



RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY (RKMVU)

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**Faculty Centre for 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management (IRTDM)' at
Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Ranchi (Morabadi), Jharkhand**

Proceedings of the meeting of the Academic Council (AC) for the faculty of 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management (IRTDM)' held at Conference Room, IRTDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU, Morabadi, Ranchi on 1st September, 2014 at 6 pm.

Meeting No. 20

A meeting of the Academic council for the Faculty of 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management (IRTDM)' of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU), was held on 1st September, 2014 at 6 pm at Conference Room, IRTDM Faculty Centre, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Morabadi, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The meeting was started with invocation followed by reading from the selected passages of Swami Vivekananda from the book "Swami Vivekananda – His call to the nation".

The following members were present:

1. Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor, RKMVU
2. Swami Shashankananda, Administrative Head, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU.
3. Swami Bhaveshananda, Assistant Administrative Head, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
4. Dr. R.N. Verma, Ex-Director, National Research Centre for Mushroom, Solan, Himachal Pradesh
5. Dr. R. P. Singh 'Ratan', Director of Extension, Birsa Agricultural University.
6. Dr. A. K. Jasu, Dean (Hony.), Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
7. Dr. D. Lahiri, Professor (Retd), Centre for Rural Development, IIT, Kharagpur.
8. Dr. Arunava Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
9. Dr. A. K. Dutta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
10. Sri Dipankar Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
11. Sri S. Patra (Invitee)

1. (a) Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on 26 June 2014 (b) Action taken report on the above proceedings and business arising out of them

The proceedings of the last meeting held on 26 June 2014 was read out and confirmed.

2. Conveying our respectful thankfulness to Revered Swami Shashankanandaji Maharaj, outgoing Secretary and Ex-officio Administrative Head of the University's IRTDM Faculty Centre at Ranchi

(Morabadi) Centre, for his contribution to the Faculty Centre's growth and expansion since inception.

Vice Chancellor conveyed thanks to Revered Swami Shashankanandaji Maharaj for his service.

3. Welcoming the incoming Secretary and ex-officio Administrative Head, Swami Bhaveshanandaji.

Revered Swami Shashankanandaji welcome Swami Bhaveshanandaji for his new assignment.

4. Progress report of 5-year M.Sc. 'Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD)' for the period from 27 June 2014 to 31 August 2014

The progress report of the Faculty of IRTDM for the period from 27 June 2014 to 31 August 2014 was placed before the members and accepted without any modification. (See Annexure-I)

5. Academic performance of the present students including dissertation and project work.

Academic performance of the present ARTD students was placed before the members for discussion and suggestions. The members suggested for making efforts to increase the CGPA percentage of the students. Members also suggested for taking initiative to form an alumni committee to ensure better network for job placement and on the job training opportunity. (See Annexure-II)

6. Matters relating to doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Dutta briefed about the progress of doctoral research of three students and also about the award of INSPIRE fellowship received by Rudrajit Sarkar.

7. Welcoming our new faculty member in Agricultural Economics.

Vice Chancellor introduced Sri Sk. Mahidur Rahaman to the board members as a new recruit in Agricultural Economics.

8. Admission for the 2015-16 session.

The important statistics regarding admission for the session 2014-15 was placed before the board members. Board members praised the procedures adopted for admission to ensure quality of students. (See Annexure-III)

9. Preparation of a road Map for research, training and extension for the IRTDM Faculty Centre.

Vice Chancellor briefed about the vision of Ramakrishna Mission as a whole for the development of tribal people of the country and the role IRTDM, RKMVU would execute in this regard through research and extension.

10. Proposed date of the next meeting

The next meeting was proposed to be held on 22 December, 2014.

11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair With kind regards.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Read and Confirmed
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11/9/14
(Chairman of the meeting)

Annexure I of the meeting dated 1.09.2014

Progress report of the faculty— 27 June 2014 to 31 August 2014:

1. **Courses Offered by the faculty:** The Faculty is presently offering two courses -

- i) Five-year '**Integrated M. Sc.**' in "Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD)" – Eligibility: (10+2) in science or vocational agriculture/ Horticulture.
- ii) Ph.D. in Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD).

2. Faculty and Staff:

- (i) Monastic member : - 02
- (ii) Teaching Staff : - 05 (Asst. Prof. - 4 & Lab-cum-Field Assistant- 1).
- (iii) Non-teaching Staff : - 07 [Office Assistant – 1, Office Boy- 1, watchman- 3, Mali -1,sweeper-1]

3. Visiting/ Guest faculty:

- (i) **Number of faculty members of Divyayan KVK: 01** [for practical classes]
- (ii) **Visiting/Guest lecturers: 11**
- (iii) **Monastic: 3**

The visiting/guest faculties include Senior lecturers, Associate professor, Retired professors, Senior Scientist and experienced personnel from different colleges & universities.

4. **About Students:** There are five (5) batches of students in IRTDM. The total no. of students including Ph.D. scholars are 81.

Year	1 st Year- 2014 batch	2 nd Year 2013 batch	3 rd Year 2012 batch	4 th Year 2011 batch	5 th Year 2010 batch	Ph.D. Scholars
No. of Students	26	18	17	6	11	3

5. **Daily Classes:** -Daily classes are going on six days a week as per schedule from 9 am to 5 pm. (Including one/two hour's fieldwork in Organic Plot). Personality development classes from 8 am to 9am.

6. **Students' attendance:** -Students average attendance is more than 80% in both theories and practical except very few students due to sickness/medical cases.

7. **Examinations:** All unit test examinations were completed as per the schedule of academic calendar.

8. **Library:** - Students are using the existing Ashrama Library and IRTDM Faculty library which has been shifted to University new building. The Ashrama library has about 25000 books and the IRTDM faculty has about 4800 books (out of which 3800 books were donated by retired professors). Students are provided internet access for collecting/study course materials.

9. Special Lectures/ Events

i) Sri D. Chatterjee Asst. Prof., IRTDM delivered a special lecture on *Livelihood and Family Farming* in July, 2014

ii) Sw. Bhaveshananda, Asst Administrative Head and Academic Co-ordinator delivered a special lecture on *Regeneration of Rural India and Rural Development Activities of Ramakrishna Mission* in August, 2014.