

Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July 2024 at Sikkim University Campus, Yangang

45th meeting of the Executive Council was held on 30th July 2024 at 11 AM in Meeting Room, Sikkim University Campus, Yangang. Following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Avinash Khare
Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. J. P. Tamang
Senior Professor, Department of Microbiology | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Rosy Chamling
Dean, School of Languages and Literature | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Sohel Firdos
Dean, School of Human Sciences | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Sanjay Dahal
Dean, Students Welfare | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.S. Mahapatra
Finance Officer (In-charge) | - | Special Invitee |
| 7. Prof. Laxuman Sharma
Dean, School of Life Sciences/
Registrar (In-charge) | - | Secretary |

Following members attended the meeting online through video conferencing:

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| 8. Prof. H.C.S. Rathore
Former Vice-Chancellor
Central University of South Bihar | - | Member |
| 9. Prof. Amitabha Bhattacharyya
Associate Professor, Department of Physics | - | Member |

Prof. S.S. Mahapatra, Finance Officer (In-charge) attended as Special Invitee. Mrs. Grace D. Chankapa, Deputy Registrar was present to assist the Executive Council.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all Members of the Executive Council to its 45th meeting and informed that this would be his last meeting of the Executive Council. The Vice-Chancellor thanked the outgoing member Prof. Manesh Choubey, Dean, School of Social Studies, Prof. S.S. Mahapatra, Dean School of Professional Studies for their contributions as the member of the Executive Council and welcomed the new member Prof. Laxuman Sharma, Dean School of Life Sciences as Registrar (In-Charge) and Prof. Rosy Chamling, Dean, School of Languages and Literature.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as under:

SECTION-1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES AND ACTION TAKEN REPORT

EC 45.1.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 44th meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th December 2023 and emergency meeting held on 29th January 2024

The minutes of the 44th meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th December 2023 and emergency meeting held on 29th January 2024 were circulated to all the members on 1st March 2024. No comments were received from any of the members of the Executive Council.

The minutes of the 44th meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th December 2023 and emergency meeting held on 29th January 2024 were confirmed.

EC 45.1.2: Action taken report on the minutes of 44th meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th December 2023 and emergency meeting held on 29th January 2024

The Secretary presented the action taken report on the minutes of the 44th meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th December 2023 and emergency meeting held on 29th January 2024. The Executive Council noted the action taken report by the University.

SECTION-2

REPORTING ITEMS

EC 45.2.1: Superannuation of Professors

The Executive Council noted the superannuation of the following faculty members from the post of Professor:

Sl. No.	Name	Date of superannuation	Office Order No.	Date of birth
1.	Prof. Shanti Swarup Sharma, Department of Botany	31.01.2023	58/2023 dated 31.01.2023	15.01.1958
2.	Prof. Pushpa Sharma, Department of Nepali	31.01.2023	59/2023 dated 31.01.2023	15.01.1958
3.	Prof. Hardeep Singh, Department of Hindi	29.02.2024	85/2024 dated 29.02.2024	28.02.1959

SECTION-3

RATIFICATION MATTERS

EC 45.3.1: MoU with Indian Institute of Tropical Meterology, Pune

The Executive Council ratified the signing of MoU with Indian Institute of Tropical Meterology, Pune.

EC 45.3.2: MoU between Sikkim University and Hemwati Nanda Bahuguna Garhwal University

The Executive Council ratified the signing of MoU between Sikkim University and Hemwati Nanda Bahuguna Garhwal University.

EC 45.3.3: Technical Resignation of Finance Officer

The Executive Council ratified the action for the Vice-Chancellor of accepting the technical resignation of Shri Pratap Keshari Dash, Finance Officer who was relieved from the services of the University with effect from 04.06.2024 (A/N) to join as Finance Officer, Central Tribal University Andhra Pradesh.

EC 45.3.4: Extension of Study Leave of Shri Avijit Rai

The Executive Council noted that Shri Avijit Rai, Assistant Librarian had requested for extension of Study Leave for a period of 1 year w.e.f. 17.08.2024 to 17.02.2025 to complete his course work. The Vice-Chancellor accepted his request for extension of Study Leave w.e.f. 17.08.2024 to 17.02.2025.

The Executive Council ratified the action for the Vice-Chancellor in granting the extension of Study Leave to Shri Avijit Rai.

EC 45.3.5: Extension of Contract of Shri Bappaditya Adhikary

The Executive Council noted that Shri Bappaditya Adhikary, Assistant Professor, Department of Education was engaged on contract and his contract had expired on 04.05.2024. Based on the Self-assessment report obtained through the Head of the Department and the Dean of the concerned School, the Vice-Chancellor had extended his contract for the further period of 1 year on existing terms and conditions.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

EC 45.3.6: Extension of Lien

The Executive Council noted that six faculty members had requested for extension of lien period. The Vice-Chancellor under the provision of

lien policy of the University had accepted the request of the extension as per the details under:

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Department	Released on	To join	Lien up to	Lien period
1.	Dr. Krishna Murari, Associate Professor	Management	31.05.2023	Babasaheb Bhimrao University, Lucknow	One year and six months extension	Six months w.e.f 01.06.2024
2.	Dr. Gadde Omprasad, Assistant Professor	Political Science	11.07.2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	One year	Six months w.e.f 10.07.2024
4.	Dr. Saurabh Maheshwari, Assistant Professor	Psychology	26.05.2023	Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur	One year	Four months w.e.f 25.05.2024
5.	Dr. Sebastian N., Assistant Professor	IR	04.12.2023	Jamia Millia Islamia	1 year	Six months w.e.f. 04.06.2024
6.	Dr. Vimal Khawas, Associate Professor	Peace & Conflict Studies & Management	30.06.2023	Jawaharlal Nehru University	1 year	Six months w.e.f 01.07.2024
7..	Dr. Komol Singha, Associate Professor	Economics	31.07.2024	Jawaharlal Nehru University	1 year	Six months w.e.f 01.08.2024

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor for granting extension of the lien period.

EC 45.3.7: Relieving

The Executive Council noted that the Vice-Chancellor had accepted the request of the following faculty members for permanent release from the services of the University upon their confirmation in their present University:

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Department	To join	Released on lien	Released permanently
1.	Prof. N. Sathyanarayana, Professor	Botany	Central University of Karnataka	28.04.2023	26.04.2024
2.	Dr. S. Jeevanandam, Assistant Professor	History	Jawaharlal Nehru University	11.04.2023	10.04.2024

3.	Dr. Salvin Paul, Assistant Professor	Peace & Conflict Studies & Management	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University	09.06.2023	12.06.2024
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The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

EC 45.3.8: Selection Committee proceedings for placement in next stage under CAS

The Executive Council noted that the various Selection Committee and Screening cum Evaluation Committee were held for consideration of placement of faculty member in the higher level under CAS. The Vice-Chancellor exercising the power under section 12(3) of Sikkim University Act, 2006 opened the sealed envelopes for declaration of the results and issue of the necessary orders for the promotion under CAS to the following faculty members:

Sl. No.	Name	Department	Academic Level	Date of Eligibility
1.	Dr. Manju Rana	Horticulture	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	31.08.2022
2.	Dr. Rajesh Kumar	Horticulture	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	22.02.2022
3.	Dr. Maibam Samson Singh	Anthropology	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	24.04.2023
4.	Dr. Basundhara Chettri	Zoology	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	28.07.2022
5.	Dr. Hardeep Singh	Hindi	Academic Level 13A to Academic Level 14	01.02.2024
6.	Dr. Pradip Kumar Tripathi	Hindi	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	30.08.2021
7.	Dr. Somendra Nath Chakraborty	Chemistry	Academic Level 12 to Academic Level 13A	25.08.2023
8.	Dr. Biswajit Gopal Roy	Chemistry	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	23.04.2022
9.	Dr. Sudarsan Tamang	Chemistry	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	20.09.2023
10.	Dr. Anand Pariyar	Chemistry	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	15.09.2020
11.	Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh	Tourism	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	30.08.2021
12.	Dr.	Microbiology	Academic Level 10 to	17.08.2018

	Buddhiman Tamang		Academic Level 11	
13.	Dr. Arun Kumar Rai	Botany	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	01.09.2020
14.	Dr. Pooja Basnet	Mass Communication	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	31.03.2022
15.	Dr. Samidha Vedabala	Music	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	17.07.2022
16.	Dr. Santosh Kumar	Music	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	05.10.2023
17.	Dr. Saswati Saha	English	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11	08.05.2019
18.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Das	Mass Communication	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	05.05.2021
19.	Dr. Veer Mayank	Law	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	28.05.2022
20.	Dr. Nidhi Saxena	Law	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	28.01.2022
21.	Dr. T. J. M. S. Raju	Education	Academic Level 13A to Academic Level 14	11.06.2022
22.	Dr. Anju Verma	Education	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12	28.04.2023

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

EC 45.3.9: Appointment of a Veterinarian, IAEC, Sikkim University

The Executive Council noted the mandatory nature of appointment of a full time Veterinarian under Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) as per guidelines of Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiments of Animal (CCSEA). Accordingly, the Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor for appointment of retired Veterinarian from Government Sikkim (on contract) as full time Veterinarian on a remuneration of ` 20,000/- per month for a maximum period of 5 years which is to be reviewed annually.

Prof. H.C.S. Rathore, member of the Executive Council also informed that there is a policy of UGC on appointment of Veterinarian (permanent) as per the CCSEA mandate which may be explored. The Executive Council members endorsed the same.

EC 45.3.10: Members of the Selection Committee nominated by the Executive Council

The Executive Council noted that the following were nominated as member of the Selection Committee for consideration of promotion under CAS from Level 13A to 14 (Associate Professor to Professor) by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Executive Council in different capacities:

Sl. No.	CAS Promotions from	Members	Nominated as	Date of Interview
1	Stage IV - V, Department of Hindi and Stage III - IV, Department of Chemistry	Prof. Jyoti Shamsundar Bhakare	Visitor's Nominee	26.02.2024
2	Stage IV - V, Department of Education	Prof. Awadesh Narayan Sharma	Visitor's Nominee	22.04.2024
3	Stage I - II and II - III, Department of Horticulture	Dr. A. K. Pandey	Subject Expert	22.02.2024
4	Stage II - III, Department of Anthropology	Prof. Kewal Krishnan	Subject Expert	22.02.2024
5	Stage II - III, Department of Zoology	Prof. Min Bahadur	Subject Expert	22.02.2024
6	Stage IV to V and I - II, Department of Hindi	Prof. Mohan	Subject Expert	26.02.2024
		Prof. R. S. Sarraju		
7	Stage I - II, II - III and III to IV Department of Chemistry	Prof. (Dr.) Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya	Subject Expert	26.02.2024
8	Stage III - IV, Department of Chemistry	Prof. Anirban Misra	Subject Expert	26.02.2024
9	Stage I - II, Department of Tourism	Prof. Nimit Choudhary	Subject Expert	27.02.2024
10	Stage I - II, Department of Microbiology	Prof. Rup Lal	Subject Expert	27.02.2024
11	Stage I - II, Department of Botany	Prof. Shanti Swarup Sharma	Subject Expert	27.02.2024
12	Stage I - II, Department of Mass Communications	Prof. Biswajit Das	Subject Expert	27.02.2024

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor in nominating the above members as the member of the Selection Committee nominated by the Executive Council.

EC 45.3.11: Application of Prof. Amit Kumar for Extra-Ordinary Leave

The Executive Council noted that Prof. Amit Kumar, Professor, Department of Geography had requested for Extra-Ordinary Leave of 09 months to avail the Fulbright Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence (FNAPE) Fellowship at Purdue University, USA. The Vice-Chancellor accepted the request for grant of Extra-Ordinary Leave for 9 months w.e.f. 22.05.2024 to 21.02.2025.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor.

EC 45.3.12: Study Leave of Mrs. Chunnu Khawas

The Executive Council noted that Mrs. Chunnu Khawas, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Applications has requested for grant of Study Leave of 119 days w.e.f. 16.08.2024 – 12.12.2024 for completion of PhD.

The Executive Council also noted that Mrs. Chunnu Khawas joined the University on 27.02.2012 and has completed 3 years of continuous service on regular post as on 26.02.2015 on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Applications the Vice-Chancellor accepted the request and granted Study Leave for 119 days w.e.f. 16.08.2024 – 12.12.2024.

The Executive Council ratified the action of the Vice-Chancellor of granting study leave to Mrs. Chunnu Khawas, as mentioned above.

SECTION-4

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

EC 45.4.1: Appointment of Chancellor of the University

The Executive Council noted the receipt of letter F.No. 36-2/2024-CU.V/CU-II dated 13.03.2024 stating that the post of Chancellor in Sikkim University has fallen vacant after the five year term of Lt. Gen. Dr.D.B. Shekatkar (Retd.) as Chancellor, Sikkim University on 06.03.2024. The Ministry has requested the University to recommend a panel of not less than three persons by the Executive Council for appointment of the new Chancellor of Sikkim University.

The Executive Council recommended the following names for appointment as the new Chancellor of the Sikkim University:

1. Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan
2. Dr. Shekhar C. Mande
3. Prof. Deepak Pental
4. Prof. A.P. Dash

A brief on the above recommended panel as presented in the Executive is placed as **Annexure-1**.

EC 45.4.2: Signing of MoU with Central Referral Hospital, SMIMS, Gangtok

The Executive Council noted the report as submitted by the Committee constituted to look into the medical treatment and referral matters for Sikkimese employees in particular and other employees in general of Sikkim University.

The Executive Council deliberated in detail and it was suggested to place the matter before the Finance Committee before placing it in the Executive Council.

EC 45.4.3: Selection Committee proceedings for placement in next stage under CAS.

The Executive Council accepted the recommendation of the Screening cum Evaluation Committee and approved placement of the following faculty members in the higher stage under CAS as under:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Department	Stage of placement
1.	Dr. N. Bijaylaxmi Devi	Assistant Professor	Botany	Academic Level 11 to Academic Level 12
2.	Dr. Aabriti Sharma	Assistant Professor	Education	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11
3.	Dr. Niharika Buragohain	Assistant Professor	Mass Communications	Academic Level 10 to Academic Level 11

EC 45.4.4: Completion of probation period of teachers

The Executive Council accepted the confirmation of service on completion of probation for the following faculty member w.e.f. the date following the day of completion of their probation:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Date of joining	Date of Completion of Probation
1	Dr. Sujata Upadhyay	Associate Professor	17.03.2023	16.03.2024
2	Shri Mugip Hang Limboo	Assistant Professor	23.03.2023	22.03.2024
3	Dr. Gorakh Nath Tiwari	Associate Professor	30.03.2023	29.03.2024
4	Prof. Pradeep K. Sarma	Professor	17.04.2023	16.04.2024
5	Dr. Kunzang Namgyal	Assistant Professor	01.05.2023	30.05.2024
6	Dr. Dhriti Roy	Associate Professor	02.05.2023	01.05.2024
7	Dr. Nagendra Thakur	Associate Professor	02.05.2023	01.05.2024
8	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Ranjan	Associate Professor	02.05.2023	01.05.2024
9	Dr. Amit Chakraborty	Professor	02.05.2023	01.05.2024
10	Dr. Bilambita Banisudha	Associate Professor	08.05.2023	07.05.2024
11	Dr. Alok Kumar Yadav	Assistant Professor	10.05.2023	09.05.2024
12	Shri Sanam Raj	Assistant Professor	10.05.2023	09.05.2024
13	Prof. Bhoj K Acharya	Professor	08.06.2023	07.06.2024
14	Dr. Bisu Singh	Associate Professor	12.06.2023	11.06.2024
15	Prof. Snehlata Jaswal	Professor	30.06.2023	29.06.2024

The Executive Council also noted the receipt of pending complaint from Vigilance Section, Ministry of Education against Prof. Ambika Dhaka, Department of History due to which her process of confirmation had been kept on hold.

EC 45.4.5: Extension of Contract of Teaching Staff

In view of the non availability of faculty members fulfilling the requisite qualifications for permanent position in the Department of Bhutia, Lepcha and Limbu, the Executive Council approved the contract of the following faculty members for a period of six months w.e.f. 01.07.2024 on the existing terms and conditions:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Department
1.	Shri Bhaichung Tsh. Bhutia	Associate Professor	Bhutia
2.	Shri Bal Bahadur Subba	Associate Professor	Limbu
3.	Shri Norbu Tshering Lepcha	Associate Professor	Lepcha
4.	Ms. Dukmit Lepcha	Assistant Professor	

EC 45.4.6: Extension of Contract of Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed

The Executive Council noted the decision of the Executive Council in its 27th meeting held on 09.06.2017 accordingly to which the extension of contractual appointment were to be based on feedback of the students and self assessment report to be obtained through In-charge/Head of the Department or Dean of the concerned School.

Accordingly, the Executive Council noted the student's feedback and the report of the Head which did not have any adverse remark. However, the remarks expressed by the Dean was also discussed and based on the student's feedback and the recommendation of the Head. The Executive Council considered the extension of the contract of the Prof. Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed for the period of six months (subject to the condition that he does not exceed 70 years of age) under the same existing terms and conditions.

EC 45.4.7: Extension of Contract of Dr. Pawan Kumar Ray

The Executive Council in view of the recommendation of Head of the Department and Dean of the concerned School approved the extension of contract of Dr. Pawan Kumar Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of Education for a period of one year w.e.f. 06.07.2024 on the existing terms and conditions.

EC 45.4.8: Completion of probation period of Dr. Nipun Chaudhary

As per the procedure of confirmation on completion of probation period Dr. Nipun Chaudhary had submitted his self assessment which was sent for review and remarks to Dean of the concerned School, Prof. Rosy Chamling.

The remark of the Dean as under was presented to the Executive Council:

*"NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION OF SERVICE.
A Detailed Report is attached to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor."*

The detailed report was submitted to the Executive Council for deliberation and the same was also presented by Prof. Rosy Chamling, Dean of the concerned school.

After detailed deliberation and based on the written complaints received during the period of his probation the Executive Council decided to constitute an independent Inquiry Committee to take up the complaints and report back to the Executive Council.

Accordingly, the Executive Council decided to defer the process of confirmation of Dr. Nipun Chaudhary for a period of 6 months or till such time the report would be submitted by the Inquiry Committee whichever is earlier.

In view of the decision of holding an inquiry, the Executive Council decided to direct Dr. Nipun Chaudhary to step down from headship of the department till further orders. It was also decided to give the charge of the department to senior most Assistant Professor with immediate effect until further orders.

EC 45.4.9: Representation of Dr. Veer Mayank, Assistant Professor, Department of Law against Office Order dated 02.11.2022.

The Executive Council noted its decision of imposing "Censure" on Dr. Veer Mayank under CCS (CCA) Rules in its 40th meeting held on 27.05.2022 following which Dr. Veer Mayank had submitted an appeal against the penalty of "Censure" imposed against him vide Office Order No. 302/2022 dated 02.11.2022 and to exonerate him of all charges and impugn the order passed by the Executive Council.

The Executive Council in its 42nd meeting held on 26.04.2023 resolved to constitute a Committee of Appeal to look into Dr. Veer Mayank's appeal as per Notification No. 153/2020 dated 12.10.2020 and directed the Committee of Appeals to take up the appeal and report back to the Executive Council.

The Committee of Appeal after analyzing the matter submitted its report on 21.02.2024 and recommended that *"The Executive Council of the Sikkim University by exercising its power should 'EXPUNGE' the minor punishment "CENSURE" made on Dr. Veer Mayank, Department of Law, Sikkim University" and issue stern notice to him so that he does not repeat this behaviour in future and record it in appropriate way"*.

The Executive Council accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Appeals to expunge the minor penalty of "Censure" on Dr. Veer Mayank and issue a stern notice to him.

SECTION-5

MINUTES OF AUTHORITIES/COMMITTEES

EC 45.5.1: Minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 12th July 2024

The Executive Council noted the minutes of the 32nd Executive Council meeting held on 12.07.2024. The Council after consideration approved the following:

- i) Revised University Ordinance OC-7 on the PhD programme.
- ii) Revised Regulations on conduct of PhD programme.
- iii) Revised Regulations on conduct of Examinations.
- iv) Biannual admission in Sikkim University at the PhD level.
- v) Deletion of OC-6 from the University Ordinance.
- vi) Draft rules/norms for Maternity Leave for students of UG and PG programmes in Sikkim University and its affiliated colleges.

The members wanted to put on record the contribution of Prof. Avinash Khare as Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim University especially his contribution towards campus construction and his efforts towards recruitment and providing timely promotions to both teaching and non-teaching staff.

All members extended heartfelt gratitude towards effective conduct of Executive Council meetings during his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of Sikkim University.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

SECTION-6

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

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Sd/-
(Prof. Laxuman Sharma)
Registrar (In-charge) & Secretary
Executive Council

Sd/-
(Prof. Avinash Khare)
Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
Executive Council

1) A.P. DASH, Ph.D. D.Sc.

Ex-Vice Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu

Ex-Vice Chancellor, Asian Public Health University,

Ex-Adviser, United Nations (WHO)

Professor A.P. Dash, has significantly contributed to the field of biomedical sciences. He has devoted his career in developing various tools / technologies / strategies in controlling tropical diseases, studying the impact of climate change on infectious diseases. His work on ecological succession of mosquitoes and changing pattern of vector behavior are noteworthy. He was instrumental in eliminating lymphatic filariasis, kala-azar and malaria in South East Asia Region.

About 45 years ago, Dr. Dash had the opportunity of being trained as a biologist, then shifted to field biology, initiated studies on biomedical science and then shifted to laboratory science. His long years of experience in ICMR and a stint with Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India offered opportunities to specialize and address a variety of issues such as parasite biology, epidemiology, transmission biology, immunology and molecular biology and control of tropical diseases. The journey through these years made him play diverse roles.

He was the Director of different research institutions under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Biotechnology, Government of India - this phase of his career started as Director of Institute of Life Sciences at Bhubaneswar which has been the most challenging phase in his scientific leadership. **The momentous occasion was when the then Prime Minister of India dedicated the Institute of Life Sciences to the nation during the last part of his tenure there on 15th July 2003.** After this successful tenure he resumed the Directorship of the National Institute for Research on Tribal Health at Jabalpur, National Institute of Malaria Research, New Delhi, Desert Medicine Research Centre, Jodhpur and Centre for Research in Medical Entomology, Madurai. During his tenure as a director at different institutes, he established state of the art laboratories and each institute showed tremendous growth during his tenure.

After working as a scientist & Director, he joined the South East Asia Regional Office of the World Health Organisation (WHO) as Scientist & Regional Adviser & looked after the programmes on vector borne and neglected tropical diseases, climate change etc. at the international level. On superannuation from the WHO, he occupied the "Distinguished Scientist Chair" at the Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar for a brief period in 2015. While working here, he was appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) by the Hon'ble President of India.

Elsevier has recently reported in their SCOPUS database the ranking of Indian Scientists from their publication for the year 2002-14 based on various evaluation parameters. Prof.

Dash is rated as top rank in the subject area of Immunology and Microbiology. Also, in the subject area of Medicine he is ranked 7th among the top 10 Indian researchers. (Source: Department of Science and Technology has recently published the document on International Comparative Research Base (December 2015), Page No. 103 and 104).

Prof. (Dr) Dash was conferred with PADMASHREE in Science & Engineering in 2022 as a “DISTINGUISHED BIOLOGIST” of the country.

2) Dr. Shekhar C. Mande (62 years) is Structural and Computational Biologist. He was the Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India, and the Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology. Prior to this, he was the Director of National Centre for Cell Science, Pune.

He was awarded in 2005 the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, the highest science award in India, in the Biological sciences category.

3) Prof. Deepak Pentel (born 1951) is a Professor of Genetics and the Former Vice Chancellor at the University of Delhi. He is a noted researcher whose current research interests lie in development of transgenics and marker-assisted breeding of crops. A new frog species, *Minervarya Pentali*, discovered in Western Ghats by a team of Delhi University researchers; was named after Pentel.

4) Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan (83 years) is an Indian space scientist who headed the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 1994 to 2003. Over many decades of a highly distinguished career, Dr Kasturirangan has served in capacities advising governments on a range of policy interventions. He is presently Chancellor of Central University of Rajasthan. He is the former chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University and the chair of Karnataka Knowledge Commission. He is a former member of the Rajya Sabha (2003-09) and a former member of the now defunct Planning Commission of India. He was also the Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, from April 2004 to 2009. He is a recipient of the three major civilian awards from the Government of India: Padma Shri (1982), Padma Bhushan (1992) and Padma Vibhushan (2000).