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3rd BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING**VIGNAN INSTITUTE OF LAW, VFSTR, GUNTUR, AP****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25.2.2023**

Board of studies of school of law was held on 25.2.2023 via zoom meeting at 10:00 AM. BOS meeting has primarily discussed the need to review R-22 regulations, course scheme & syllabi of BA.LLB.(Hons.) & BBA.LL.B(Hons.) Degree Programmes and feasibility to introduce new programmes such as 2 years LL.M Degree Programme and Ph.D Degree Programme under the aegis of Centre of Post Graduate Studies & Research (CPGSR) from session 2023-24.

The following members have attended the meeting:

S.no	Name	Designation	Role
1.	Prof. D. Vijaya Krishna, Dean, School of Law & Management	Dean	Chairperson
2.	Dr. Praveen Kumar Lohchab, Director, VIL	Associate Professor	Member
3.	Dr. Nagalatha B	Associate Professor	Member
4.	Mr. L. Ashish Kumar	Assistant Professor	Member Secretary, BOS, Member BOR, Nominee of Dean, R & D
5.	Dr. Kalpana Koneru, Professor & HoD, Dept. of Mgt. Studies, VFSTR	Professor	Nominee of Dean, School of Law & Management
6.	Dr. A. Sharada, Professor & Head, Division of Humanities, VFSTR	Professor	Member
7.	Prof. Y. Satyanarayana, VC, DSNLU, Vishakhapatnam & Advisor to Vignan Institute of Law	Honorary Distinguished Professor	Member

8.	Dr. Parikshet Sirohi, Professor, Faculty of Law, Delhi University, Delhi	Professor	Member
9.	Prof. Dr. G.B. Reddy, Professor of Law & Ex-Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, Hyderabad	Professor	Invited Member
10.	Prof. G. Srinivas Rao	Dean, R & D, VFSTR	Special invitee

Following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

1. Approval of R-22 Regulations of BA.LL.B(Hons.) & BBA.LL.B(Hons.)

Board of studies thoroughly examined the proposed R-22 regulations and found in parlance with the aims and objectives cited in National Education Policy (NEP-2020). Board of studies have approved the amendment to the existing evaluation and assessment model with the new model (Formative and Summative assessment model).

However, Prof. Y. Satyanarayana suggested reviewing the outcome of the proposed changes in the assessment pattern after the end of every semester is highly desirable since it is introduced for the first time. Prof. Parikshet Sirohi also seconded his opinion and mentioned that this step will be pivotal in continuous assessment of law students.

No other changes were suggested in other rules regarding registration of students, attendance, promotion, award of degree etc. in R-22 Regulations. The same were already duly mapped with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Bar Council of India as well.

Major changes in R-20 & R-22 Regulations are as under:

	R-20 Regulations	R-22 Regulations
Total Credits of BA-LLB(Hons.)/BBA-LLB(Hons.)	236	241
End Semester Internships (4 weeks each)	6/10 (without credit)	6/10 (with 1 credit each)

Max. Credits per Semester	24	25
Summer Semester	NO	NO (Student can register a max. of 29 credits per semester. This additional 4 credits provision is for R-grade courses)
L-T-P (Credits)	L-T-P (Credits) 4-0-0 (4)	L-T/P (Credits) 3-2 (4)
Total No. of Courses	59+6(Internships)	59 +6(Internships)=65

	R-20 Regulations	R-22 Regulations
Honourable Exit option	NO	YES (BA/BBA degree may be awaafter to unsuccessful candidates compl minimum 149 credits)

Structure of Syllabi	5 Units	2 Modules (with 2 Units each)
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Assessment Model	Internal Assessment (40 Marks)	Formative Assessment (60 Marks)
	External Assessment (60 Marks)	Summative Assessment (40 Marks)

Mid-I & Mid-II (20 Marks)	Formative Assessment (60 Marks) (T1+T2+T3+T4+T5)
Internal Assessment (20 Marks)	Summative Assessment (40 Marks)
End Sem Exam (60 Marks)	

Minimum Attendance	Overall 80% Condonation (70%-79%)	Range	Course wise 75% Condonation Range (65%-74%)
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2. Introduction of 2 years LL.M Degree Programme at VIL

Vignan Institute of Law (VIL), a constituent institute of Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (VFSTR) is offering 5 years integrated BA.LLB (Hons.) & B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) program consists of 245 Credits each since its inception in 2020. VIL has received an overwhelming response from the student's fraternity to join VIL during past 3 years. With an aim to establish Centre for Post Graduate Studies & Research (CPGSR), VIL has proposed to offer 2 years LL.M degree under the aegis of CPGSR in the following specializations from the upcoming session 2023-24:

- **Constitutional Law**
- **Corporate and Commercial Laws**
- **Intellectual Property Rights Law**
- **Labour, Capital & Employment Laws**

Since Vignan Institute of Law is offering law programmes with Hons. Specialization in four groups i.e., Constitutional Law, Corporate Law, International Law & IPR., in accordance to that BOS approved the introduction of 2 years LL.M. Degree Programme. Prof. Satyanarayana suggested to proceed further to take necessary approvals from Academic Council, Board of Management and the Bar Council of India to enroll students from next session 2023-24. Prof. G. B. Reddy, Professor of Law & Ex-Dean, Faculty of Law, Osmania University, suggested to change the nomenclature of few courses as its already outdated and new programmes must be introduced with contemporary contents of the syllabi followed by contemporary nomenclature of the title. He suggested that LL.M. with specialization in "*Labour, Capital & Employment Laws*" should be adopted in place of LL.M with specialization in "*Labour Laws*". He promised the board to review the list of courses to be offered under each specialization and will share his inputs.

Prof. Sirohi stressed upon the dire need to offer LL.M. in IPR laws and suggested several contemporary courses such as Geographical Indications, Traditional Knowledge, Industrial Designs, IP Management etc. apart from the core courses, shall be offered as elective courses. He also suggested variety of other courses enshrined with the idea of multidisciplinary approach with Science & Technology.

Prof. Kalpana K., HoD, MBA Dept. suggested that LL.M. Regulations shall be prepared in accordance with NEP-2020 and recently approved R-22 Regulations for UG programmes at VIL. She strongly recommended that segregation of the syllabi in to two modules based on the formative and summative assessment model will be highly beneficial for UG & PG students.

Prof. Nagalatha B., Associate Professor, VIL also seconded her opinion by highlighting the advantages of R-22 Regulations, proposed for modular structure, within a calculated time frame, is essential to implement proposed assessment scheme. She recommended the division of the syllabus of every course in to two modules. Each Module shall be divided in to two Chapters/Units in order to ensure smooth conduction of classes, coverage of syllabi and continuous assessment throughout the semester for LL.M. students.

However, Prof. Satyanarayana opined that syllabi must not be segregated on the principle to teach the bare act at once and all case studies thereafter, since case studies or application based content is so embedded within the fundamental principles of bare act that cannot be taught separately. Hence the BOS approved the modular structure and disapproved the segregation of fundamental concepts from application based case studies in the syllabi to be framed for both UG & PG Programmes.

3. Introduction of Ph.D Degree Programme at VIL

Higher education has witnessed an explosive growth in terms of Legal Research to establish to new legal principles in Indian Legal System across the country. Legal research under CPGSR would further contribute in the development of law school curriculum in and outside of the learning environment. This would enable students to move beyond the walls of the classrooms, embracing a vast range of opportunities to explore the world of law. VIL will be strengthened by establishment of CPGSR and thereby enrolment of research scholars. With an aim to identify the gaps between the legal principles in practice and in the classrooms by encouraging research scholars to pursue research in the contemporary issues to help the judicial system in timely delivery of justice, VIL has proposed to introduce Ph.D degree programme from the upcoming session 2023-24.

Prof. Satyanarayana suggested to appoint more no. of Professors, Associate Professors & Assistant

Professors to establish the Centre. Prof. Satyanarayana promised to assist the Centre in the capacity of Honorary Distinguished Professor and will provide constant support and guidance to the research scholars in pursuit of their research objectives.

Prof. Kalpana, HoD, MBA Dept. seconded his opinion by extending the support and research supervision from all professors of MBA Dept. to share their expertise in the common research areas to the scholars. Prof. Nagalatha B., Associate Professor, VIL suggested that Ph.D Regulations shall be prepared in accordance Ph.D Regulations of VFSTR in association with Dean, Research & Development, VFSTR.

Board of studies evaluated the viability report and approved the establishment of Centre of Post Graduate Studies & Research (CPGSR) at VIL and approved the launch of Ph.D Degree program to enroll research scholars from next session 2023-24.

4. Board of Studies Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director, VIL.

D. Vijay Krishna

Chairperson, BOS
Vignan Institute of Law



