



**Indira Gandhi National Open University  
School of Continuing Education**

**Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOCE held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of School of Continuing Education (SOCE) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, SOCE. The meeting was held in the hybrid mode and the following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | <b>Prof. Deeksha Kapur</b><br>Director, SOCE, IGNOU  | Chairperson                |
| 2. | <b>Prof. S.P.Mishra</b><br>Former Founder Vice Chancellor<br>Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya<br>Haridwar   | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 3. | <b>Prof. Shagufa Kapadia – Joined Online</b><br>Former HOD, Department of Human<br>Development and Family Studies<br>MS University of Baroda, Vadodara     | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 4. | <b>Prof. Kiran Bains– Joined Online</b><br>Professor and Dean<br>College of Community Science<br>Punjab Agricultural University<br>Ludhiana, Punjab-141004 | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 5. | <b>Prof. Jyoti Aggarwal</b><br>Department of Fabric and Apparel Science<br>Institute of Home Economics<br>University of Delhi-110007                       | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 6. | <b>Prof. Lalita Vatta</b><br>Professor of Extension and Communication<br>Department of Home Science<br>Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005           | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 7. | <b>Prof. D.Venkateshwarlu</b><br>Professor<br>School of Education, IGNOU   | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |
| 8. | <b>Prof. Akshay Kumar</b><br>Professor<br>School of Computer & Information Sciences, IGNOU   | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |
| 9. | <b>Prof. Nayantara Padhi – Joined Online</b><br>Professor<br>School of Management Studies, IGNOU   | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |

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10. **Prof. Mita Sinha Mahapatra** Member [under 10A (2) (d)]  
Professor  
School of Agriculture, IGNOU
11. **Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen** Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)]  
Professor, Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU
12. **Prof. Neerja Chadha** Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)]  
Professor, Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU
13. **Prof. Heena K. Bijli** Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)]  
Professor, Home Science,  
SOCE, IGNOU
14. **Dr. Ankita Gupta** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]  
Assistant Professor, Nutritional Sciences  
SOCE, IGNOU
15. **Sh. Balkar Singh** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]  
Assistant Professor, Rural Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU
16. **Dr. Suman Singh** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]  
Assistant Professor, Home Science,  
SOCE, IGNOU
17. **Dr. Preetika Badgujar** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]  
Assistant Professor, Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU

#### Special Invitees

1. **Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi**  
Associate Professor, Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU
2. **Dr. Alok Kumar Upadhyay**  
Associate Professor, Disability Studies in Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU
5. **Dr. Richa Prakash**  
Assistant Professor, Home Science,  
SOCE, IGNOU
6. **Dr. Anuradha Arya**  
Assistant Professor, Home Science,  
SOCE, IGNOU
7. **Dr. Shalini Kushwaha**  
Assistant Professor, Nutritional Sciences,  
SOCE, IGNOU

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8. **Dr. Namrata Singh**  
Assistant Professor, Nutritional Science,  
SOCE, IGNOU
9. **Dr. Hemlata Chand**  
Assistant Professor, Child Development,  
SOCE, IGNOU

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members of the School Board. With a quick round of introduction by each member the Agenda Items were transacted.

**Agenda Item 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.**

- SB 73.1.1 The Chairperson informed the School Board that the draft minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 were circulated to all the members. Comments received were incorporated in the final minutes.
- SB 73.1.2 The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board.

**Agenda Item 2 To note Action Taken Report with respect to the decisions on the Agenda Items of 72<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.**

- SB 73.2.1 The School Board was informed about the Action Taken regarding the various activities approved during the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board, as placed below:

Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.72.3.2	To report and ratify the approval of Academic Council for offering Minor (Vocational) and Skill Enhancement Courses as part of the curriculum of FYUP B.Sc (Food and Nutrition) in the University's pool of courses.	Units have been allotted to unit writers and are under editing stage.
SB.72.4.2	To consider and recommend the List of Experts for Expert Committee Meeting for revision of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme offered by Discipline of Nutritional Sciences through ODL mode.	Expert Committee Meeting was held on 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025.
SB.72.5.2	To report and ratify the approval of the Competent Authority for creating an Exit Option in Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education as 'Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education' as well as the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting regarding the same.	The student will be given the option to exist with the certificate after the results of Dec-2025 TEE.

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Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.72.6.2	To report and ratify the approval of the Competent Authority for modification in format of strategy for evaluation for Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education as well as the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting regarding the same.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MCQ papers under Preparation.</li> <li>2. Project work book is under preparation.</li> <li>3. The Evaluation Methodology for Odisha has been decentralized keeping in view the mother tongue.</li> </ol>
SB.72.7.2	To report and ratify the approval of the Competent Authority for additional qualifications for appointment of counselors for Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education as well as the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting regarding the same.	The Eligibility for the Counsellors is to be as per IGNOU norms and no modification has been permitted by the Academic Council.
SB.72.8.2	To report and ratify the inclusion of Faculty Member, Dr. PreetikaBadgujar, as Programme Coordinator in Certificate Programme in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion - Hearing Impairment (CESEIHI).	Dr. Badgujar has been included as prog. Coordinator in CESEIHI.
SB.72.9.2	To consider and approve NSQF Compliant Skill Course with the Job Role – Community Development and Extension Officer as per NCVET Guidelines.	The Qualification for the Job Role - Community Development and Extension Officer, of 20 Credits, was placed and approved in the 84th Academic Council (AC) Meeting held on 30th May 2025, and the AC recommended it to be submitted to NCVET by IGNOU, in alignment with NSQF 6 as per NCVET guidelines.
SB.72.10.2	To consider and approve the Analysis Report of feedback from Subject Experts (AY 2024-2025) of School of Continuing Education to be forwarded to CIQA working group.	The approved report of feedback from Subject Experts (AY 2024-2025) of School of Continuing Education was submitted to CIQA on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025.

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Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.72.11.2	To consider and recommend additional names of Editors, Translators (English to Hindi) for the B.A. (Hons.) Home Science (Four-Year Undergraduate Degree Programme).	Units were allotted to approved course writers, editors and translators. The course development work has been completed successfully (first year courses). The B.A Home Science Programme is launched in July 2025 session. The first-year theory courses BHCC-121, BHCC-122 (English and Hindi language) are at the CRC stage. The practical courses BHCL-121 and BHCL-122 are in the process of development.
SB.72.12.2	To consider and recommend list of additional Course Writers and Editors for M.Sc (Home Science – Community Development and Extension Management) – MSCHSC.	The course development work has been completed successfully and print (M. Sc. 1 <sup>st</sup> year courses). Course Writing Work of M.Sc. 2 <sup>nd</sup> year has been assigned to course writers and editing work of units are in the process. The Course MHC-008 are at the CRC stage.
SB.72.13.2	To ratify the list of Course Writers, Editors and Project Workbook writers for DECE programme.	The Course writer were allotted their respective tasks.
SB.72.14.2	To consider and recommend the additional list of Paper Setters & Moderators for CRD/CRDOL/PGDRD/PGRDOL/MARD/MARDOL/DPLAD, DCYP& DCYPOL (Goal -Guyana & E-Vidhya Bharti) Programmes.	Send to SED
SB.72.15.2	To consider and recommend the additional list of Paper Setters, Moderators, Answer Scripts Evaluators for the Course-BPR-005 (Basic Computer Literacy) of DPLAD Programme.	Sent to SED
SB.72.16.2	To consider and recommend the additional list of Translators, Vectors for the Courses of MRDE-002, MRDE-004 and MRD-004 of MARD Programme.	After the list is approved, we will continue working on it.
SB.72.17.2	To consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres.	The list has been forwarded to Student Evaluation Division.
SB.72.18.2	To consider and recommend Dr. Poorva Chadha as Unit Writer for DECE programme.	The Unit has been allotted to her.

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- SB 73.2.2 The School Board took note of the ATR, with Prof. Akshay Kumar suggesting that for items 17.14.2 and 17.15.2 the action taken may be reported as "With due approval of the Competent Authority the List was sent to SED".
- Agenda Item 3** **To consider and recommend the revised evaluation methodology for Course 6 – MCDL-001 "Supervised Practicum" of the Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood and Foundational Stage and Education.**
- SB 73.3.1 Dr Preetika Badgujar, Programme Co-coordinator presented the revised evaluation methodology for the Course 6 – MCDL-001, highlighting the need for the revision. She informed that since the enrollment of learners in the Programme is scattered around the country and the approved Academic Counsellors are not available everywhere, the Practicum files were sent to Academic Counsellors by post for evaluation (50% weightage) and was then further sent to IGNOU experts for next level of evaluation (50% weightage). This whole process takes minimum 3-4 months and sometimes even 8-9 months causing the results to be delayed.
- Keeping in view the need for quick declaration of results and smooth coordination of the Practicum Course, the change of the evaluation methodology of MCDL-001 wherein 100% evaluation of Practicum file will be done at IGNOU headquarters is being proposed.
- SB 73.3.2 The School Board considered the revised methodology and approved the same.
- Agenda Item 4** **To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the Discipline of the Child Development on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.**
- SB 73.4.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen presented the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of Discipline of Child Development held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 for consideration and approval of the School Board of SOCE. She informed that 3 items were considered by the DRC. First item related to admission to PhD for July 2025 session. 16 seats were advertised (UR-6, EWS-02, SC-02, ST-01, OBC-05). Three (3) applications were received from research unit {One from Category A- NET JRF and two (2) from category B (NET only)} and all three were found eligible to be called for interview. Three (3) candidates appeared for the interview. Based on the performance, 2 were recommended for admission to PhD programme in the Discipline of Child Development. Second item related to approval of Research Topic and allotment of guide to PhD. Scholar and finally the last item related to the approval of the six monthly progress report of the PhD. Candidate.
- SB 73.4.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting in the Discipline of Child Development held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

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**Agenda Item 5**

**To consider and recommend names of translators and vettors for the Certificate Programmes in Early Childhood Special Education – Enabling Inclusion (Visual Impairment / Hearing Impairment / Intellectual Disability).**

SB 73.5.1

Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Co-Coordinator of the Certificate Programmes in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion (Visual Impairment / Hearing Impairment / Intellectual Disability) informed the members that the programme(s) were successfully launched in July 2024 in the English medium. The enrolment response has been satisfactory and is showing steady improvement. As per the PPF of all these programmes, the medium of instruction is English initially, with subsequent translation into Hindi. Accordingly, she presented the list of translators and vettors identified to undertake the translation of all theory and practical courses of the respective programmes for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.5.2

The School Board considered and recommended the names of translators and vettors for the Certificate programme(s) in Early Childhood Special Education and suggested additional names to be included in the list:

1. Dr. Monika Rai  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Human Development and Family Studies  
College of Community and Applied Sciences MPUAT, Udaipur  
Mobile: 9414777010  
E-mail: drmonikarai2@gmail.com
2. Dr. Anshu Shukla  
Associate Professor  
Human Development & Family studies  
Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Banaras Hindu University  
dranshushukla@vkm.org.in

**Agenda Item 6**

**To ratify the approval granted by the Competent Authority for the list of additional paper setters, moderators & translators for Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education.**

SB 73.6.1

Keeping in view the large enrollment, Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator informed that the evaluation methodology for the Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education has been changed from descriptive paper to multiple choice questions (3 hours 100 Questions) for each of the three theory papers – DECE-01, DECE-02, DECE-03. The same was approved in the 84<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. Accordingly, in order to expedite the work, paper setters, moderators and translators were identified and got approved by the Competent Authority and the work allocated to them. The names of paper setters, Moderators and translators for the Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education are being put up for ratification of School Board.

SB 73.6.2

The School Board considered and ratified the approval granted by the Competent Authority.

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**Agenda Item 7:** To consider and recommend the List of Experts for Expert Committee Meeting for revision of the modular programmes; Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT), offered through ODL mode.

SB 73.7.1 Prof. Neerja Chadha informed the Board members that the modular programmes; Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT), are offered through ODL mode. It is proposed to revise these programmes in view of the NCAHP Act, 2021 and other recent developments in the field, as per IGNOU norms. For this, list of Expert Committee Members for the Expert Committee Meeting is placed for kind consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.7.2 The School Board considered and recommended the List of Experts identified for the Expert Committee Meeting.

**Agenda Item 8** To report inclusion of Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi as the third Programme Coordinator in the modular programmes; Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT), offered through ODL mode.

SB 73.8.1 The modular programmes Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) have been on offer since 2010 through ODL mode, with Prof. Neerja Chadha of SOCE and Prof. Amiteshwar Ratra of STRIDE as Programme Coordinators. In view of the fact that Prof. Neerja Chadha would be superannuating in the near future, and Prof. Amiteshwar Ratra who is the Programme Proposer and Programme Coordinator since the inception of the programmes is located outside SOCE, Prof. Neerja Chadha has now proposed the inclusion of Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi as the third Programme Coordinator in the programmes. The item was placed for kind recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.8.2 The School Board considered and recommended inclusion of Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi as the third Programme Coordinator in the programmes.

**Agenda Item 9** To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) meeting for Discipline of Rural Development.

SB 73.9.1 Dr. Balkar Singh, PhD. Prog. Coordinator presented the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) Meeting, held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. He informed the Board that six scholars are enrolled for PhD. in Rural Development. Out of these, four scholars were present to submit their synopsis for consideration and approval of the DRC. The DRC approved the synopsis of only one candidate and recommended Dr Balkar Singh as the PhD. Supervisor.

SB 73.9.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the DRC meeting.

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- Agenda Item 10:** To consider and recommend the additional list of Members of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) for Discipline of Rural Development.
- SB 73.10.1 Dr. Balkar Singh presented the additional list of members of the DRC for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 73.10.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list.
- Agenda Item 11** To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting organized for the revision of the Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development (DPLAD) programme.
- SB 73.11.1 The Expert Committee Meeting for the revision of the Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development (DPLAD) programme was organized on August 9, 2025. The minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting was placed before the members. Dr. Balkar Singh informed the members regarding the need for revision of the DPLAD programme, especially in the context of the recommendations of the Academic Council Standing Committee, IGNOU and also to align the programme with the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020). The committee recommended the enhancement of the total credits of DPLAD programme from 30 credits to 42 credits with the addition of two new courses, each of 6 credits each.
- SB 73.11.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting.
- Agenda Item 12** To consider and recommend the additional list of Paper Setters, Moderators, Evaluators, Project Evaluation for CRD/PGDRD/MARD (ODL & Online) & BRS Programmes.
- SB 73.12.1 Dr. Balkar Singh presented the additional list of the Paper Setters, Moderators, Evaluators, Project Evaluation of MARD (MRDP-01), PGDRD (MRDP-205) and CRD/PGDRD/MARD (ODL & Online) & BRS Programmes for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 73.12.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list.
- Agenda Item 13** To consider and recommend the additional list of Course Team Members (Unit Writers, Block Editors, Content Editors) for the Courses of the BRS (Bachelor of Rural Studies) & Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development (DPLAD) Programme.
- SB 73.13.1 The additional list of Course Team Members (Unit Writers, Block Editors, Content Editors) for the Courses of the BRS (Bachelor of Rural Studies) & DPLAD Programme was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 73.13.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list with the observation that the Designation, Subject specialty and Affiliation of the Experts should be included in the list.

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**Agenda Item 14 To consider and recommend Minutes of Admission-cum-Doctoral Committee meeting of Discipline of Home Science, for July 2025 Admission cycle.**

SB 73.14.1 The Programme Coordinator of Ph.D. in Home Science (PHDHC) Prof. Heena K. Bijli presented the agenda item. Prof. Bijli informed the Board that the Admission-cum-Doctoral Committee of PHDHC for July 2025 admissions was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 in SOCE. A total of 15 vacant positions were advertised (UR-7, SC-2, ST-1, OBC-4 and EWS-1) for PHDHC. Out of the 16 applications that were received, 14 candidates got shortlisted, from which only 11 candidates appeared for the interview. She informed the Board that 06 candidates were recommended for admission to Ph.D. in Home Science (PHDHC) and placed the Minutes for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.14.2 The School Board accepted the Minutes and suggested reconsideration of the position of recommended candidates in the list, in the order of merit as per the rules of reservation. The programme coordinator discussed that the list was in order as per the guidelines provided by the Research Unit. The Board however suggested that the matter be discussed with the Research Unit before making changes in the list. As advised, the matter was discussed with the Research Unit and the list of recommended candidates as given in the Admission-cum-Doctoral Committee of PHDHC for July 2025 session was found in order.

**Agenda Item 15 To consider and approve PPF Form and Concept Note of Master of Arts (Home Science) programme.**

SB 73.15.1 The Programme Coordinators - Prof. Heena K. Bijli, Dr. Suman Singh, Dr. Ankita Gupta and Dr. Preetika Badgajar presented the agenda item before the School Board by explaining the detailed need analysis and job opportunities after completion of M.A. (Home Science) in the light of programme outcomes. It was brought to the members notice that though many universities and colleges are offering BA Home Science, there is a dearth of PG colleges offering Home Science in rural areas.

The proposed M.A. (Home Science) programme was deliberated in detail by the School Board. Prof. S. P. Mishra enquired about the possibility of change in nomenclature of the programme from M.A. Home Science to M.Sc. Home Science, to which Prof. Lalita Vatta clarified about the curricular and eligibility requirements for pursuance of M.A. and M.Sc. Home Science programmes across India. The Programme Coordinators further informed the School Board that a lot of prior research was conducted before the need assessment and it was found that many Central and State Universities are offering MA Home Science that covers all the five disciplinary areas namely - Food Science and Nutrition, Human Development and Family Studies, Textiles and Clothing, Resource Management, and Extension and Communication. All these disciplines will be covered in the proposed Programme.

Prof. Neerja Chadha pointed out that terminologies like Nutrition Consultants, Counsellors, etc should be removed from the Concept Note as they come under the ambit of NCAHP Act. She also suggested to follow the LOCF terminology

for Human Development as Human Development and Family Studies in the Concept Note of the proposed programme.

Prof. Kiran Bains opined that the MA Home Science Programme through ODL mode will provide a good opportunity to aspirants who wish to take it up, and also pursue it after a BA Programme in Home Science as mentioned by the Programme Coordinators before.

Prof. Shagufa Kapadia expressed that as the Programme is MA in Home Science, the prospects it offers have to be further looked into. Prof. Bijli informed the School Board that Home Science is an established discipline in the UGC and all the protocols will be followed in designing and development of the proposed Masters Programme. The Director, Prof. Deeksha Kapur further informed the School Board that the details of the Programme Design, and structure of the proposed programme will be further taken up in the Expert Committee.

SB 73.15.2 The School Board noted the above observations and approved the PPF Form and Concept Note of Master of Arts (Home Science) programme.

**Agenda Item 16 To consider and recommend the list of experts for Expert Committee Meeting for M.A. Home Science.**

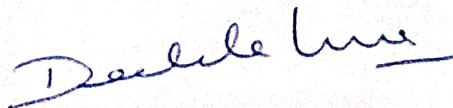
SB 73.16.1 Prog. Coordinators for the M.A. (Hons) Home Science programme presented the list of experts for the Expert Committee Meeting for M.A. Home Science before the board members.

SB 73.16.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list with the suggestion that the names of the following members to be added in the List of Experts for M.A. (Home Science):

1. Prof. Lalita Vatta  
Professor of Extension and Communication  
Department of Home Science  
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005
2. Prof. Shagufa Kapadia  
Former HOD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies  
MS University of Baroda, Vadodara
3. Prof. Nectu Singh  
HOD, Department of Food and Nutrition  
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University  
Lucknow

**Agenda Item 17 To consider and recommend additional names of Course Writers, Editors, Translators, (English to Hindi) and Vectors for the B.A. (Hons.) Home Science (Four-Year Undergraduate Degree Programme).**

SB 73.17.1 The additional names of Course Writers, Editors, Translators and Vectors for the B.A. (Hons.) Home Science - FYUP Degree Programme was presented for consideration of the School Board.



SB 73.17.2

The School Board considered and recommended the list and suggested some additional names - Dr. Anshu Shukla for inclusion in the list. In addition, it was recommended that the list of Translators and Vectors approved under Item 17.5.2 may also be considered for translating the B.A. (Hons.) Home Science Programme.

Agenda Item 18

**To consider and recommend list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Members of Moderation Committee for Certificate and Diploma in Apparel Merchandising (CAPMER & DAPMER), Discipline of Home Science.**

SB 73.18.1

The list of paper setters, evaluators and moderators for CAPMER and DAPMER programme was presented by Dr Richa and Dr Anuradha for consideration and recommendation of the members.

The School Board considered the list and recommended the same by suggesting few additional names of experts to be included in the list.

S.No.	Name of Paper Setter and Moderators
1	<b>(Retd) Mrs. Bela Kapoor</b> Associate Professor Department of Fabric and Apparel Science Institute of Home Economics University of Delhi Email - bela.kapoor@ihe.du.ac.in Contact No.: 9810093765
2	<b>Prof. Jyoti Aggarwal</b> Professor Department of Fabric and Apparel Science Institute of Home economics University of Delhi Email: jyoti.aggarwal@ihe.du.ac.in
3	<b>Prof. Ritu Mathur</b> Professor Department of Fabric and Apparel Science Lady Irwin College University of Delhi
4	<b>Dr. Swati Yadav</b> Assistant Professor Department of Fabric and Apparel Science Institute of Home Economics University of Delhi Email – swati.yadav@ihe.du.ac.in Contact no.
5	<b>Dr. Sabina Sethi</b> Department of Fabric and Apparel Science Lady Irwin College University of Delhi

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**Agenda Item 19 To reconsider and recommend the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food and Nutrition).**

SB 73.19.1 Dr. Shalini Kushwaha, Dr. Ankita Gupta, Dr. Namrata Singh and Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Prog Coordinators of FYUP – B.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition) presented the background of the programme. They informed that the Programme Proposal (PPF) of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food and Nutrition) was first approved in the 69<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOCE held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and subsequently approved by 71<sup>st</sup> Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. The Expert Committee in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 finalized the programme structure and detailed syllabus of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food and Nutrition) which were placed in the 70<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOCE held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 and were approved.

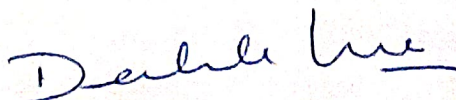
In the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ACSC held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, ACSC suggested change in evaluation methodology as per University's set norms, change in eligibility and provision of Project work. ACSC also recommended to put the programme on hold since the regulatory mechanism under NCAHP Act to allow offering nutritional science programmes through ODL were not yet in place.

Now, guidelines from NCAHP are in public domain and neither nomenclature nor syllabus are in conflict. The UGC - LOCF for Undergraduate Programme 4 Years (Honours) Home science is available and nomenclature for Food and Nutrition is referred as Food Science and Nutrition. Hence after incorporating suggested changes of ACSC and change in nomenclature from B.Sc. (Food and Nutrition) to B.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition), the revised PDF and PPR of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition) were placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.19.2 The School Board considered the revised PPR and PDF forms and noted the changes incorporated in the evaluation methodology, change in eligibility and provision of Project Work as suggested by ACSC. It also noted that the nomenclature nor the syllabus is in conflict with the NCAHP commission guidelines thus recommending the revised PDF and PPR of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food Science and Nutrition).

**Agenda Item 20 To consider and recommend Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Concept Note of the FYUP- B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education).**

SB 73.20.1 The Discipline of Nutritional Sciences proposes to offer the Four-Year Undergraduate Degree Programme (FYUP) Bachelor of Arts in Nutrition and Health Education as per NEP 2020. Prog Coordinators – Dr. Ankita Gupta, Dr. Shalini Kushwaha, Dr. Namrata Singh and Prof. Deeksha Kapur informed that the programme aims to build foundational knowledge of basic concepts in nutrition and food safety and enable learners to understand nutritional problems and apply strategies for the prevention of nutrition disorders. It will provide skills for identifying health indicators, addressing public health issues, and promoting hygiene education and environmental sanitation in communities. The PPF form along with the concept note was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.



Prof S. P. Mishra enquired about the merit of offering the programme as B.A. and not B.Sc. degree. Prof Deeksha Kapur informed that the Discipline of Nutritional Sciences already have on offer (since year 1992) a Diploma Programme in Nutrition and Health Education with basic eligibility of 10 plus 2 from any stream. Large number of students (5000+ enrollment each year since 1992) have benefitted from the programme. Now, there is a great demand from these and other students to offer further opportunities/programme in this area for enhancement of knowledge, particularly for those from Arts and Commerce stream. So, a Bachelor Degree Programme would serve the purpose. Further she also informed that a B.A. programme in Nutrition and Health Education is on offer in few colleges of Delhi University duly approved by UGC.

SB 73.20.2 The School Board considered and recommended the PPF form along with the Concept Note of the FYUP – B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education).

**Agenda Item 21 To consider and recommend the List of Expert Committee Members for FYUP - B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education).**

SB 73.21.1 The List of Expert Committee Members for FYUP - B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education) was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.21.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Expert Committee Members for FYUP - B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education). Two additional names of Experts were recommended for inclusion by the School Board:

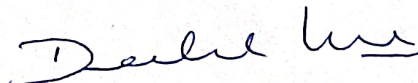
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**Agenda Item 22 To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Admission cum Doctoral Committee Meeting in the Discipline of Nutritional Sciences held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.**

SB 73.22.1 The Admission cum Doctoral Committee meeting for Discipline of Nutritional Sciences was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 for admission to Ph.D. (Food and Nutrition) for July, 2025 session. In addition, items related to the review of the six-monthly progress reports of the PhD. Scholars already enrolled in the PhD programme was considered and also item on Change of status from Full-time to Part-time by two PhD scholars was considered.

Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Prog. Coordinator Ph.D. (Food and Nutrition) placed the minutes of the Admission cum Doctoral Committee Meeting before the members. She informed that the Discipline received 12 applications (all from Category B – NET qualified only) from Research Unit, IGNOU for the



following category of students based on the Ph.D. vacancy (UR-1, SC-1, ST-1). Out of 12, nine (9) candidates (4 UR, 3 OBC, 2 SC) were found eligible as per the eligibility norms. As per IGNOU norms, for each seat advertised 5 candidates can be called for the interview. Since no vacancy was there under OBC-NCL category these candidates were considered under UR category. Total 7 candidates were eligible for consideration under UR. Of these 7 candidates, 5 applicants were called for interview and 2 candidates from SC category. Only 2 candidates appeared for interview and based on the performance, one candidate was recommended for admission to Ph.D (Food and Nutrition).

- SB 73.22.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the Doctoral Committee meeting for Discipline of Nutritional Sciences
- Agenda Item 23 To consider and recommend List of Experts for the DRC in Discipline of Nutritional Sciences.**
- SB 73.23.1 The List of External Expert to be included in the panel for the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 73.23.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list with the observation that Discipline may consult Research Unit to ascertain whether non-academicians can be included in DRC. If the experts research experience merit their service for DRC than they may be invited as Special Invitee for DRC along with other Expert.
- Agenda Item 24 To consider and recommend the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 for revision of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme (MScDFSM) offered by Discipline of Nutritional Sciences through ODL mode.**
- SB 73.24.1 Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Programme Coordinator, MSc.DFSM programme presented the minutes of the Expert Committee meeting organized for revision of the MScDFSM programme. She informed as per IGNOU norms, the curriculum revision is carried out every five years and the last revision for MScDFSM programme was carried out in the year 2018. As per NEP 2020, it is now mandated that PG programmes should be 80 credits. Further, keeping in view the recently released UGC LOCF for Home Science, 2025 and the NCAHP, Act, 2021 (which now regulates the study of Nutrition and Dietetics in the country) a revision in the nomenclature of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme offered through ODL mode was mandated. The Expert Committee meeting was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and the minutes of meetings were placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 69.24.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting to revise the MScDFSM programme offered through ODL.

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**Agenda Item 25**      **To consider and recommend the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme offered by Discipline of Nutritional Sciences through ODL mode.**

SB 73.25.1      Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Dr. Ankita Gupta Programme Co-coordinators presented the item. It was informed that based on the deliberations of the Expert Committee Meeting organized for the revision of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) (MScDFSM) Programme, with change in the nomenclature and syllabus of Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme suggested, the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) is now placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.25.2      The School Board considered and recommended the Programme Revision Form for the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) programme.

**Agenda Item 26**      **To consider and recommend Programme Proposal Form and Concept Note for Master of Arts in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare.**

SB 73.26.1      Dr. Alok Kumar Upadhyay, Programme Co-coordinator informed the Board Members that the School of Continuing Education, Discipline of Child Development IGNOU, is proposing a Master of Arts programme in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare. The programme aims to prepare individuals with a child-centric perspective who are equipped with comprehensive knowledge on child rights, protection mechanisms, child development and welfare frameworks. It emphasizes both theoretical foundations and applied practice through internships, research, and field-based learning.

The programme seeks to fill a significant academic and professional gap by situating child rights and protection within the framework of child development. While law and social work programmes often address these areas, the discipline of Child Development provides a unique strength in integrating developmental theories, wellbeing, inclusion, and psychosocial perspectives with rights and protection frameworks. This multidisciplinary approach is designed to produce learners capable of contributing to government agencies, NGOs, child protection units, schools, commissions, and international organizations. The proposed structure follows IGNOU's model of an 80-credit Master's programme spread across four semesters. The Programme focuses on foundations of child development, child rights, policies, legislative provisions, welfare systems, applied aspects and research. It will enable the learners to develop the requisite knowledge, understanding, sensitivity and skill set in the area child rights, protection, and welfare. This ensures academic rigor while providing learners with meaningful field experience and research exposure. With this background the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) along with the Concept Note was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

Prof. Heena inquired about the prospects, scope and career opportunities linked to the programme. Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi, Programme Co-coordinator, explained that while India already has a strong child protection framework (Mission Vatsalya, JJ Act, POCSO, DCPUs, CWCs, JJBs, CCIs, SJPU), there are diverse career opportunities for Learners who would take up this programme including: *Government & Policy*

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*Implementation:* programme coordination, policy support, documentation, and evaluation within District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs), and Child Care Institutions (CCIs). *Non-Government Sector:* project coordination, advocacy, training, community sensitization, and roles in monitoring and evaluation in NGOs/INGOs.

Academia & Research: research, evidence generation, and policy analysis in universities and think tanks. Corporate CSR & International Development: programme management in child-related Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) projects. Media & Advocacy: development of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, campaigns, and child rights communication.

SB 73.26.2 The School Board members considered the programme proposal and were appreciative of this new initiative being taken up by the school, and recommended the Programme Proposal Form.

**Agenda Item 27 To consider and recommend the List of Experts for the Expert Committee of Master of Arts in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare.**

SB 73.27.1 Dr. Alok Kumar Upadhyay presented the List of Experts for the Expert Committee of Master of Arts in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare for the consideration and recommendation of School Board. He informed that the list is not complete and exhaustive as they are still awaiting confirmation from few experts. He requested the Board to authorize the Director to include these names in the list before the approval of the competent authority.

SB 73.27.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list and authorized the Director, SOCE to include Experts as requested.

**Agenda Item 28 To Consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) PGDECFE and DECE.**

SB 73.28.1 Dr. Preetika Badgujar presented the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) DECE and PGDECFE for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.28.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of evaluators for DECE and PGDECFE programme(s) offered by the Discipline of Child Development. Few additional names of the evaluators (placed below) were also suggested and were recommended by the School Board.

S. No.	Name & Designation of Evaluator	Affiliation of Evaluator	Address/Phone No./Email Id	Course(s) for which recommended
1.	Dr. Hemlata	Additional Director, National Centre for Disability Studies, IGNOU	OfficialAddress National Centre for Disability Studies, IGNOU Email Id hemlata@ignou.ac.in	MCD-005

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S. No.	Name & Designation of Evaluator	Affiliation of Evaluator	Address/Phone No./Email Id	Course(s) for which recommended
2.	Sangita Dubey	M.Phil from Global Open University, Nagaland  MA Home Science, BA Home science, Ram Manohar Lohia Awadh University	<b>Residential Address</b> Shastri Nagar, Ashrafpur Road Mankapur – 271302 (Gonda)  <b>Email Id</b> Sangitadubey041@gmail.com	DECE-1 DECE-2
3.	Neha Rastogi	Bachelor of Education From Maharshi Dayanand University  Bachelor of Arts From Banaras Hindu University	<b>Residential Address</b> P-8, A-1 Dilshad Garden – 110095  <b>Email Id</b> Rastogineha2205@gmail.com	DECE-1 DECE-4
4.	Nectun Singh	Master of Arts (Hindi) From IGNOU  Bachelor of Education From Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra  Specialization in Education and Child Development	<b>Residential Address</b> H.No.50, Shiva Khand Vishwakarma Nagar Vivek Vihar, Phase-2 East Delhi- 110095 Ph-9833847927  <b>Email Id:</b> neetunayak1977@Yahoo.co.in	DECE-1 DECE-4

**Agenda Item 29** To consider and recommend the Evaluators list for Project Work in Oriya Language for the Diploma In Early Childhoodcare and Education (DECE) Programme.

SB 73.29.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator, DECE presented the list of Evaluators for the Project Work in Oriya language for DECE Programme. She informed that more evaluators are being identified and as and when the School receives the list they would be placed for approval/recommendation.

SB 73.29.2 The School Board considered the name of the evaluator and recommended the same.

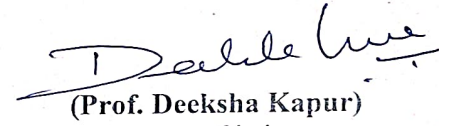
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**Agenda Item 30**      **To consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres.**

SB 73.30.1      The list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 73.30.2      The School Board considered and recommended the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Prof. Deeksha Kapur)

Chairperson

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