

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF  
THE ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (OSHEC)**

**Date: 23.07.2021 Time: 10.30 AM CONVENTION CENTRE  
LOK SEVA BHAWAN, BHUBANESWAR**

The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha—cum-Chairperson (OSHEC) with Shri Saswat Mishra, Principal Secretary, HED and Prof Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairperson of OSHEC in attendance. Member Secretary as well as FO of OSHEC and Members of OSHEC including Executive Members, Academic Consultants of OSHEC and Vice-Chancellors of State Universities (who are not members of OSHEC) also attended the meeting as Special Invitees. The list of participants is given in Annexure-I.

After the welcome address by the Member Secretary, the Principal Secretary (HED) and the Hon'ble Chairperson (OSHEC), the agenda items were taken up for discussion through presentations made by Vice Chairperson and Executive Members. The Vice-Chairperson presented a summary of activities of OSHEC since the third meeting of the council held in Dec 2019 (Annexure II). The Council has been strengthened in the meantime by the Higher Education Department by the appointment of Executive members ( Prof. Atanu Pati and Prof. Susmit Pani) and Academic Consultants( Dr. Mihir Kumar Das, Dr. Pradip Kumar Behera, and Dr. Swetansu Sekhar Rath). This is in addition to the Vice- Chairperson, Member Secretary, Finance Officer and Office Staff.

After detailed discussion, the following decisions have been taken up.

1. The following activities aimed at improving access, equity as well as academic excellence of Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) shall be carried out by the Council during the next five years.

- a) Research facilitation across state Universities and Colleges under the OURIIP Scheme: All the components of OURIIP i.e., seed funding, research fellowship, support for excellent publications, patents and conducting mentoring through Odisha State Research Conclave (OSRC) will be implemented seriously to motivate young faculty to take up research problems relevant to the state. In addition, the Council will be creating a model research and innovation guideline for all state universities of the state.
- b) Guiding/Facilitating all State Universities, Autonomous Colleges and some selected non-Autonomous Colleges for having Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for short-term (5 years) and long-term (5 -10 years)


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- c) Guiding/Facilitating HEIs for NAAC accreditation and NIRF ranking and also regularly monitoring the performance of the HEIs in this field
- d) Undertaking periodic curricular reforms: All syllabi would be outcome-based with a strong correlation with examination and CBCS patterns, with emphasis on self-learning by students. Innovative curricula focusing on value education, environment conservation, disaster management, public health management, etc. would become part of the curricula.
- e) Undertaking Examination reforms (Automation, Question Banks, etc.) to create a true reflection of the intended learning outcomes would be taken up continuously.
- f) Preparation of books/study materials in Odia language for all streams of UG and PG Courses: Odisha Textbook Bureau (OTB) may publish these books/study materials and the Department of HE would work out the modalities of cooperation between OSHEC and OTB.
- g) Undertaking academic audit of HEIs which will provide another support to the HEIs for holistic growth.
- h) Acting as the central agency for providing E-resources to the HEIs (Indcat, Shodhsindhu, Shodhganga, ShodhShuddhi (PDS) and Inflibnet, etc.)
- i) Conducting Common PG entrance and admission for all PG courses in state Universities and Colleges

2. As decided in the State Cabinet, a modified model course has been prepared in the name of "Environmental Studies and Disaster Management" which will also have contents relating to public health. The said course was released by the Hon'ble Minister-cum- Chairperson, OSHEC in the meeting itself. This would replace the existing AECC course on "Environmental Science".

In his concluding remark, the Hon'ble Minister (HED)-cum-Chairperson (OSHEC) thanked the OSHEC for its praiseworthy contribution towards improvement of the higher education sector of Odisha. Since the OSHEC has now been strengthened, he urged the OSHEC to properly plan, implement and monitor its activities in next 05 years so as to usher in a sea change in the higher education sector of Odisha.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Member Secretary.

  
 Prof. Asoka Kumar Das  
 Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC



## Annexure-I

### **MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (OSHEC) HELD ON 23.07.2021 AT 10 A.M. IN THE CONVENTION CENTRE, LOK SEVA BHAWAN, BHUBANESWAR**

1.	Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister HED and Chairperson, OSHEC
2.	Prof. Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC
3.	Sri Saswat Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary, HED
4.	Sri Sidharth Dhal, OAS(SS), Member Secretary, OSHEC
5.	Prof. Sabita Acharya, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University
6.	Prof. Sanjiv Mittal, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University
7.	Prof. G. Chakrapani, Chancellor, Berhampur University
8.	Dr. Ranjita Sethi, Principal, P.N. Autonomous College, Khurda
9.	Dr. Sangita Sahu, Principal, F.M. Autonomous College, Balasore
10.	Prof. Subasini Pattnak, Former Professor of Zoology, Berhampur University, Berhampur
11.	Sri Dibakar Swain Former General Manager, Paradeep Phosphate Ltd.
12.	Dr. Roshnara Begum, Former Director, Vocational Education, GOO
13.	Prof. Atanu Kumar Pati, Executive Member
14.	Prof. Susmita Prasad Pani, Executive Member
<b>Special Invitee</b>	
15.	Prof. Kishore Kumar Basa, Vice-Chancellor, MSCB University
16.	Prof. Sanjaya Kumar Nayak, Vice-Chancellor, Ravenshaw University
17.	Prof. Aparajita Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor, R.D. Women's University
18.	Prof. Hari Hara Hota, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University
19.	Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice-Chancellor, G.M. University
20.	Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor, Khallikote University
21.	Prof. A.K. Das Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Odisha State Open University
22.	Prof. Umaballava Mohapatra, Vice Chancellor, Rajendra University
23.	Prof. Sanjaya Satapathy, Vice-Chancellor, Kalahandi University
24.	Prof. Kamal Jeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, M.S. Law University
25.	Sri Parameswaran B., IAS; SPD, OHEPEE
26.	Dr. Mihir Kumar Das, Academic Consultant
27.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Behera, Academic Consultant
28.	Dr. Swetansu Sekhar Rath, Academic Consultant
29.	Smt. Anita Sahoo, OFS: Finance Officer