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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 22th December, 2017

Subject: Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Steering Committee of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) of Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Rae Bareli.

The 29th meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Pharmaceuticals on 13.12.2017 at NIPER, Hyderabad. The List of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 27th and 28th meeting. All the agenda items were discussed *ad seriatim*. The decisions taken by the Steering Committee on each agenda items are as under:

Agenda No.	Subject	Decision	Action to be taken by
29.1	Laying and approval of Annual Accounts of NIPERs of 2016-17 of NIPER Raebareli and Ahmedabad	The Committee reviewed the status of submission and laying of Annual Accounts of all the NIPERs. It pursued the Accounts of NIPER Raebareli and Ahmedabad and noted that NIPER Raebareli has received the final SAR from CAG and would submit its reply thereto soon and NIPER Ahmedabad is awaiting the final SAR from CAG. The Committee noted that details of Grants received and capital expenditure were not indicated in the Accounts of NIPER Ahmedabad. The Committee further decided that: (i) All NIPERs, which have	All NIPERs/ DoP

		<p>not submitted the Statement of Annual Account of 2016-17 or prior, would give reasons for not submitting the same along with time-frame for submitting the same.</p> <p>(ii) There should be uniformity in the format of the Statement of Annual Accounts. It was decided that the format of NIPER Raebareli would be followed by all the NIPERs.</p> <p>2. It was further decided that henceforth every NIPER would submit its Annual Plan indicating the (i) activities; (ii) their justification (iii) financial requirement and (iv) the outcomes. The Department would release the funds on basis of said plan only.</p>	
29.2	Starting of Pharma course B.	<p>The Committee considered the report of the Directors of the NIPERs on the issue. It was felt that amendment in the NIPER Act is not the first step required for the purpose. However, opinion of the Ministry of Law & Justice may be obtained when needed. NIPERs should get in touch with Pharmacy Council and AICTE and work out the operationalization of the B Pharma course. Director, NIPER, Guwahati would discuss the issue with his counterparts and submit a report to the Department.</p>	All NIPERs/ DOP
29.3	Progress on levy of user charges/resource generation	<p>NIPER should strive to be self-sufficient and meet at least 1/3rd of their total expenditure within three years i.e; by 31st March 2021. Every faculty member should earn 4 months i.e; 1/3rd of his/her salary through</p>	All NIPERs

		project/ consultancies. All available resources with NIPERs, including land, building, labs etc. should be used to generate funds; all facilities provided should be charged and revised annually.	
29.4	Holding of NIPER JEE 2018	After going through the report of Directors and detailed deliberations on the subject, it was decided that admissions to Masters programme henceforth be done on the basis of score in GPAT examination followed by common counselling for NIPERs. Separate NIPER examination for admission to M Pharma courses would be dispensed with. The counselling for admission for 2018-19 academic session would be held at Ahmedabad. Director NIPER Ahmedabad, in association with Director, NIPER, Guwahati and others would finalize the modalities for common counselling, including online counselling.	All NIPERs
29.5	Start of academic courses at NIPER Jhalawar with Jhalawar Medical College as Mentor Institute	The commencement of academic courses at Jhalawar would be dependent on approval of EFC. However, the Mentor Institute of a new NIPER would be either another NIPER or some Central Government Organization/Agency since, in the experience of other NIPERs, the mentor institute system has not actually helped the growth of new NIPERs. Mentor institutes have not invested their time & energy on new NIPERs and they are themselves resource constrained. State Government may be approached for providing	DoP

		dedicated space and other facilities for setting up the Institute.	
29.6	Report regarding funds released by the Department and their utilization by NIPERs.	Noted	-
Additional Agenda Items			
Guwahati			
29.7	Two new departments (Pharmaceutics and Pharma Analysis) with 12 seats for each department.	Approved, along with two faculties.	NIPER Guwahati
29.8	Utilisation of Rs. 80 lakhs sanctioned for internal partitions and temporary animal house in the FY 2017-18 towards the procurement of basic equipment.	Approved	NIPER Guwahati
29.9	Approval for Rs. 3.5 crores towards land acquisition to the Govt. of Assam.	Deferred	-
Ahmedabad			
29.10	Approval of the proposed Academic Planning & Development Committee.	Approved, with only four outside experts from within the State.	NIPER Ahmadabad

29.11	Approval for increasing the seats for M.S. (Pharma) for existing programmes from the academic session year 2018-19.	It was decided that each NIPER can increase the student strength up to 16 for a department subject to stipulation that no financial support for extra faculty, classroom, lab etc. would be provided by the Department.	All NIPERs
29.11	Approval for increasing the 06 PhD seats for on-going PhD programme from the academic session year 2018-19:	No restriction on number of PhD seats be put. An Academic Council of all NIPERs should be constituted for deciding the PhD proposals and admitting students. The academic council should work out a proposal & process for admitting PhD proposals.	All NIPERs
29.12	Approval for award of M.S. (Pharma) degree to 54 M.S Students (2015-17 Batch) and Ph.D. Students for the year 2017 in the ensuing 5 th Convocation.	Approved	NIPER Ahmadabad
29.13	Award of Honorary Doctorate degree to the Eminent Scientist Prof. Andrew Schally, Nobel laureate 1977, USA.	Deferred	-
29.14	Approval of the Honorary Appointments for the post of Adjunct Faculty.	Not approved	-
29.15	Start of Pharma Management Course	Deferred. Pharma Management may be made part of the module for all specializations.	All NIPERs

Kolkata			
29.16	Allotment of additional fund of Rs. 3.20 crore to meet the rent for provision additional accommodation at CSIT-IICB and Chunilal Bhawan, BCPL.	It was noted that provisions have been made for the purpose in RE 2017-18.	NIPER Kolkata
29.17	Approval/ratification of the 5 th Convocation for awarding degree to M.S. (Pharm) passed out students of 2016 (8 th Batch) & 2017 (9 th Batch).	Ratified. As regard, grant of honorary degrees, it was decided to set up a Committee of Directors of all NIPERs which would suggest norms/ procedure based on UGC/ Central Universities.	All NIPERs
29.18	Allotment of BCPL Land at Panihati to NIPER-Kolkata.	Deferred	-
Hyderabad			
29.19	Approval for increase of intake of M. Tech (Pharm)/Process Chemistry, MS (Pharm) Regulatory Toxicology courses for the academic year 2018-19.	As per decision in item no. 29.11.	NIPER Hyderabad
29.20	Allotment of present IDPL campus land to NIPER Hyderabad	Deferred	-
29.21	Sanction of Faculty and Administrative positions for NIPER Hyderabad.	Not approved	-
29.22	Increase of faculty strength in few departments based on Student-Faculty ratio	Not approved	-

Raebareli			
29.23	Approval for holding 4 th Convocation of NIPER-Raebareli in the second week of February. 2018.	Approved	NIPER Raebareli
29.24	Visit of an IFD official, as decided during 26 th Steering Committee Meeting is still pending.	Visit of IFD official(s) to be expedited.	IFD, DoP
Hajipur			
29.25	Land Issue	NIPER Hajipur to submit a proposal for acceptance of existing 12.5 acres land with vertical construction design to DOP	NIPER Hajipur
29.26	Lease Agreement	Existing leased accommodation be considered for taking over and development.	NIPER Hajipur
Other decisions:			
<p>i. All NIPERs need to sit together, set and adopt good practices and harmonize the same. The same should be indicated in the Annual Reports. (Action: All NIPERs)</p> <p>ii. Any NIPER, which does not have Pharmacology and Toxicology specialization should start the same. (Action: All NIPERs)</p> <p>iii. In NIPER, Hajipur there should be no admission in Pharmaco-Informatics in next year and instead Pharmacology and Toxicology course started. (Action: NIPER Hajipur)</p> <p>iv. Director NIPER Raebareli to submit a discussion paper for dealing with the issue of treatment of drop out students. (Action: NIPER Raebareli)</p> <p>v. NIPER, to submit a detailed proposal for setting up BA/ BE testing Lab after consulting the catchment Industrial units. (Action: NIPER)</p> <p>vi. The Department had issued instructions/ guidelines for contractual appointment (copy enclosed). All NIPERs are required to follow the same and to furnish a sample copy of the contractual</p>			

appointment letter to the Department. **(Action: All NIPERs)**

- vii. The next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held at NIPER Ahmadabad on 10th February 2018. **(Action: NIPER Ahmedabad)**


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



(Jai Priye Prakash)

Chairperson-Steering Committee
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4. Director, NIPER, Ahmedabad, Kolkata Guwahati, Raebareli and Mohali.
5. All Project Directors - NIPER, Hajipur and Hyderabad.
6. Chief Secretaries of State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
7. Principal Secretaries (Industries) of State Government of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
8. All the participants.
9. US (NIPER) for hosting the minutes on the Department website.
10. Assistant Director, Official Languages for translation of the proceedings for circulation to all and to host in the Department website.

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