Minutes of the Meeting

A faculty meeting was held on 31st July 2024 under the chairmanship of Dr. Deepak Paliwal, Joint Director, to discuss various academic issues. The following members were present:

- 1. Prof. R.K. Pathak
- 2. Prof. V.S. Mehrotra
- 3. Prof. Saurabh Prakash
- 4. Prof. Pinki Khanna
- 5. Prof. A. Nayak
- 6. Dr. P. Veeraiah
- 7. Dr. Deepak Shudhalwar
- 8. Dr. Munesh Chandra
- 9. Dr. Prakash Chandra Rout
- 10. Dr. Sangmesh Hugar
- 11. Dr. Soonam Singh
- 12. Dr. Anoop Kumar

The following members were unable to attend due to leave or official commitments:

- 1. Dr. R. Ravichandra
- 2. Dr. V.K. Jain
- 3. Dr. Vinod Kumar Yadav
- 4. Dr. Pravin N. Mahamuni
- 5. Dr. Rakesh Raman

Dr. Deepak Paliwal welcomed the faculty members and provided an update on his recent visit to NCERT/Ministry for the 4th Anniversary of NEP 2020 and the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) held on 29th July 2024. During the event, two documents — "10 Bagless Days" and "Job Cards on Career Guidance" — were released by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Education) and the Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development Education. Dr. Paliwal commended Dr. V.S. Mehrotra and Dr. Saurabh Prakash for their significant contributions and presented them with bouquets. He also thanked all faculty and staff involved for their efforts in preparing the publication.

1. Upcoming Ministerial Visit

Dr. Paliwal informed the faculty about the expected visit of the Hon'ble Minister of State (Education) to PSSCIVE, tentatively scheduled before 19th August 2024. Prof. R.K. Pathak asked the faculty to keep ready for the visit by:

- Ensuring that department labs are ready with proper displays of activities and major departmental tasks.
- Preparing flex or banners for each activity in the labs.
- Planning a Bootcamp activity for students during 12-14 August 2024, which may be showcased during the Minister's visit.
- Preparing points for interaction or discussion with the Minister.

2. Documentation and Guidelines

- 10 Bagless Days Document: Dr. Paliwal asked Dr. Saurabh Prakash to send a letter to all states/UTs regarding the implementation of the "10 Bagless Days" document. He also requested Dr. Prakash to circulate the draft of the "Hub and Spoke Model" for review and suggestions, and to explore its implementation modalities with the states.
- **Solar Installation:** Dr. Paliwal requested Dr. Saurabh Prakash to organize an inauguration event for the 200 KVA solar installation under the CSR scheme, with the Hon'ble Minister. He also asked for preparation of flex/hoarding for wider dissemination and to identify a suitable location for the inauguration plate. Dr. Prakash proposed inviting a team from SBI Card, to which Dr. Paliwal agreed.

3. Virtual Skill Labs and Textbook Uploading

- Dr. Munesh Chandra updated the group on the status of Virtual Skill Labs being developed by EdCIL. He and Dr. Mehrotra plan to showcase 2-3 virtual labs to the Minister.
- The JD inquired about the status of uploading vocational textbooks in the form of Modules to the website. The faculty assured that the process is underway and expected to be completed on time.
- The JD also asked for an update on new approved job roles for 2024-25 and requested identification of new job roles in consultation with states for possible modification or addition.

4. Suggestions and Proposals

- **Skill Education Ecosystem:** Dr. Nayak suggested that NCVET may be requested to establish a separate school ecosystem for skill education, including vertical mobility matters. He also proposed increasing the PAB fund for textbook development from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 3 lakhs per job role.
- Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP): Dr. Paliwal discussed the Ministry's plan to establish an Entrepreneurship Development Centre in each district with an approximate fund of Rs. 10 lakhs. Faculty were encouraged to consider this and develop a team of master trainers in states/UTs.
- **Industry Collaboration:** A mail has been sent to all departments to explore collaborations and sign MoUs with PSSCIVE. A sample MoU from NIMI has been shared. The JD emphasized expediting this matter to inform the Minister of progress.
- **Faculty Reskilling:** Dr. Nayak suggested that IIM/IIT may be contacted for providing a three-month leadership/team management training program for faculty members. The JD agreed to consider this proposal.
- Coordination with States/UTs: JD emphasized that collaboration with States/UTs is the need of the hour, hence, all faculty may keep in touch with the states officials and get feedback about the status of VET.

5. Follow-ups and Upcoming Events

- Dr. Pinki Khanna was tasked with checking the status of two research findings sent to PMD, NCERT, and ensuring they are forwarded to the Ministry, if not already done.
- Dr. Paliwal informed the members about an Extension Lecture by Prof. Jyotsna Tiwari of NCERT on 7th August 2024, and her visit on 8th August 2024 to discuss organizing the Kaushal Utsav as directed by the Ministry.
- A Bootcamp is being scheduled in the Institute during 12-14 August, 2024, hence, all faculty may keep their department labs ready for the students and instruct the concerned to arrange proper training sessions.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

