

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY KURUKSHETRA

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Sub:- Minutes of the meeting held on 05.04.2018 in the O/o the Chairperson, Department of Education, K.U. Kurukshetra.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herwith the minutes (duly approved by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor on 26.04.2018), of the meeting of the Committee for the Renovation of Old Buildings and to Monitor Barrier Free Access for the Divyangs on the University Campus held on 05.04.2018 in the Department of Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. As proposed in the minutes under Sr. no.3, Access Audit to gauge accessibility requirements for the Divyangs within and outside the buildings on the campus is to be completed within one month from the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 05.04.2018. Therefore, a meeting will be held on 11.05.2018 at 2:30 p.m. in the O/o the undersigned to initiate action on the recommendations of the committee.

CHAIRPERSON

You are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting, please.

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- 1. Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Deptt. Of Chemistry, KUK
- 2. ExEn (Civil), KUK
- 3. ExEn (Public Health), KUK
- 4. Chief Warden (Boys) KUK
- 5. Chief Warden (Girls) KUK
- 6. Prof. Sushil Kumar Gupta (Representative of Divyangjan), Deptt. of Education, KUK
- 7. Coordinator, IQAC, for information.

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## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the Committee constituted for renovation of old buildings and to monitor the barrier-free access for the Divyangs in the University buildings as proposed in the meeting of the IQAC Committee held under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor on March 12, 2018, was held on 05.04.2018 at 3.00 p.m.in the O/o the undersigned.

The following members were present.

- 1. Prof. Sangeeta, Chairperson, Department of Education
- 2. Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Department of Chemistry
- 3. Nominee, Ex En (Public Health)
- 4. Sh Ashok Malik, Ex En (Civil)
- 5. Prof. C P singh, Chief Warden (Boys)
- 6. Prof. Manjusha Sharma, Chief Warden (Girls)

The following business were transacted -

- 1. The Convener welcomed the members of the Committee.
- 2. The Ex En (civil) apprised the members of the existing barrier free environment/facilities available on the campus for the Divyangs ,which include small ramps and railings at the entrance to the buildings, a few lifts in buildings and little modifications in toilets in some buildings. However, the Committee observed that whatever little barrier free environment has been created on the campus by the Construction Branch needs improvement

as per the specified norms/standards as laid down in the CPWD (Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, India) Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for the Disabled and Elderly Persons.

3. The Committee is of the opinion that the physical infrastructure on the campus must be first examined by the Construction Branch by doing the access appraisal in terms of accessibility requirements (i) within the building premises (existing and upcoming) (ii) outside the buildings on the campus in order to address and prioritize accessibility concerns for the Divyang on the campus.

Therefore, it is proposed that while carrying out the Access Audit, the Ex En (civil) and Ex En (public health) will associate the architect at the University; the Chief Warden (boys' hostels); Chief Warden (girls' hostels); Prof. Pawan K Sharma, Department of Chemistry; Prof. Sangeeta, Department of Education and Prof. Sushil K Gupta, Department of Education (to represent Divyangjan).

The Access Audit will be completed within one month (from the approval of the minutes of today's meeting by the hon'ble vice-Chancellor) as per the 'Access Audit Checklist' for Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for the Disabled and Elderly Persons (Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment), which was made available to the Committee members.

- 4. The modifications/accessibility requirements in terms of design requirements of vertical and horizontal access in the existing/upcoming constructions on the basis of Access Audit Report will be submitted to the competent authority by the Construction branch in consultation with the committee proposed above under S.No. 3. The Report will precisely and categorically mention
  - (a) the number& name of existing facilities for Barrier Free Built Environment available on the campus, which meet /do not meet the standard specifications.
  - (b) the number and specific nature of reconstructions required
  - (c) the number & name of existing buildings and other spaces along with the nature of accessibility concerns to be addressed.
  - (d) the number & name of **upcoming buildings**, if any, and other spaces along with the nature of accessibility concerns to be addressed.

- (e) the areas in existing/upcoming constructions which are to be made barrier free on priority basis and in time bound phased manner along with the nature of works.
- 5. The following comprehensive and indigenous Manuals were made available to the Construction Branch for perusal and adoption of the standard specifications as per the universal design for learning for creating barrier free campus
  - CPWD (Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, India) Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for the Disabled and Elderly Persons(1998)
  - CPWD Works Manual (2014)
  - Design Manual for a Barrier Free Environment in Universities/Colleges prepared by SVAYAM Foundation & CBR Network
  - Design Manual For a Barrier- Free Built Environment published by UNNATI- Organisation for Development Education, Handicap International.
- 6. The committee feels that to begin with, accessibility concerns may be addressed to create barrier free environment on the campus for persons with Loco motor Disabilities, Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment.
  - For the campus to be barrier free /accessible to persons with these disabilities, concerns relating to provisions of / modifications in Lifts/Elevators, Steps & Stairs, Railings and Handrails, Doors, Corridors, Toilets, Power Controls, Entrance of Buildings, Parking Spaces, Parks, Museum, Sports recreational Area, , classrooms, Library, Auditorium, Administrative Blocks/ Offices and Teaching Blocks, Hostels, University Health Centre, Others (drinking water, mail box, counters, vending machines, public telephones, banks, post offices etc) besides Universal Signage ,Access path, Technological Solutions may be considered and prioritized.
- 7. The committee members strongly feel that the new buildings under constructions/completed, if any ,should fulfil the provisions and requirements given in the legal mandates i.e. Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The Construction Branch was requested to ensure that the building certificate from the competent authority certifying accessibility/barrier free design of the building/s is obtained and got approved by the Committee proposed above at S. No. 3.

8. It was also resolved that a team of the Construction Branch will soon visit Rehabilitation Council of India ,New Delhi and National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (both barrier free model buildings) to physically monitor the accessibility design and features in these buildings.

The minutes are submitted for the consideration and approval of hon'ble Vice-chancellor. If approved, the recommendations can be put into effect.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Pawan K Sharma

(D/o Chemistry)

(Ex En -Public Health)

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(Chief Warden-Boys)

Manjusha Sharma

(Chief Warden-Girls)