



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

**Minutes of the 49th (Special) Meeting of
the Board of Management for
13th Annual Convocation**

Held on 09.12.2024 at 12 Noon

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi

(Established by Govt. of NCT of Delhi vide Act 9 of 2007)

No. AUD/26-2(8)/Gov./49th BoM/2024

Dated: 09.12.2024

The 49th (Special) Meeting of the Board of Management, for the 13th Annual Convocation, was held on 09.12.2024 at 12 Noon in the Conference Hall, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi, Kashmere Gate Campus, Lothian Road, Delhi 110 006.

The following members were present:

1. Professor Anu Singh Lather, Vice Chancellor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi - Chairperson
2. Professor Kartik Dave, Dean, School of Management, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi
3. Shri Dinesh Gandhi, Deputy Secretary (Finance), GNCTD, representative of Secretary (Finance), Government of NCT of Delhi, attended the meeting on behalf of Principal Secretary (Finance), Government of NCT of Delhi
4. Shri R.P. Meena, Deputy Director (Higher Education), GNCTD, representative of Secretary (Higher Education), Government of NCT of Delhi, attended the meeting on behalf of Secretary (Higher Education), Government of NCT of Delhi
5. Professor Satyaketu Sankrit, Dean, School of Letters and Dean, Academic Affairs, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi – Joined Online
6. Professor Babu P. Remesh, Dean, School of Development Studies, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi – Joined Online
7. Shri Rajeev Talwar, Controller of Finance, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi – Special Invitee
8. Dr. Nitin Malik, Registrar, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi & Secretary, BoM

Opening remarks by the Vice Chancellor

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor extended warm welcome to all the members to the 49th (Special) Meeting of the Board of Management for the 13th Annual Convocation. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor informed the members about the 13th Convocation of the University scheduled on 13.12.2024 at 12 Noon. It was informed that the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Chancellor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, shall preside over the convocation and deliver the Presidential Address. Convocation Address will be delivered by Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice Shri Dipak Misra, (Former) Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Ms. Atishi, will be the Guest of Honour.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor further informed about the following initiatives that have been taken by the University since the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 07 October, 2024.

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- i) It was informed that on the occasion of Constitution Day, 26.11.2024, the Outreach and Extension Division of the university organized a webinar titled *Jano Apna Samvidhan*, a handmade poster-making competition, and a pledge-reading ceremony. All members of the university participated in the Constitution Day celebrations in a hybrid mode, during which they read the Preamble of the Constitution of India and took an oath to uphold its values and principles.
- ii) It was informed that SHRM has organized a series of special lectures on Archaeology by senior ASI field Archaeologists. The lectures were on "Art of Indus-Saraswati", Heritage management: Challenges and Remedial Measures and visit to Rakhigarhi Harappan site. In addition, full day training on GIS remote sensing of field archaeology was conducted.
- iii) It was informed that the university hosted the second meeting of the Expert Committee on Indian Knowledge Systems on 19.11.2024. The committee includes eminent external experts from the Ministry of Education, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), the University of Delhi, NCERT, and Karnataka Samskrit University. All courses are revised. There will be a total of 50 courses related to Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) on offer across programmes. Additionally, two diploma programmes on IKS are also being developed by SHRM and *Deshik*.
- iv) It was informed that A *Four-Week Training Programme on Higher Educational Administration* for administrative staff of the university and other higher education institutions (HEIs) was launched on 19.11.2024. The programme will conclude on 16.12.2024.
- v) It was informed that the NSS organized the National Youth Parliament on 27.10.2024, fostering active and participative citizenship among the students of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from all campuses.
- vi) It was informed that on Children's Day, 14.11.2024, the Fine Arts Society of the university organized an "Art Therapy Workshop" for Afghan refugee children.
- vii) It was informed that two second-year students of the BA Law and Politics programme, Jayesh Tripathi and Kanika Sharma, secured third place in the Constitutional Quiz organized by the Parliament on 16.11.2024.
- viii) It was informed that Dr. Benil Biswas has been commissioned as a Lieutenant in the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Ministry of Defence, Government of India, after completing 75 days of rigorous military training in the Pre-Commission (PRCN) Course SD-173 at the NCC Officers Training Academy (OTA), Nagpur, Maharashtra.

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Agenda 49.1: To consider the recommendations made by the Academic Council regarding conferment of degrees and diplomas to the Graduands in the 13th Annual Convocation of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi as resolved by the Academic Council in its 37th meeting held on 29.11.2024

It was submitted to the Board of Management that the Academic Council in its 37th meeting held on 29.11.2024 had resolved to consider the conferment of degrees/diplomas to Graduands in its 13th Annual Convocation of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi who had successfully completed all the assessment requirements of courses in the year 2024 and authorized the Vice Vice Chancellor to approve and allow any additional case, if permissible as per rules for conferment of degrees/diplomas that can be included in the forthcoming 13th Annual Convocation scheduled on 13.12.2024.

The Board of Management noted that a total of 1105 (tentative) students in the following Schools will be conferred with PhD, MPhil, MBA, MVoc, MA, BVoc, BA (Hons) Degrees/Diploma in various fields of studies during the 13th Annual Convocation of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi scheduled to be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi, Kashmere Gate Campus, Lothian Road, Delhi.

The following details regarding number of the students who will be receiving degrees and diplomas were placed before the Board of Management:

Programmes	Tentative No. of Students
Undergraduate	563
Postgraduate	517
PG Diploma	03
MPhil	14
PhD	08
Total	1105

The Board of Management noted that the number of the likely to increase in view of the increase in UG/PG/MPhil/PhD degrees cases which are under process.

Decision : The Board of Management deliberated on the matter. After due deliberations, the Board of Management resolved to approve the recommendations made by the Academic Council in its 37th meeting held on 29.11.2024 regarding conferment of degrees/ diplomas to the Graduands in the 13th Annual Convocation to be held on 13.12.2024. The Board further authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve and allow any additional case, if permissible as per rules for conferment of degrees/diplomas that can be included in the forthcoming 13th Annual Convocation scheduled on 13.12.2024.

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Agenda 49.2 : To consider the recommendations made by the Academic Council regarding amendments in Rules for Conduct of Convocation (Under Section 3(g), Section 6(2), Section 6(3), Section 7 and Section 29(k) of the University Act) pertaining to Presentation of the Candidates(Rule-III)

It was submitted to the Board of Management that the Academic Council in its 36th Meeting held on 22.10.2024 had deliberated and considered the amendments in Rules for Conduct of Convocation (Under Section 3(g), Section 6(2), Section 6(3), Section 7, Section 29(k) of the University Act) pertaining to Presentation of the Candidates(Rule-III), to make the conduct of the Convocation ceremony more effective.

III. PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES:

Sl.	Existing Rules	Proposed/Amended Rules as recommended by the Academic Council in its 36 th meeting held on 22.10.2024
1.	On the request of the Registrar, the Chancellor or in his absence the Vice Chancellor shall declare the Convocation open and shall light the lamp along with the Chief Guest.	National Anthem.
2.	The Deans of Schools shall request the Chancellor/ Vice Chancellor to award the Degrees/Diplomas to the candidates whose names are included in the list which they will present.	Lighting of the lamp.
3.	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will admit the candidates to the degrees/diplomas in the following words: "By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor of Ambedkar University, Delhi, I award you the Degree/Diploma in _____ and charge you to be worthy of the qualifications that you have earned."	Recitation of Kulgeet.
4.	The Honorary Degree(s), if any, shall be conferred by the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor on presentation of the candidate(s) who is/are to receive degree(s) by the person appointed for the purpose, who will read the citation.	On the request of the Registrar, the Chancellor or in his absence the Vice Chancellor shall declare the Convocation open.

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	"By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor of Ambedkar University, Delhi, I confer on you the Degree of _____ (<i>honoris causa</i>)".	
5.	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will request the Chief Guest to award the Medals, if any, to the eligible candidates, whose names shall be read out by the Dean, Student Services.	The Vice Chancellor will present the Progress Report of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi and request the Chief Guest to address the Convocation.
6.	The Vice Chancellor will present the Progress Report of Ambedkar University, Delhi and request the Chief Guest to address the Convocation.	Convocation Address.
7.	Convocation Address.	Chancellor's Address.
8.	Chancellor's Address.	Ph.D. and M.Phil. Degrees shall be conferred by the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor on presentation of the candidates by the Registrar.
9.	The Registrar shall obtain the signatures of the Vice Chancellor in the Convocation Register as prescribed.	The Deans of Schools shall request the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor to award the Degrees/Diplomas to the candidates whose names are included in the list which they will present.
10.	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will declare the Convocation closed.	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will admit the candidates to the degrees/diplomas in the following words: "By virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi, I award you the Degree/Diploma in _____ and charge you to be worthy of the qualifications that you have earned."
11.	National Anthem	The Honorary Degree(s), if any, shall be conferred by the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor on presentation of the candidate(s) who is/are to receive degree(s) by the person appointed by the purpose, who will read the citation.

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12.	The Academic Procession will then leave the Convocation Hall in the reverse order. The degree/diploma holders and the audience in the Hall will remain standing till the Procession has left the Hall.	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will request the Chief Guest to award the Medals, if any, to the eligible candidates, whose names shall be read out by the Dean, Student Services.
13.	-	The Registrar shall obtain the signatures of the Vice Chancellor and Chancellor in the Scroll of Degrees
14	-	The Chancellor/Vice Chancellor will declare the Convocation closed.
15.	-	National Anthem.
16.	-	The Academic Procession will then leave the Convocation Hall in the reverse order. The degree/diploma holders and the audience in the Hall will remain standing till the Procession has left the Hall.

The recommendations made by the Academic Council in its 36th meeting held on 22.10.2024 regarding amendments in Rules for Conduct of Convocation (Under Section 3(g), Section 6(2), Section 6(3), Section 7 and Section 29(k) of the University Act) pertaining to Presentation of the Candidates (Rule-III), in light of Section 24 (1)(xvii) of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi Act, 2007 were placed before the Board of Management for consideration.

Decision : The Board of Management deliberated on the matter. After due deliberations, the Board of Management resolved to approve the recommendations made by the Academic Council in its 36th meeting held on 22.10.2024, regarding amendments in Rules for Conduct of Convocation (Under Section 3(g), Section 6(2), Section 6(3), Section 7 and Section 29(k) of the University Act) pertaining to Presentation of the Candidates (Rule-III).

Agenda 49.3 : To consider the recommendations made by the Academic Council regarding draft Degree Format (Text) including the name of both Parents (Mother and Father)

It was submitted to the Board of Management that the Academic Council in its 37th Meeting held on 29.11.2024 had considered and ratified the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the draft Degree Format (Text) including the name of both Parents (Mother and Father).

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It was submitted that the Academic Council in its 36th Meeting held on 22.10.2024 had ratified the revised Hindi version of Degree to reflect the intended meaning. Subsequently, a request was made to include the mother's name in the degree certificates, in compliance with the UGC Circular dated 6 June 2014 and the judgment of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) 8841/2023 and CM APPL. 33416/2023, Ritika Prasad vs. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.

In accordance with the same, the University had prepared the revised draft degree format including both the father's and mother's names of students which was presented to the Board of Management during the meeting for deliberations and consideration.

Decision : The Board of Management deliberated on the matter. After due deliberations, the Board of Management resolved to revise the degree format by including the name of both the Parents (Mother and Father of the Student) and recommended that the mother's name should precede the father's name in the degree format and also mark sheet. The Board of Management also recommended to have the mother's name in the consolidated transcript/mark sheet.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

The minutes are issued with the approval of the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson, Board of Management.


(Dr. Nitin Malik)
Registrar and Secretary to
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