

KALAHANDI UNIVERSITY

Manikya Vihar, Bhawanipatna(Kalahandi)-766001
Odisha



MINUTES

3rd SYNDICATE MEETING

2nd September 2023 (Saturday) 11.00AM

Minutes of the 3rd Syndicate Meeting

Date: 2nd September 2023 (Saturday, Time: 11.00 am)

Venue: Juba Sanskar Hall (Auditorium)

Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna

Members present:

01. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Satapathy
Vice-Chancellor, Kalahandi University
02. Shri Aravind Agrawal, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Department.
03. Prof. Prabhabati Guru
Regional Director of Education, Sambalpur
04. Prof. Manmath Padhi,
Former Vice-Chancellor, Khallikote University, Berhampur.
05. Shri Sarbeswar Bhoi
Renowned Folk Artist, Bhawanipatna.
06. Prof. Pramila Mishra
Professor in Chemistry (Retired), Sambalpur University.
07. Dr. Fanidam Deo
Associate Professor of History (Retd.), Khariar.
08. Maj. Dr. Rama Chandra Mishra,
Retd. Principal, National College, Nuapada, At/Po-Khariar, Dist-Nuapada.
09. Dr. Nibedita Nath
Chairman, PG Council
10. Dr. Dhananjay Kumar
Director, College Development Council
11. Principal, Kesinga Mahavidyalaya, Kesinga
12. Dr. Madhulika Sahoo
Student Welfare Officer
13. Principal, National College, Nuapada
14. Principal, PI Degree College, Junagarh.
15. Principal, Women's College, Dharamgarh
16. Dr. Rajakishor Mahana, OSD to Vice Chancellor,
Kalahandi University, Director, Research and Development Cell (Special invitee)
17. Shri Suresh Pidisika
Comptroller of Finance, Kalahandi University (Special Invitee)
18. Shri Bijoy Kumar Malik
Controller of Examinations, Kalahandi University (Special Invitee)
19. Maj. Dr. Jayadeb Sahoo
Chief Warden of all Hostels, Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna (Special Invitee)
20. Sri R.N.Chhatria
Senior Assistant, Kalahandi University (Special Invitee)

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Kalahandi University extended warm welcome to all the members of the Syndicate. He congratulated all and was happy to announce that the Syndicate meeting would be memorable due to the presence of Sri Arvind Agrawal, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Higher Education Department. He summarised the activities performed in the session 2022-23 through video clips. The following items were considered and discussed.

A. Items for Reporting

The following items were reported to the august house for kind information of all the esteemed members.

- Item No. 01 **Enhancement of seats in each core subject from 32 to 48, from 24 to 32 (UG) and from 16 to 32 (existing 5 PG subjects).**
Several aspirants couldn't read in Kalahandi University due to limited number of seats in existing core subjects. Initiative was taken for the increase of seats and almost in all subjects the number of seats increased vide letter No. 3047 dated 24.01.2023 of Department of Higher Education. The detail is given for the kind reference of the esteemed members.
- Item No. 02 **Opening of new subjects:**
Subjects like Hindi, Home Science, and Philosophy were in the constituent colleges but they were not opened in the campus. Feeling the need of opening these courses in the campus, steps were taken to open these three subjects with 32 seats from the academic session 2023-24 vide letter No. 3047 dated 24.01.2023.
- Item No. 03 **Opening of self-financing courses in direct mode:**
As decided in previous Syndicate meeting the BBA/BCA (PPP mode) courses are closed and BBA/BCA were started vide letter no 3047 dated 24.01.2023 from the session 2023-24.
- Item No. 04 **Publication of UG and PG results:**
UG results were published on 02.07.2023 before the given time of 07.07.2023 and PG results after 5 days of the examination.
- Item No. 05 **Achievement of Cadets:**
One cadet named Senior Cadet Captain Subhalaxmi Das was selected for Youth Exchange Program 2023 in Nepal team and four cadets of Air Wing NCC have been selected for YEP and they will visit five countries.
- Item No. 06 **RDC representation:**
Three cadets from Army wing and one cadet of Air wing participated in the RDC parade at New Delhi 2023.
- Item No. 07 **Construction of 2nd Floor of Academic building:**
The construction of 2nd floor of Academic building which was under progress is completed and has become functional.
- Item No. 08 **Girls' Common Room:**
New Girls' Common Room has become operational and was inaugurated by P.Anvesha Reddy, Collector and District Magistrate, Kalahandi.
- Item No. 09 **Fourteen Days International Workshop in Engineering Research Methodology for PhD students:**
A two-week International Workshop in Engineering Research Methodology was organized by the Research and Development Cell in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) from 17th July 2023 to 29th July 2023. As many as thirty one resource persons from eight different countries trained the PhD scholars in hybrid mode.
- Item No. 10 **National Tribal Trekking Camp held in September:**
Conceptualized by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, All India Tribal Trekking Camp was organized in the campus to popularize the tourist and historical spots and natural beauty of Kalahandi. 510 cadets from 14 states availed the opportunity.
- Item No. 11 **Kalahandi Library and Academic Block – I were inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha:**
Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor and Chancellor of the Universities of Odisha inaugurated the new Kalahandi Library and Academic Block- I on 29th December 2022.
- Item No. 12 **Reading Room and Library:**
The facility of reading room has been initiated in the first floor of Library. This is facilitating the +2, UG, PG students, PhD scholars and the Guest faculties.
As proposed, e-library has been set up with one hundred computers which will help the students, teachers and researchers to access to the e-resources.
- Item No. 13 **Open Gym:**
In the campus, an open gym has been inaugurated by Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar on 14th August 2023.

- Item No. 14 **Visit of 5T Secretary Shri V.K. Pandian, I.A.S, to the Campus:**
5T Secretary Shri V.K.Pandian, I.A.S visited the campus on 19.05.2023 and interacted with the students and desired the university to be a digital university. He also emphasized for modernization of laboratories and establishment of smart classrooms.
- Item No. 15 **Seminars, workshops organized:**
As many as 27 national, 2 international and regular departmental seminars/ workshops have been organised to promote the learning and critical thinking of the students in 2022-23 session.
- Item No. 16 **Vice Chancellor's Cup Debate:**
The 3rd Vice Chancellor's Cup debate is conducted on 1st September 2023 on the occasion of 3rd Foundation Day.
- Item No. 17 **Organised 1st Inter College Sports Meet:**
University organised inter-college sports meet from 17th November 2022 to 4th January 2023 to encourage the sportsmanship and to identify the talents of different colleges.
- Item No. 18 **WODC released 49.99 lakhs for the Library:**
The WODC Chairman visited the University and granted a sum of rupees 49.99 lakhs for the development of the Library. The fund has been released and the work is in progress.
- Item No. 19 **Installation of statue of Maharaja P.K. Deo in Library:**
The 2nd Syndicate had approved the proposal of installation of the statue of His Highness P.K. Deo, the King of Kalahandi who had donated land for this institution. The statue has been installed in the Kalahandi Library and inaugurated by Honourable Governor of Odisha.
- Item No. 20 **Green Campus:**
To make the campus green, Plantation Programme has been done on occasion of World Environment Day and Van Mahotsav. A lawn in front of the main building has been developed to create a beautiful ambience in the campus. Neem trees (more than 10000) and teak trees (more than 100) are in the campus.
- Item No. 21 **Digging of Deep borewells in the campus and hostels:**
The Syndicate in its 2nd Meeting approved to dig deep borewell in the campus from OHEPEE fund and a deep borewell has been dug to solve the water problem. In Nagavali Women's Hostel, a deep borewell has been dug to provide safe drinking water to the boarders.
- Item No. 22 **Yoga classes on every Saturday at 6:30 am:**
Yoga classes are conducted every Saturday for good health of the students at 6:30 am.
- Item No. 23 **E-pathshala from Monday to Thursday at 4:00 pm:**
For the promotion of learning, e-pathshala classes are organized from Monday to Thursday for the students of all departments from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The students of one department report to the smart classroom for the class on the schedule date. After the addition of three smart classrooms, 4 departments will get the opportunity of attending e-pathshala everyday.
- Item No. 24 **Film Club founded:**
Educative and feature films are screened every Saturday at 4:00 pm from 13th July 2023. The interested and registered students of the club witness films from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and write film reviews.
- Item No. 25 **Doubt clearing classes by selected teachers of the University before Term End Examination:**
Before examinations, doubt clearing classes are arranged for the benefits of the colleges of the university.
- Item No. 26 **Herbarium with the support of the Forest Department:**
A herbarium has been established by the Department of Botany with the support of the Forest Department with a cost of Rs. 2.30 lakhs.
- Item No. 27 **Telescope for astro-watch:**
A telescope has been installed for inculcating interest in space studies.
- Item No. 28 **Two 300 seater hostels Nandol for boys and Utei for girls are under construction:**
There is need of accommodation for the students as they are coming from whole Odisha. For giving accommodation to the students two 300 seater hostels Nandol for boys and Utei for girls are under construction.

- Item No. 29 **Boundary wall and overhead shed:**
Since the existing building is an old one, there is profuse leakage of rain water. The overhead sheds on the building are necessary for extended life of the building. Funds are sanctioned by Department of Higher Education for overhead shed and boundary wall of the building. This is in process.
- Item No. 30 **55TH Annual Odisha Economic Conference:**
This University hosted the 55th Annual Odisha Economic Conference on 11th and 12th Feb 2023.
- Item No. 31 **G-20 University Connect Program:**
This University was chosen by UNDP to host the awareness campaign in the campus in G-20 University Connect Program. It is the first University in Odisha to conduct such mega awareness program of UNDP.
- Item No. 32 **Grant of Affiliation to colleges:**
There are 59 colleges under this University out of which 47 colleges have already been given affiliation.
- Item No. 33 **12(B) Applied:**
The University has applied for the 12 B status. However, at least 5 professors are required for grant of the status.
- Item No. 34 **MoUs:**
Five MoUs were signed in the session 2022-23.
- Item No. 35 **Land Issue:**
The unauthorized encroachment of land is a big issue for the university. Appropriate authorities have been approached to solve the issues.
- Item No. 36 **Admission to PhD:**
As per the approval of the board of heads of the departments (academic council), the PhD course has been opened in the session 2022-23.
- Item No. 37 **Placement Details:**
Vedanta Alumina Limited, Lanjigarh recruited 30 students of this university as Graduate Trainee in 2022-23.
Tech Mahindra, Bhubaneswar another leading company selected 27 students as e-commerce technical support and customer support associate in 2023.
Hetero Labs Pvt Ltd. recruited 63 students from Kalahandi University campus for various positions in 2023.
- Item No. 38 **Uttisthata, The weekly Motivational Lecture Series completed 120 episodes on 25th August 2023.**
- Item No. 39 **Pothi Corner:**
The Kalahandi Library has a Pothi (palm leaf manuscripts) corner having a collection of 14 No.s of Pothis of around 500 years old from different persons of Madanpur Rampur and Koksara with the intervention of the Vice Chancellor. These Pothis will be digitalized and will enrich the treasure of Odia Language.
- Item No. 40 **Rare Books:**
Rare books of the Old Library are separated by the Vice Chancellor and his team and steps are taken to bind the books. Some of the books are in such a dilapidated state that there is no possibility of xerox or binding. The students are motivated to digitalized the books and preserve it.
- Item No. 41 **Tribal Motifs:**
The front wall of the university building and some other walls are decorated by the B.Ed students with attractive tribal art to develop tribal aesthetics and cultural significance.
- B. Items for Approval**
- Item No. 01 **Fees Structure for 2023-24:**
Admission Fees Structure for 2023-24 (almost similar to 2022-23) was approved.
- Item No. 02 **Application for Center of Excellence:**
The proposal for the making the departments of Anthropology, Zoology and Geography as the Centers of Excellence was discussed and approved.
- Item No. 03 **Provision of at least five Professors for the grant of 12(b) status:**
UGC requires minimum five professors for the grant of 12(b) status. In view of this it is decided to request Higher Education Department to give permission for deputation of

- Professors, Distinguished visiting Professors and Adjunct Professors. The matter was discussed and approved.
- Item No. 04 **Approval for opening of new courses:**
The proposal of changing the existing Self-Financing B.Sc Computer Science into regular mode was discussed. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary emphasized on the continuity of the self-financing courses. However, M.Sc in Computer Science in self-financing mode may be opened subject to 20% ceiling of total strength of the students.
PG program in Home Science, Philosophy and Hindi may be opened without creation of any new posts.
Bachelor of Library Science and Master program in Translation studies may be opened as self-financing courses subject to 20% ceiling of total students strength.
- Item No. 05 **Opening of Inter disciplinary subjects:**
The proposal of opening of inter disciplinary subjects like B.Sc in Forensic Science, Artificial Intelligence, Biostatistics, Data Science, Computational Biology, Astrophysics, Biochemistry and Microbiology and M.A in Public Policy, MA/M.Sc in Tribal Studies and renaming of Department of History to Department of History and Archaeology was deferred to next Syndicate.
- Item No. 06 **Permission for opening of Performing Art and Physical Education both at UG and PG level:**
Kalahandi being a district dominated by tribal, the tribal culture and tribal sports need to be focused. Therefore, there is need of UG & PG in Performing Art and Physical Education. This matter was discussed and approved on the condition that these courses would be opened as self-financing courses and would be managed by Guest Faculties.
- Item No. 07 **Construction of Staff quarters:**
The proposal for the construction of staff quarters for Assistant Prof., Asso. Prof., Prof., Non-teaching staff, CoF, Registrar, Wardens of Hostels to accommodate the staff members was discussed. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary suggested to send the proposal to the Govt. for approval and after the approval of the Govt. the estimates may be sent. He stressed on the construction of classrooms and other constructions of urgent nature first.
- Item No. 08 **Examination, Library and Office automation:**
NAAC desires automation of the different activities of the University for smooth, speedy and transparent sail. The members of the Syndicate suggested to make examination, library and office automation following the state and the national models of automation.
- Item No. 09 **Posting on deputation of a Sports officer:**
The Syndicate discussed the proposal for posting of a Sports officer on deputation basis from the Department of Sports for the promotion of sports and games among the students of the university. The members felt the necessity of a Sports Officer in the University. Therefore, it is decided to request Govt. to do the needful in this regard.
- Item No. 10 **Opening of Kui language centre:**
The NEP 2020 has been emphasizing on imparting education in mother tongue. Kui being the language of the Kandha Tribe, a dominant tribe of Kalahandi will be of immense help if it is studied in this University. The Kui language center will attract the aborigines to study their language. The matter was considered and approved. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary intimated that the centre may be opened without the financial liability to the Govt.
- Item No. 11 **Appointment of Library Staff and Laboratory Assistants:**
Regarding the appointment of regular staffs in Library and Laboratories, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary proposed to appoint retired persons to lessen the financial burden of the Govt. Since, the appointment of faculties in Universities is sub-judice, the regular appointment cannot be made at present in the Library and Laboratories.
- Item No. 12 **Centre for Tribal Skill Development:**
The university plans to train the tribals of the area and make them skilled. The Centre for Tribal Skill Development will be a boon for the tribal learners. The Syndicate approved to open the Centre for Tribal Skill Development without financial burden to Govt. No posts shall be created for the Centre for Tribal Skill Development. It is decided to send proposal to Govt. for fund for Skill Development Centre.
- Item No. 13 **Opening of University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau with the support of District Employment Exchange:**

The students need to be informed of employment in different sectors. The proposed bureau will train, practise and guide the students regarding employment. The plan of opening University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau was approved. It is decided to send proposal to Govt. for skilling of students.

- Item No. 14 **Sheds in Hostels:**
The buildings of the hostels need to be protected for long life. Sheds on these buildings will also create space for the boarders. The proposal was accepted.
- Item No. 15 **Introduction of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP):**
Keeping in view the demand of the NAAC and ISO 9001, the ERP need to be introduced in the university. Approval was accorded to the proposal. Govt. may be requested to provide funds for the proposal.
- Item No. 16 **Higher Secondary Wing:**
The Higher Secondary wing, Govt. Higher Secondary School and vocational school are yet to be separated to carry out teaching, examination and other works 30 Guest Faculties have been appointed. Only one non-teaching staff is provided and in the absence of any senior member, the Vice Chancellor has to shoulder the responsibility of steering the activities. Urgent steps need to be taken for the separation of the +2 wing from the University. The matter was discussed and it was agreed to separate Higher Secondary School from University. It was suggested to contact the D.E.O of Kalahandi for construction of separate building at an early date for separation of Higher Secondary School.
- Item No. 17 **Empowering Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for foreign collaboration:**
The matter was discussed and approved.
- Item No. 18 **Campus Development:**
The proposal for modernization of playground, establishment of Skill Development Centre, Indoor Stadium, Human Resource Development Centre, Add-on courses, motivational and disciplinary steps as required for the development of the University was discussed. The members suggested to submit the detailed proposals and estimates for the approval.

C. Items for Ratification

- Item No. 01 **Engagement of 14 Junior Assistants (Computer) for managing the routine activities:**
Catering to the needs of 22 departments, examination section, CDC, DSW, Library, CPGC and Office of CoF, Registrar and Vice Chancellor, 14 new junior assistants (temporary) have been engaged following the due procedure of recruitment for managing the day to day affairs. The matter was discussed and deferred to the next Syndicate meeting. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary of DHE stressed on the engagement of the Computer Assistants for one academic session only and not to provide continuity. A fresh advertisement is to be published for new recruitments and they should be engaged for a period of 10 months.
- Item No. 02 **Need based daily wagers:**
To manage the daily work of the university, fourth grade employees are hired on daily wage basis. In this session twenty-five persons have been engaged as daily wagers in the working range of laboratory to University Garden and sanitation. It was ratified.
- Item No. 03 **Campus Development:**
Installation of Gymnasium and Open Gym, cleaning of campus, Green Lawn, Illumination, extension of Girls' Common room, Shed for library entrance, Sheds for boys and girls cycle stand, CCTVs. Expenditures incurred for these works were ratified.
- Item No. 04 **Earn While You Learn Scheme:**
The scheme meant for the economically disadvantaged meritorious boarders has been a boon for pursuing the studies. In this session 30 boarders have been identified to receive the financial aid. Each beneficiary will receive Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months. They have to work in Library and other assigned work area for 2 hours of their leisure time and for 5 days in a week.
The scheme was highly appreciated by the members of the syndicate. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary applauded the initiative of the Vice Chancellor to support poor but meritorious students of the University. He suggested to send a concept note to the state for implementation of the scheme throughout the state.
- Item No. 05 **Popularization of Sports and Women Mountaineering:**

Sports being one of the thrust areas of the state for development, the University spots the talent and grooms them up for participation in National and International games. It was ratified.

Item No. 06 **Engagement of Guest Faculties with the limit of the sanctioned posts:**

54 Guest faculties have been engaged for 23 departments. This is within the limit of the sanctioned post. The syndicate discussed the matter and directed the University administration for appointment of 8 more Guest Faculties keeping in view the sanctioned posts of the University.

Item No. 07 **New purchases for situational demand of an Autonomous college upgraded to University:**

1. Computer system with multi-functional printer.
2. Installation of RailTel for the use of internet in the campus.
3. Installation of telescope.
4. Digital monitor for class.
5. Profile sheet fitting in the campus (Sheds).
6. Executive table, conference table and office chairs.
7. Invertors for VC's Conference hall, Registrar's Chamber and NSS office.
8. Desktop with multifunctional printer for CPGC office.
9. Glass almira and sofa set for Registrar's Office.
10. Forty chairs for conference hall of Science block.
11. Invertor for +3 SAMS.
12. Desktop with multifunctional printer (2 Nos.)
13. Invertor batteries for Library and NSS Office (Campus Development Fund)
14. CCTVs
15. 100 computers for e-library.
16. Library books from IDP Fund.
17. Fire Extinguisher from IDP Fund.
18. Office Table, plastic chair, iron rack, library table, projector, scientific calculator.
19. 20 No. of chairs for the visitor for the new conference hall.

The expenditures incurred for purchase of various items as mentioned above were ratified. However, it was suggested to make an abstract in tabular form for presentation of such expenditure before the Syndicate in future. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary directed Registrar and CoF to ensure compliance of financial procedures for procurement of different items.

Item No. 08 **Expenditure:**

1. Expenditure on the visit of Hon'ble Governor.
2. Shifting of Library.
3. Shifting and modernization of Examination Control Room.
4. Campus Development

The expenditures incurred on the visit of Hon'ble Governor, Shifting of Library, Shifting and modernization of Examination Control Room and Campus Development were ratified. However, the syndicate suggested to change the nomenclature of the visit of Hon'ble Governor to Inauguration of Kalahandi Library and Academic Block –I.

Item No. 09 **Engagement of Security Personnels:**

For watch and ward of the University, 15 security personnels have been hired through service provider. This was ratified.

Item No. 10 **Other items, if any, with the permission of the Chair.**

1. The members of the Syndicate congratulated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for the honorary Colonel rank conferred by Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India.
2. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the syndicate that out of 16 existing OPSC recruited teaching faculties, 15 faculties completed the probation of one year successfully.
3. The syndicate desired to meet the distinguished students who would excel in various fields in the next Syndicate meeting.