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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



Minutes

of

**60TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2023
AT 12:00 NOON AT SEMINAR HALL,
DHAULADHAR PARISAR-I, DHRAMSHALA.**

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MINUTES

- The 60th Executive Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 15th May, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at Seminar Hall, Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P. -176215. The Meeting was held through both offline & online mode.
- The following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Nagesh Thakur Professor, Department of Physics, H.P. University Shimla	MEMBER
4.	Prof. Niranjana Kumar, Nominee of UGC Chairman	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Naresh Kumar Mahajan, Former Principal, Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidhyalaya, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Academics) Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Mohinder Singh, Dean, School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
8.	Prof. Hum Chand, Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences	MEMBER

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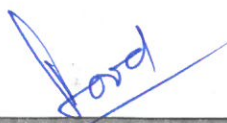
9.	Prof. Asutosh Pardhan, Professor, Department of Social Work	MEMBER
10.	Dr. Brihaspati Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit	MEMBER
11.	Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Member Secretary
12.	Sh. Narender Thakur, Finance Officer, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	SPECIAL INVITEE

3. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and thanked them for attending this meeting. He also informed that the following members are attending the meeting through Google Meet / online (<https://meet.google.com/krg-xdqd-awj>)

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Rajnish Kumar Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, MH.	MEMBER
2.	Prof. C.L. Chandan, Vice-Chancellor(Retd.), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cluster University Mandi, HP.	MEMBER
3.	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, New Delhi	MEMBER
4.	Prof. Rama Maikhuri, Education Department, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand	MEMBER
5.	Dr. Ruchi Badola, Scientist-G/Senior Professor, Bhartiya Vanyajeev Sansthan, Dehradun	MEMBER
6.	Dr. Khem Raj Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of English	MEMBER

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

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBER	
1.	Secretary (or his /her nominee), Department of Higher Education, MoE, New Delhi	Not Present
2.	Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, H.P.	Not Present
3.	Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University Jammu	Not Present



4.	Sh. Ashwani Kaushal, Industrialist Member, SHEC	Not Present
5.	Prof. Ambrish Kumar Mahajan, Dean Students' Welfare, CUHP	Not Present

5. The Registrar extended warm welcome to all the members of the Executive Council of the University. Thereafter, he invited Vice-Chancellor to present his address.

6. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. SP Bansal welcomed the distinguished members of the Executive Council. He introduced the newly appointed member of the Executive Council Prof. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, New Delhi to the house. It was informed by the Vice-Chancellor that the University has worked very rigorously for construction of its permanent campuses and as a result of these University efforts, the construction work of the South Campus of the University at Dehra is presently proceeding at a steady pace and soon the construction work of the North Campus of the University at Jadrangal, Dharamshala will be started after getting FCA Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest. He also appraised the Executive Council that the University has signed MoU with ISRO and an Astronomical Telescope will be installed in Dharamshala by ISRO in collaboration with CUHP which will not be only an asset for the University but will also be an attraction for the researchers / academicians and tourists across the Country. The University has been awarded a number of research projects by various sponsoring agencies for undertaking researches on themes of highly significant issues on National and International level. Out of these research projects, huge grant amounting to crores of rupees has been received by the university which has helped in upgrading the University infrastructure. The University has also made efforts for internationalization in academics and research through updation of curricula and making provisions for attracting foreign students in the University. The University has made industrial tie-ups to improve the quality of education and research which has also submitted in higher placement of student across different sectors in the Country.

The University has successfully organised Inter University Power Lifting (Women) Championship from 09th March, 2023 to 12 March, 2023. About 700 women participants and officials have been earmarked to participated in this event. The Ministry of Education, University Grants Commission and AIU has highly acknowledged the efforts of the University for successful organization of this sports event despite having infrastructural constraints.

The Vice-Chancellor also appraised the Executive Council that due to adoption of CUCET by the University in the last year, the number of applications for admission to various programmes of study in the university have increased manifold from previous year to this year. This has only been made possible due to the efforts of the University Officers and faculty members.

The Vice-Chancellor also appraised the Executive Council that NAAC Visit in the University is going to be held in the month of June/July 2023 and the University has already successfully submitted the SSR and resolved all the queries / observations raised by NAAC in DVV report. All

the necessary preparations for the NAAC visit are in the phase of completion. The Executive Council noted the matter and expressed its well wishes for getting a higher grade in NAAC.

The Vice-Chancellor also appraised the Executive Council that the University is planning to organise an event having the consortium of the different central universities on 24.06.2023 in which a joint MoU for academic and research collaboration will be signed between all collaborating Universities of the consortium.

7. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar-cum-Ex Officio Secretary to take up the agenda items as follows:

Item No. 60.1: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding Confirmation of the Minutes of 59th Meeting (offline & online) of the Executive Council held on 15th February, 2023.

The Minutes of 59th Executive Council Meeting held by offline & online mode on 15th February, 2023 are attached as per ANNEXURE-60.1(A) for confirmation.

The minutes of 59th meeting of the Executive Council held on 15th February, 2023 (offline & online) were noted and confirmed.

Item No. 60.2: To place before the Executive Council the Report about the Action Taken on the decisions of 59th Meeting (offline & online) held on 15th February, 2023.

The report about the Action Taken on the decisions of 59th Meeting of the Executive Council held offline & online mode on 15th February, 2023 is placed as per ANNEXURE-60.2(A) for kind perusal and approval of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council noted and approved the Action Taken on the decisions taken in 59th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 15th February, 2023.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:

Item No. 60.3 : To place before the Executive Council the matter for ratification of decision taken by Vice Chancellor regarding nomination of member of Executive Council in terms of Statute 11(1) (viii)

The Statute 11(1) (viii) of the Central Universities Act 2009 provides as under:



Statute 11(1)(viii): *"Two eminent academicians, not in the service of the University, to be nominated by the Executive Council from amongst a panel recommended by the Vice-Chancellor".*

The term of one member of the Executive Council nominated under the provisions of Statute referred above vide Item No. 44.5 in its 44th meeting held on 31 December, 2019 has expired on 19th January, 2023.

The Vice-Chancellor has nominated Prof. Pankaj Mittal, General Secy. AIU, New Delhi-110002 for a period of three years vide Notification No. 1-1/CUHP/GA/2010/2791-99 dated 28th April, 2023 **[Annexure-60.3(A)]** in terms of powers vested with him under Section 11(1) of the Central Universities Act, 2009, subject to the ratification by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 60.4: To place before the Executive Council details of expenditure incurred/proposed to be incurred on various Original and Repair & Maintenance works by the University.

The details of expenditure incurred/proposed to be incurred on various Civil and Electrical Works by Central University of Himachal Pradesh have been tabulated below:

S.No	Name of Work	Sanctioned Amount	Actual Expenditure Incurred/Proposed	Status/Remarks
1.	C/o Barrier free accessible toilets for differently abled and other repair & maintenance works at Shahpur Academic Block of CUHP.	Rs. 12,42,462/- (Sanctioned Amount as per Revised Approval incl. deviation)	Rs. 9,73,262/- (Till 1 st RA Bill) (Proposed)	Work has been completed on 15-04-2023. Preparation of Final Bill under Progress
2.	Providing and fixing flex boards, road signages, school/department boards, roll of honour boards etc. in various campuses/hostels of CUHP at Dharamshala, Dehra & Shahpur.	Rs. 8,65,034/- (Sanctioned Amount as per Revised Approval incl. deviation)	Rs. 4,80,949/- (Till 1 st RA Bill) (Proposed)	Work is under progress.
3.	Purchasing of Fire extinguishers for different campuses of the University.	Rs. 3,32,040/- (Sanctioned Amount as per estimate)	Rs. 1,06,200/- (Actual Work executed on the basis of L1 Quoted rates)	Work Completed on 19-04-2023
4.	Paint work and other repair work for New Library setup in basement Hall of Dhauladhar Parisar-I CUHP Dharamshala.	Rs. 1,98,026/- (Sanctioned Amount as per estimate)	Rs. 1,73,497/- (1 st and Final Bill)	Work Completed on 22-02-2023.
5.	Repair & maintenance works at Dhauladhar Parisar-1 of CUHP at Dharamshala (SH Paintwork etc).	Rs. 2,47,802/- (Sanctioned Amount as per estimate)	Rs. 2,42,316/- (1 st and Final Bill)	Work Completed on 15-03-2023.

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6.	Providing and Fabricating Wooden book shelves, Information Desk Counter, Back Counter with storage and Wooden Round Table with Glass Top for CUHP Library at Dharamshala.	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Sanctioned Amount as per estimate)	Rs. 9,09,473/- (Amount quoted by L1 Bidder) (Proposed)	File sent for approval for placing the Work Order.
7.	Providing and fixing wall mount wooden folding tables at Shahpur and installing Acrylic Letter Glow boards in three campuses of CUHP	Rs. 2,38,800/- (Sanctioned Amount as per estimate)	Rs. 2,23,200/- (1 st and Final Bill)	Work Completed on 06-04-2023.
8.	Providing and fixing aluminium partition in Deptt. of Animal Science Lab for Cell Culture Lab (Room 114) at Shahpur Parisar.	Rs. 1,20,059/- (Estimated Amount)	(Proposed)	File sent for Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction

The details of expenditure incurred on purchase of various stationery items, fire extinguishers, desktop computers, etc. during 01.12.2022 to 31.03.2023 have been tabulated below:

S. No.	Description of Items	Name of Firm	Mode of Purchase	Amount (Rs.)
1	Stationery Items	M/s Galaxy Marketing Co.	Through GeM	183,382.50
2	Stationery Items	M/s Samyak Enterprises	Through GeM	182,852.50
3	Fire Extinguishers	M/s New Bharat Fire Protection System	Through GeM	106,200.00
4	SMF Lead Acid Batteries	M/s Sherin Enterprises	Through GeM	220,492.00
5	Desktop Computers (Media Lab)	M/s RSO Solutions	Through GeM	322,495.00
6	Horizontal Tube Furnace	M/s Nano Tec	Through CPPP	670,000.00
7	Thermal & Electron Beam Evaporation System	M/s Hind High Vacuum Company Pvt. Ltd.	Through CPPP	3,422,000.00
8	IV Measurement Setup	M/s Satish Brothers	Through CPPP	2,499,905.00

Detail of Purchases above Rs. One Lakh for the Financial Year 2022-23 (December-22 to March-23) is tabulated below:

Sr. No.	Component Code	Particulars of Payment	Name of Firm	Mode Procurement	Amount of Payment (Rs.)	Vr. No. /Dated
1	Recurring-31	Printing & Stationery	M/s. Galaxy Marketing Co. Parwanoo	GeM	183383.00	25/08.03.2023
2	Capital Asstes-35	Multifunction Machine	M/s Suntech Systems, Dharamshala	GeM	214347.00	17/03.03.2023
3	Capital Asstes-35	High Quality Water Purification Systems	M/s Bio-Age Equipments & Services, Mohali	GeM	315000.00	43/15.03.2023
4	Capital Asstes-35	Stereo Microscope	M/s A B Scientific Solutions, Palampur	GeM	264910.00	55/17.03.2023
5	Capital Asstes-35	Uniline Online UPS	M/s SDV Engineering, Uttar Pradesh	GeM	418297.00	60/17.03.2023
6	Capital Asstes-35	Equitron Autoclave	M/s Obexo Scientific, Palampur	GeM	249800.00	63/17.03.2023
7	Capital Asstes-35	Equitron BOD Incubator	M/s Obexo Scientific, Palampur	GeM	146490.00	68/20.03.2023

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8	Capital Asstes-35	Website including hosting & maintenance service of CUHP	M/s Information & Library Network Centre	NIQ	1056100.00	111/24.03.2023
9	Capital Asstes-35	Computing Workstation	M/s Netweb Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Haryana	GeM	2220600.00	147/28.03.2023
10	Capital Asstes-35	Microscopes	M/s A B Scientific Solutions, Palampur	GeM	411997.00	156/29.03.2023
11	Capital Asstes-35	Microscopes	M/s Raj ji Scientific Surgico	GeM	449999.00	157/29.03.2023
12	Capital Asstes-35	Informatory Board , Furniture & Fixture	M/s Anshul Gupta	Work Order Engg. Wing	480948.00	162/30.03.2023
13	Capital Asstes-35	Ice Flake making machine, Water Bath Shaker, Deep Freezer & BOD Incubator	M/s Deep Distributors, Maranda	GeM	706718.00	163/30.03.2023
14	Capital Asstes-35	Thermo Scientific Single moulded vertical electrophoresis system	M/s Research Aid Instruments & Services, Palampur	GeM	166970.00	166/30.03.2023
15	Capital Asstes-35	Multi-parameter Water Quality Analyzer	M/s Helix Technology, Chandigarh	GeM	479978.00	167/30.03.2023
16	Capital Asstes-35	Thermo Scientific Single moulded Horizontal electrophoresis system	M/s Research Aid Instruments & Services, Palampur	GeM	139948.00	168/30.03.2023
17	Capital Asstes-35	Microscopes Pathological	M/s Ambika Scientific Traders, Palampur	GeM	285000.00	169/30.03.2023
18	Capital Asstes-35	TFT Micro weighing balance	M/s Helix Technology, Chandigarh	GeM	223609.00	170/30.03.2023
19	Capital Asstes-35	Sonicwall Secure Upgrade Plus Advance Edition	M/s Yuvitech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	GeM	494000.00	173/30.03.2023
20	Capital Asstes-35	Remi Led display BOD Incubator	M/s Deep Distributors, Maranda	GeM	250285.00	175/30.03.2023
21	Capital Asstes-35	Originalab professional Software	M/s Konark Solutions Bangalore Pvt. Ltd.	NIQ	481440.00	191/30.03.2023
22	Capital Asstes-35	Cole-Parmer Vertical Laboratory Deep Freezer	M/s A B Scientific Solutions, Palampur	GeM	430109.00	200/30.03.2023
23	Capital Asstes-35	65 Ah SMF Lead Acid Battery	M/s Sherin Enterprises, Bhopal	GeM	220492.00	201/30.03.2023
24	Capital Asstes-35	Wireless Microphone etc	M/s Click In Mcledoganj	NIQ	176900.00	436/30.03.2023
25	Capital Asstes-35	Weswox Rotary Microtome with Softtouch Screen Display	M/s Helix Technology, Chandigarh	GeM	470000.00	244/31.03.2023
26	Capital Asstes-35	Wooden eagel, Donkey table, Clor Mixing Stand, etc	M/s Singh Brothers, New Delhi	NIQ	190688.00	245/31.03.2023
27	Capital Asstes-35	Wooden eagel, Donkey table, Clor Mixing Stand, etc	M/s Singh Brothers, New Delhi	NIQ	190688.00	246/31.03.2023

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28	Recurring-31	Purchase of Chemical	M/s Deep Distributors, Maranda	GeM	257457.00	143/28.03.2023
29	Recurring-31	Purchase of Chemical	M/s Raj ji Scientific Surgico	GeM	216806.00	199/30.03.2023
30	Recurring-31	Printing & Stationery	M/s Samayak Enterprises, Dharamshala	GeM	182853.00	67/20.03.2023
31	Recurring-31	Purchase of Glassware	M/s Laboratory Glassware Co, Ambala	GeM	213953.00	217/21.02.2023
32	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of printers	M/s Office Plus Ltd., Chandigarh	GeM	1384440.00	15/08.12.2022
33	Capital Asstes-35	Wifi MHRD Project (Settlement of advance NCSIC	National Informatic Centre Service	NIQ	525152.00	28/12.12.2022
34	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of furniture & fixture (Book Rack, Chair, Table, Steel Almirah, Lab Stool)	M/s Twenty First Century Technoproducts, M.P.	GeM	3533074.00	54/15.12.2022
35	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of multimedia projector	M/s Advance Solutions, Punjab	GeM	1479700.00	64/20.12.2022
36	Capital Asstes-35	Labotary Equipment (Telescope , Camera etc)	M/s Modern Telescopes, Pune	NIQ	929407.00	130/28.02.2023
37	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of furniture & fixture (Two seater class room desking/ storage under desk)	M/s Lucky International, Chandigarh	GeM	223930.00	82/30.01.2023
38	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of Hammer Drilling machine, wall fans, Laser distance meter etc.	M/s Pushker Raj Sharma	Work Order Engg. Wing	639000.00	63/27.01.2023
39	Capital Asstes-35	Purchase of metal shelving racks	M/s Bansal Industries, Chandigarh	GeM	193500.00	52/23.01.2023

The Executive Council approved the above works/purchases and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 60.5: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendations of 34th Meeting of Academic Council held on 9th May, 2023

The Minutes of 34th Meeting of Academic Council held on 09th May, 2023 at Dhauladhar Parisar-I, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P. are attached as **Annexure-60.5(A).**

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of 34th Meeting of Academic Council held on 9th May, 2023.



Item No. 60.6 **To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendations of 37th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 27th March, 2023**

The Minutes of 37th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 27th March, 2023 at Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P. are attached as **Annexure-60.6(A).**

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of 37th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 27th March, 2023. The Executive Council deliberated on the recommendations of Finance Committee in detail and recommended that in future, separate budgetary provisions for Research & Development, Internationalization of University, and extension activities under recurring budget head be clearly mentioned by the finance officer in the financial note in Annual Estimated Budget.

Item No.60.7: **To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendations of 8th Meeting of Building Committee held on 20th March, 2023.**

The Minutes of 8th Meeting of University Building Committee held on 20th March, 2023 at Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P. are attached as **Annexure-60.7(A).**

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of 8th Meeting of University Building Committee held on 20th March, 2023.

Item No. 60.8 : **To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding providing of hostel facilities to the UG students.**

The University has hired a building (Devi Pitambra Kanya Chhatrawas) for providing the Hostel facilities at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra. The Provost of University has apprised that only one Student (Girls) had taken the admission for availing the Hostel facilities during the academic session 2022-23. The Provost further apprised that 14 applications have been received from the UG students (girls) of School of Performing & Visual Arts for availing the Hostel Facility. But only PG & RD students are eligible for availing the hostel facilities as per the University Hostel Regulation No. 07 provides as under:



"All admission to the hostels will be strictly made on the basis of merit. 10% seats shall be reserved for Ph.D scholars, 45% each for first and second PG semester students, Reservation policy of Govt. of India will be followed."

Keeping in view of above, the request of 14 UG students (girls) of the School of Performing & Visual Arts has been examined and recommended by the Dean Students Welfare and Dean (Academic) has suggested that at present, the number of girl students in the Girls' Hostel at Dehra is very less, so the 14 Undergraduate students who have applied for the hostel should be provided hostel facility on priority basis so that the hostel can be utilized properly. Subsequently, the matter was submitted to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor with a request to reduce the PG & RD seats in hostel proportionately so as to allocate these seats to the 14 UG students. The Vice-Chancellor has accorded approval to allocate seats to 14 UG students and also directed to place the matter before the Executive Council for ratification of the approval so accorded.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decision taken by Vice-Chancellor to allocate hostel facility to 14 UG students. Further, the Executive Council after deliberation on the matter authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to frame norms/regulations for providing hostel facility to UG, PG & RD students in future on merit basis. The Executive Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to accept the recommendations of this committee.

Item No. 60.9: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding representation received from Sh. Virender Sharma regarding payment of his Bills and Security money.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that the University has received a representation dated 28.02.2023 from Mr. Virender Sharma on behalf of M/s Rameshwari Travels, Dharamshala from whom the University had hired transport services during the period from 2011 to dated 31.12.2014. The University called Mr. Virender Sharma to represent his case before Registrar, Finance officer, Assistant Registrar (Finance), Assistant Registrar(GA), Assistant Registrar(Academic) and dealing hand transport matters. The entire record from the Finance and General Administration of the Registrar office was perused and it was observed:

- i. That the University has hired transport services (Buses) from M/s Rameshwari Travels(Under Proprietorship of Mr. Virender Sharma) by way of agreement during the period from 2011 to 31.12.2014 and



all the bills submitted by M/s Rameshwari Travels were paid to them including service tax. The said firm had submitted the last bill for payment on 1st January, 2015. Committee also observed that the CAG audit team during audit of the University for the period 2013-14 raised an audit Para that the provision of Service tax is not applicable in the Educational Institutions. Pursuant to instant audit para, the University vide letter date 11.12.2014 and 31.12.2014 informed Mr. Virender Sharma that the University has paid him an amount of Rs. 17,65,882/- towards service tax and requested him to submit copy of challan(s) towards depositions of the service tax paid by him.

ii. That the University, amid to audit observations raised by the CAG audit team, kept on hold the last bill dated 01.01.2015 submitted by M/s Rameshwari Travels and again vide letter no Accts. 3-4/CUHP/2010/52 dated 13.01.2015 again requested Mr. Virender Sharma to deposit the copy of challan(s) of service tax deposition for an amount of Rs. 17,65,882/- which was paid to him by this University. But Sh. Virender Sharma didn't deposit the same in this University.

iii. That the University again vide letter no. Accts./3-4/CUHP/2010/1116-18 dated 24.12.2020 again requested Mr. Virender Sharma to produce copy of the challan(s) as evidence for deposition of service tax to the tune of Rs. 17,65,882/- paid to him as service tax by this University. The committee observed that Mr. Virender Sharma has not yet submitted the same to the University and the audit observation to this effect stands still.

iv. That the committee observed that the allegation raised by Mr. Virender Sharma are baseless and not true to the fact. It is matter of records that as of today Mr. Virender Sharma has yet to submit the copy of challan(s) as evidence for deposition of service tax with the Govt. to the tune of Rs. 17,65,882/- which he had been paid by the University. As a precautionary measure an amount of Rs. 9,42,056/- has been kept on hold by the University on account of pending bill and security money which will be released to him soon after he submits copy of challan(s) as evidence of deposition of service tax to the Govt. to the tune of Rs.17,65,882/- as paid to him by the University. The committee has given 15 days time from 03.03.2023.

v. That the matter is also subjudice before Civil Judge(Jr. Div.)-cum-JMIC-I vide case no. 10/18. Despite several reminders and the time given by the committee Mr. Virender Sharma failed to submit the evidence of deposition of service tax to the Govt. to the tune of Rs.17,65,882/- as paid to him by the University. However, he vide letter received on 13.03.2023 again raised baseless allegations on the University that the Registrar of the University has no authority to ask for evidence for deposition of service tax and pointed out that he is in mental stress due to non-payment of his dues and threatened



that the Vice-Chancellor, Finance officer and Registrar shall be the responsible for any mis-happening to him and his family.

The entire matter is of service tax and the threatening of Mr. Virender Sharma need to be placed before the court where matter is pending after taking Legal advice.

The above matter was placed before the 37th Meeting of Finance Committee vide Item No. 37.8 held on 27th March, 2023 wherein the Finance Committee decided as follow:

"The members were apprised that a vender namely Sh. Virender Sharma has alleged baseless allegations vide his representation dated 28/02/2023. The said vender on behalf of M/s Rameshwari Travels has provided Transport services to the Central university during the period of 2011-2014. A sum of Rs. 17,65,882/- has been paid to the said vender on account of Service Tax, but has failed to provide the copies of Challan as a token of proof of deposition with the concerned authorities. Resultantly a sum of Rs. 9,42,056/- have been kept on hold on account of pending bills and security money for which he is pressing hard to release. It was further informed that the matter is sub-judice and is pending for final decision in the Hon'ble Court of Civil Judge(Jr. Division)-cum-JMIC-I vide Case No. 10/2018.

The members deliberated upon the issue and were unanimous in view that further action in the matter be taken as per norms/final outcome of said matter is pending for decision shall be apprised about the threat given by Sh. Virender Sharma vide his representation dated 28th February, 2023 through legal counsel of the University."

The Executive Council Noted and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive Council also approved the decision and directions approved by 37th Finance Committee in its meeting held on 27th March, 2023 vide item no. 37.8.

Item No. 60.10: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding Non-receipt of bids in tender(s) floated by the University for hiring of transport services (Buses).

It is submitted before the Executive Council that University was availing Transport services from HRTC(Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation) w.e.f. 01.01.2015 vide agreement dated 31.12.2014 which was extended till Dated 31.12.2022 and further dated 31.02.2023. The University by following all the codal formalities has floated the tender vide

notice dated 08.02.2023. Since, none of the bidder turned up to apply for the same, the tender was again floated on 28.02.2023 and again none of the bidder turned up to apply for this tender. The University has retendered this third time now.

Keeping in view the basic need/requirement of transport facility to be provided to the students amid scattered campuses and hostel of the University, if none of the bidder will apply for the tender this time(Third time) also, the University will continue with the existing arrangements and enter into agreement.

The 37th Finance Committee has recommended to continue with extension of existing agreement with HRTC and make efforts through tender simultaneously also.

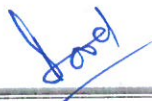
The Executive Council deliberated on the issue at length and approved the matter as per the recommendations made by the 37th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 27th March, 2023 vide item no. 37.7.

Item No. 60.11: To place before the Executive Council, the matter regarding current status of Physical and Financial Progress of, "Construction Work of Permanent Campuses of CUHP at Dharamshala and Dehra".

The Executive Council is appraised that the tender for construction of the permanent campuses of the CUHP at Dehra and Dharamshala, has been awarded to M/s Ahluwalia Contracts India Pvt Limited.

At Dehra, since 115 Ha of Land has already been handed over to the University therefore, construction activities viz. construction of Boundary Wall, Excavation & Foundation Work of Administrative and Academic Blocks, Fencing Work and Road Profile Work etc are in progress. A Concrete Batching Plant and Machinery for casting Cement Concrete Blocks has been commissioned at site. Also, the work of felling 582 No of trees falling in the building footprint/construction zone stands completed by the State Forest Corporation. Further, the State Government has also transferred funds amounting to Rs 39,50,000/- to Jal Shakti Vibhaag, Dehra and Rs. 8,56,000/- to HPSEBL, Dehra[**Annexure-60.11(A)**] for shifting the existing Water Supply and Electricity Lines from the construction site.

At Jadrangal (Dharamshala) site, the FCA Clearance case of 65 Ha of Forest Land is under progress. In this regard, the Forest Advisory Committee of MoEF in its meeting held on 27.01.2023 had raised some observations pertaining to Forest Clearance of the said land. The reply/compliance to the aforesaid observations has been submitted (online) by the State Government to MoEF&CC, New Delhi on 20.03.2023. The matter will now



be taken up by the Forest Advisory Committee of MoEF[**Annexure-60.11(B)**] in its next meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

The tender for construction permanent campuses of CUHP has been floated and awarded for Jadrangal (Dharamshala) site alongwith Dehra site, together as a single entity. Therefore, the construction work at Jadrangal site shall be started immediately after FCA approval of the said 65 Ha Forest Land from MoEF, GoI.

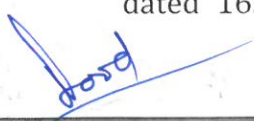
The Physical and Financial Progress reports of the construction work are also being submitted by CPWD on a monthly basis. The reports for the months ending September, 2022 till March, 2023 have been placed at **Annexure 3A to 3G** for kind perusal of the Executive Council.

Till date, an amount of Rs 45,92,00,000/- has been transferred to CPWD by CUHP for various activities related to construction of the permanent campuses. The latest Utilisation Certificate (UC) dated 05.04.2023 submitted by CPWD in this regard. The current balance amount, as per the UC stands at Rs. 16,23,06,372/-.

The Executive Council noted and expressed its satisfaction over the current status of Physical and Financial Progress of Construction Work of Permanent Campuses of CUHP at Dharamshala and Dehra. The Executive Council also approved and ratified the decision(s) taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive Council also approved that till the FCA clearance of Jadrangal Land is not obtained from MoEF, the tender for TPQA for Dehra campus be floated and awarded by following norms and due process. The TPQA for Jadrangal Campus be floated separately afterwards once necessary clearances are obtained for construction of north Campus at Jadrangal. The Executive Council also approved that the MoE, GoI be appraised about current status of land and construction of Jadrangal Campus and be requested to issue further directions in the matter.

Item No.60.12: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding issuance of Appointment letter to candidate(s) in the waiting panel for the post of Assistant Professor(s) in Department of HPKV Business School.

1. It is apprised that as per recommendations of the Selection Committee, Dr. Krishna Kumar Verma was appointed to the post of Assistant Professor in Department of HPKV Business School (under OBC Category). Accordingly, the offer of appointment letter No. 1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.XI/1444-46 dated 16.02.2023 was issued to the selected candidate i.e. Dr. Krishna



Kumar Verma and as per the terms and conditions of the appointment he was directed to join the post till 18.02.2023 i.e. 30 days from the date of issuance of appointment letter but the selected candidate did not join the post within the stipulated time. It is worth mentioning that the recommendations of the Selection Committee alongwith the waiting panel to the post of Assistant Professor in Department of HPKV Business was approved in the Executive Council in its 59th meeting held on 15.02.2023. Accordingly, the appointment letter was issued to the candidate mentioned at Sl.No. 01 i.e. Dr. Varun Saini of the said waiting panel for the post of Assistant Professor under OBC category in Department of HPKV Business School and as such Dr. Varun Saini has joined the university.

2. Similarly, as per recommendations of Selection Committee Dr. Varun Saini was appointed to the post of Assistant Professor in Department of HPKV Business School (under UR Category against Lien Vacancy). Accordingly, the offer of appointment letter No. 1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.XI/1464-76 dated 16.02.2023 was issued to the selected candidate i.e. Dr. Varun Saini and as per the terms and conditions of the appointment he was directed to join the post till 18.02.2023 i.e. 30 days from the date of issuance of appointment letter but the selected candidate did not join the post within the stipulated time. It is pertinent to mention here that the as recommendations of the Selection Committee alongwith the waiting panel to the post of Assistant Professor in Department of HPKV Business, the appointment letter was issued to the candidate mentioned at Sl.No. 01 i.e. Ms. Ruchi Sharma of the said waiting panel for the post of Assistant Professor in Department of HPKV Business School under UR Category against Lien Vacancy and as such Ms. Ruchi Sharma has joined the university.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard and to issue appointment letters to the concerned candidates from respective waiting list.

Item No.60.13: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding screening of applications to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Informatics

The Executive Council is appraised that the university advertised following Teaching vacancies in Department of Computer Science and Information vide Employment Notice No. 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022:

Sl.No.	Name of Post	Total Posts
1.	Professor	01 (ST-01)



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2.	Associate Professor	01 (SC-01-PwD-VH)
3.	Assistant Professor	01 (UR-01)+ 01 (SC-01-Lien Vacancy)

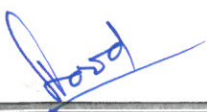
It is apprised to the Executive Council that the university has completed screening committee meeting for all the posts advertised vide above mentioned employment notice. The Screening Committee meeting for Department of Computer Science and Informatics could not be convened due to non-receipt of any application for the post of Professor and Associate Professor in this department but due to inadvertent mistake, the university could not conduct screening committee meeting for Assistant Professor in this Department for which the university received total No. of 196 applications. Consequently, the Executive Council in its 59th meeting was informed that all the posts (Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor) in the Department of Computer Science are vacant due to non-availability of minimum eligible candidates / non-receipt of applications. Therefore, these posts shall be re-advertised in due course but it is apprised that the university received total 196 applications for the post of Assistant Professor in Department of Computer Science and Information, for which the Selection Committee Meeting is yet to be organized.

It view of above, the matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor who approved to start Screening and Selection process for the post of Assistant Professor in Department of Computer Science and Information and report the matter to the Executive Council. The screening has been completed and the selection committee meeting in this context shall be held in May 2023.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to convene the Selection Committee meeting for the post of Assistant Professor in Department of Computer Science and Informatics advertised vide Employment Notice No. 001/2022 dated 15.06.2022. The Executive Council also accorded its approval to issue fresh advertisement for teaching positions that remained unfilled in previous advertisement (001/2022) for different reasons.

Item No.60.14: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding relieving of Dr. Archna Katoch, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Consequent upon her appointment to the post of Associate Professor at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Archna Katoch, Assistant



Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication vide her application dated 16.02.2023 submitted technical resignation and requested the university to relieve her by retaining lien for a period of one year, so as to enable her to join at Central University of Himachal Pradesh to the post of Associate Professor in Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

In the light of above, the Vice-Chancellor took a decision to relieve Dr. Archana Katoch, Assistant Professor w.e.f. 17.02.2023 (A/N) by retaining lien for a period of one year in this university, as per powers vested in him under clause 11(3) of Central Universities Act, 2009.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No.60.15: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding acceptance of resignation of Dr. Nirupama Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Visual Arts and Decision regarding notice period.

Consequent upon her selection as Professor in Department of Visual Arts on regular basis in Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Nirupama Singh vide her application dated 17.02.2022 submitted resignation and requested the university to relieve her from the post of Associate Professor by condoning the one month notice period as she has appointed in the same university.

In view of above, the Vice-Chancellor accepted the resignation tendered by Dr. Nirupama Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Visual Arts w.e.f. 20.02.2023 (FN) as per powers vested in him under Sl. No. 14 of Schedule of Delegation of Administrative Powers by temporarily condoning one month notice period as required under clause 6(b) of Statue 25 of the University contained under Second Schedule of Central Universities Act, 2009 with the direction that the matter regarding waiving off of notice period as required from a temporary teacher be placed for decision before the Executive Council. Accordingly, the matter is being placed before the Executive Council for ratification of approval accorded by Vice-Chancellor regarding acceptance of her resignation and for decision on the matter related to notice period.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard and also waived off/condoned requisite one month notice period.



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Item No.60.16: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of MACP to 02 Non-Teaching Staff of the university

The Executive Council is appraised that following Non-Teaching employees were appointed in the university in the year 2011:

Sl. No.	Name of the Employee	Designation	Date of Joining	Pay Matrix Level	Group
1.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Singh	Assistant Director (OL)	30.11.2011	Level-10	A
2.	Sh. Vineet Sharma	Junior Engineer (Electrical)	29.11.2011	Level-06	B

Due to non-availability of posts for promotion, the employees could not be promoted. As such, these employees are to be covered under the provisions of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACP). The rules position of MACP is envisaged under DoPT, Government of India OM No. 35034/3/2015-Estt.(D) dated 22.10.2019. The University Grants Commission vide letter No. 1-2/20200(JCRC) dated 09.06.2020 has directed all the CUs to process the cases of MACP strictly as per ibid OM of DoPT. The provisions as contained in above referred DoPT OM dated 22.10.2019 is reproduce at below:-

The Seventh Central Pay Commission in Para 5.1.44 of its report, recommended that Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) **will continue to be administered at 10, 20 and 30 years as before.** In the new Pay matrix, the employees will move to the immediate next Level in the hierarchy. As per the recommendations, the Scheme will be available to all posts, including Group "A" posts, whether isolated or not. However, Organised Group "A" Services will not be covered under the Scheme. In other words, MACPS will continue to be applicable to all employees up to HAG level, except members of Organised Group 'A' Services.

Accordingly, the Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee as per provisions/composition mention in above DoPT OM dated 22.10.2019. The meeting of this committee was held on 08.02.2023 and the committee vide its recommendations dated 08.02.2023 recommended to grant MACP to above 02 Non-Teaching employees as per details given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Employee	Designation	Date of Joining	Date of Upward Movement	Date of applicability of Financial
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Upward Movement from Pay Matrix Level 10 (Group-A) to Pay Matrix Level 11 (Group-A) under MACP Scheme:					
1.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Singh	Assistant Director (OL)	30.11.2011	30.11.2021	30.11.2021
Upward Movement from Pay Matrix Level-06 (Group-B) to Pay Matrix Level-07 (Group-B) under MACP Scheme:					
2.	Sh. Vineet Sharma	Junior Engineer (Electrical)	29.11.2011	29.11.2021	29.11.2021

The above recommendations of the committee were placed before the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor approved the said recommendations and accorded his approval for grant of MACP as per recommendations of the committee in accordance with the powers vested in him under clause 11(3) of Central Universities Act, 2009.

The Executive Council approved the recommendations of committee along with its constitution and approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No.60.17: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding inquiry Committee(s).

The Executive Council is apprised that as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 50.9 in its 50th meeting held on 13.08.2021 a high level inquiry committee consisting of followings was constituted vide office order No. 4-1/ CUHP/Estt./2011/ 5984-85 dated 02.09.2021:

क्र.सं.	सदस्य का नाम	सदस्यता की स्थिति
1.	प्रो. रजनीश कुमार शुक्ला कुलपति, महात्मा गांधी अंतरराष्ट्रीय हिंदी विश्वविद्यालय, वर्धा (महाराष्ट्र)	अध्यक्ष
2.	प्रो. संजीव कुमार शर्मा कुलपति, महात्मा गांधी केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय, मोतिहारी (बिहार)	सदस्य
3.	प्रो. सुदेश गर्ग फ्लैट नं. 50, जी.एच.-29, एमडीसी सेक्टर-5, पंचकूला (हरियाणा)	सदस्य
4.	प्रो. नरेश कुमार महाजन पूर्व प्राचार्य, राजकीय कन्या महाविद्यालय, शिमला (हिमाचल प्रदेश)	सदस्य
5.	प्रो. ओ.एस.के.एस. शास्त्री प्रोफेसर, भौतिक एवं खगोल शास्त्र विज्ञान विभाग, हि.प्र.के.वि., शाहपुर	सदस्य
6.	प्रो. प्रदीप कुमार अधिष्ठाता छात्र कल्याण, हि.प्र.के.वि., धर्मशाला	सदस्य
7.	कुलसचिव हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय, धर्मशाला	सदस्य सचिव

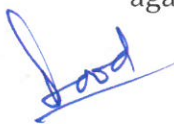
It is pertinent to mention here that above committee was constituted to initiate inquiry regarding relieving of Sh. Narinder Thakur, Finance Officer by the then officiating Vice-Chancellor and the then officiating Registrar of the university. Presently the above inquiry is going on and the committee is soon expected to submit its final report before the Executive Council for further action in the matter.

Apart from this, the Ministry of Education, Government of India constituted a Fact Finding Committee (FFC) on the complaint filed by the Sh. BR Dhiman, Ex-Finance Officer of the University before the Lokpal of India. The report of the said FFC was placed in the 53rd meeting of the Executive Council held on 21.03.2023. The Executive Council perused the said inquiry report alongwith all its annexures sent by the Ministry of Education. After detailed discussion in the matter, the Executive Council constituted following committee to study and examined the FFC report in detail so that further action could be initiated on the recommendations of the inquiry report:

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| 1. | Dr. Naresh Mahajan | : | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. C.L. Chandan | : | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Sudesh Garg | : | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Pardeep Kumar, DSW | : | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Narinder Kumar, Finance Officer | : | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Om Parkash, IAO | : | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar(Addl. Charge) | : | Member Secretary |

Accordingly, the sealed report of the inquiry committee was placed in the 57th meeting of the Executive Council held on 16.12.2022 vide item No. S4 and as per approval of the Executive Council, Dr. Naresh Mahajan, (EC Member) was appointed Inquiry officer to frame the charges and prepare chargesheet in respect of Sh. Hem Raj so that further action could be initiated by the University. The Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh was also appointed as Presenting Officer to Dr. Naresh Mahajan, Inquiry Officer. It was notified vide office order No. 4-1/CUHP/Estt./2011/949-50 dated 30.01.2023.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Sh. Hem Raj, Deputy Registrar along with other 05 employees of the university who are governed under Old-GPF-cum-Pension and Gratuity Scheme, filed Contempt Petition vide COPC No. 83/2023 (Hem Raj & Others Vs Vishal Sood, Registrar, CUHP) before Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh, which is in the name of Registrar (Prof. Vishal Sood). It is pertinent to mention here that the registrar (Prof. Vishal Sood) has the responsibility of the Member Secretary and the Presenting Officer respectively in two inquiries mentioned at para 2 above. In this situation, there may be a possibility of making other allegations against the Registrar (Prof. Vishal Sood) by the petitioners. In this situation,



the Vice-Chancellor approved to obtain legal opinion in this matter from Deputy Solicitor General of India, Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

The Deputy Solicitor General of India vide his letter Ref. No. BS/4493/23 dated 21.03.2023 advised university as under:-

"With reference to your letter dated 13.01.2023 qua appointment of Sh. Vishal Sood, Registrar as Presenting Officer, there is an established principle of Natural Justice that "Justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done". It is further submitted that the principle Nemo Debate esse judex in proria causa is abbreviated as demo judder in cause sua. This principle of natural justice is often referred to as rule against bias- which simply says that a person shall not judge his own case or any case in which he has an interest. This principle was recognized as a measure of controlling one from defeating the idols of justice and fare play. It was contending that in order to install confidence in the justice system, it is necessary that justice is not just done but also is seen to be done. The rule simply takes that the person in authority to judge shall be just, impartial, and shall act without bias. Bias can be of three kinds (1) Pecuniary Bias (2) Personnel Bias (3) Officials Bias. The underlined principle is very straight forward and states that, bias is bound to creep in when the one judging the case has any kind of interest in it, be it personnel bias i.e. a person is judging in own case or a case against in his relatives- pecuniary bias where is judge or adjudicators performs partially under the influence of monitory benefits - officials bias where bias behaviour creeps in because of the influence of the position. It is a well establish fact that the probability bias is sufficient to invalidate the right to sit in judgement and there is no need to have proof of actual bias.

Since incumbents have filed Contempt Petition against Sh. Vishal Sood being the Registrar of the University and as such it is advisable to substitute the name of Sh. Vishal Sood as presenting officer as well as the member secretary."

In pursuance to the advice of Deputy Solicitor General of India mentioned at above, the Vice-Chancellor decided to:-

- a. Replace/substitute Prof. Vishal Sood from the responsibility of Members Secretary in the high level inquiry committee constituted vide office No. 4-1/ CUHP/Estt./2011/ 5984-85 dated 02.09.2021



and appointed Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Academics) as Member Secretary in the said high level inquiry committee.

- b. Replace/substitute Prof. Vishal Sood from the responsibility of Presenting Officer in the inquiry constituted vide office No. 4-1/ CUHP/Estt./2011/949-50 dated 30.01.2023 and appointed Prof. Manoj Saxena as Presenting Office in said inquiry committees.

The Executive Council ratified the approval accorded by Vice-Chancellor for appointment of new Member Secretary and new Presenting Officer in respective committees as mentioned in above paras and also ratified and approved the decisions taken by Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 60.18: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of EOL to Dr. KBS Krishna on Medical Ground.

1. The Executive Council is appraised that Prof. KBS Krishna, Assistant Professor, Department of English has been sanctioned with 180 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical Ground in various spells for the period from 13.08.2022 to 08.02.2023. In the meanwhile the teacher again requested for sanction of 180 days Extra Ordinary Leave (on medical ground) from 09.02.2023 to 07.08.2023. The said request of the teacher has duly been recommended by the Head of the department due to the teacher is suffering from chronic kidney disease from August, 2020 and he is not in the condition to attend the office regularly.

2. Keeping in view the serious illness of the university teacher, the Vice-Chancellor took a decision to sanction 180 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical Ground (Without Pay) in favour of Dr. KBS Krishna from 09.02.2023 to 07.08.2023, as per clause 8.4(VI)(i)&(ii)(a) which provides following:

VI. Extraordinary Leave

- (i) A permanent teacher may be granted extraordinary leave when:
 - (a) No other leave is admissible; or
 - (b) Other leave is admissible and the teacher applies in writing for the grant of extraordinary leave.
- (ii) The extraordinary leave shall always be without pay and allowances. It shall not count for an increment except in the following cases:
 - (a) Leave taken on the basis of medical certificates;
 - (b) Cases where the Vice-Chancellor/Principal is satisfied that the leave was taken due to causes beyond the control of the teacher, such as inability to join or rejoin duty due to civil commotion or a natural calamity, and the teacher has no other kind of leave to his credit;
 - (c) Leave taken for pursuing higher studies; and
 - (d) Leave granted to accept an invitation to a teaching post or fellowship or research-cum- teaching post or on assignment for technical or academic work of importance.

3. It is also apprised to the Executive Council that till date the teacher concerned has availed total 768 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical



Ground (Without Pay) from 03.04.2021 to 17.05.2022 (408 days), 13.08.2022 to 08.02.2023 (180 days) and 09.02.2023 to 07.08.2023 (180 days).

The Executive Council approved to grant EoL on medical grounds (without pay) for above mentioned periods and ratified the decision(s) taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No.60.19: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of Study Leave to Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer.

The Executive Council is apprised that Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer vide his application dated 03.09.2019 requested the university to grant him NOC to pursue PhD from Centre of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies in Central University. In view of his application, the university issued NOC to the incumbent. Further, Sh. Munish Kumar vide his application dated 19.05.2020 informed the university that he has got admission in said PhD programme. Hence, 06 months Study Leave be sanctioned in his favour to complete PhD course work. The matter was placed before the then Vice-Chancellor and the then Vice-Chancellor approved to sanction 06 months study leave in favour of employee concerned. Accordingly, the university sanctioned 06 months study leave in favour of Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer w.e.f. 02.06.2020 to 01.12.2020 vide office order No. 7-24/CUHP/Estt./2011/Vol.II/3094-97 dated 29.05.2020. After completion of said study leave the employee joined back to the university.

Further, Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer vide his application dated 27.12.2021 again applied for second spell of study leave for a period from 02.06.2020 to 25.11.2020 which was rejected by the Competent Authority due to shortage of manpower of Non-Teaching staff in the university. The employee time and again represented the university to sanction study leave in his favour. In the meanwhile Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer approached to the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh and filed CWP No. 1208/2023 with a request to direct the respondent university to grant him remaining 01 year 06 months study leave.

In view of above, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, keeping in view the service exigencies of the university and amid shortage of manpower of Non-Teaching staff, has sanctioned one year Study Leave in favour of the employee (petitioner) vide office order No. 7-24/CUHP/Estt./2011/



Vol.II/2081-85 dated 10.04.2023 **[Annexure-60.19(A)]**. However, the petitioner in response to this office order has submitted another representation by mentioning that ".....leave sanction authority is not competent to alter/change the period of leave applied under CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972....." The copy of representation dated 10.04.2023 of petitioner is attached at **[Annexure-60.19(B)]**.

The university vide its letter No. 7-24/CUHP/Estt./2011/Vol.II/2537 dated 17.04.2023 requested the Deputy Solicitor General of India, High Court of HP to apprise the Hon'ble High Court not only with the decision of the university regarding sanction of 1 year study leave to the petitioner vide office order No. 7-24/ CUHP/Estt./20211/ Vol.II/2081-85 dated 10.04.2023 but, also to apprise the Hon'ble court with such act of the employee (petitioner) for using such language to the highest authority of the university against the Code of Conduct meant for government employees.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that such language used by the employee of university (petitioner in the instant case) clearly shows disrespect not only towards the university authorities i.e. Vice-Chancellor but is also a disrespect towards the university rules/provisions which clearly stipulates that 'Leave cannot be claimed as matter of right'. The copy of university provisions/rules as per CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 is also attached at **[Annexure-60.19(C)]**. On the one hand, the competent authority has sanctioned the petitioner study leave for completing his study by keeping aside the interests of the university and on the other hand, the employee is showing such discourteous behaviour by using language completely against the conduct rules meant for government employees. The matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor who directed to place the matter before Executive Council for information and further directions in the matter.

The Executive Council after perusal of the record and detailed deliberations on the matter noted that 01 Year and 06 Months Study Leave has already been sanctioned in favour of the University Employee (Section Officer) which stands informed to the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in the matter of CWP No. 1208/2023 (Munish Kumar VS CUHP). The Executive Council took a serious view of the language used by the employee in his representation. However, the Executive Council was of the opinion that as the matter is pending before Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh, therefore, no observation/decision can be taken in this matter by the Executive



Council at present. The matter be placed before the Executive Council after decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in the matter. The Executive Council approved the decision/sanction of one year study leave by the Vice-Chancellor. The Executive Council noted that there is no provision for grant of study leave for non-teaching employees in the University Ordinances. However, as per CCS/CCA(Leave) Rules, 1972, the provision of study leave is available for government employees but the programme of study for which study leave has been applied, must have a direct and close connection with the sphere of the duty of concerned employee. The Executive Council also noted that the subject for which study leave is granted in instant case to pursue PhD is not related and connected to the Administration(the sphere of duty of concerned employee). For such type of cases/applications in future, the Executive Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee to examine the applications received from the university non-teaching employees for granting Permission / NOC to pursue regular/part time/ correspondence courses of study requiring Study Leave or leave of any other kind. Till then, all the applications received from non-teaching employees in this regard shall be kept pending/on hold and no NOC or leave (of any kind) be given to any non-teaching employee by keeping in to consideration the lesser non-teaching employees in the university at present. The Executive Council also directed that while sanctioning leave to any non-teaching employee, the program of study for which leave is required must have a direct and close connection with the sphere of duty. It also directed that the interests of University be kept at top and if in case leave is unavoidable due to any reason, the same may be sanctioned as EOL(without pay).

Item No. 60.20: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding framing of Cadre Recruitment Rules for various Non-Teaching positions.

It is appraised to the Executive Council that the university had advertised various Non-Teaching positions vide Employment Notice No. 001/2023 dated 03.02.2023 as per CRR circulated by the University Grants Commission. In the meanwhile, the Executive Council of the university vide item No. 59.8 in its 59th meeting held on 15.02.2023, showed the concerns regarding age stipulated in the advertisement (No. 001/2023 dated 03.02.2023) and forwarded its suggestions for incorporating in the advertisement. After detailed discussion in the matter, the Executive Council unanimously approved that the Employment Notice No. 001/2023 dated 03.02.2023 be withdrawn immediately and the matter of CRR related



to Non-Teaching cadre be re-examined as per concern/ suggestion of the Executive Council.

It pursuance to above decision of the Executive Council, the university withdrew the advertisement for various Non-Teaching positions advertised vide Employment Notice No. 001/2023 dated 03.02.2023 and the Existing CRR (as per Model CRR of UGC) were again forwarded to the Committee constituted by the university vide officer order No. 1-4/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.V/5713-14 dated 11.10.2022 to re-examine the CRR and submit its recommendations alongwith final draft of CRR for various Non-Teaching positions in the university.

In view of above, the meeting of the committee (constituted to frame the CRR) was convened on 24.02.2023 and the committee has framed CRR for recruitment of various Non-Teaching positions of the university. It is further apprised that as per above suggestions of the Executive Council, the committee has made minor changes w.r.t. age condition for various Non-Teaching positions. It is also informed that the educational qualification and other terms and conditions for every Non-Teaching positions are strictly as per Model CRR circulated by the UGC and the committee had not changed the educational qualification for any post. The Cadre Recruitment Rules so framed by the Committee have been forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter No. 1-4/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.VI/1771 dated 01.03.2023 for approval of the Ministry so that recruitment can be done in a time bound manner as per directions of Ministry of Education, Government of India under Mission Mode Recruitment. The approval of the Ministry in this regard is still awaited.

The Executive Council perused the draft CRRs sent to MoE by the University and noted the matter.

Item No.60.21 : To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding issuance of appointment letter to Dr. Dinesh Lakhanpal to the post of Assistant Professor, Centre for Computational Biology and Bio-informatics on regular basis.

The University had advertised various teaching positions to be filled on contract basis against vacancies arose on account of lien retained by the permanent incumbent with the stipulation of regularization after termination of lien held by the permanent incumbent. As per rules, the lien vacancy becomes the regular vacancy soon after termination of lien held by the permanent incumbent.

The following teacher was appointed on contract basis as per provisions as envisaged in the UGC Regulations 2018:



Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Appointment Letter No
1.	Dr. Dinesh Lakhanpal	Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics	1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.IX/1490-92

The lien held by Dr. Shailender Kumar Verma, Assistant Professor, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics stands terminated on 26.10.2021 (F/N) vide office order no. 6-42/CUHP/Estt./2012/1178-81 dated 06.02.2023 subsequent to his confirmation in his new institution and this vacancy has become regular now.

Accordingly, the regularization of the services of the Dr. Dinesh Lakhanpal (against post of Dr. Shailender Kumar Verma) appointed against lien vacancy, in terms of clause (i) of the appointment letter is required to be done as per the provision of the appointment letter dated 19.11.2019 issued to Dr. Dinesh Lakhanpal respectively.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding termination of lien of Dr. Shailender Kumar Verma w.e.f. 26.10.2021 and accorded further approval to initiate the process of regularization of teacher recruited against lien vacancies i.e. (Dr. Dinesh Lakhanpal).

Item No 60.22: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding extension of lien in respect of Dr. Ashish Nag.

Consequent upon his appointment to the post of Associate Professor at Central University of Himachal Pradesh in the year 2020, Dr. Ashish Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School vide his application dated 11.05.2020 submitted technical resignation and requested the university to relieve him by retaining lien for a period of two year, so as to enable him to join at Central University of Himachal Pradesh to the post of Associate Professor in Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

In view of above, the then Vice-Chancellor accepted the resignation tendered by Dr. Ashish Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School w.e.f. 11.05.2020(FN) by retaining lien for a period of two year on the permanent post held by him till 11.05.2022(FN).

It is pertinent to mention here that appointment of Dr. Ashish Nag to the post of Associate Professor, Department of Tourism and Travel Management was subject to final outcome of Review Petition No. 69/2018 pending before Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh. The said CWP is

still pending before the Hon'ble High Court. In view of this, the university has not confirmed the services of teacher to the post of Associate Professor in Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

In the light of above, the teacher vide his application dated 23.03.2022 requested the university to extend his lien till the final outcome of said writ petition which is pending in Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh. Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor who has approved to extend the lien to the teacher concerned for a period of 01 year till 11.05.2023 on the permanent post held by him. In view of the approval of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the lien was extended for another 01 year till 11.05.2023 vide office order No. 5-34/CUHP/Estt./2020/2533-40 dated 09.05.2022.

Further, the teacher vide his application dated 03.04.2023 again requested the university to extend his lien till the final outcome of said writ petition which is pending in Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh.

It is apprised to the Executive Council that the Executive Council in its 57th meeting held on 16.12.2022 vide item No. 57.28 approved following regarding the matter of extension(s) in lien:-

*The Executive Council decided and approved to grant extension in lien (initially for a period of 06 months) after completion of 01 year lien which can further be extended for another 06 months on the approval of the Vice-Chancellor. **The Executive Council also decided and approved that the cases of extension in lien after a total of 02 years will be placed before the Executive Council for decision in the matter.***

Accordingly, in pursuance to the decision of the 57th meeting of the Executive Council mentioned above and keeping in view the emergent nature of this service matter, the Vice-Chancellor took a decision to extend the lien retained by Dr. Ashish Nag for a further 06 months till 11.11.2023 and directed to place this matter before the Executive Council for further decision in the matter.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Executive further approved to grant extension in lien to the concerned Teacher(Dr. Ashish Nag) till final verdict/decision in the matter by Hon'ble HP High Court.



Item No.60.23: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendations of screening committee in respect of application submitted by Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh, Associate Professor for promotion/placement under CAS.

The Executive Council is apprised that Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh was appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Department of History and the teacher concerned joined as such on 30.09.2019 on regular basis. After completion of requisite year of service, the teacher submitted his application for Promotion under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-13A (Associate Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-14 (Professor).

The clause 6.4(C)(iv) of UGC Regulations, 2018 provides following provisions for Promotion/Placement of teachers under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-13A (Associate Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-14 (Professor):-

IV. Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14)

Eligibility:

- 1) An Associate Professor who has completed three years of service in Academic Level 13 A.
- 2) A Ph.D degree in the subject concerned/allied/relevant discipline.
- 3) A minimum of ten research publications in the peer- reviewed or UGC-listed journals out of which three research papers should have been published during the assessment period.
- 4) Evidence of having successfully guided doctoral candidate.
- 5) A minimum of 110 Research Score as per Appendix II, Table 2.

CAS Promotion Criteria:

A teacher shall be promoted if;

- i) He/she gets 'satisfactory' or 'good' grade in the annual performance assessment reports of at least two of the last three years of the assessment period, as per Appendix II, Table 1, and at least 110 research score, as per Appendix II, Table 2.
- ii) The promotion is recommended by a selection committee constituted in accordance with these Regulations.

As per approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the said application was placed before the Screening Committee so constituted/nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for determining Eligibility as per above mentioned clause of UGC Regulations, 2018. The meeting of the said Screening Committee was held on 09.11.2022 and the committee declared him '**Not Eligible**' due to **lack of minimum requisite Research Papers as per UGC Regulations, 2018**. Since the teacher concerned has claimed only 05 research papers. The said recommendations of screening committee was placed before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor alongwith provision of clause 6.3(VI)(iii) of UGC Regulation, 2018 which is retreated below:-

The candidate who does not succeed in the first assessment, he/she shall have to be re-assessed only after one year. When such a candidate succeeds in the eventual assessment, his/her promotion shall be deemed to be one year from the date of rejection.




The Vice-Chancellor approved the recommendations of the Screening Committee. Accordingly, the teacher was informed vide letter No. 4-1/CUHP/ Estt./2010/CAS/928-31 dated 27.01.2023. Further, the teacher concerned vide his application dated 30.01.2023 represented the university as under:-

"..... I am not convinced and satisfied by the Screening Committee's declaration of my ineligibility because I have fulfilled all the requisite conditions mandated for promotion. Your letter also did not clearly pin out the contention of the Screening Committee, which formed the basis of rejection. Merely stating the Clause 6.3 (VI)(III) of UGC's Regulations 2018 does not serve the purpose as I think this has been mis-invoked out of relevant context. The Screening Committee, in my case, is misconstrued as Selection Committee, which is patently wrong reading of the UGC's above cited clause. To my understanding, it can only screen the documents and has no role in assessment. If in the screening process the committee has found any inadequacy, viz. non-submission of relevant documents, research publications etc., which I may have, but may have not submitted due to inadvertent lack of awareness about the documentation process, then they can always demand and ask for such documents to be submitted. However, in my case nothing such has been done. This is not justified. So let me request you the observations/objections of the screening committee made known to me. If there is lack of any document, I will readily submit it to your office so that necessary amends can be done.

Sir, this is a serious pertaining to my service and position and the impending loss I will suffer thereof, if this anomaly persists. Therefore, please accord it priority and ensure its speedy and timely rectification."

The above representation of the teacher was placed before the Vice-Chancellor who directed to place the matter before Executive Council for further decision/directions.

The Executive Council did not approve the recommendations of previous screening committee (meeting held on 09.11.2022) and after deliberations on the matter and on perusal of representation received from teacher, approved that the teacher be directed to submit a fresh



application for promotion / placement under CAS to the university and same be placed before the screening committee for assessment. The Executive Council also approved that if the teacher will fulfil all conditions for promotion under CAS as per UGC Regulations 2018, the promotion shall be given from the original date of eligibility.

Item No.60.24: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding interest paid on GPF.

1. The Executive Council is apprised that in compliance to the decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in the matter of LPA 13/2016 passed in pursuance to Ministry of Education letter 5-3/201-CU-III dated 02.12.2019 dated 02.12.2019, the university covered 10 employees of the university under Old-GPF-cum-Pension and Gratuity Scheme. Subsequently, the university started receiving terminal benefits from their parent departments including GPF accumulations. The university invested these retirement benefits alongwith university funds in the Nationalized Public Commercial Banks on the recommendations of University investment Committee, wherein, the beneficiaries were also the members. The university declared the interest on GPF as it gained on these investments in accordance with directions of the Ministry of Education, Government of India conveyed/clarified vide letter No. F.16-1/2018(CU) dated 05.07.2018, wherein, it is clearly it is conveyed/clarified that **"Your kind attention is invited to this office letter number F. 30-2/2003 (CU) dated 27.04.2004 (copy enclosed). Now, it is again reiterated that since PF regulations of Central University are notified under the PF Act, 1927, in terms of selection 8(2) of the said Act, it is mandatory to follow the rate of Interest notified by the Government. Lesser rate of Interest can be paid depending upon the financial position of the Institution, but higher rate of Interest cannot be paid. Quite obviously, the budget of an institution can in no case be augmented in order to meet the shortfall between the interest liability of the Institution on PF subscription and the income earned on the investment of Provident Fund. In the circumstances, in the event of shortfall between the interest liability of an institution on PF subscription and the income earned on the investment of Provident Fund, an Institution would have no option but to pay interest at lesser rate, unless financial position of the institution permits to follow the rate interest notified by the Government.**

This is for your information, guidance and strict compliance. Further, you are requested to send the compliance report at the earliest."



2. It is submitted that 05 out of 06 beneficiaries have time and again represented the university to grant them rate of interest at par with the rate of interest as declared by the Government on GPF and filed contempt petitioner before Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh vide COPC No. 83/2023. The copy of the contempt petition so filed by these 06 employees (Teaching & Non-Teaching) is attached at [Annexure-60.24(A)].

3. It is pertinent to mention here that the entire matter was submitted to the Ministry of Education, Government of India by the university vide letter No 1-11/CUHP/Estt./2020/1871-74 dated 09.03.2023 to seek clarification and further directions in the matter. In response to this letter dated 09.03.2023 of the university, the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide its letter No. 54-3/2012-CU.III dated 24.03.2023 clarified as reproduced as under:-

"Please refer to you letter No. 1-11/CUHP/Estt./2020/1871-74 dated 09th March, 2023, on the above subject.

University may proceed in the matter in accordance with the decision conveyed vide out letter of even number dated 15.06.2022 to defend the proceedings in the Court. CUHP is also requested to defend the interest of Government of India in the matter."

4 Further, it is worth to mentioning that the entire matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor and approved the following:-

- a. Whereas, the said Contempt Petition has also been filed personally on the Registrar (Prof. Vishal Sood). Hence, the Vice-Chancellor has allowed Prof. Vishal Sood, Registrar to engage a separate lawyer and to travel from time to time in future for the hearing of the said petition, if, he desired so. The university shall bear the lawyer fee so hired by him and future travelling, boarding & lodging etc. expenses of Prof. Vishal Sood in this regard.
- b. Place the matter before the Executive Council to apprise the factual position.

The Executive Council approved/ratified the decisions taken by Vice-Chancellor in the matter of contempt petition filed by 6 employees covered under Old-GPF-cum-Pension & Gratuity Scheme. The Executive Council also approved the decisions taken by Finance Committee in this matter in its 37th meeting held on 27.03.2023 vide item no. 37.9. The Executive Council noted and further reiterated its earlier decision that the interest on GPF accumulations in respect of employees covered under Old GPF-cum-Pension and Gratuity Scheme be declared strictly in accordance with the directions conveyed by the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter No. 54-3/2012-CU.III(Vol.II) dated 15.06.2022.



Item No.60.25: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recruitment on various Teaching & Non-Teaching positions through Government of India CU Chayan Portal.

The Executive Council is appraised that online recruitment process for various Teaching & Non-Teaching positions is presently being done by the university through SAMARTH portal provided by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Now, the University Grants Commission launched the CU-Chayan portal on 02nd May, 2023; a unified recruitment portal, designed and developed specifically for Central Universities. The portal provides a common platform for listing vacancies/advertisements/jobs across all the Central University. The portal makes the recruitment process completely online starting from inviting applications to screening the applications with the provision of sending alerts in runtime to all the users of the portal. UGC has developed this portal to create an enabling environment for both universities and the applicants with universities driving all the stages on the recruitment process independently, as is being done at present in the respective university.

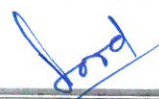
In view of above, the Secretary, UGC vide his DO letter No. 85-1/2022(CU) dated 03.03.2023, directed all the Central Universities to use the CU-Chayan portal for all future recruitment by using the link <https://curec.samarth.ac.in>.

In pursuance to the above directions of the University Grants Commission, the upcoming recruitment process for various Teaching and Non-Teaching positions is expected to be done through the CU-Chayan portal by the University for which the matter is being placed for the information and approval of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council noted the directions of the UGC and approved that hereinafter the entire recruitment process for both teaching & non-teaching vacant positions be initiated and conducted through CU-Chayan portal only.

Item No.60.26 To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding hiring of Guest House at Dharamshala.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that the University by following all the codal formalities has floated the tender on CPP Portal three times. At the third time, M/s Hotel Whispering Pines, Dharamshala was declared as



technically qualified by the Technical Bid Opening Committee after taking approval from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor as a single bidder in the light of decision of Executive Council.

The matter was placed before the 59th Executive Council meeting held on 15th February, 2023 vide Item No. 59.19. The Executive Council accorded its approval to open the financial Bid which are declared technically qualified and also approved to hire the buildings on rent basis in accordance with the provisions and Rent Reasonability Certificate (RRC) from CPWD.

The University vide letter F.No. 2-4/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.III/1798-1800 dated 1st March, 2023, to M/s Hotel Whispering Pines, Dharamshala regarding entering into an agreement for providing the Guest House to the University within stipulated period. But the owner of the building requested to extend the time to entering into an agreement upto three months due to his prior engagements (Summer Tourist Seasons). As per approval of Vice-Chancellor, the extension of period of three months i.e. upto 30th June, 2023 has been given. Subsequently, the owner of the building of Guest House is willing to enter into an agreement from 1st July, 2023 to provide the Guest House to Dharamshala.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor to hire the Guest House on rent basis as per provisions and on the rent as per CPWD assessment from 1st July, 2023 onwards.

Item No.60.27 To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding requirement of additional building on rent/hiring basis for academic purposes at Dehra.

It is submitted before the Executive Council that presently, the Sapt Sindhu Parisar of the University is being run in two buildings on hiring basis namely (i) building of Dr. Ranbir Jaswal and (ii) Radha Krishan Mandir Trust Community Centre, Dehra for different academic activities. At Dhauladhar Campus in Dharamshala, there are many centres for which it is not possible to accommodate the students and faculty at this Campus. Here, it is apprised to the Executive Council that various Departments under the School of Social Sciences of the University are running at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra. Therefore, the University intends to shift /transfer certain centres falling under School of Social Sciences and School of Humanities from Dharamshala to Dehra Campus. For this purpose, the University

requires a new building at Dehra on rent basis as it is not possible to accommodate these centres in existing hired building at Dehra. Moreover, hiring a new building at Dharamshala for these centres will be comparatively a costly affair for University.

Therefore, the Executive Council is requested to accord its approval to hire one new building on rent basis as per CPWD assessment for smooth functioning of academic and administrative activities. The rest of all codal formalities i.e. agreement and tendering process shall be adopted in due course of time.

The Executive Council approved and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard and also authorised the Vice-Chancellor to initiate the process to hire one new building(need based) on rent basis as per CPWD assessment for academic and administrative activities at Dehra.

Item No.60.28:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding grant of extension for hiring of existing building for Vice-Chancellor Residence-cum-Camp Office.

1. The Executive Council is apprised that as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 52.21 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021, the university has hired a building for Vice-Chancellor Residence-cum-Camp Office at Yol, Dharamshala for a period of 02 years from 01.08.2021 which is going to expire on 31.07.2023.

2. The university intends to extend this agreement beyond 31.07.2023 for a period of one year for the same purpose. The rent of said building will be increased monthly by 10% from the existing monthly rent.

The Executive Council approved to extend the agreement in respect of building for Vice-Chancellor Residence -cum- Camp Office at Yol, Dharamshala for a further period of one year beyond 31st July, 2023. The Executive Council also accorded its approval to increase monthly rent of this building by 10% from the existing monthly rent. The rest of the terms & conditions of the agreement shall remain same.

Item No.60.29:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding hiring of new building and vacating previously hired building at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra.

1. It is apprised to the Executive Council that the University has hired one new building for academic purposes from 'Radha Krishan Mandir

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Community Centre/Trust at Dehra w.e.f. 01.04.2023, the rent for which shall be decided on the basis of CPWD rent assessment. Presently, the university is running following department/centres in this new building:-

Sl. No.	Name of Department/Centre
1.	Department of Visual Arts
2.	Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
3.	Department of Social Work
4.	Office of Deputy Registrar

2. The Executive Council is also apprised that university has vacated one rented building hired from 'The Sanot Krishi Seva Sahkari Samiti Ltd' at Dehra w.e.f. 30.04.2023 by following due procedure as per terms and conditions of rent agreement executed between CUHP and the 'The Sanot Krishi Seva Sahkari Samiti Ltd'.

The Executive Council approved hiring of New building for academic purposes from 'Radha Krishan Manndir Community Centre/Trust at Dehra w.e.f 01.04.2023 on rent basis as per CPWD rent assessment. The Executive Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor for allocation of any of the University Department in this new building as per requirements of the University.

While discussing this item, the Executive Council inquired about various schools/departments/centres being run by the University in different Campuses at present. After detailed deliberations, the Executive Council also accorded its approval to start engineering courses(under School of Engineering Sciences & Technology) and Para-Medical courses (under School of Health and Allied Sciences) from next academic session (2024-25) in the University. The Executive Council also directed the University to send request to the MoE, GoI for sanction of teaching posts, non-teaching posts and technical staff posts for these courses.

Item No. 60.1(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding completion of probation and confirmation of Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian of the university.

Consequent upon appointment on regular basis in this University, Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma joined the University on 28.02.2020. As per terms and conditions contained under clause 01 of the appointment letter, the

incumbent was on probation for a period of two year in the first instance from the date of his joining which may further be extended for another period. The date of completion of the probation period is mentioned as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the official	Designation and Pay Level of the Post	Date of joining	Date of completion of probation period
1.	Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma	Deputy Librarian (Academic Pay Level-12)	28.02.2020	27.02.2022

There is nothing on records wherein disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated or initiated against him.

As per Rules on the expiry of the period of probation, steps should be taken to obtain the assessment reports on the probation and to –

- (a) Confirm the probationer/issue orders regarding satisfactory termination of probation, as the case may be, if the probation has been completed to the satisfaction of the competent authority; or
- (b) Extend the period of probation or discharge the probationer or terminate the services of the probationer, as the case may be, in accordance with the relevant rules and orders, if the probationer has not completed the period of probation satisfactorily.

Accordingly, the work and conduct of the above employee during his probation period has been obtained from the Vice-Chancellor who recommended for clearance of probation of Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian.

Therefore, It is proposed that Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian be granted satisfactory completion of his probation period from the date shown above and be confirmed in the University service from the date of his joining.

The Executive Council approved to confirm the services of Dr. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Deputy Librarian from the date of his joining in this university.

Item No. 60.2(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendations of panel of persons of eminence in the academic or public life of the country for submission to the Visitor for appointment of Chancellor of the university.



The Executive Council is apprised that the present Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh was appointed by the Visitor (Hon'ble President of India) as conveyed by the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India letter No. 54-1/2018-CU.III dated 04.07.2018 for a period of five years. The existing tenure of 05 years as Chancellor of the university in respect of Padamshree Prof. Harmohinder Singh Bedi is going to complete on 17.07.2023.

The provisions regarding appointment of Chancellor of the university is contained under the Second Schedule under Central Universities Act, 2009 (Act No. 25 of 2009), ***"the Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel of not less than three persons recommended by the Executive Council from amongst persons of eminence in the academic or public life of the country."***

Provided that if the Visitor does not approve of any of the persons so recommended, he may call for fresh recommendations from the Executive Council."

The Executive Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor for recommending the panel for the position of Chancellor of the University and forward the same to the Ministry for further action in the matter.

Item No. 60.3(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding termination of lien retained by two Assistant Professors of the University.

The Executive Council is apprised that consequent upon his appointment to the post of Associate Professor at Nagaland University, Dr. Anu GS, Assistant Professor, Department of Education was relieved from the university services on 28.02.2022 (A/N) by retaining lien at CUHP. Now, the services of the teacher has been confirmed in the Nagaland University vide their office order No. NU/ESTT-II/EDU-1/22 dated 17.04.2023. Accordingly, as per rules, the university has terminated the lien retained by Dr Anu G.S. in this university against the permanent post of Assistant Professor, Department of Education w.e.f. 01.03.2023.

Similarly, consequent upon his appointment to the post of Associate Professor at Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, Dr. Pawan Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Sciences was relieved from the university services on 15.09.2021 (A/N) by retaining lien at CUHP. Now, the services of the teacher has been confirmed



in the Indira Gandhi National Open University vide their office order No. IG/ACD/2-59/AC/2022/982 dated 10.05.2023. Accordingly, as per rules, the lien retained by Dr. Pawan Kumar Saini in this university against the permanent post of Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Sciences is required to be terminated w.e.f. 16.09.2022.

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decision of Vice-Chancellor to terminate the lien retained by Dr. Anu G.S, Assistant Professor w.e.f. 01.03.2023 . The Executive Council further accorded its approval to terminate the lien retained by Dr. Pawan Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor w.e.f. 16.09.2022.

Item No. 60.4(S): To place before the Executive Council the Matter regarding issuance of appointment letters to the post of Assistant Professor in, Department of Education and Department of Library and Information Science on regular basis.

The University had advertised various teaching positions to be filled on contract basis against vacancies arose on account of lien retained by the permanent incumbent with the stipulation of regularization after termination of lien held by the permanent incumbent. As per rules, the lien vacancy becomes regular vacancy soon after termination of lien held by the permanent incumbent.

The following teachers were appointed on contract basis against lien vacancy as per provisions as envisaged in the UGC Regulations 2018:

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Appointment Letter No
1.	Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma	Department of Education	1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.IX/7172-74 Dated 21.12.2022
2.	Dr. Sudam Charan Sahu	Library and Information Sciences	1-3/CUHP/Rectt./2010/Vol.IX/1493-95 Dated 11.03.2022

The services of Dr. Anu G S, Assistant Professor, Department of Education and Dr. Pawan Kumar Saini, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Sciences have been confirmed at the new employer i.e. Nagaland University and Indira Gandhi National Open University respectively. As such, the vacancies under reference has now become regular and the lien retained by both of them is terminated/to be terminated.

Accordingly, as in terms of clause (i) of the appointment letters issued to Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma and Dr. Sudam Charan Sahu, the process for regularization of services of the aforesaid teachers mentioned in the table above is required to be initiated.



The Executive Council deliberated on the issue at length and approved to start the process of regularization of services of Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Education and Dr. Sudam Charan Sahu to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Sciences as per terms of clause (i) of their respective appointment letter.

Item No. 60.5(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding setting up of legal cell in the University as per directions of the University Court.

The University Court in its 6th meeting held on 10.05.2023 observed that there is no Law Department / Legal Cell in the University and there is no sanctioned post of Law Officer / Legal Assistant in the University. Due to this, the University has to face a number of challenges and problems while dealing with academic and administrative issues having legal aspects. The High Court of Himachal Pradesh is situated at Shimla which is at a distance of 225 KM away from Dharamshala and sometimes it becomes too difficult to move to Shimla for dealing with different Court Cases or seeking legal advice from DSGI/ASGI and other Central Govt. standing counsels and at certain occasions the date of hearing in the Hon'ble High Court is at very short interval even of a day and due to scarcity of non-teaching staff of the University, it becomes difficult to submit the reply in time. It is also fact that the University Administration is only in a position to put up the factual information as per documentary evidence but the University has no expertise in framing the replies in different petitions as this involves thorough knowledge and understanding of legal provisions and legal language. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the University Court in its 6th meeting held on 10.05.2023 has suggested and approved that the University shall create a legal Cell for this purpose which will include an advisory panel consisting of Professors of Law from outside the University on need basis in accordance with the issue under consideration. The University Court has also approved that this Legal Cell shall also include a Panel of four to five advocates (other than Central Govt. Standing Counsels) apart from advisory panel. This Panel of advocates may be engaged by the University for above stated and various other purpose for routine matters on urgent need basis by paying them in accordance with the Government of India norms applicable from time to time. The University Court authorised the Vice-Chancellor for nominating the advisory panel and also accorded approval to adopt a suitable procedure for creating a panel of advocates for this purpose. The University Court has also accorded its approval to present this item as an agenda in the meeting of the Executive Council of the University for Approval. The University Court has also approved that the University shall apply to the Ministry of Education / UGC for the sanction of



the post of Law Officer and two post of Legal Assistant in the University for Establishment of the Legal Cell.

The Executive Council in pursuance to the recommendations of the University Court, approved to create a Legal Cell in the university and authorized Vice-Chancellor to appoint/nominate the advisory panel consisting of Professors of Law from outside the University on need basis. The Executive Council also approved that this Legal Cell shall include a Panel of four to five advocates (other than Central Govt. Standing Counsels) apart from advisory panel. This Panel of advocates may be engaged by the University for above stated and various other purposes for routine matters on urgent need basis by paying them in accordance with the Government of India norms applicable from time to time. The Executive Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor for nominating the advisory panel and adopting a suitable procedure for creating a panel of advocates for this purpose.

Item No. 60.6(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding request of Dr. Ambreen Jamali, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work for relieving from the university.

The Executive Council is apprised that Dr. Ambreen Jamali, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work vide her email request dated 02.05.2023 has requested that consequent upon her selection for the of Assistant Professor, Women's Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, she may be relieved from the post Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work by retaining lien on the permanent post held by her at this university.

It is pertinent to mention here that as per record, the teacher vide her latter dated 18.12.2020 requested to issue NOC in her favour to appear interview for the post of Assistant Professor, Women's Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, which was not accepted by the university and Head, Department of Social Work vide letter No. 6-44/CUHP/Estt./2012/Vol.II/705 dated 16.02.2021 was informed that the teacher had applied lower level post (Assistant Professor, Academic Pay Level-10) from existing post held by her at the university i.e. Assistant Professor under Pay Matrix Level-11, which does not fulfils the definition of 'Public Interest' as envisaged under DoPT, Government of India letter No. 170/51-Estt. Dated 21.10.1952, hence, the lien cannot be granted to her. Despite this, teacher appeared in the interview without obtaining NOC from the CUHP and now, requesting to relieve her by retaining lien at CUHP. The rules provide the retention of lien only in the cases where either the NOC was given or application was

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forwarded thorough proper channel for outside employment. But in the instant case both the para meters were not completed.

However, it is also pertinent to mention here that the Executive Council vide item No. 57.27 in tis 57th meeting held on 16.12.2022 has granted following approval regarding permission for forwarding of applications for outside employment of Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff of the university:-

“The Executive Council considered and took the matter seriously as on the one hand, the University is making appointments under Mission Mode Recruitment and on the other hand, the teachers and non-teaching employees are leaving the University. The Executive Council deliberated on the matter in detail and keeping in view the larger interests of the university, the Executive Council decided and approved that no application of teachers and non-teaching employees will be forwarded for outside employment for lower / equivalent / same / higher posts for first three years from the date of their joining in the university. The Executive Council also approved that this decision will be applicable for existing employees and those individuals who will join afterwards. The Executive Council also approved that this decision shall be mentioned in the Appointment / Offer Letter to be issued to the newly selected / appointed candidates for teaching and non-teaching positions. **The Executive Council further decided and approved that no application of teachers and non-teaching positions for lower posts shall be forwarded in any case by the University for outside employment. However, the Executive Council approved and authorised the Vice-chancellor to take decision for forwarding applications of teachers and non-teaching employees for higher posts only.**”

Now, the Dr. Ambreen Jamali, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work vide her email request dated 02.05.2023 has requested that consequent upon her selection for the of Assistant Professor, Women's Studies at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, she may be relieved from the post Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work by retaining lien on the permanent post held by her at this university.

The Executive Council discussed the matter at length and approved to issue NOC to the teacher on retrospective basis by considering it as a special case and also approved to relieve her from the university services by retaining lien (for a period of one year as per earlier


Executive Council decision vide item no 52.8 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021) on permanent post held by her. The Executive Council also directed that this shall not be treated as precedence in other cases in future.

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


(Prof. Vishal Sood)

Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed


(Prof. S.P. Bansal)
Chairman & Vice- Chancellor