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The 4th Meeting of the Court of the University was held on 21st September, 2015 at 02:30 PM at Private Dining Hall, First Floor, Main Building, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi - 110 003.

1. The following members were present: -

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| 1. | Sh. Arun Maira Hon'ble Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, H.P Former Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India | CHAIRMAN |
| 2. | Prof. (Dr.) Kuldip Chand Agnihotri Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P. | EX OFFICIO MEMBER |
| 3. | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy Director IISER, Mohali | MEMBER |
| 4. | Prof. Sneh Bhargava Former Director, AIIMS | MEMBER |
| 5. | Prof. Kasturi Dutta School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, Delhi | MEMBER |
| 6. | Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri Palit Professor, Department of Physics, University of Calcutta | MEMBER |
| 7. | Prof. A.M. Pathan Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka | MEMBER |
| 8. | Prof. Chetan Singh Director IIAS, Shimla, H.P | MEMBER |
| 9. | Prof. Anupam Varma Advanced Centre for Plant Virology, Division of Plant Pathology | MEMBER |

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| 10. | Dr. Ranbir Singh Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi | MEMBER |
| 11. | Dr. Ram Sagar Former Director, Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences | MEMBER |
| 12. | Prof. A.K. Ghatak Former Professor, Department of Physics, IIT, Delhi | MEMBER |
| 13. | Dr. Vinod Prakash Sharma Former Director, National Institute of Malaria Research, Delhi | MEMBER |
| 14. | Dr. Shyam Kumar Sharma Former Vice-Chancellor, HP Agricultural University, Palampur | MEMBER |
| 15. | Smt. Asha Swaroop Former Chief Secretary, HP | MEMBER |
| 16. | Sh. C.N. Dhar Former Chairman, CII-Himachal Pradesh State Council | MEMBER |
| 17. | Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.) Registrar , Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P | EX OFFICIO MEMBER SECRETARY |

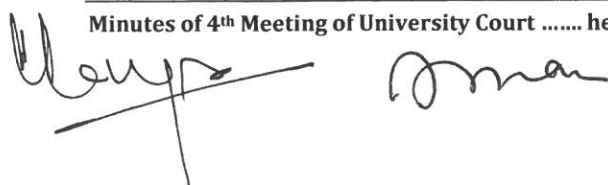
2. The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence:

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| 1. | Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves Director IIT Mandi, H.P | MEMBER |
| 2. | Dr. B.N. Goswamy Art Historian & Padma Bhushan Awardee | MEMBER |
| 3. | Dr. B.L. Mungekar Hon'ble MP & Former Member, Planning Commission | MEMBER |
| 4. | Prof. Krishna Kumar Professor in CIET, Delhi University & Former Director NCERT | MEMBER |
| 5. | Prof. Namwar Singh Former Professor of Hindi, JNU, Delhi | MEMBER |
| 6. | Sh. Karan Johar Film Producer | MEMBER |
| 7. | Prof. Anil Gupta Director, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun | MEMBER |
| 8. | Prof. Parth Shah President, Centre for Civil Society | MEMBER |
| 9. | Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla | MEMBER |
| 10. | Sh. M.K. Kaw Former Secretary, MHRD | MEMBER |

3. At the outset, the Honourable Chancellor Shri Arun Maira (Chairman) extended a warm welcome and thanked all the members for making it convenient to attend the meeting despite their busy schedule. He also welcomed Prof. (Dr.) Kuldip Chand Agnihotri and Brigadier Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.) who joined as Second Vice-Chancellor and Second Registrar of the University respectively. He expressed in particular gratitude to the Founder Vice-Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar who relinquished the charge of the office of Vice-Chancellor on 25th June, 2014 and joined as Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi.
4. Emphasising on the role and importance of the University Court, he apprised that as per provision contained under Central Universities Act, 2009, the University Court normally meets once a year to consider the annual report, audited annual accounts and budget estimates. It in the processes reviews the progress and advises on policies, strategies, vision and plans of the University. He stated that this meeting has been scheduled after reasonable time was available to the Vice-Chancellor who assumed office towards the end of April, 2015.
5. After the introductory remarks, the Honourable Chancellor invited the Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Kuldip Chand Agnihotri to initiate discussions on the Agenda
6. While welcoming, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the members for their participation in the meeting and extending support despite their busy schedule. The Vice-Chancellor also presented a synoptic view of the activities, progress of the University and informed about the following:
 - i. The University is vigorously pursuing the case for transfer of land with the State Government and the Centre.
 - ii. The University proposes to hold its 3rd Convocation towards the end of October, 2015 or early November, 2015.
 - iii. From the current Academic Session 2015-16, the University has started the following new courses:
 - a. B.Sc. (Honours School in Physics)
 - b. BA (Honours School in Sanskrit)
 - c. MA in Sanskrit
 - d. MA in Sociology
 - e. Certificate Course in Gujjar History & Culture (1 year duration)
 - iv. The University Grants Commission has approved establishment of DDU KAUSHAL KENDRA at Central University of Himachal Pradesh and informed that CUHP may start vocational course(s) as per details given below:

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| Name of the Programs Approved | B.Voc. & M.Voc. |
| Sectors / Trades Approved | i. Mass Communication ii. Financial & Marketing Services |
| Intake | 50 (Each Program) |

The UGC has also approved a grant of ₹2.60 crores (Rupees Two Crore and Sixty Lakhs only) to CUHP under the scheme for a period of two years.



- v. Consequent upon the approval of the UGC for opening of new departments, the University is proposing to start 05 (five) new departments soon.
 - vi. The University has advertised 86 teaching positions and six other than teaching positions in May, 2015 and will schedule the Selection Committees very soon.
6. With these remarks, the Vice-Chancellor invited Brig. Jagdish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.), Registrar-cum-Ex-officio Member Secretary of the Court, to take up the agenda items and the following Agenda Items were taken up for discussion:

ITEM NO. 4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Court held on 16th November, 2013.

The Minutes of 3rd Meeting of the Court held on 16th November, 2013 were confirmed.

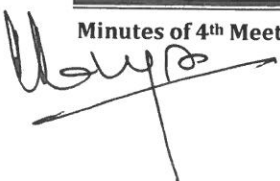
ITEM NO.4.2 To place before the Court the Report about the Action Taken on the decisions of its 3rd Meeting held on 16th November, 2013.

The Court noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision taken in the 3rd Meeting of the Court held on 16th November, 2013.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING AND RATIFICATION:

ITEM NO. 4.3 To place before the Court the Annual Report of the University for the year 2013-14 for the period from 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014 for ratification.

The Central Universities Act 2009 provides that the "Annual Report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfilment of its objects and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such dates as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Court shall consider the report in its annual meeting. The Court shall submit the Annual Report to the Visitor along with its comments, if any and a copy of the Annual Report, as prepared shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.




The Annual Report of the University for the period 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014 (**ANNEXURE - 4.3**) were prepared and placed before the Academic Council and the Executive Council in their 12th & 16th meetings respectively held on 22nd November, 2014.

The said report was sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development vide letter No. 5-2/CUHP/GA/2012 dated 22nd November, 2014 for laying the same before Parliament and also to the Hon'ble Visitor of the University.

The Court ratified the Annual Report of the University for the year 2013-14 for the period from 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014.

ITEM NO. 4.4

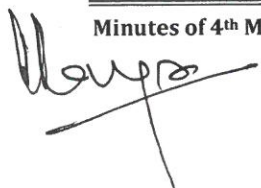
To place before the Court the Audited Annual Accounts together with Audit Report for the financial year 2013-14 for ratification.

The Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2013-14 were prepared as per the Revised Common Format of Accounts & on accrual basis and taking into account the component of depreciation at the rates provided in the Income Tax Act, as per the guidelines and instructions issued by the MHRD / UGC.

The Annual Accounts so prepared were sent to the CAG for Audit on 30.06.2014. The audit of accounts was conducted by the CAG Audit Party during August 4-8, 2014. As per the instructions issued in this behalf by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, issued vide their D.O. letter No. 19-18/2003-IFD dated 23.05.2008, the audited annual accounts are required to be sent to the Ministry by 1st December every year.

As per sub-section (2) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act 2009, a copy of the annual accounts together with the audit report thereon is required to be submitted to the Court and the Visitor along with the observations of the Executive Council. Further, as per sub-section (4) of Section 31 of the Central Universities Act 2009, a copy of the Annual Accounts together with the Audit Report, as submitted to the Visitor, is also to be submitted to the Central Government, which shall cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

However, the accounts could not be sent to the MHRD because of the fact that the audited accounts and the audit report was not received from the CAG by due date despite having pursued the matter in writing and through telephonic talks. This fact was placed before the Executive Council vide Item No. 16.4(T) in its 16th Meeting held on 22nd November, 2014 thereby making a proposal to permit the University to submit the Audited Annual Accounts to MHRD as and when the Audit Report is received from CAG. However, the Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2013-14 were to be reported to the Executive Council in its



next meeting. The Executive Council considered the matter and approved the same.

The audited accounts and audit report was received from the CAG on 15th December, 2014, which was thereafter made bilingual and got printed together with annotated reply of the University, and sent to the MHRD vide letter No. 5-2/CUHP/GA/2012/9436 dated 19th December, 2014 for laying the same before Parliament under Section 31(4) of the Central Universities Act 2009.

The Audited Annual Accounts were further reported to the Finance Committee and the Executive Council in their 12th & 19th Meetings held on 17th January, 2015 and 16th June, 2015 respectively.

The Court ratified the Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2013-14 together with the audit report and the reply of the University thereto.

While noting the reasons explained for the Court not being consulted before the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the University were submitted to the Visitor, the Court was of the view that it must be consulted, as it is required to be and should not be bypassed hereafter. It recommended that hereafter a definite time-line must be established and followed for all the steps required in the process, including deliberations by the Court before the Annual Report and Annual Accounts are passed to the Visitor and Central Government.

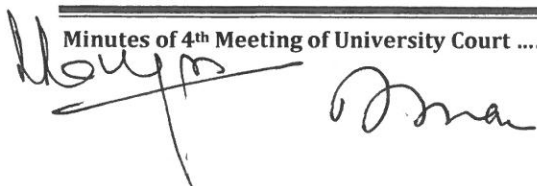
ITEM NO. 4.5

To report to the Court the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2014-15 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2013-14.

The Budget Estimates for the financial year 2014-15 and the revised Estimates for the year 2013-14 were placed before the Finance Committee vide Item No. 10.4 in its 10th Meeting held on 23rd March, 2014 for consideration and approval. The recommendations of the Finance Committee are placed at ANNEXURE - 4.5.

The said Item was further approved by the Executive Council vide Item No. 15.7 in its 15th Meeting held on 24th March, 2014.

The Court considered the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2014-15 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2013-14.



ITEM NO. 4.6

To report to the Court the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2015-16 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2014-15.

The Budget Estimates for the financial year 2015-16 and the revised Estimates for the year 2014-15 were placed before the Finance Committee vide Item No. 12.8 in its 12th Meeting held on 17th January, 2015 for consideration and approval. The recommendations of the Finance Committee are placed at **ANNEXURE - 4.6.**

The said Item was further approved by the Executive Council vide Item No. 19.12 in its 19th Meeting held on 16th June, 2015.

The Court considered the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2015-16 and the Revised Estimates for the year 2014-15.

Before the meeting ended, the members of the Court applauded the role of Prof. Furqan Qamar, the Founder Vice-Chancellor in the formative stage of the University for his dedication and appreciated the contribution made by him for the development of the University to the present status in particular and his contribution in the field of Higher Education at national level, in general.

Members of the Court, in particular Prof. A.M. Pathan and Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri observed that the University is moving in right direction and has made remarkable progress in such a short span of time. They further suggested that since Dr. Bhag Chand Chauhan, Associate Professor and Dr. Shailender Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor both of Department of Physics & Astronomical Science have specialization in the same field, they may be encouraged to pursue research jointly.

Further, many members of the Court gave their valuable suggestions, which are listed below:

- i. **Dr. Ranbir Singh:** Has emphasized on the importance of collaboration with other Institutions / Universities within and outside the state to make optimum use of resources and expertise.
- ii. **Prof. Chetan Singh:** The faculty may encourage publication of papers in reputed journals. The University should identify its own niche areas, avoid duplication of effort / other Universities / expertise of institutions in the vicinity / state and fill the voids in research and academic excellence.
- iii. **Prof. A.K. Ghatak:** Faculty members should be encouraged to excel in research especially in Science subjects.

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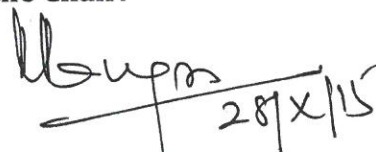
- iv. **Prof. C.N. Dhar:** Incorporate emerging trends (Digital India etc.) in Syllabus / Study / Research and Industrial representatives on University statutory bodies be increased.

The Honourable Chancellor, in his concluding remarks emphasised on the following:

- i. A letter be written to Founder Vice-Chancellor Prof. Furqan Qamar for making a good start and for his dedication in bringing up the University to present level / status.
- ii. Reinforced the need to follow University Vision. Towards this end, he suggested periodic review of University activities.
- iii. The Vice-Chancellor may constitute / have a 'Vision Group' which may meet twice a year and give suggestions for development of the University.
- iv. The University may ensure the calendar for processing the Audited Annual Accounts and the Annual Report of the University is followed.
- v. The University may come to the Court for any help in expediting the transfer / provision of land and on any other issue.

The Honourable Chancellor once again thanked the members for their active participation in the deliberations and for making valuable suggestions. The Honourable Chancellor also appreciated to the Honourable members of the Court that the guidance and support which the University received during the currency of term of First University Court shall continue from them in future too.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.



28/9/15

Brig. Jadish Chand Rangra, YSM (Retd.)
Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Member Secretary

Confirmed



Arun Maira
Chancellor-cum-Chairman