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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 23rd February 2018

Subject:- Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Steering Committee of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) of Gandhinagar, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Rae Bareli.

The 30th meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Pharmaceuticals on 10.02.2018 at 11.00 AM at NIPER, Gandhinagar. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (RT) welcomed all the participants.
3. All the agenda items were discussed *ad seriatim*. The decisions taken by the Steering Committee on each agenda item are as under:

Agenda No.	Subject	Decision	Action to be taken by
30.1	Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in 29 th Meeting of the Steering Committee.	The Committee, after going through the Action Taken Report on decisions taken in the 29 th meeting, approved the same. The Chairman expressed displeasure over non-submission of printed copies of Annual Accounts for 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 by NIPER-Hajipur, despite the same having been approved by the 26 th Steering Committee on 26.9.2016. He directed that explanation may be sought from NIPER Hajipur in this regard.	NIPER Hajipur/ DoP
30.2	Follow up on starting of B. Pharma course	The Committee, after going through the minutes of the meeting of NIPER Directors' held on 22.01.2018 and detailed deliberations, decided that every NIPER should consider starting B. Pharma course from 2019-20 academic session.	All NIPERs/ DoP

		<p>It was decided not to make it compulsory for each NIPER to start the bachelor courses, but it was the unanimous view that undergraduate courses would help NIPERs in achieving self-sufficiency at the earliest.</p> <p>All NIPERs need to deliberate on the issue and indicate their decision along with time-lines for starting B Pharma courses. The Committee decided that the bachelor courses may be started initially as per PCI curriculum, which may be revised later by NIPERs as per their requirement. The admission to bachelor courses be made through an All India on-line entrance examination.</p> <p>DoP would take care of legal encumbrances, if any, in starting undergraduate courses and recognition of the bachelor degrees for pharmacy licence etc.</p>	
30.3	Follow up on decision regarding non-holding of NIPER JEE 2018	<p>The Committee, after going through the minutes of the meeting of NIPER Directors' held on 22.01.2018 and relevant provisions of NIPER Ordinances, 2014, noted that holding of NIPER JEE examination is mandatory and as such decided to alter the decision taken earlier in 29th meeting to make admissions only on basis of GPAT examination followed by common counseling.</p> <p>The Committee decided to restore <i>status quo ante</i> and make admissions in various courses through online NIPER JEE examination. The candidates should have qualified GPAT/GATE/NET (except for candidates holding B.V.Sc./M.V.Sc./M.B.B.S./M.D./B.A. M.S. degrees and Foreign Nationals).</p> <p>It was further decided that NIPER</p>	NIPER Ahmedabad / Guwahati / Hyderabad

		<p>JEE would be conducted online by NIPER – Gandhinagar. The team of NIPER Hyderabad, which was earlier involved in conduct of examinations, would assist NIPER Gandhinagar in the exercise.</p> <p>A table Agenda regarding the fee for the session 2018-19 was placed. The Committee approved the same with the proposed lab fee reduced from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 7,500/- per semester and the proposed caution money increased from Rs. 10,000/- to 25,000/-.</p>	
30.4	Follow up on constitution of Academic Council	<p>Academic Council consisting of all Directors of NIPER to decide the detailed procedure and number of seats at each NIPER for PhD admissions every year. The Committee may go through the Statement of Purpose of the proposed thesis, maintain standard, avoid duplication and ensure that right candidates are matched with the qualified faculty and the Institute's capabilities.</p> <p>The seats for PhD be reviewed depending upon the faculty strength/ Infrastructure requirement and specialization for admitting PhD students.</p> <p>NIPER Hyderabad to develop a portal to be developed to hoist the details of all present and past PhDs such as, their names, name of the Institution, title of the thesis, year of registration, outcome of the thesis in form of patents/publications and their impact/reviews etc.</p> <p>As per suggestion of Prof. Kiran Kalia, Director, NIPER- Gandhinagar, the portal be integrated with <i>Shodhganga</i> portal managed by Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre,</p>	All NIPERs

		an Autonomous Inter-University Centre (IUC) of UGC, MHRD.	
30.5	Follow up on awarding of Honorary Doctorate Degrees	The Committee noted the MHRD's guidelines issued vide Notification dated 19.08.2014 and decided that proposals for award of Honorary PhD degree would be first approved by BOG/Steering Committee and thereafter submitted to the Department for obtaining approval of the Visitor.	All NIPERs / DoP
30.6	Follow up on issue of treatment of dropped out students	<p>The Committee, after going through the discussion paper of Director, NIPER Raebareli, minutes of the meeting of NIPER Directors' held on 22.01.2018 and detailed deliberations decided that caution money would not be refunded in case of students who drop out. In case a student gets admission to another NIPER, he should have to pay the caution money again.</p> <p>The drop out students during the period of the course would be required to refund the amount of scholarship received during the period. To enforce the same, original Certificates of the students may be retained and a bond signed with the students and/ or guarantor.</p>	All NIPERs
NIPER Gandhinagar			
30.7	Approval of Accounts for the Year 2016-2017	Accounts for FY 2016-17 approved.	NIPER-Gandhinagar
30.8	Subscription of e-Journals for Library Facility for All NIPERs.	It was noted that presently all NIPERs subscribe individually to various scientific journals. It was noted that in case all NIPERs subscribe together, competitive rates and better features can be obtained.	NIPER-Mohali / DoP

		<p>The Committee decided that NIPER Mohali would create an e-journal consortium after consulting with other NIPERs and take further action.</p> <p>It was further decided that DoP would take up with MHRD to link all NIPERs e-libraries and seek access to all other INFLIBNET services.</p>	
30.9	Increase in number of M.S (Pharma) seats	<p>It was noted that the Committee had earlier decided vide Agenda Item No. 29.11 that each NIPER could increase the student strength up to 16 for a Department with no additional financial liability. NIPER Hyderabad informed that in any case financial liability on account of fellowship to the students would increase.</p> <p>It was decided that the present proposal of the Institute would separately be examined on file.</p>	NIPER-Gandhinagar / DoP
30.10	Reconsider Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree to the Eminent Scientist Prof. Andrew Schally, Nobel Laureate 1977, USA	<p>The Committee has already decided on the issue vide Agenda Item No. 30.5.</p> <p>The request of the Institute may be examined on file.</p>	NIPER Gandhinagar / DoP
30.11	Start of construction activities	The Committee decided that the Institute would provide a complete status of work executed by the PMC time to time. Based thereon, if needed, a meeting shall be called with PMC.	NIPER-Gandhinagar


NIPER Kolkata

30.12	Approval of Audited Accounts for the year 2016-17	Approved	NIPER-Kolkata
30.13	Approval for procurement of equipment for establishment of BA/BE facility.	Deferred. The Institute was advised to concentrate on strengthening the existing labs/equipment.	NIPER-Kolkata
30.14	Approval for holding 6 th Convocation in July - August, 2018	Approved	NIPER-Kolkata
NIPER Hyderabad			
30.15	Approval of Audited Accounts for the year 2016-17	Approved	NIPER-Hyderabad
30.16	Holding of Convocation in the month of April, 2018	Approved	NIPER-Hyderabad
30.17	Proposals for starting various certification programs	Approved. It was decided that each NIPER should have a Skill Development Centre and develop short term certificate programs of 3-6 months duration.	All NIPERs
30.18	Increase of Faculty Strength in few departments based on Student-Faculty Ratio	Approved without any additional financial support.	NIPER-Hyderabad
30.19	Revision of Grading System between 81-100 ranging marks.	The Institute was advised to follow the Grading system as per NIPER Ordinance.	NIPER-Hyderabad
30.20	Revision of Honorarium for PhD Evaluators (Indians & Foreigners)	To be decided by the Academic Council for NIPERs PhD program.	NIPER-Hyderabad
30.21	Allotment of present	The Institute was advised to	NIPER-

	IDPL campus land to the Institute	identify suitable rented building.	Hyderabad
NIPER Raebareli			
30.22	Permission to start M.S. (Pharm.) course in Regulatory Toxicology	Approved, subject to no extra funding from Government of India.	NIPER-Raebareli
30.23	Increase in number of seats in M.S. (Pharm.) Pharmacology & Toxicology	Already approved by the 29 th Steering Committee meeting (Agenda Item 29.11).	NIPER-Raebareli
NIPER Guwahati			
30.24	Approval of Audited Accounts for the year 2016-17	Accounts for 2015-16 and 2016-17 approved subject to acceptance of final reply to SAR by CAG.	NIPER-Guwahati
30.25	Amendment of NIPER Act to make degrees awarded by NIPERs as deemed to be regularized by the concerned Statutory bodies [PCI]	As per Item 30.2	NIPER-Guwahati
30.26	Request to sanction regular teaching and non-teaching posts	Deferred	NIPER-Guwahati
30.27	Request to implementation of Medical insurance for contract staff of NIPER	Not approved.	NIPER-Guwahati
NIPER Hajipur			
30.28	Creation of some posts for faculty/staff	It was suggested that each NIPER should have 1+1 core faculty per department supported by the DoP subject to approval of EFC.	NIPER-Hajipur

		Rest of the faculty to be supported by the Institute.	
30.29	Placement students	of The Institute to tie up with NIPER Hyderabad/Kolkata/Mohali /Ahmedabad for placement.	NIPER-Hajipur
Other decisions:			
<p>i. NIPER-Hajipur to provide list of the equipment which are required to be purchased for the Institute. (Action: NIPER Hajipur)</p> <p>ii The fellowship paid to students will be adjusted for internship, if any, paid by the industry. (Action; All NIPERs)</p> <p>iii While fixing emoluments of the contractual faculty, possession of higher qualification/ experience, if any, by incumbents be taken into consideration. NIPERs to submit suggestions/ proposals in this regard so that formal guidelines can be issued by the Department. (Action: All NIPERs/ DoP)</p> <p>iv. Next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held at NIPER Hajipur on 7.4.2018 (Action: NIPER Hajipur)</p>			

4. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.


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