

**Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla - 17105**  
**Department of Journalism and Mass Communication**

**Proceedings of the meeting of**  
**Undergraduate Board of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication**

**Date and time:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (10.30 a.m.)

**Venue:** Department of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla - 171005

The following were present:

Prof. Vir Bala Aggarwal	Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Himachal Pradesh University – Chairperson and Convener
Prof. Vikram Kaushik	Department of Communication Management and Technology, Guru Jambheshwar University, Hisar (Harayan) – External Expert
Dr. Happy Jeji	Associate Professor, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Punjabi University, Patiala (Punjab) – External Expert
Sh. Ajai Srivastava	Associate Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication, ICDEOL, Himachal Pradesh University – Member
Dr. Vikas Dogra	Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Himachal Pradesh University – Member

The following items were discussed and decisions taken:

**Item 1:** To discuss the proposal regarding modifications in the syllabus of Under Graduate (UG) programmes in Journalism and Mass Communication received from Assistant Professors engaged in the teaching of the subject in government colleges of Himachal Pradesh University.

**Decision:** The members of the Under Graduate Board of Studies (UG BoS) went through the proposal (enclosed) and observed that the demands/recommendations in the proposal are of three categories: one, the structure of the course structure; two, the contents of individual courses; and three the availability of course contents in Hindi language.

After detailed discussion the members made following recommendations:

- i. The structure proposed in the curriculum is as per the requirements of the Himachal Pradesh University. The structure of the course as envisaged by the University does make it difficult to be taught by single faculty. However, the UG BoS cannot unilaterally make changes to the course structure as it'll make difficult the accumulation of requisite credits by students opting for Journalism and Mass Communication as a major at UG level.
- ii. The BoS made changes to the curriculum of certain courses. The revised curriculum of these courses is enclosed as Annexure A. The curriculum of other courses shall remain as before.

- iii. The members of UG BoS observed that the availability of modern contents in the various fields of Journalism and Mass Communication in Hindi language is a nagging issue. However, the students cannot be deprived of latest and modern knowledge due to such reasons. Therefore, the UG BoS recommended a two-fold solution to the problem. The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication may coordinate with the college teachers in: i) identification of the available reading material in Hindi and compile a course-wise list which may be included in each course curriculum; and ii) collaborative translation/development of course contents in Hindi.

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

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