

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University
Venue: ONLINE MEETING

The 27th Meeting of the Executive Council (EC) was held online on 24th May, 2021 at 3.00 P.M. The following members were present for the meeting through online mode:

1. Professor Aniruddha B. Pandit,	Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2. Professor Nagesh Aloorkar		Member
3. Professor S.L. Nalbalwar		Member
4. Professor B.B. Singh		Member
5. Professor Sanjay A. Khot		Member
6. Professor V.K. Redasani		Member
7. Professor Abhijit Wadekar		Member
8. Professor Hitendra Patil		Member
9. Professor Nilesh Patil		Member
10. Professor Dinkar Ghewade		Member
11. Professor Kishor Ottari		Member
12. Professor Shekhar Jagade		Member
13. Professor Pramod Ingale		Member
14. Professor Narendra Kanhe		Member
15. Professor Ulhas B. Shinde		Member
16. Professor Rahul Barjibhe		Member
17. Mrs. M.D. Laddha		Member
18. Dr. Vivek Vadke		Member
19. Mr. Shriniwas Bendkhale		Member
20. Mr. S.N. Iyer		Member
21. Mr. Rajesh M. Pednekar		Member
22. Mr. Sunil R. Udupa		Member
23. Professor J.B. Patil		Special Invitee
24. Dr. B.F. Jogi,	I/c Registrar	Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting and Leave of Absence was granted to them.

1. Director of Technical Education, Maharashtra

The I/c Registrar, Dr. B.F. Jogi, welcomed all the members for the meeting. He informed the council that the process of selection of new Vice-Chancellor for our University is been initiated at the office of the Hon. Chancellor as per the letters from the office of the hon. Chancellor, dated 4th March 2021 and 30th April 2021. Accordingly a joint meeting of the Academic Council and Executive Council is being called to nominate a member on the Search Committee to be constituted by His Excellency the Governor and the Chancellor of the University for new Vice

Chancellor. He also briefed the members about the confirmation of the MoM of 26th meeting and the nomination of Prof. Pramod Padole, Director, VNIT Nagpur, as a member on the Search Committee for Vice-Chancellor.

Hon. Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members instructed the Registrar to start the proceedings of the meeting.

Item No. 1: BUDGET APPROVAL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22

Dr. B.F. Jogi, I/c. Registrar informed the council members that a separate Budget meeting could not take place due to pandemic situation. He requested Dr. Khobragade, the I/c Finance Officer to present the budget for year 2021-22.

Dr. Khobragade shared a copy of the budget to all the members and presented the same. Shri. Udupa mentioned that the last year's budget is not utilized fully in case of many of the items and hence, on what basis this year's budget is prepared. In reply, the I/c finance officer informed that due to pandemic most of the University activities were not fully functional. However, the allocation of the budget is based on the average of last three years' expenditure by departments and sections and the financial plans submitted by the respective departments and sections. Hon. Vice-Chancellor further added that generally the budget is submitted in the month of January, but this year it could not be done in time. However, next year the budget will be submitted before the council well in advance. Also he added that the Finance Committee will supervise on all the activities and then the budget will be presented before the Executive Council.

Shri. Bendkhale mentioned that the University is charging fees of Rs. 83,000 which is very high compared to other Government colleges. He gave example of other Government colleges which are charging only Rs. 27, 000 as their annual fees. The members were informed that the University is non-profit organization and the fees charged by the University is decided at Government Level and not at the University level. Accordingly, Government is allocating the grants excluding the fees amount. That particular mentioned government college must be getting the additional grant from Government and that's why they can afford the less fee. After this explanation Shri. Bendkhale got satisfied and said we may send the proposal to Government for providing additional grant and to charge less fees for the students. Shri. Pednekar asked the Finance Officer that what the actual revenue of the University is. The Finance Officer informed that the auditor is working on it and the exact figures will be informed to the council. Shri. Pednekar also pointed out that in year 2018-19 and 2019-20 central stores have been allotted some amount but in this year budget the amount is missing. He also enquired about the difference in last years' budget and this years' budget. Hon. Vice-Chancellor agreed to this point and directed finance officer to work on this.

After due deliberations, it was **resolved that the budget presented before the executive council is approved with recommended changes.**

Item No. 2: TO FINALISE THE CONVOCATION DATE AND CHIEF GUEST

Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the Executive Council that the 23rd Convocation is overdue. Last time the Chief Guest was finalized but due to pandemic the convocation programme could not take place. Now it's high time and will have to contact the same the Chief guest and his convenient date. Our Chief Guest for the Convocation will be Padmashree Deepak Pathak. Looking into the present scenario, Government directions and pandemic condition, we will hold the Convocation in recorded mode. It is now a regular practice and ICT Mumbai also hold this type of online convocation which is also available on YouTube. He appealed to all the executive Council members to give their opinion on this proposal. All the Executive Council members gave their consent to this proposal.

Resolved that Padmashree Deepak Pathak be called as the Chief Guest for the Convocation and the Convocation date be finalized as early as possible as per his convenience.

Item No.3: TO START REGIONAL AND SUB-CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK AT SOLAPUR REGIONAL CENTRE AND INAUGURATION OF DR.BABASAHEB AMBEKDAR STATUE AT THE MAIN CAMPUS

The I/c Registrar briefed the council members that as per act the university have to start 4 regional and 5 sub-centers at various places as mentioned in the Act. The University had started Regional centers at Aurangabad and Nagpur, and sub-centers at Solapur, Kolhapur and Jalgaon. But, as of now, only Solapur and Jalgaon sub-centers are functional. At remaining sub-centers, the work has been stalled. We have to give boost to start these center and sub-centers again. Some centers and sub-centers are running in rental place. To make it functional, we have to fill following 4 posts on ad-hoc basis.

1. Officer on Special Duty
2. 01 ICT person or 02 Data Entry Operators
3. Clerk cum typist
4. Peon

Dr. Kanhe informed that due to pandemic, the Nagpur center is locked for last 8 months and now our previous executive council member Dr. Chaudhary has become the Vice-Chancellor of Nagpur University and we can approach them to start our center in their campus free of cost. Further, Dr. Shinde also informed that Aurangabad center is also vacated and we should initiate student centric constructive and some functional work.

Shri Bendkhale opinioned that the University should fill up the positions of Directors and Dy. Directors to make it functional. Further, Dr. Barjibhe also opinioned and requested the council to depute the permanent employees of the University who are willing to join at various Centres and Subcentres as per their choice. This will boost the morale of the employees and the University can derive advantage in the form active participation of the employees.

After deliberation from members, Hon. Vice-chancellor gave his remarks that all the suggestions/ recommendations of the council members are welcome and considering all this, a committee is to be formed to set up sub-centers. The said committee shall work on every minute aspect and submit a report, to make the Centres/Sub-Centres functional, before the Executive Council in its next meeting.

Resolved that under the guidance of Hon. Vice Chancellor the committee members who are directly related with the centre and sub centres should submit the report and action should be taken as per the approval.

About the construction work of Solapur Regional Centre, the report be presented before the Executive Council in its ensuing meeting.

About the Statue of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the Registrar informed the council that all the required permissions have been received. The work of statue is in progress. The construction work is also likely to be completed at the site. Once the Statue gets ready, we will initiate for inauguration function. All the members appreciated for the work carried out. Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the registrar to give update of the Statue work and to keep the follow up for speedy completion of the work. All the members agreed for the same.

Item No.4: RECOGNITION OF RESEARCH CENTRES AT AFFILIATED INSTITUTES UNDER UNIVERSITY

Dr. B.F. Jogi, I/c Registrar, requested to Dr. Nalbalwar, Dean (Academics-FoE&T) to present the item. Dr. Nalbalwar presented the said item. He informed all the members that, a committee was constituted by the University for framing the Guidelines for Recognition of Research Centres at various affiliated institutes under the University.

The committee proposed the following guidelines for recognition of the Research Centres under DBATU in order to promote the research.

1. The Research Centres recognized by the earlier Universities at the colleges migrated to DBATU from other Universities will be continued to be recognized by the DBATU.

2. While recognizing the new Research Centres at the affiliating institutes following minimum requirements should be fulfilled

- There should be at least two eligible PhD Guides (As per UGC notification dated 5th May, 2016) available with the Institute/ Department
- Institute should have PG course in the relevant area of Research for which research centre is required (As per UGC notification dated 5th May, 2016)
- The management of the concerned institute should ensure the financial and infrastructural support for the required facilities to carry out the research
- There should be adequate support for the Library facilities such as Journals/e-Journals subscriptions, availability of reference books, etc.

- In case of the new Institutes, where at least one batch of students is yet to pass out, physical verification of research facilities is recommended.

Guidelines submitted by the committee were placed before meeting of Academic Council. The Academic Council accepted the same and directed to form an expert committee to evaluate the proposals received by University based on Guidelines.

The committee conducted five sessions of presentation through Video Conferencing mode with these applicant institutes. A total number of 18 institutes (14 Engineering and 04 Pharmacy) presented their proposals for various departments.

Based on the presentations and the interactions with the interested institutes, and taking into account the guidelines for recognition of research centres, the committee recommended Research Centres at following institutes in the mentioned discipline only.

S. No.	Name of the Institute	Department	Remark
01	Satara College of Pharmacy, Satara	Pharmacy	Recommended
02	Gaurishankar Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Limb, Satara	Pharmacy	Recommended
03	Deogiri Institute of Engineering and Management Studies, Aurangabad	Electronics Engineering	Recommended.
04	Marathwada Institute of Technology Aurangabad	Mechanical Engineering	Recommended.
05	N. K. Orchid College of Engineering, Solapur	Civil Engineering	Recommended.
		Mechanical Engineering	Recommended.

Dr. Nalbalwar informed the EC members that these recommendations of the expert committee have been already approved by the Academic Council. And now it is proposed for the approval of the EC. After detailed deliberations, the EC members appreciated efforts taken various committees to bring this proposal to this stage. After going through the proposal EC expressed their satisfaction and approved the same.

Resolved that Proposed Research Centres approved by AC is hereby approved.

Item No. 5: REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR DBATU FORUM OF INNOVATION INCUBATION AND ENTERPRISE (SEC.8 COMPANY) AS PADMASHRI DR.MILIND KAMBLE

Revised Director Board for DBATU Forum of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise (Section-8 company)

Dr. B.F. Jogi, I/c Registrar, requested to Dr. Nalbalwar, Dean (Academics-FoE&T) to present the item. Dr. Nalbalwar presented the said item. He informed that, for the independent working of DBATU Forum of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise (Section-8 Company of DBATU), the Hon. Vice-Chancellor, who is presently Chairman of the Board, would like to assign this responsibility to one of the Director on the board. Looking into experience and expertise of Padmshree Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, DICCI, Hon. Vice-Chancellor has requested him to take over as Chairman of the Director Board. Subsequently Padmshree Dr. Milind Kamble has given his consent to work as a Chairman. Therefore, it is proposed that, Dr. Milind Kamble be appointed as Chairman of the Director Board.

Proposed Revised Director Board for DBATU Forum of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise will be as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	Organization	Designation on the board
1	Shri. Milind Kamble	DICCI Chairman	Chairman
2	Dr. Vivek Vadke	Ex Tech Process Engineering Ltd.	Director
3	Mr. Tarun Malkani	Angel Investor	Director
4	Shri Manpreet Singh	President ICIB	Director
5	Dr, Sanjay Nalbalwar	DBATU	Director
6	CEO	--	Member Secretary

The detailed discussions have been held. Various questions have been asked by the EC members. After detailed deliberations, the EC passed following resolution.

Resolved that looking into the experience and expertise of Padmashree Dr. Milind Kamble his appointment be made as Chairman and the proposed board of the Directors mentioned above of DBATU Forum of Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise be approved.

Dr. A.B. Pandit, Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the council that presently Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar is holding the position of CEO and Director of the company. He has requested to make an appointment of CEO or Incubation Manager (any one post) as early as possible since the additional grant of Rs. 35 Lakhs will be received by the University by MSINS after appointment of CEO or Incubation Manager as per their letter No. MSinS/21-22/C.R./43/INS/039 6th May, 2021. He also proposed the revised executive committee for looking after day-to-day working of the company. He also added that following responsibility will be shared by this committee.

This Executive committee will see that all policy decisions taken by Board of Directors are implemented in its spirits. This committee will also address day-to-day hurdles coming in the process. The committee will provide support for job creation, employability improvement of

graduates, and economic health enhancement of the region. Further, committee will try to meet the demands of the society and industry across the entire State.

Sr. No.	Name	Department	Designation on the board
1	Dr. Sanjay L. Nalbalwar	Department of E & TC Engineering	Chairman
2	Dr. Sachin M. Pore	Department of Civil Engineering	Member
3	Dr. Arvind W. Kiwalekar	Department Computer Engineering	Member
4	Dr. S.V. Khobragade	Department of E &TC Engineering	Member
5	Dr. Shivajirao M. Jadhav	Department Information Technology	Member
6	Dr. B.F Jogi	Department Mechanical Engineering	Member
7	Dr. Raju S. Pawade	Workshop Superintendent	Member Secretary

The EC discussed this proposal and agreed to as stated by Hon. Vice-Chancellor. The EC also recommend fill-up the post of CEO or Incubation Manager by following usual procedure through Board.

Resolved that CEO or Incubation Manager be appointed as early as possible through board by following due procedure.

Item No. 6: REGARDING PRE-IAS TRAINING CENTRE AT UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND ICT-DBATU JOINT SKILLING TRAINING CENTRE AT RATNAGIRI

Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the council that a suggestion from Hon. Minister has been received to start a Skilling center of DBATU and ICT jointly at Ratnagiri. The space and required infrastructure will be provided by Government. A MoU has to be prepared and signed between ICT, University and Government. In principally, it is agreed for the same.

This is for the information of the Executive Council members. As and when, this proposal will go ahead, all the details will be placed before the council. All the Executive Council members appraised the Hon. Minister and Hon. Vice-Chancellor for brining such collaborative skilled based projects.

Also it was informed by the Registrar that University has received an oral suggestion from District collector to act as a facilitator for encouraging the pre-IAS training center. In this proposal, it is expected that desired candidates from all over Maharashtra will be trained.

University will provide its expertise whichever is available and also will provide hostel facilities to all the aspiring students. University will have to submit a detailed plan to the District Collector. The same will be passed in the District Planning Board meeting and around funding of Rs. 25 lakhs will be received to work as facilitator.

The Executive council welcome this proposal as it is beneficial to the students of our University as well as to build goodwill of our University in all over Maharashtra. This pre- IAS training will boost morale of the University students to go into competitive examinations. The Council directed Registrar to go ahead and prepare a Detailed Plan for the same as required by the District Collector.

Item No.7: FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE SALARY OF ADHOC NON-TEACHING AND DAILY WAGES STAFF

The Registrar informed the council that a survey was being carried out for taking the review of adhoc non-teaching staff and daily wages staff. Mumbai University, Pune University, Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth and Yashwantrao Chavan Open University was considered for the comparison.

It is found that our university is paying better than all these universities.

The council members asked have the comparative chart been prepared. If the University wants to grow and wants permission from the Executive Council to create posts, a concrete proposal be put up before the council. The proposal should be consisting of basic qualifications, clear name of posts, job description, and criteria for appointment, provision of the salary, etc. And most of all it should not be arbitrary.

The information put up before the council be prepared in the above manner and then the proposal be brought forward before the council.

**Item No. 8: APPOINTMENT OF THE STATUTORY POSTS (REGISTRAR/COE/DEANS)
APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL ADVISORS ON A RETAINER BASIS
NON-TEACHING STAFF PROMOTIONS
AFFILIATING INSTITUTE'S PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT**

The Registrar informed the council those appointments on the statutory posts i.e. registrar, deans and controller of examination(s) is necessary since all these posts are important in administration and as per present scenario, additional charge has been given to the teaching staff. It is quite essential and necessary to fill up these posts immediately.

The Registrar informed the members that the First Vice-Chancellor has prepared the Statutes, rules and regulations. It was submitted to the office of the Governor, Higher and Technical education department and the office of the Directorate of Technical Education respectively. However, the approval from the Governor is still awaited. It is understood that all the legal formalities have been completed and that file of statues has reached to Rajbhavan and soon the approval for the same is expected. If the Executive Council permits, we can give advertisement as per our proposed RR with the prior approval of DTE or HTE department. Shri.

Bendkhale informed the Registrar to seek approval from Hon. Chancellor to complete all the legal procedure so that no one can object on the procedure laid down by the University after the appointment.

The Registrar emphasis a need for appointment of Legal Advisors on a retainer basis. Since the University is growing and various legal opinions are required while taking some administrative decisions. It is imperative to appoint the legal advisors. The council agreed to this proposal submitted by the registrar. Shri. Pednekar suggested to engage the services of local legal advisors so that he can visit the University in case needed. This proposal was also welcomed and accepted by the Executive Council.

Resolved that legal advisors be appointed on retainer basis as per the need of the University.

Further, the council discussed the promotion matter of the non-teaching staff which was a long pending issue. Shri. Bendkhale asked the registrar about the criteria for effecting the promotions. The Registrar informed that as per rules, University can fill the 50% posts by promotions and 50% by nomination for class I and II category and all class III posts can be filled with 100% promotion. Shri. Bendkhale enquired about the approved Recruitment rules and status of these posts. The Registrar informed that the rules are approved by the act of 1989 and Maharashtra Government RRs, Standard Codes/GRs are applicable to The University. Already the matter of promotions was resolved by the 25th EC.

Item No.10: Any other point with the permission of the chair

Registrar appraised the council about the latest developments at the University as follows:

1. Face Recognition machine has been installed to check automatic attendance of all the employees.
2. *Akrutibandh* of faculty positions is approved by Government and the resolution has been received by the University in respect of University as well as IOPE teaching staff. The faculty position is as under :
University 52 positions (36 for UG and 16 for PG) and 4 statutory positions of (2 deans, 01 director ICT and 01 Controller of examinations.
IoPE 08 (02 Heads of departments and 06 lecturers)*
3. The process of Fencing to University campus has been initiated. Town Planning office has been contacted. Drone mapping will be done. However, Shri. Bendkhale mentioned that we can approach TLR office to complete the procedure. They will send their special team. He can also help to make the procedure smoother and faster. For this purpose, University should give a responsibility to a specific employee who could took the follow up from time to time. Shri. Udupa mentioned that a Special One Point Contact is required. Registrar alone cannot do all the work. Under the guidance and control of Registrar, the work should be carried out.
4. Shri. Udupa mentioned that for the refund of security deposits, there should be a time limit. The list of responsibility and person responsible along with time limit can be put up on the web site for the information of public. Hon. Vice-Chancellor also agreed for this

suggestion. He directed the registrar to look into this issue. The Vice-Chancellor also appealed to all the Executive Council members to involve and assist the University.

5. Shri. Bendkhale mentioned that a new comprehensive Master Plan be prepared. For this purpose, Professional Town Planner may be hired. Hon. Vice-Chancellor also agreed to this and remarked that unless master plan is ready, no new construction activity should be carried out in the campus.

6. Appointment on compassionate ground: The Registrar informed the council members that University has received a letter from office of the Collector to appoint Shri. Korpe on compassionate ground within 7 days. The University has completed the process. Shri. Bendkhale asked the Registrar on what ground we offered this employment. He also added that Collector office cannot direct the University for such Direct Appointment. It is the right of the Executive Council by following the Government norms. Such papers must reach before the council at least two days in advance. Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed him that requisite papers will be sent.
Shri. Bendkhale remarked that since the papers are not shown to the council members and not sent in advance at least before two days, he offered his decent. The said decent was noted.
Resolved that, as the University has followed all the State Government norms, University procedures and therefore the appointment of Shri Korpe as per the order given by the District Collector –Raigad is approved.

7. Registrar informed the council that a nomination from AICTE on finance committee has also been received.

8. All other developments taken place in the university are noted.

To conclude the meeting, Hon. Vice-Chancellor opened the discussion pertaining to the points of confirmation of the minutes and Action Taken Report of the previous 25th EC meeting. He requested all the members to confirm the minutes. If there is any variations, they can give their opinions. All the points were confirmed unanimously except the CAS minutes.

On the point of CAS promotions, Shri. Bendkhale requested to go into the details which were circulated by him amongst the EC members. Hon. Vice-Chancellor requested all the executive council members to approve the minutes. Hon. Vice Chancellor informed the members of the council that legal opinion of three eminent advocates has been taken on the queries raised by Shri. Bendkhale. CAS promotion proposals will also be verified and approved by the RO of the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) where all the procedures followed in the selection and recommendations will be verified. Again Shri. Bendkhale raised some points related to procedural lapses and requested Hon. Vice-Chancellor to approach to a renowned lawyer of high court providing the exact status and rules and regulations of the UGC/AICTE/University. Dr. Wadke appealed to all the members to give their opinion on this issue. After detailed deliberations on this matter, it was decided to confirm the minutes. However, Shri. Bendkhale preferred to note his decent which is duly acknowledged here.

Registrar had already circulated the MoMs to all the members of EC earlier ie before the start of this meeting. However, Shri. Udupa, Shri. Iyer and Shri. Pednekar did not object to the MoMs in

writing within the stipulated time. However, these EC member still have raised their decent during the 27th EC meeting. Thus on technical grounds, it cannot be discussed and considered here. In spite of this Hon. Vice-Chancellor allowed the discussion and their decent to the approval has been duly noted

Resolved that the minutes of the 25th EC meeting including CAS promotions are confirmed.

On action taken report GEM procurement, Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the council that again a new committee has been constituted to resolve the conflicting reports received from the earlier two committees. The report of the committee is awaited. After receipt of the report, it will be informed to the members.

On the issue of Optical Fiber lease line Hon. Vice-Chancellor informed the council that Dr. Narendra Jadhav is working. After completion of the work, members will be informed. However, Council members suggested that out of two lease lines, one line should be from private sector to ensure the quality and speed. This suggestion is duly noted.

Hon VC, thanked all the EC members for their active participation and constructive suggestions during the meeting.

As there was no point to discuss, meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.