

Proceedings of the Emergency Conference Meeting of the Departmental Committee held on April 28, 2020

Members participated:

1. Prof. Sudipta Dalai, Head, Department of Chemistry, who presided over the meeting.
2. Prof. Braja Gopal Bag
3. Prof. Ajay Kumar Misra
4. Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda
5. Dr. Subal Ch. Manna
6. Dr. Sumita Roy
7. Dr. Maidul Hossain
8. Dr. Anirban Basu

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The HoD informed the members of the Departmental Committee that Prof. Braja Gopal Bag has sent him an email with an attachment of a letter written to Prof. Bag by the Registrar, Vidyasagar University regarding the refilling of the NMR with liquid nitrogen. The DC thoroughly discussed the matter via conference and has resolved the following:

- A number of sophisticated research instruments such as Bruker 400 MHz NMR, Zeiss SEM, GCMS, fluorimeter, rheometer, etc. (approximate cost is more than five cores of INR), funded by DST-FIST, UGC-SAP have been installed in the Department of Chemistry during last two decades. These instruments are being regularly maintained by designated Faculty Members. (For example, weekly refilling of liquid nitrogen in NMR)
- In addition, the Faculty Members have different sophisticated equipments worth several crores funded by various Central and State Government agencies.
- Many of these instruments require regular maintenance in order to keep them functional.
- In view of the recent lock down and associated embargoes, the DC is on the opinion that the concerned faculties (and his/her associated research scholars) who have so far been entrusted in doing the needful for the regular maintenance of equipments including refilling of liquid nitrogen, may be requested to continue the same during the lockdown period, as per their conveniences.
- This may be done under the guidelines framed by the University keeping in accordance with the ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES permitted by the Government, with the prior approval from University authority.
- The DC also resolves to request the concerned faculty member in taking initiative and to inform the authority well in advance so that the prior approval from the competent University authority may be obtained in due time, in order to avoid the arising of the exigent situation.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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