



# RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY

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PO Belur Math, Dist Howrah, West Bengal 711 202, India

Ref.No. RKMVU/NDP/AC-BoS/MEET/2014

28 January 2014

## MEETING NOTICE

**Sub:** Joint meeting of the Academic Council and Board of Studies to be held at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, on 19 February 2014 (Wednesday) at 2 pm

Dear Sir

The joint meeting of the Academic Council and Board of Studies of the Faculty of 'Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM)' at our Faculty Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata will be held as per the following schedule, to discuss the agenda given below. We earnestly request your kind presence at the meeting and participation in its deliberations. The Programme Coordinator and the Subject Matter Specialists of the newly established Krishi Vigyan Kendra are requested to attend as invitees.

**Date and time:** 19 February 2014 (Wednesday) at 2 pm

**Venue:** University's Academic-cum-Administrative Building of the Faculty of IRDM located at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur

### AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 8 April 2013
2. Action Taken Report and business arising from the above proceedings
3. Progress regarding the courses/programmes running at the Narendrapur Faculty Centre, namely, (i) M.Sc. in 'Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM)/Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD)'; (ii) M.Sc. in 'Agricultural Biotechnology (AgBT)'; (iii) PhD in 'Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM)'; and (iv) PhD in 'Agricultural Biotechnology (AgBT)'
4. Placement of the students of the outgoing batches
5. Admission for the 2014-15 session at the IRDM Faculty Centre
6. 'Sasya Shyamala' Krishi Vigyan Kendra—academic involvement of the Subject Matter Specialists and Programme Coordinator in the University
7. Proposed date of the next meeting
8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Swami Atmapriyananda  
Vice Chancellor

**Kindly note:** All the members of the Academic Council and Board of Studies are cordially invited for lunch at 1 pm before the meeting.

# Joint Meeting of the Academic Council and Board of Studies

Meeting No-19

Date - 17.02.2016

Time - 2.00 pm.

Members Present

Sl. No.	Name	Signature
1	SWAMI ATMAPRIYANANDA	Atmapriyana
2	SWAMI SARVAGANANDA	Sarvagana
3	SWAMI SHIVAPURNANANDA	Shrivapurnananda
4	SWAMI KALESHANANDA	Kaleshananda
5	Dr. Samant Bhattacharya	Bhattacharya
6	Samant Bhattacharya	Samant Bhattacharya
7	Pratibha Datta	Pr. Datta
8	Chandra Mondal	C. Mondal
9	D. Das Gupta	D. Das Gupta
10	Dr. A. Chakraborty	A. Chakraborty
11	KALYAN GANGULY	Kalyan Ganguly
12	Dr. Narayan Ch. Sahu	Narayan Ch. Sahu
13	Dr. Arunendu Sen	Arunendu Sen
14	Dr. B. K. Datta	B. K. Datta
15	Dr. D. Kumar	D. Kumar
16	Swami Haricharananda	Haricharananda
17	Rupak Goswami	Rupak Goswami
18	Dr. Sandip Debbar	Sandip Debbar
19	Dr. SNAGAT Ghosh	Snagat Ghosh
20	Dr. Prasjit Kumar	Prasjit Kumar
21	Dr. Soumen Bera	Soumen Bera
22	Omprakash Ghosh	O. Ghosh
23	Mr. Nazim Ali	Nazim Ali
24	MANAS GITOSH	Manas Gitosh

**Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the Academic Council and Board of Studies held at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 2.00 pm**

**Members present at the meeting:**

1. Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor
2. Swami Sarvagananda, Administrative Head
3. Dr. B.K. Dutta, Director, Vivekananda Institute of Biotechnology, Shri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Nimpith
4. Dr. D. Konar, Former Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal
5. Dr. Manas Ghosh, Hony. Dean, IRDM Faculty Centre, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU)
6. Swami Shivapurnananda, Assistant administrative head
7. Swami Kaleshananda, Invited Member
8. Swami Hariharananda, invited Member
9. Dr. Dibyendu Sen, Former director of extension education, BCKV, Mohanpur.
10. Dr. Somnath Bhattacharya, Head-department of genetics, BCKV, Mohanpur
11. Prof Debabrata Dasgupta, Former Vice-Chancellor, BCKV, Mohanpur
12. Dr. Kalyan Ganguly, Invited Member
13. Dr. Amitava Chatterjee, Invited Member
14. Dr. Chanda Mandal, Invited Member
15. Mr. Amitava Dutta, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
16. Dr. Rupak Goswami, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
17. Dr. Md. Nasim Ali, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
18. Dr. Somsubhra Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
19. Dr. Narayan Chandra Sahu, Program coordinator, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
20. Dr. Sandip Debnath, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
21. Dr. Soumen Bera, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
22. Dr. Prasenjit Kundu, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
23. Dr. Sarbaswarup Ghosh, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
24. Dr. Swagat Ghosh, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member

The meeting started with the chanting of Universal Vedic prayer followed by reading from the selected passage of the complete works of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Atmapriyananda took the Chair. A special honorary mention was given to Swami Sarvagananda, the new administrative head of the faculty centre.

**Agenda 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013:**  
The proceedings of the previous meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were read out and confirmed.

**Agenda 2. Action Taken Report and business arising from the proceedings of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

- **Field Action Projects:** The faculty centre has already started a joint venture with Development Research Communication & Services Centre (DRCSC), a Kolkata-based NGO; although the members have felt a need for systematic mechanism for the same.



**B. Admission to the ongoing courses**

The admission of students to MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology (AgBT) and MSc/M.A. in Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD)/Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM) courses for the academic session 2013-14 was held on 9 June 2013. List of candidates selected for interview, based on their performance in the written test, was published on 12 June, 2013, and was subsequently interviewed on 13 June 2013. New batches of students for the Academic Period 2013-15 were then admitted to the MSc/MA in ARD/IRDM and MSc in AgBT courses. During this year, 102 and 78 applications were received for the above- mentioned courses, of which 99 and 64 students appeared in the admission test respectively. Ultimately, 21 students in MSc/MA in ARD/IRDM course and 20 students for MSc in AgBT course were admitted.

**C. Important Visits/Lecture etc.**

Date	Events
9 July 2013	<b>Dr. George James</b> , Associate Professor, <i>Dept. of Philosophy &amp; Religion Studies, University of North Texas</i> , delivered a lecture on " <i>Environmental Philosophy and its significance for India</i> ". The lecture was followed by a vibrant discussion with the students of the Faculty Centre and other participants.
25 July 2013	<b>Dr. S. Ayyappan</b> , Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) visited the IRDM Faculty Centre. He visited the site of new Krishi Vigyan Kendra of RKMVU and interacted with the students on a varied topic.
19-20 September 2013	<b>Dr. Shouti Kishore Chattopadhyay</b> , Retd. Professor of Statistics, University of Calcutta, delivered a series of three lectures on " <i>Measurement of Poverty and Well-being</i> " at the IRDM Faculty Centre.
10 September 2013	<b>Dr. D. Dasgupta</b> , Principal Advisor, Symbio Greentech Pvt.Ltd., Kolkata and <b>Mr. C. S. Pradeep Kumar</b> , Founder & Executive Director Symbio Greentech Pvt. Ltd. delivered two special lectures on " <i>Environment and Disaster Management</i> " highlighting the need for developing a proper curriculum on disaster management for the IRDM Faculty Centre. Revered Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice-chancellor of RKMVU and Revered Swami Durgananda, Registrar, RKMVU were present during the lecture session.
9 & 16 September 2013	<b>Ms Tapati Bhowmick</b> , Senior Programme Coordinator of Sanlaap delivered two lectures on " <i>Trafficking of Young and Adolescent girls from rural Bengal</i> " with special reference to South and North 24 Parganas. She also interacted with the students highlighting the future scope of research in the said area of interest.

**D. Important Academic Events**

Date	Events
16 August 2013	An <b>industry-institute interaction session</b> was organized at IRDM faculty centre to focus on building a long-term tie between the institute and agro-based industries that might prove instrumental in recruitment of passed out students. <b>Dr. Jayanta Chakraborty</b> , President, Eastern India Crop Care Association along with his Senior Corporate friends discussed industry's expectation from the students with respect to knowledge, skill and attitude. <b>Dr. Chakraborty</b> and his team also interacted with the students and teachers of the Faculty Centre.



7 September 2013	<p>A Campus Interview for the outgoing students of our University was organized on 7 September 2013 at the IRDM Faculty Centre. The following renowned Agro-industries participated in the campus interview-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indofil Industries Limited</li> <li>- Makhteshim-Agan Private Limited</li> <li>- Biostadt India Limited</li> </ul> <p>Four students were ultimately recruited by Indofil Industries</p>
10 October 2013	<p>A one-day National Seminar on Food Security &amp; GM Crops was organised by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU) at the IRDM Faculty Centre at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur to celebrate the National Science Day. The seminar was funded by West Bengal State Council of Science &amp; Technology, Government of West Bengal and catalyzed &amp; supported by the National Council for Science, Technology &amp; Communication, Government of India.</p> <p>Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University - delivered the welcome address. This was followed by four lectures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Organic Farming can feed the nation" by Dr Vandana Shiva, noted environmental activist, from Navdanya Research Foundation for Science, Technology &amp; Ecology, New Delhi.</li> <li>2. 'Agricultural grassroots technologies for sustainable rural development: Honey Bee experience' by Dr. Vipin Kumar, Director, National Innovation Foundation-India, Ahmedabad</li> <li>3. 'Sustainable agriculture for food and nutritional security: Challenges to geneticists and breeders and beyond' by Dr. P. K. Das, Former Professor and Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya</li> <li>4. 'GM Foods: Potentialities, controversies and its Future' by Dr. S. C. Roy, Former Professor, Head &amp; Coordinator, Centre of Advance Study, Department of Botany, University of Calcutta</li> </ol> <p>Revered Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur delivered the vote of thanks to the participants.</p>

### B. Other Events

Date	Events
4 September 2013	Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University celebrated the <i>Vidyarthi Brata</i> for both Belur and Narendrapur campuses jointly at the Belur Math Campus of the University. On this occasion, the students took oath to follow the five resolutions outlined in the <i>Vidyarthi Homa Mantras</i> . Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice chancellor of the University blessed the students.
5 September 2013	The students of the Faculty Centre celebrated the Teacher's Day with all the staffs of the Faculty Centre. Students offered their respect in the form of cultural programmes; teachers reminisced the great soul of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and provided valuable counsel to the students.



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4. Syllabus for the proposed courses at the Faculty Centre namely – Masters in Social Work (MSW), MSc in Post Harvest Technology, and Certificate course in Ayurveda
5. Academic Calendars for the period: July 2014 to June 2015.
6. MoU between our University and 'Indian Council of Agriculture and Research' for academic cooperation
7. Proposed date of the next meeting
8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Yours sincerely

Swami Atmapriyananda  
Vice Chancellor

**Kindly note:** All the members of the Academic Council and Board of Studies are cordially invited for lunch at 1 pm before the meeting.

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# Meeting NO. - 20

Date 28.05.2014

Time - 2.00 pm

## Members Present

Sr No.	Name	Signature
1.	SWAMI ATMAPRIYANANDA	Atmapriya
2.	SWAMI SARVAGANANDA	Sarvagana
3.	SWAMI BHAVESHANANDA	Bhavesha
4.	P. K. NDA	P. K. NDA
5.	SOMNATH BHATTACHARYA	Somnath
6.	CHANDRABHAKTA CHAKRABORTY	Chandrabhakta
7.	M. P. Nassim Ali	M. P. Nassim Ali
8.	Pranajit Kundu	Pranajit
9.	Utsav Goswami	Utsav
10.	Chanda Mondal	Chanda Mondal
11.	Kalyan Ganguly	Kalyan Ganguly
12.	Rupak Goswami	Rupak Goswami
13.	Agarwalan Datta	Agarwalan Datta
14.	Soumen Bera	Soumen Bera
15.	SARBA SWARUP GHOSH	S. Swarup Ghosh
16.	Amritansu Chatterjee	Amritansu
17.	Swami Kripalayananda	Kripalaya
18.	Swami Shrivapurnananda	Shrivapurna



**Proceedings of the 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the Academic Council and Board of Studies held at Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 at 2.00 pm**

**Members present at the meeting:**

1. Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor
2. Swami Sarvagananda, Administrative Head
3. Swami Shivapurnananda, Assistant administrative head
4. Swami Bhaveshananda
5. Swami Kripalayananda
6. Dr. Trilochan Sastry, Dean, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
7. Dr. Manas Ghosh, Hony. Dean, IRDM Faculty Centre, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU)
8. Dr. Somnath Bhattacharya, Department of genetics, ICKV, Mohanpur
9. Dr. Kalyan Ganguly, Invited Member
10. Dr. Amitava Chatterjee, Invited Member
11. Dr. P. K. Nag, Invited Member
12. Dr. Asis Goswami, Invited Member
13. Dr. Chhanda Mandal, Invited Member
14. Mr. Amitava Dutta, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
15. Dr. Rupak Goswami, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
16. Dr. Md. Nasim Ali, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
17. Dr. Somsubhra Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, IRDM Faculty Centre, RKMVU
18. Dr. Soumen Bera, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member
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20. Dr. Sarbaswarup Ghosh, Subject Matter Specialist, Sasya Shyamala KVK, Invited Member

The meeting started with the chanting of Universal Vedic prayer followed by reading from the selected passage of the complete works of Swami Vivekananda. Swami Atmapriyananda took the Chair.

**Agenda 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014:** The proceedings of the previous meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were read out and confirmed.

**Agenda 2. Action Taken Report and business arising from the proceedings of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

- **Renaming the M.Sc (Agriculture and Rural Development) course:** In an effort to attract students who want to pursue management and also to increase national acceptability of the course, members present suggested that a new name of the course "M.Sc in Agriculture, Rural Development and Management" can be considered



- **Popularization of M. Sc (Agriculture and Rural Development) course:** It was suggested that to popularize M.Sc (Agriculture and Rural Development) course, online essay competitions may be arranged. It was also advised that eminent personalities may be invited to come over as a jury which will further increase the popularity. Members also suggested campaigning throughout the year, organizing workshops, NGO meet, circulation of magazines like Krishaka Debo Bhava, and proper documentation.
- **Uniformity of course credit hours:** It was advised that to maintain the unity of course credit system throughout the university system 1 credit should be considered equivalent to 18 hours starting from the 2014-15 academic session.
- **Guidelines for new courses:** It was decided that three new courses will be started at the faculty centre using available infrastructures and/or as per the requirement of UGC. These courses are - Masters in Social Work (MSW), M.Sc in Post Harvest Technology, and a certificate course on Ayurveda and Nutraceuticals. Some members also suggested using the title of "pro-biotic food" for the new Ayurveda certificate course. It was decided that for the certificate course the minimum eligibility criteria should be 10+2 (science) with age no bar. The total intake will be 25 while the medium of instruction will be English. Course coordinator Dr. Chhanda Mandal has emphasized that some basic research will be blended with the course for possible AYUSH funding. The house profusely thanks to Dr. Mandal for her initiative. For MSW course, the members advised the requirement for at least two new faculties. Members also suggested to initiate M.Sc in Agri-marketing and advised inclusion of value chain in the course curricula.

**Agenda 3. Progress regarding the four courses running at the Narendrapur Faculty Centre, namely, (i) M.Sc. in 'Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM)'; (ii) M.Sc. in 'Agricultural Biotechnology (AgBT)'; (iii) PhD in 'Integrated Rural Development and Management (IRDM)'; and (iv) PhD in 'Agricultural Biotechnology (AgBT)'**

A one-day seminar on Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture was organized by Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (RKMVU) in collaboration with State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (SAMETI-West Bengal), Ballygunge Society for Environment and Development (BSED), and *Sasya Shyamala* Krishi Vigyan Kendra under RKMVU on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014 at the Faculty Centre. Honorable Vice-Chancellor of RKMVU, revered Swami Atmapriyananda gave welcome

address and spoke about the '*Anna Brhma Upasana*' mentioned in the *Vedas* and the importance of food in all the phases of human life. Dr. S. Ayappan, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, in his inaugural address, discussed the challenges of food security and sustainable agriculture in India and emphasized the need of improved mechanizations and adoption of scientific approaches to feed the huge Indian population. He also mentioned the need of attracting best students to agriculture and drew attention to the increasing number of female students taking to agricultural courses. Shri Pradip Mazumdar, Agricultural Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, in his special address, emphasized the steps taken by the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal to encourage export of different rice varieties (especially the non basmati scented rice 'Tulaipanji') and arrangement of large scale procurement of paddy directly from the farmers to prevent distress sale. Professor Chittaranjan Koley, Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya discussed the biotechnological perspective of food security and sustainable agriculture. He deliberated on several biotechnological advancements developed by his research team to mitigate human health problems. He also mentioned different biotechnological aspects such as cisgenics, nanobiotechnology to improve crop yield and quality. Dr. S. Ramarethinam, President R&D, T. Stanes and Co. Ltd discussed the role of agro input industries in food security and sustainable agriculture. He emphasized several practical challenges faced by the private sector while providing the essential inputs for the progress of Indian agriculture. Revered Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur and Administrative head of the IRDM Faculty Centre, delivered the valedictory address emphasizing the food and its contribution towards human civilization. Apart from the students, faculty and monks of RKMVU, many scientists from ICAR institutes, representatives from agro input industries, NGOs, teachers and students from different institutes and universities participated in the seminar.

2. As a part of the course curriculum, the students of Semester-IV (2012-14) of IRDM was placed in different organizations under Learning through Organizational Attachment Programme during 13 January - 12 March 2014. Details of the placement is given below -