



POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR-06

May 31, 2021

Minutes of the Departmental Committee Meeting
held (through virtual mode) on May 31, 2021.

A Departmental Committee meeting was held today on May 31, 2021 through virtual mode during 2 pm – 3 pm. The meeting was chaired by the Head of the Department and the Chairman of the Departmental Committee. The following other members were present in the meeting

1. Manzoor A. Malik
2. M. Farooq Mir
3. Gowhar Bashir
4. Shakeel A. Simnani
5. Sajad Masood
6. Waseem Bari
7. Ghulam Nabi Dar
8. Nissar Ahmad
9. Muzaffar Q. Lone

The Chairman of the Committee apprised the members about the scenario which is evolving with regard to the proposed construction by the Department of Mathematics through the Construction Division of the University. A structure is being proposed to be constructed on the already existing Library block of the Department of Physics. The Chairman informed the committee that he is being continuously asked by the construction division (through AEE) and the concerned contractor to allow them to start the construction work.

In an earlier departmental committee meeting, dated 20-4-2021, wherein this matter was discussed, the faculty members had unanimously opposed construction over our existing Library as it would adversely hamper our academic activities for a long time. Our concerns and detailed explanations were communicated to the administration vide representation to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, dated 1-4-2021. Later, the departmental committee met again to discuss any viable alternatives. The detailed discussion on the matter is summarized as follows:



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1. The Library block was a new extension (not a part of the original structure that houses both Physics and Mathematics departments) constructed by the Physics department for housing the Library. The idea was to have a Laboratory block over it but because that would require closure of the library for a year or two, we decided to defer it till some alternate space is available.
2. The Department of Physics is already short of space as compared to its requirements. Since Physics is an experiment driven science, we need lot many laboratories and in that sense providing equal space to the two departments is not justified.
3. The committee mulled over the idea of demolishing the small block behind the main building and reconstructing a larger block at the same site which could solve our space crunch issues. The problem is that the small block houses two research laboratories in which 12 Ph. D. students are working. Besides, it houses a high end instrument on roof top from which data is continuously being collected. Unless, we have an immediate alternative to that, we cannot demolish it.

We believe that it is neither in the interest of the administration nor the department to encourage any construction activity that may benefit one department but another department has to pay a much heavier price for it. In all sincerity and in the best interests of our department, we would like to urge the administration to find an alternate space for the mathematics department so that we don't have to suffer academically.

(Professor Basharat A. Want)

Head of the Department/Chairman DC

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