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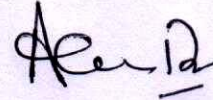
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Sub: Proceedings of the meeting of the Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) held on 21.10.2022

Madam/Sir,

Inviting a reference to the captioned subject, I am to enclose herewith the copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) held on 21.10.2022 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha-cum-Chairperson, OSHEC in the auditorium of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri for information.

Yours faithfully,



Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC SHEC

Memo No. 1213

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Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC

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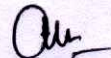


Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC

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Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC

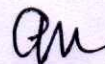
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Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC

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Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC

List of Members of the Odisha State Higher Education Council, Bhubaneswar.

1. Vice Chancellor, Utkal University,
2. Vice Chancellor, Sambalpur University,
3. Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University
4. Principal, Pranath (Auto) College, Khordha,
5. Principal, Fakir Mohan(Auto) College, Balasore
6. Prof. B. C. Choudhury, Retired Scientist Wildlife Institute of India
7. Prof. Akhil. B. Ota, IAS, Director, SCSTRTI
8. Sri Ramesh Mohapatra, CMD, Magnum Group of Companies,
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9. Prof. Subasini Pattnaik, Former Professor of Zoology, Berhampur
University
10. Sri Dibakar Swain, Former General Manager, Paradeep Phosphate
Ltd.
11. Dr. Roshanara Begum, Former Director, Vocational Education
12. Dr. Atanu Kumar Pati, Executive Member, OSHEC
13. Dr. Susmita Prasad Pani, Executive Member, OSHEC

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (OSHEC)**

Date: 21.10.2022 Time: 11.30 AM

Venue: AUDITORIUM, SHRI JAGANNATH SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, SHRI VIHAR, PURI

The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Shri Rohit Pujari, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha-cum-Chairperson (OSHEC) with Shri Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary, HED & Prof. Asoka Kumar Das, Vice-Chairperson of OSHEC in attendance. Member Secretary as well as Finance Officer, OSHEC and Executive Members, Academic Consultants of OSHEC and Vice-Chancellors of State Public as well as Private Universities coming under Higher Education Department (who are not members of OSHEC) also attended the meeting as Special Invitees. The list of participants is given in **Annexure-I**.

After observing one minute silence for the departed soul of Padmashri Ajaya Kumar Parida, who was the Director, Institute of Life Science, Bhubaneswar and also the Member of the Council, the Member Secretary welcomed the participants. Principal Secretary (HED) and the Hon'ble Chairperson (OSHEC) made their opening remarks on higher education, its present status and where to go in future?" Principal Secretary requested all the Vice Chancellors to get themselves ready to urgently carry out reforms in the higher education sector to reach the targets set by governments for Amrit Kaal 2047. He emphasized that the principle of inclusive excellence in higher education Sector must be followed so that the HEIs of Odisha can make their mark in the global education scenario by the year 2036 on the occasion of completion of hundred years of our state. Closer collaboration with OSHEC will be needed to implement the necessary provisions of the National Education Policy 2020.

In the context of technology assimilation, Principal Secretary also talked on creation of virtual laboratories, establishing mutually helpful collaborations with Private Universities in the state, extensive use of IT in day to day activities, inviting eminent speakers to the institutes, introducing multiple lateral entry and multiple exit for the students, registering for academic bank of credits and to take the benefit of Professor of Practice, as suggested by the UGC. He emphasized that learning should be enquiry based, based on discovery, discussion and analysis. Universities must work on community issues and internationalization of higher education. State Public Universities must work in close collaboration with Private Universities and vice versa to learn the best practices from each other.

Hon'ble Minister, HED, Govt. of Odisha-cum- Chairman, OSHEC advised all the Universities to work on war footing with OSHEC to upgrade their ranking in NAAC as well as NIRF. His emphasis was to make the students job and industry ready and their placement, for which they will have to collaborate with industries. So, the institutions must train the students on new age technologies, soft skill, vocational training, embed internship/apprenticeship into the curricula and provide international exposure etc. He also appealed to all the VCs to begin the Startup Culture among the students. Researches must be turned into innovative products. Hon'ble Minister wanted our universities to emphasize sports

training as part of holistic education. It was also requested that in view of Men's Hockey World Cup 2023, all the Universities should take proactive steps to sensitize the students of Colleges and Universities about the game and set a mood through competitions, inter university tournaments etc. for hockey ahead of the World Cup.

The agenda items were taken up for discussion through presentations by the Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC. He presented a summary of activities of OSHEC of last meeting of the council held in 23rd July, 2021. He talked on challenges of NEP-2020 in the State and briefed the house on the main outcome of Chief Secretaries Conference held at Dharmashala on 16th and 17th June, 2022 and the pointers to prepare for Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal: Roadmap to 2047.

After detailed discussion the following decisions were approved by the house.

1. The following activities aimed at improving quality education as well as academic excellence of Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) shall be carried out by the OSHEC. Council will take a lead role in exploring as well as implementing the following resolutions:-
 - (a) The concept of Virtual Laboratories will be brought into the scope of teaching the students of the Educational Institutions who are deprived of making experiments because of lack of instruments or chemicals or deprived of attending the laboratories physically. Since, these will be through AR , VR(Augmented reality, Virtual Reality) means, these will also supplement all practical activities in the same manner that the virtual Tutorials is being implemented through HED, OSHEC and Utkal University.
 - (b) The present syllabi shall be reorganized to fit into the mandate of NEP 2020.
 - (c) While framing the syllabi, Council must see that learning should be enquiry based, based on discovery, discussion and analysis. Universities must work on community issues and internalization of higher education. An Inter-University Apex Group, combined Boards of Studies for each subject, Regulation Committee shall be formed by OSHEC to look into the restructuring of UG curricula as envisaged in NEP 2020.
 - (d) OSHEC, with the help of an expert group formulate the new UG and PG curricula including skill as well as finishing courses (based on employment survey data), embedding research internship, and industrial internship/apprenticeship. Entrepreneurship/incubation training, dual degree courses etc for the state universities.
 - (e) State Public Universities must work in close collaboration with Private Universities and vice versa to learn the best practices from each other. A mechanism for this is to be evolved.
 - (f) To increase the GER from 22% to 50% by 2035, a committee may be formed to suggest the Government to find out the ways to achieve the target GER with acceptable P/T ratio.
 - (g) To safeguard the culture of Odisha, more emphasis must be given to promote the Jagannath cult, teachings, publication of manuscripts.
 - (h) In keeping pace with global trends, digital transformation in Higher Education must be hastened to better facilitate student's learning process by adopting ERP modules, LMS,

digital library networks, smart classes, inter university research and innovation networks with incubators.

- (i) E-Samartha, being developed by the Delhi University – MoE, GoI collaboration will be implemented in all the State Public Universities. It is e-governance software for the Universities and other HEIs.
- (j) MOOCs /Swayam must be incorporated into the syllabus to encourage multi-disciplinarily, learner centricity and multicultural perspective.
- (k) All the Universities must have strategic development plans and dynamic websites before going for NAAC accreditation.
- (l) For continuous process of improving quality education, regular academic audit is to be ensured.
- (m) For improvement of games & sports Inter University Games Competition, Inter University Hockey competition will be done on regular basis as the Central Govt. & State Govt. have emphasized the promotion of games & sports all over the states. In this context we have to form committees for sports in the Universities.
- (n) Placement Melas through the Placement Cell/Career Counseling Cell at the institutional level must be organized. In this aspect, Public Universities may collaborate with Private universities of Odisha to expand the placement possibilities for the students.
- (o) OSHEC is to submit proposals to the Government for increasing the fellowship amount from Rs 15,000/- to 25,000/- per month, expanding the base for fellow selection, Project Assistant remuneration from Rs 8,000/- to Rs 12,000/- per month and suggest a new extramural research funding proposal for the faculty members beyond 45 years of age.
- (p) OSHEC may take a lead in preparing the Start Up Policy for the Students and teachers working with Government of Odisha.
- (q) An expert committee will be formed to look at legal education and research in the state law university and colleges suggesting ways and means to bring it up to NLU levels.
- (r) Effort must be undertaken by OSHEC for developing ODL material in mother tongue (Odia) for facilitating Mother Tongue education.
- (s) An Expert committee will be constituted to deliberate on the Development Plan for OSOU in order to make it one of the finest Open university in India.
- (t) OSHEC will prepare a concept paper on Faculty training including domain knowledge, skill training, research and learning leadership training for state universities

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



Prof. Asoka Kumar Das
Vice-Chairperson, OSHEC