submitted to the House that the Annual Report of the Central University of Gujarat for the year 2014-15 has been prepared under the direction of the Executive Council and requested the Hon'ble members, who had been provided a copy of Draft Annual Report 2014-15, in advance to peruse the same and offer comments and suggestion on the form, content and compilation of the Annual Report, if any, so as to enable the University to incorporate the same before submission of the report to Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Dr. Goel appreciated the efforts put in by the Editorial Committee in compiling the Annual Report. He also complimented and congratulated the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff for the commendable achievements of the University during the year under report.

Hon'ble Chancellor suggested that the general profile of the University, its major achievements and important academic and administrative developments could have been presented at the beginning of the Annual Report. The Annual Report could have opened with the Vision, Mission, Motto and objectives of the University with its beginning, number of Schools and Centres, Visiting Faculty, total Student strength-Faculty strength as well as the major administrative and academic developments, changes and achievements of the University and the like to be followed by the School and Centre profiles.

The suggestions of Hon'ble Chancellor were accepted by the House and it was decided to incorporate the suggestions in the Annual Report from hereafter.

Appreciating the achievements of the University as enumerated in the Annual Report, Prof. Vyas suggested that the University should establish a Science Incubation Centre, a Skill Development Centre and Innovation Club since so much of investment has gone into establishment of science infrastructure. Hon'ble Chancellor strongly endorsed the suggestion and also proposed that DST could be approached for funding these schemes.

Prof. Goel opined that Central University of Gujarat should also focus on Environment protection and enrichment, pollution control measures, including promoting environment friendly crackers.

Prof. Shilin Shukla suggested that in the Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies the component of peace is normally neglected at the cost of over emphasizing the Gandhian Thought. He stated that Peace is of greater Social relevance in Gandhian Thought and needs to be focused upon to render Gandhian Studies of greater contemporary relevance.

Further stressing on the responsibility of Central University of Gujarat toward the region in which it is located, Prof. Shilin Shukla stated that it should promote Gujarati Language and Literature and also introduce Gujarati as medium of instruction for the benefit of local students, who would have had their primary, secondary and even college education in Gujarati medium. He further suggested that University should think of collaborative efforts for bringing out a Gujarati Vishwakosh and Encyclopedia in Gujarati as knowledge, including knowledge of medical sciences has to be made available in Gujarati Language to reach more and more people.

Responding to this Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor clarified that, since Central University of Gujarat is a Central University, drawing students from all parts of the country with diverse linguistic background, it is mandated to offer courses in English and administrative language has to be English and Hindi. However, efforts will be made to have translation courses and translation studies in Gujarati since Central University of Gujarat has a Centre for Comparative Literature and Translation Studies. He further stated that efforts will be made to procure science and social science literature in Gujarati for the benefit of Gujarati medium students studying in different Schools and Centres, so that they can study their subject/discipline in Gujarati and write their examination in English. He also agreed to the suggestion that a Journal in Gujarati can be brought out through School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies and will take up the matter with the Dean of the School. Endorsing the view of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jagdish Arora stated that in his institute Six journals are being brought out in Gujarati on different themes and he can coordinate such efforts by Central University of Gujarat.

Discussing about the student amenities, Shri Salman Sayeed inquired about the number of Hostels and their maintenance and upkeep. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained the antecedents of acquisition class D quarters from Government of Gujarat and taking them over as hostels to accommodate students (at sector 20, 24 and 30) and the difficulties University is facing in renovating and maintaining these buildings as they are in extremely dilapidated conditions and also difficulty in acquiring private apartment blocks for accommodating students owing to problems of security.

Further, once we vacate the government quarters, to shift to a private apartment, we may not retain and get back the same quarters, in case the University is asked to vacate the apartments in which case the University will be at loss to know where to take and accommodate the students. At the same time University cannot spend huge money on renovation of these quarters as they do not belong to the University, which may lead to audit objection. With water supply and electricity not under our control, University is left with no option but to do what best it can under the circumstances and is attending to the same as sincerely as it could.

Prof. Harish Padh suggested that University can go for prefabricated buildings which would be cost effective as well as quick to complete. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor stated that he is aware of such technology which is adopted in lab buildings at Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research, Pune but, it may not be suitable for hostels. Prof. Padh suggested that this could at least be explored for building of labs and landscaping of campus despite having a temporary campus. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor clarified stating that would be in violation of University Grants Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development regulations and rules governing utilization of grant and in view of many Universities having already come under the scrutiny on CAG audit and other regulatory bodies and serious charges having been levelled against them, it would not be advisable to run the risk of being held responsible for similar charges of commissions and omissions.

Prof. Anjali Desai sought to know about the developments regarding the withdrawal of Non-NET fellowship and its possible implications for the prospects of Central University of Gujarat. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor as a member of Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for reviewing the Non-NET fellowships, clarified that University Grants Commission is not likely to wrap up Non-NET fellowship programme as contemplated in the media, He further stated that, in view of paucity of accommodation facilities, academic space and restriction of University Grants Commission on allocation of number of students to each research supervisor as well as restriction on allocation of research students to Contract faculty and visiting faculty, the University has restricted admission to M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses in various disciplines while preferring candidates with NET, JRF and CSIR fellowships.

Prof. Anjali Desai while complimenting the establishment of Central Instrumentation Facility as an independent facility stressed the need for recruitment of technical staff as well as creating the post of Director of Central Instrumentation Facility. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor accepting her suggestion replied that the posts of one Senior Technical Assistant and three Technical Assistants have already been notified and in all 24 applications have been received and the University will take up the process of recruitment shortly. He also appraised the House that, given the type of state of art equipments having been procured with an investment of Rs. 35-40 Crores, the University is envisaging to generate resources through Central Instrumentation Facility to render it self-sustaining to begin with and contributing to the revenue of University in the years to come. He stated that many industries and enterprises in the nearby place would rather prefer to have services of Central Instrumentation Facility outsourced instead of investing huge amounts in purchasing the kind of equipment available in Central Instrumentation Facility. The revenue so generated would be spent on AMCs,

Chemicals and consumables as well as on maintenance and hiring technical staff. The house unanimously endorsed the views of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor as innovative and of practical utility.

The Chancellor, referring to transport needs of students in view of scattered accommodation provided to the students, suggested that University should buy couple of more buses. On having been appraised by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor about the ban on purchase of vehicles and University being constrained to hire buses from private agencies for which also it is facing audit objection, the Chancellor suggested that the University may think of approaching Chairman Tata Motors or Layland Motors to donate reconditioned buses to the Central University of Gujarat. It was agreed to explore this means also to find solution by the transport problems of the students.

Dr. Jagadish Arora stressed the need and advantages of getting linked with virtual lab through networking. He offered to advise University in these matters as well as in issues concerned with establishment of Virtual Learning Resource Facilities including cyber library. He further suggested that the University may approach DST which funds such projects including projects like CIF up to eight crores, which may be used for maintenance of these facilities, in case the resources generated by them are not adequate. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor thanked Dr. Arora for the suggestion while agreeing to explore these avenues for funding and grants. Prof Padh also was of the view that University should have Virtual Lab having connectivity with premier labs in the Country and explore the possibility of "landscaping of instruments for optimum utilization of existing facilities"

The Hon'ble Chancellor thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions and expressed his confidence and also assured that these suggestions would be kept in view and complied with in developmental efforts by the University.

While complimenting the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for achieving exceptionally impressive and overall development of the University, the Court approved the Annual Report of Central University of Gujarat for the year 2014-15 and recommended the same to be submitted to Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing it before the Parliament.

Item No. 4 To Approve Annual Accounts 2014-15, Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2015 and Audit Report 2014-15, prepared under the direction of the Executive Council and recommended to be placed before the Court

Res: The Chancellor presented before the House the Annual Accounts 2014-15, Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2015 and the Audit Report submitted by the Office of the CAG for the year 2014-15 and invited comments and observation from the members. The Registrar appraised the members that, these Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were approved and the Audit Report was noted by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 28/10/2015 and by the Executive Council in its meeting held on 09/11/2015.

The Officer on Special Duty (F & A) and Internal Audit Officer who were present as special invites presented before the House, the Highlights of these accounts and financial statements and stated that, Central University of Gujarat was one of the first Central

Universities to switch over to new accrual method of accounting as mandated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and University Grants Commission and the Audit Report, prepared and submitted based on the audit of University accounts undertaken by the audit team from CAG Office between 05th to 25th August 2015, had appreciated the financial transactions and maintenance accounts and records as fairly good and systematic with no lapses or irregularities.

The House placed on record its appreciation of the Finance and Accounts Department for managing the finance and maintaining the accounts of the University strictly in accordance with finance rules as well as guidelines issued from Ministry of Human Resource Development and University Grants Commission from time to time as a result of which, the Audit report could be so positive and appreciating.

In view of the above, the Court unanimously endorsed the Annual Accounts for the year 2014-15, Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2015 and noted the Audit Report on Central University of Gujarat for the year 2014-15 and recommended the same to be forwarded to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing it before the Parliament.

With the stated agenda having been deliberated upon, the Hon'ble Chancellor sought to know whether the Hon'ble members have any other matter to move before the House for consideration.

Shri Salman Syeed, Dr. Harshad Desai and Prof. Pradhyumna Vyas raised the issue of inordinate delay in allocation of land to the University and its possible negative implications for the development of the University. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor responding to the motion explained in detail, the developments with regard to allocation of land to the University since its inception and efforts made by him pursuing the matter with Govt. of Gujarat, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India and other Government officials concerned with the matter. Despite these efforts, there is still no firm assurance or commitment about the identification and allocation of land to the University and the University is at loss to know how to proceed further, particularly in view of the fact that Building grants of the University to the tune of Rs. 250- 300 crores sanctioned under XII Plan would lapse, if not utilized, which in turn could prove to be a big blow to the development prospects of the University.

Having assessed and sensed the seriousness and significance of the issue, the Court unanimously decided to appeal to the Govt. of Gujarat and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India to take up the matter of allocation of suitable land to Central University of Gujarat on priority and expedite the process of allocation of suitable land to the Central University of Gujarat. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor thanked the House for the concern expressed and support extended to the University on the issue while assuring that the concerned apprehension and appeal of the Court would be communicated to the Govt. of Gujarat and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

With no other matter raised for discussion, the 2nd meeting of the Court was concluded with the Registrar thanking the Hon'ble Chancellor Prof. Y. K. Alagh for presiding over the deliberations of the meeting as well as for his words of wisdom, advice and encouragement and his keen interest in the affairs of the University throughout the year. He thanked Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Bari for his concern and commitment for the University and

imaginative and insightful support and contribution to the deliberations of the meeting and thereby being instrumental in arriving at meaningful and significant conclusions and resolutions. He thanked all the Hon'ble members of the Court for sparing their valuable time and efforts to take part in the deliberations of the meeting of the Court and their valuable inputs that enabled the Court to take decision on important issues concerning the University. He also thanked the special invites to the meeting and the administrative and finance staff for their painstaking efforts in making arrangements for the meeting. Finally he thanked all those who could be responsible for turning out the meeting to be a significant success.


Registrar
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