

Minutes of the IGNOU Research Scholars Forum meeting

The meeting of the first ever IGNOU Research Scholars Forum was held on 16th of April, 2012 at 3.00 pm at the new class room block (opp. Convention centre) to promote research activities in the University. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Director, Research Unit and research scholars from different disciplines and schools were invited to participate in the forum.

The following members were part of the newly constituted forum:

1. Dr. Rukshana Zaman, Assistant Professor, SOSS - Convener
2. Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, Deputy Director, Research Unit, Co-convener
3. Dr. Mitoo Das Assistant Professor, SOSS
4. Dr.P. Venkatramana Assistant Professor, SOSS

The following points constituted the meeting:

1. The meeting was attended by 18 research scholars including RTA'S, SRTA'S and Research Fellows.
2. It was decided in the meeting to convene this forum once every fortnight to provide a platform for the research scholars to present and discuss their research interests at length.
3. An organising committee was also constituted for the smooth functioning and coordination of the forum. Eight members were chosen to represent the various schools which comprised of SRTA's , RTA's and Research Fellows. The names of the representatives are:

- a) Sandhya Chopra SOSS
- b) Smita Mishra SOH
- c) Rafat Ara SOSW
- d) Archana SOTST
- e) Libison K.B. SOMS
- f) Veethika Tikoo SOPVA
- g) Tauquir Alam SOFL
- h) Rajwanti SOH

4. It was decided in the meeting that during every session of the research forum , at least one research scholar would present his/her research interests in the form of a paper reading, a power point presentation, a discussion on their research topic, a book review, etc. and each scholar would be allotted a minimum time slot of 15 minutes.

5. The activities of the Forum regarding the date, venue, time and the topic for the presentation would be widely circulated for everyone's information and participation through email and other modes. The research scholars are requested to provide prior information about their presentations to the convener of the forum.

6. The forum also decided to have a blog of its own in order to discuss and share information among researchers on matters of varied interests.

7. The proceedings of the regular meetings and presentations will be regularly published in the form of a bilingual Bulletin. Research Unit agreed to support the publication of this Bulletin.

8. The next meeting of the research forum is scheduled to be held on the 30th of April and a presentation will be made by Rajwanti, Research fellow, SOH.

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