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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 29 December, 2014 at 6 pm.

Meeting No. 21

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 29 December, 2014, 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 Bhaveshananda, Administrative Head, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU.
3. Swami Kaleshananda, Controller of Examination, RKMVU
4. Swami Hariharananda, RKMVU
5. Swami Sivapurnananda, Assistant Administrative Head, Faculty of IRDM, RKMVU.
6. Dr. R.N. Verma, Ex-Director, National Research Centre for Mushroom, Solan, Himachal Pradesh.
7. Dr. B. M. Singh, Registrar, ICFAI University, Ranchi
8. Dr. A. K. Mondal, Professor (Hony.), Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
9. Dr. A. K. Jasu, Dean (Hony.), Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
10. Dr. Ajeet Singh, Programme Coordinator, Divyayan KVK, RKM Ashrama, Ranchi
11. Dr. Arunava Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
12. Dr. Dipankar Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU
13. Dr. A. K. Dutta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU

14. Dr. Punit Agarwal, Assistant Professor, Faculty of IRTDM, RKMVU

15. Sri S. Patra (Invitee), RKMVU

16. Sri S. Jaiswal (Invitee), CEO, BPD-BAU Society.

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

The proceedings of the last meeting held on 1 September 2014 was read out and confirmed.

2. Welcoming the new faculty members

Vice Chancellor introduced Dr. Punit Agarwal to the board members as a new recruit in Agricultural Economics. Board members were also intimated about the joining of Dr. A.K. Mondal as an Honorary Professor to the IRTDM faculty centre.

3. Progress report of 5-year M.Sc. 'Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD)' Course for the period from September 2014 to 28 December 2014

The progress report of the Faculty of IRTDM for the period from September 2014 to 28 December 2014 was placed before the members and accepted without any modification. Dr. R.N. Verma intimated the house about the publication of an article on low cost mushroom production in the proceedings of an International Seminar. The house lauded the effort and suggested to prepare a strategy for the dissemination of the technology for the benefit of rural mass. **(See Annexure-I)**

4. 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. Board members praised the improvement of CGPA percentage of the slow learners like Bhuneswar Bedia of M.Sc. final year. **(See Annexure-II)**

5. Matters relating to doctoral dissertation

Dr. Dutta briefed about the progress of doctoral research of three students. Board members suggested increasing the frequency of the review of the work progress. **(See Annexure-III)**

6. Matters related to research project and impact assessment studies

The progress related to the project 'Impact assessment of 100 dugwells constructed under MGNREGA' funded by Rural Development Department of Jharkhand Government was placed before the members. The information related to the different research projects submitted to

various agencies for funding was also placed in the meeting. Board members suggested sending the proposal directly to ICAR for the agriculture related projects for funding and also suggested to keep continuous contact with the funding agencies to know about the latest status of the submitted projects. **(See Annexure-IV)**

7. Admission for the 2015-16 session

The important statistics regarding admission for the session 2015-16 was placed before the board members. Board members praised the procedures adopted for admission to ensure quality of students. **(See Annexure-V)**

8. Matters related to LOA placement of 8th semester students in April-May 2015

Members were informed about the initiatives that have already started to place 8th semester students for LOA during April-May 2015. **(See Annexure-VI)**

9. Matters related to NAAC visit to the IRTDM faculty

Vice-Chancellor informed that the university has already applied for the NAAC accreditation. Board members lauded the effort and suggested to initiate a process to develop the IRTDM faculty as a Centre for Excellence in any relevant areas of Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development.

10. Continuous and comprehensive evaluation of the students

A format for the comprehensive evaluation of the students was placed before the members. After a prolonged discussion the following suggestions were accepted

a. A small committee shall be formed.
b. Social responsibility and discipline of the students should be included as a component of assessment.
c. Separate scales of assessment for each component are to be formulated. **(See Annexure-VII)**

11. Proposed date of the next meeting

The next meeting was proposed to be held on 26 March, 2015.

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

Vice-Chancellor invited suggestions from the members to open new courses under the faculty of IRTDM. After analyzing pros and cons of the faculty centre, target groups and possible

output of the courses, board members agreed in principle to choose from the following list of courses to start from the next academic session. The courses proposed are the following,

a) One semester certificate course in Mushroom Technology.
b) One semester certificate course in Seed Technology.
c) One Year PG Diploma in Agriculture.
d) One Year PG Diploma in Agriculture and Rural Development
e) One Year PG Diploma in Rural Management

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Chairman of the meeting)

Annexure I of the meeting dated 29.12.2014

Progress report of 5-year M.Sc. 'Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development (ARTD)' Course for the period from September 2014 to 28 December 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 : **- 08** (Prof [Hony]- 2; Asso. Prof [Hony]-1; 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: 04**

(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 79.

Year	1st Year- 2014 batch	2nd Year 2013 batch	3rd Year 2012 batch	4th Year 2011 batch	5th Year 2010 batch	Ph.D. Scholars
No. of Students	**24**	**19**	**16**	**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, Mid-Sem and Final Exams 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. Institutional visit/Field work at Village:

Date	*Place*	*Details*	*Remarks*
8.9.14 to 10.9.14	Badri village, Angara	PRA exercises(304), Sex ratio and health status of women and children (301), and Impact studies (702) of different programme implemented by Divyayan	Dr. A. Sengupta and Sk. M. Rahaman
10.9.14 to 26.9.14	Chanpi, Obar, Beyang.	Rural Living and Learning, Study on village problems and suggestive measures (701).	Self visit
24.9.14 to 26.9.14	Obar village, Angara.	Socio-Economic survey and study on culture change(104). Study on Village Social Problems(101).	D. Chatterjee
12.11.14	Pandra and Nagri	To study the regulated market and village Mandi (503)	A. K. Dutta and Sk. M. Rahaman
18.11.14	Food Corporation of India	To study the functioning of the unit. (503).	A. K. Dutta

10. Seminar Participation:

During the reporting period, the following Students and Faculty have participated and presented their findings related to their research in different National and International level seminars. The details of the presented research papers are given below:

i) 7th National Extension Educational Congress on the theme ***Small Farms: Complexities and priorities of sustainable agriculture*** organized by **Society of Extension Education** at ICAR Research Complex for NEH region, Meghalaya held on 8-9 November, 2014.

Research Articles	Author(s)
Family Farms of East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand: Complexities and Priorities of Sustainable Development.	Atanu Deb and Arunava Sengupta

ii) International Seminar on ***Social Sector Development and Inclusive Growth in Rural India***, organized by A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Department of Economics & Politics Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan held on 28-29 November, 2014.

Research Articles	Author(s)
Visible Yet Invisible: Rural Women's Contribution in Livelihood through Unpaid Household Work.	Arindam Ghosh, Dipankar Chatterjee and Rudrajit Sarkar
Role of ICDS in Protecting Childhood: A Study in the Rural Context of Jharkhand.	Harish Chandra Mandavi Dipankar Chatterjee and Rudrajit Sarkar
Village Development Plan with People's Participation; A case of a multi-ethnic village of Jharkhand	Raju Das, Dipankar Chatterjee and Rudrajit Sarkar
Sweet potato as a worthy option for rural livelihood: A study on tribal dominating villages of Jharkhand	Rudrajit Sarkar and Avijit Kr. Dutta
Comparative study on the economics of kharif and rabiseasonal potato cultivation in Ranchi district of Jharkhand.	Priyadarshi Roy, Subrata Ghosh, Dibyajyoti Nag and Avijit Kumar Dutta.

iii) International Seminar on ***Globalization and the Tribal: Issues and Challenges***, organized by The Institute of Social Research & Applied Anthropology, Bidisa held on 7-8 December, 2014.

Research Articles	Author(s)

Globalisation and the 'New Culture' of Tribals: The Case of Sauria Paharia of Jharkhand	Rudrajit Sarkar and Dipankar Chatterjee.
Peoples' perception on industrialization, displacement and Changing scenario of Farming System: Specific cases from the selected villages of East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.	Atanu Deb

iv) National Seminar on **Rural Youth in Family Farming: Need and Challenges** organized by Directorate of Extension Education, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour held on 18-19 December 2014.

Research Articles	Author(s)
Role and Challenges of Youths in Family Farming: Cases from East Singhbhum, Jharkhand.	Atanu Deb
Rural youth in sweet potato farming: A case of resistance for agriculture.	Rudrajit Sarkar
Involvement of youth on onion based farming system: Cases from the selected villages of Jharkhand	Dibyajyoti Nag

11. Research Publications:

i. **Nag, D. and D. Chatterjee**. 2014. "Ensnared Innocence: A Study on Cross-Border Child Trafficking in the Context of West Bengal, India" *Afro Asian Journal of Social Sciences* 5 (III). **[ISSN No: 2229-5313].**

ii. **Chhandogi, Subhankar** and **Dipankar Chatterjee.** 2014. "People, Economy and Society: Documenting Mahuatongri Village of Angara Block, Ranchi, Jharkhand". In Santanu Rakshit and R. N. Pramanik (Eds.) Rural Development: Emerging Challenges in the New Millennium. Abhijeet Publications: New Delhi. **[ISBN: 978-93-5074-129-0]**.

iii. **Biswas, Sudarsan** and **Arunava Sengupta.** 2014. "Participatory Adaptive Research for Promotion of Organic Farming: A Case Study from a Tribal Village". In Santanu Rakshit and R. N. Pramanik (Eds.) Rural Development: Emerging Challenges in the New Millennium. Abhijeet Publications: New Delhi. **[ISBN: 978-93-5074-129-0]**.

iv. **Rudrajit Sarkar.** 2014. "Impact Assessment of Seed Village Scheme in some villages of Jharkhand".

In Santanu Rakshit and R. N. Pramanik (Eds.) Rural Development: Emerging Challenges in the New Millennium. Abhijeet Publications: New Delhi. **[ISBN: 978-93-5074-129-0]**.

v. **Atanu Deb and Amitava Dutta.** 2014. "Impact of industrialization on the socio-economic lives of the tribes (Birhor)". In Santanu Rakshit and R. N. Pramanik (Eds.) Rural Development: Emerging Challenges in the New Millennium. Abhijeet Publications: New Delhi. **[ISBN: 978-93-5074-129-0]**.

vi**. Dutta, A. K.** (2014). Organic Production of Vegetables. In: Hand Book of Vegetables. Peter, K. V. and Hazra, P. (Eds), Studium Press LLC, P.O. Box 722 200, Houston, Texas-77072, USA, Vol. II, Chapter-11, pp. 351-384.

vii**. Singh, D. K. and Dutta, A. K. (2014).** French Bean. In: Hand Book of Vegetables, Peter, K. V. and Hazra, P. (Eds), Studium Press LLC, P.O. Box 722 200, Houston, Texas-77072, USA, Vol. III, Chapter-6, pp. 151-191.

12. Special Lectures

i) Dr. Saigal Topno, Advocate, Jharkhand High Court, delivered a special lecture on *Necessity of Legal Awareness for the Development of Tribal Community* on 30 October 2014.

ii) Sri Deepak Srivastava, Country Head of ECOCERT Environment, HQ Paris delivered a special lecture on *Supply Chain Management of Organic Produces* on 3 November, 2014.

iii) Mrs. Nidhi Srivastava, Psychiatrist cum Social Entrepreneur delivered a special lecture on *Working Experience with Underprivileged: A Success Story* on 3 November, 2014.

iv) Sri Arun Kumar, Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of Jharkhand delivered a special lecture on *Rural Development Activities in Jharkhand* on 18 November, 2014.

v) Dr. Rupak Goswami, Asst. Professor, IRDM, RKMVU delivered a short speech on *Cleanliness* on 29 November, 2014.