

Recommendations of the Executive Council on

Prof.Hridayakumari Committee Report on CBCSS

The Executive Council which met on July 19, 2012 accepted the report in principle, noting that it is comprehensive, reasonable and practical. The recommendation is that the CBCSS System should continue, but with some significant changes.

I. The Executive Council decided to make the following recommendations to the Government.

1. Mark system should be introduced instead of grading, for each question. However notional grading on the basis of marks will be indicated for each semester. Overall gradation should be on a 7 point scale and will be awarded only at the end of the programme
2. For internal assessment, of all courses at the end of each semester, 10 marks will be awarded for test paper, 5 marks for seminar or assignment, 5 for attendance, with a total of 20 marks.
3. For external assessment, Universities will conduct examinations for core subjects and compulsory language papers to be centrally evaluated at the end of 2nd, 4th and 6th semesters. All practical examinations should also be conducted at the end of 2nd, 4th & 6th semesters.
4. The examinations for the complementary subjects, electives, open courses and additional languages, will be conducted at the end of all semesters. All question papers will be set by the Universities. Odd semester examination answer sheets will be evaluated by home evaluation and even semester examination sheets will be evaluated by centralised evaluation
5. In addition to semester breaks for students(maximum 10 days), there will be two months summer vacation.
6. A maximum of four credits may be awarded per semester to those who are actively engaged in co curricular, extra curricular activities, such as NCC, NSS, sports and arts.
7. Universities should make provisions for transfer of credits for those who transfer inter university or Intra University, provided the student has a minimum of 20 credits in the credit bank.

8. No moderation should be awarded in any examination under CBCSS.
9. For Informatics courses, qualified teachers and appropriate laboratories may be provided.
10. Methodology course may be shifted from UG to PG.
11. The Boards of studies should rationalize and restructure the number of courses, syllabi and prescription of text books in order to make the semester system effective.

Boards of Studies should make the changes in the syllabi and text books in consultation with the teachers. At least two meetings of teachers may be held in every department in every college, one in midyear and one towards the year end. The recommendations of these meetings should be considered by the Boards of Studies.

The Boards of Studies should make sure that there is no political bias in text books, particularly mere propagandist literature.

As the language of higher education, English should receive extra attention. Graduates should be proficient in written and spoken English. Necessary changes may be made in the curriculum by the Board of Studies.

Boards of Studies have to be constantly in touch with renowned Indian Universities, and at least a few foreign universities. Subject experts have to be identified in all major fields of study and endeavour, and consulted frequently. A format for the working of Boards of Studies could be devised so that structured work is possible.