



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

Minutes of the 74th Meeting of the School Board of SOCE held on 12th March, 2026

The 74th Meeting of the School Board of School of Continuing Education (SOCE) was held on 12th March, 2026 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. | Prof. Deeksha Kapur
Director, SOCE, IGNOU | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. S.P.Mishra– Joined Online
Former Founder Vice Chancellor
Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya
Haridwar | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 3. | Prof. Shagufa Kapadia – Joined Online
Former HOD, Department of Human
Development and Family Studies
MS University of Baroda, Vadodara | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 4. | Prof. Jyoti Aggarwal
Department of Fabric and Apparel Science
Institute of Home Economics
University of Delhi-110007 | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 5. | Prof. Lalita Vatta
Professor of Extension and Communication
Department of Home Science
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005 | Member [under 10A (2) (e)] |
| 6. | Prof. Akshay Kumar
Professor
School of Computer & Information Sciences, IGNOU | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |
| 7. | Prof. Nayantara Padhi– Joined Online
Professor
School of Management Studies, IGNOU | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |
| 8. | Prof. Mita Sinha Mahapatra
Professor
School of Agriculture, IGNOU | Member [under 10A (2) (d)] |
| 9. | Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen
Professor, Child Development,
SOCE, IGNOU | Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)] |
| 10. | Prof. Neerja Chadha
Professor, Child Development,
SOCE, IGNOU | Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)] |

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11. **Prof. Heena K. Bijli** Ex-Officio [under 10(A) 2 (a) & (b)]
Professor, Home Science,
SOCE, IGNOU
12. **Dr. Ankita Gupta** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]
Assistant Professor, Nutritional Sciences
SOCE, IGNOU
13. **Sh. Balkar Singh** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]
Assistant Professor, Rural Development,
SOCE, IGNOU
14. **Dr. Suman Singh** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]
Assistant Professor, Home Science,
SOCE, IGNOU
15. **Dr. Preetika Badgajar** Member [under 10A (2) (c)]
Assistant Professor, Child Development,
SOCE, IGNOU

Prof. Kiran Bains, Professor and Dean, College of Community Science, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab-141004 and Prof. D.Venkateshwarlu, School of Education, IGNOU could not attend the meeting. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members of the School Board and began the presentation of the Agenda Items:

Agenda Item 1 To confirm the Minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the School Board held on 17th September, 2025.

SB 74.1.1 The Chairperson informed the School Board that the draft minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the School Board held on 17th September, 2025 were circulated to all the members. Members approved the minutes. Dr. Suman Singh pointed out that in Agenda Item No.16, the term BA (Home Science) has been inadvertently written in place of MA (Home Science). This was duly corrected and the final minutes were circulated.

SB 74.1.2 The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the School Board.

Agenda Item 2 To note the Action Taken Report with respect to the decisions on the Agenda Items of 73rd School Board Meeting held on 17th September, 2025.

SB 74.2.1 The School Board was informed about the Action Taken regarding the various activities approved during the 73rd Meeting of the School Board, as placed below:

Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.73.3.2	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.	The AC/ACSC meeting is yet to be convened and the item will be put up there.

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Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.73.4.2	To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of the Discipline of the Child Development on 29 th August, 2025.	No student took admission.
SB.73.5.2	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).	Translation process yet to be initiated.
SB.73.6.2	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.	The Paper setting and translation activities has been completed for Dec 2025 TEE.
SB.73.7.2	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.	The 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, was held on 14.10.25. However, in view of the subsequent decision of the Competent Authority to keep the programmes Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) on hold from July 2026 Session, the revision exercise is also placed on hold.
SB.73.8.2	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.	Inclusion of Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi as the third Programme Coordinator 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, is now stated on the University website as well.

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Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.73.9.2	To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) meeting for Discipline of Rural Development.	Minutes Sent to the Research Unit.
SB.73.10.2	To consider and recommend the additional list of Members of the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) for Discipline of Rural Development.	Approved by the Competent Authority.
SB.73.11.2	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.	Minutes incorporated in the Programme Revision Form.
SB.73.12.2	To consider and recommend the additional list of Paper Setters, Moderators, Evaluators, Project Evaluation for CRD/PGDRD/MARD (ODL & Online) & BRS Programmes.	Sent to SED.
SB.73.13.2	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.	Work in Progress and allotting the Units to the Unit Writers.
SB.73.14.2	To consider and recommend Minutes of Admission-cum-Doctoral Committee meeting of Discipline of Home Science, for July 2025 Admission cycle.	A total of five students have taken admission in Ph.D. (Home Science) programme (PHDHC), for the July 2025 Admission cycle. Minutes forwarded to Research Unit.
SB.73.15.2	To consider and approve PPF Form and Concept Note of Master of Arts (Home Science) programme.	The PPF Form and Concept Note of Master of Arts (Home Science) were placed for consideration and approval of the 73rd meeting of APC that was held on 16th January 2026. APC approved the PPF Form.
SB.73.16.2	To consider and recommend the list of experts for Expert Committee Meeting for M.A. Home Science.	The Expert Committee Meeting of Master of Arts (Home Science) was held on 2 nd March 2026 and the Minutes have been placed for consideration and approval in the 74 th SB (Item No.11) of SOCE.
SB.73.17.2	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).	The Units were assigned to respective Course Writers, Editors and Translators of B.A. (Hons.) Home Science (Four-Year Undergraduate Degree Programme) BAFHSC, and Courses' development is in progress.

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Item	Title of the Item	Action taken by the School
SB.73.18.2	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.	The list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Members of Moderation Committee for Certificate and Diploma in Apparel Merchandising (CAPMER & DAPMER), has been sent to Student Evaluation Division (SED) after approval from Competent Authority
SB.73.19.2	To reconsider and recommend the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of FYUP-B.Sc. (Food and Nutrition).	Approved PDF and PPR submitted to AC for placement in the upcoming ACSC meeting.
SB.73.20.2	To consider and recommend Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and Concept Note of the FYUP- B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education).	Expert Committee meeting was held on 27 th Feb, 2026. Separate Item being taken at Item No.10 in the 74 th School Board Meeting of SOCE.
SB.73.21.2	To consider and recommend the List of Expert Committee Members for FYUP - B.A. (Nutrition and Health Education).	Expert Committee Meeting was held on 27 th Feb, 2026.
SB.73.22.2	To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Admission cum Doctoral Committee Meeting in the Discipline of Nutritional Sciences held on 4 th September, 2025.	Selected candidate has joined and is pursuing course work in the Discipline.
SB.73.23.2	To consider and recommend List of Experts for the DRC in Discipline of Nutritional Sciences.	Recommended list approved by the Competent Authority.
SB.73.24.2	To consider and recommend the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting held on 8 th September, 2025 for revision of the Master of Science (Food and Nutrition) Programme (MScDFSM) offered by Discipline of Nutritional Sciences through ODL mode.	Recommendations of the Experts incorporated in the PRF Form, which is placed for consideration in the forthcoming ACSC meeting.
SB.73.25.2	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.	Approved PRF placed in the forthcoming ACSC meeting.
SB.73.26.2	To consider and recommend Programme Proposal Form and Concept Note for Master of Arts in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare.	The PPF form, concept note, and need assessment for the <i>Master of Child Rights and Protection</i> programme were placed for consideration and approval in the 73rd meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 16 January 2026. The proposal was approved by the Committee.

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		<p>The Committee also advised exploring the possibility of collaboration with the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, for the design, development, and delivery of the programme as a joint initiative.</p> <p>In this regard, the School has formally initiated the process, with support from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University. A positive response has also been received from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law via email, indicating willingness to move forward with the proposed collaboration.</p>
SB.73.27.2	To consider and recommend the List of Experts for the Expert Committee of Master of Arts in Child Rights, Protection, and Welfare.	The Expert Committee meeting was held on 13 October 2025. The PPR and PDF of the <i>MA Child Rights and Protection</i> Programme is placed for consideration in the 74th School Board meeting at Item No.5.
SB.73.28.2	To Consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) PGDECFE and DECE.	The list of Evaluators was forwarded to SED.
SB.73.29.2	To consider and recommend the Evaluators list for Project Work in Oriya Language for the Diploma In Early Childhoodcare and Education (DECE) Programme.	The list of Evaluators was sent to RC Bhubneshwar.
SB.73.30.2	To consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres.	Sent to SED

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The School Board took note of the ATR and expressed their satisfaction regarding the progress of the activities undertaken.

Agenda Item 3

To reconsider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication).

SB 74.3.1

The Programme Coordinators informed the School Board Members that in the 73rd School Board meeting of SOCE held on 17th Sept, 2025 the PPF form and

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Concept Note of BA (Nutrition & Health Education) was presented and approved. The same was placed for consideration and approved in the 73rd Meeting of APC held on 16th January, 2026.

The Expert Committee Meeting for BA (Nutrition & Health Education) was held on 27th February, 2026 where the nomenclature and the Draft programme curriculum/structure were discussed. The Experts opined that "Nutrition and Health Education", nomenclature limits the focus to just transferring knowledge, however, changing the nomenclature to "Nutrition Health Promotion and Communication" would be more in-line with the broader current thinking and strategic, two-way process aimed at creating behavior change by addressing social, health, environmental, cultural factors and motivating action. The programme nomenclature was changed to "Nutrition Health Promotion and Communication". Further, keeping the interests and career goals in mind, they suggested that an undergraduate - B.Sc. Degree would serve the career path as compared to the BA degree in this area. The Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of B.Sc. Nutrition Health Promotion and Communication were placed for consideration and approval of the School Board.

The members deliberated on the eligibility and nomenclature of the Programme. Prof. S.P. Mishra mentioned that the eligibility for the Programme is 10+2 in any stream, he opined that the eligibility should be 10+2 with Science since it is a B.Sc. Programme. The Programme Coordinators explained that the NEP 2020 introduces significant flexibility in higher education, specially designed to eliminate rigid barriers between academic streams. Under this framework, students from Arts/Commerce backgrounds are enabled to enter BSc. Programme, fostering interdisciplinary learning and allowing them to pursue subjects based on interest rather than prior academic stream.

Prof. Neerja Chaddha suggested to use uniform nomenclature in the Title of the programme (Nutrition Health Promotion and Communication) across PDF, PPR and Minutes of Expert Committee meeting.

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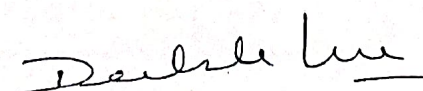
After the above deliberations, the School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of B.Sc. Nutrition Health Promotion and Communication.

Agenda Item 4:

To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of M.A. (Home Science) Programme.

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The Programme Coordinators informed the Board that the PPF Form and Concept Note of Master of Arts (Home Science) were approved in the 73rd School Board of SOCE held on 17th September, 2025 and the 73rd meeting of APC that was held on 16th January, 2026, respectively. Based on these approvals, the Expert Committee Meeting of M.A. (Home Science) was held on 2nd March, 2026. The Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of M.A. (Home Science) were placed for consideration and approval of the School Board.



The members deliberated extensively on the curriculum of M.A. (Home Science). After a lot of deliberations, it was decided that in M.A (Home Science) 2nd year, a 2 credit Practical Course based on three Courses namely: Advanced Study of Family Studies, Education and Human Development; Diet Therapy and Institutional Catering; and Apparel Design. Merchandising and Retail Marketing, be included. It was decided that the Course: Home Science Project will be of 4 credits and comprise of Project Work related to the two Courses namely: Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Home Science; and Training and Development.

SB 74.4.2 With the above modifications in the Programme Structure, the School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of M.A. (Home Science).

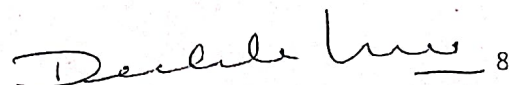
Agenda Item 5 **To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Proposal Report (PPR) of Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP).**

SB 74.5.1 Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Proposal Report (PPR) of Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP). She informed that based on the Expert Committee Meeting held on 13th October, 2025, the detailed programme structure and syllabus designed and finalized and the same was approved in the 73rd meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 16th January, 2026. The Committee also advised exploring the possibility of collaboration with the National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, for the design, development, and delivery of the programme as a joint initiative.

In this regard, the School has formally initiated the process, with support from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University. A positive response has also been received from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of NALSAR University of Law via email, indicating willingness to move forward with the proposed collaboration.

The Committee observed that the credit distribution between Semester III and Semester IV was uneven (24 and 16 credits respectively). It was therefore suggested to rationalize the distribution by shifting the course "Internship: Placement with Child Protection Organization" (8 credits) from Semester III to Semester IV and moving the course "Contemporary Issues & Discourses in Child Rights and Protection" (4 credits) from Semester IV to Semester III. This rearrangement results in an equal distribution of 20 credits in each semester. The Programme Coordinator confirmed that the suggested changes have been incorporated accordingly.

SB 74.5.2 The School Board was appreciative of the joint venture between IGNOU and NALSAR University in design, development and delivery of the programme and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Proposal Report (PPR) of Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP).

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Agenda Item 6 **To consider and approve PDF & PPR Form and Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion (Cerebral Palsy).**

SB 74.6.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator presented PDF & PPR Form of Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion (Cerebral Palsy). She informed that as per the IGNOU-RCI MoU, Four Certificate Programmes in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion were to be developed by IGNOU. Of these, Three Certificate Programmes – Visual Impairment, Intellectual Disabilities and Hearing Impairment have been launched in the July 2024 Cycle. The Fourth Programme is now being initiated for development. The item was placed for kind consideration and approval of the School Board.

SB 74.6.2 The School Board considered and approved the PDF & PPR Form and Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion (Cerebral Palsy).

Agenda Item 7 **To consider and approve the PDF and PPR forms and the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for Awareness-cum-training Package in Disability (Cerebral Palsy).**

SB 74.7.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator presented the PDF and PPR forms and the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for Awareness-cum-training Package in Disability (Cerebral Palsy). She informed that as per the IGNOU-RCI MoU, Four Awareness Packages were to be developed by IGNOU. These are under development and the relevant forms for the Third Awareness Package (Cerebral Palsy) was placed for kind consideration and approval of the School Board.

SB 74.7.2 The School Board considered and approved the PDF and PPR forms and the Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting for Awareness-cum-training Package in Disability (Cerebral Palsy).

Agenda Item 8 **To consider and recommend the names of Course Team Members (Unit Writers, Block Editors, Course Editors, Project Manual Writers, Project Manual Editors) for the Certificate programme in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion – Cerebral Palsy and Awareness-cum-training Package in Disability (Cerebral Palsy).**

SB 74.8.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen, Programme Coordinator presented the names of Course Team Members (Unit Writers, Block Editors, Course Editors, Project Manual Writers, Project Manual Editors) for the Certificate programme in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion – Cerebral Palsy and Awareness-cum-training Package in Disability (Cerebral Palsy).

SB 74.8.2 The School Board considered and recommended the names.

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Agenda Item 9

To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of DPLAD Programme.

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Dr. Balkar Singh submitted that the faculty had earlier informed the Academic Council's Standing Committee regarding the School Board, SOCE approving the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of four courses of the Diploma in Panchayat Level Administration and Development (DPLAD) in its meeting held on **25 June 2021** (through virtual mode). However, the revision process could not be completed due to the sudden demise of the faculty member coordinating the programme, followed by the resignation of another faculty member associated with the programme. The courses proposed for revision were **BPR-001: Panchayats in India – The Context, BPR-002: Decentralized Planning and Panchayati Raj, BPR-003: Panchayati Raj Institutions and Anti-Poverty Programme, and BPR-005: Basic Computer Literacy**. The programme is designed as a standalone Diploma aimed at strengthening the training and capacity building of Panchayat-level functionaries.

The matter was subsequently discussed in the **Academic Council's Standing Committee meeting held on 17 January 2025**, wherein the Committee observed that the existing PRF was based on an old format and did not align with the current programme requirements and the University's revised PRF structure. The Committee also noted that the credits of the programme needed to be enhanced to **40 credits** and suggested that Programme Coordinator(s) be formally appointed and the course structure be revised accordingly. The Committee approved, **in principle**, the proposal of the school to revise the programme and advised that a revised PRF be prepared and placed before the School Board for consideration, adopting or adapting existing courses of the University wherever feasible.

In pursuance of the above recommendations, an **Expert Committee Meeting** for revision of the **DPLAD Programme Structure** was held on **9 September, 2025** in hybrid mode at SOCE, IGNOU, under the Chairpersonship of **Prof. Deeksha Kapur, Director, SOCE**, with the participation of internal and external experts. The Programme Coordinators presented the proposed revised programme structure in alignment with the provisions of the **National Education Policy (NEP), 2020**.

After detailed deliberations, the Expert Committee recommended that the total credits of the DPLAD programme be **enhanced from 30 to 42 credits**. Two new six-credit courses, **BRDC 101: Introduction to Rural Studies** and **BPR 006: Panchayati Raj – Capacity Building and Extension**, were proposed to be included in the programme. While **BRDC 101** will be adopted from the **Bachelor of Rural Studies (BFRS) Programme**, **BPR 006** has been newly designed by the faculty. The existing **30-credit component** comprising **BPR-001, BPR-002, BPR-003, BPR-004 and BPR-005** will continue to be drawn from the revised course material prepared earlier. The Committee also suggested certain modifications in the title and structure of **BPR 006**.

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The School Board considered and approved Programme Revision Form (PRF) of DPLAD Programme.

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- Agenda Item 10** **To consider and recommend the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of FYUP B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication) Programme.**
- SB 74.10.1 The Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting of BSc. Nutrition Health Education & Communication that were already discussed in Item No.3 along with the PDF and PPR forms, were placed for consideration and approval of the School Board.
- SB 74.10.2 The Programme Coordinators agreed to adhere to uniform nomenclature across the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of BSc. Nutrition Health Education and Communication, as articulated in Item No. 3.
- SB 74.10.2 With the above modifications, the School Board considered and recommended the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of FYUP B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication) Programme.
- Agenda Item 11:** **To consider and recommend the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of M.A. (Home Science) Programme.**
- SB 74.11.1 The Minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting of M.A. (Home Science) that were already discussed in Item No.4 along with the PDF and PPR forms, were placed for consideration and approval of the School Board.
- SB 74.11.2 The Programme Coordinators stated that modifications in the Programme Structure in M.A. (Home Science) 2nd year, as articulated in Item No. 4 will be incorporated in the Expert Committee Minutes.
- SB 74.11.2 With the above modifications, the School Board considered and recommended the Expert Committee Minutes of M.A. (Home Science).
- Agenda Item 12** **To consider and recommend the Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of the Discipline of Home Science held on 24th February 2026.**
- SB 74.12.1 Prof. Heena K. Bijli, Programme Coordinator presented the Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of the Discipline of Home Science held on 24th February, 2026. She informed that the DRC considered the six monthly Progress Report of one student.
- SB 74.12.2 The School Board considered and recommended the Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of the Discipline of Home Science held on 24th February, 2026.
- Agenda Item 13** **To consider and recommend the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of the Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP) held on 13th October, 2025.**
- SB 74.13.1 Dr. Priyanka Suryavanshi presented the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of the Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP) held on 13th October, 2025. The members of the Expert Committee consisted of legal experts, activists working in different NGOs related to Child Rights and Protection and members of Government Organizations like Savitri Bai Phule, National Institute of Women and Child Development. In



consultation with these experts, the draft curriculum was designed and their suggestions were incorporated to enrich and enhance the scope of the programme. The programme emphasize a multi-disciplinary approach integrating Child Development, Legal Frameworks, Psycho-social Interventions and Advocacy.

SB 74.13.2 The School Board was highly appreciative of the new initiative being taken by the School and recommended the Minutes of Expert Committee Meeting of the Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme (MACRP) held on 13th October, 2025.

Agenda Item 14 To consider and recommend the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee meeting for Ph.D. Supervisor and Progress Report of Ph.D. student in Rural Development held on 10.02.2026.

SB 74.14.1 Dr. Balkar Singh, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator informed the Board that Dr. Mrinal Kanti Deb and Dr.Kandagatla Sravan Kumar, Assistant Professors have recently joined as faculty in the Discipline of Rural Development. Both the faculty placed the duly filled format for eligibility as Research Supervisor for Ph.D. in Rural Development, along with five research papers respectively and details of peer reviewed/refereed journals in which the papers were published. Their applications were considered in the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of the Discipline of Rural Development held on 10-02-2026. The Doctoral Research Committee recommended that Dr. Mrinal Kanti Deb and Dr.Kandagatla Sravan Kumar may be approved as Research Supervisors for Ph.D. in Rural Development.

Dr. Balkar Singh also presented the six monthly progress report of Mr. Buta Singh, the Ph.D. Scholar and reported that the work was found to be good.

SB 74.14.2 The School Board considered and recommended the minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee meeting for Ph.D. Supervisor and Progress Report of Ph.D. student in Rural Development held on 10.02.2026.

Agenda Item 15 To consider and ratify the decision of Competent Authority to put the programmes Master of Science (Food & Nutrition) (MScDFSM), Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) on hold from July, 2026.

SB 74.15.1 Prof. Deeksha Kapur and Prof. Neerja Chadha apprised the members regarding the approval granted by the Competent Authority to put the programmes Master of Science (Food & Nutrition) (MScDFSM), Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) on hold from July, 2026 as they fall within the purview of the NCAHP 2021 Act.

SB 74.15.2 The School Board ratified the decision of Competent Authority to put on hold the programmes Master of Science (Food & Nutrition) (MScDFSM), Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT) from July, 2026 session.

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Agenda Item 16 **To consider and recommend payment norms of M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme.**

SB 74.16.1 Prof. Heena K. Bijli presented the payment norms of M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme for consideration and recommendation of the School Board. She informed that they are based on the norms provided by the Finance Committee, and the Student Evaluation Division.

SB 74.16.2 The School Board considered and recommended the payment norms of M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme.

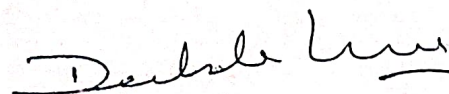
Agenda Item 17 **To consider and recommend payment norms for the B.A. (Home Science)-BAFHSC programme under FYUP.**

SB 74.17.1 Prof. Heena K. Bijli presented the payment norms for the B.A. (Home Science)-BAFHSC programme under FYUP for consideration and recommendation of the School Board. She informed that they are based on the norms provided by the Finance Committee, and the Student Evaluation Division.

SB 74.17.2 The School Board considered and recommended the payment norms for the B.A. (Home Science)- BAFHSC programme under FYUP.

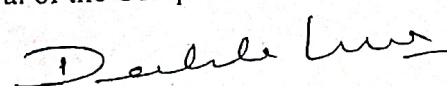
Agenda Item 18 **To consider and recommend special Ph.D. Entrance Examination for Ph.D. in Rural Development Programme in the Discipline of Rural Development.**

SB 74.18.1 Dr. Balkar Singh, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator, Rural Development informed the members that in view of the growing academic and policy relevance of Rural Development in India, it is proposed that a special Ph.D. Entrance Examination be conducted for admission to the Ph.D. in Rural Development Programme under the Discipline of Rural Development at Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. At present, the University Grants Commission (UGC) does not conduct the National Eligibility Test specifically in Rural Development as a distinct subject, which limits opportunities for dedicated Rural Development post graduates seeking doctoral admission through the NET route. It is worth noting that No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 Dated: March 27, 2024(Annexure 74.6.1) circulated by UGC did not mention about the ways and means for the admission of Ph.D. in the subjects, which do not have NET examination. In view of the above, it would be both appropriate and beneficial for the University to conduct a special Ph.D. Entrance Examination in Rural Development considering the students who pursued M.A.in Rural Development from various universities in India. Furthermore, it is also important to take a note that two central universities such as Tripura University and Assam University already conducted special Ph.D. entrance test during the last two academic years. (Ph.D. advertisements of these universities for the academic year 2025-26 were attached as an Annexure 74.6.2)

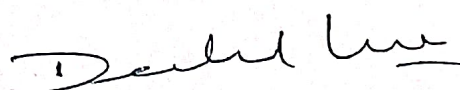


As discussed in the 74th meeting of the School Board, SOCE on Agenda No: 18, the board members have acknowledged the special case of Rural Development regarding admission for PhD. It was recommended by the board members that a special PhD Entrance Examination can be conducted for the students having Master's in Rural Development/ Rural Management/Rural Studies/ as these subjects are not listed in UGC-National Eligibility Test. However, the candidates from allied subjects (Sociology, Social Work, Economics, Public Administration, Political Science, Geography, Anthropology) are eligible for PhD in Rural Development if only they are qualified as per the circular No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, Dated March 27, 2024.

- SB 74.18.2 The School Board considered and recommended that a special PhD Entrance Examination can be conducted for the students having Master's in Rural Development/ Rural Management/Rural Studies/ as these subjects are not listed in UGC-National Eligibility Test. Ph.D. in Rural Development Programme candidates from allied subjects are eligible for PhD in Rural Development if only they are qualified as per the circular No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, Dated March 27, 2024.
- Agenda Item 19 To consider and recommend the list of Course Writers and Editors for B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication).**
- SB 74.19.1 The list of Course Writers and Editors for B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication) was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.19.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Course Writers and Editors for B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication).
- Agenda Item 20 To consider and recommend the list of Editors for Minor Vocational and Skill Courses to be offered under FYUP.**
- SB 74.20.1 Programme Coordinators presented the list of Editors of editors for Minor Vocational and Skill Courses to be offered under FYUP for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.20.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Editors for Minor Vocational and Skill Courses to be offered under FYUP.
- Agenda Item 21 To consider and ratify the name of expert for Expert Committee Meeting of B.Sc. (Nutrition Health Promotion & Communication) Programme.**
- SB 74.21.1 Prof. Deeksha Kapur informed the members that Subba Rao M. Gavaravarapu, Scientist-G & Head, Nutrition Information, Communication & Health Education (NICHE), National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad had been identified as an expert in Communication and Health Education. Special permission was sought by the Competent Authority for inviting the Expert for the Expert Committee Meeting on 27th February, 2026. The Competent Authority granted approval for inviting the Expert for the Expert Committee Meeting. The item is therefore placed for ratification of the approval of the Competent Authority.
- SB 74.21.2 The School Board ratified the approval of the Competent Authority.



- Agenda Item 22** **To consider and recommend the list of Course Writers and Editors for M.A. (Home Science) Programme.**
- SB 74.22.1 Programme Coordinators for the M.A. Home Science Programme presented the list of Course Writers and Editors before the Board members. The School Board suggested proposed additional names to be included in the list of Course Writers and Editors of M.A. (Home Science) Programme.
- SB 74.22.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list along with additional names proposed by the School Board Members. The final list of Course Writers and Editors of M.A. (Home Science) Programme was updated.
- Agenda Item 23** **To consider and recommend additional names of Course Writers for the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme.**
- SB 74.23.1 Prof. Heena K. Bijli presented the additional names of Course Writers for the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.23.2 The School Board considered and recommended the additional names of Course Writers and Editors for the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme was updated.
- Agenda Item 24** **To consider and recommend the list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Moderators for the different courses of B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design)-BSCFFAD.**
- SB 74.24.1 Dr. Anuradha Arya and Dr. Richa Prakash presented the list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Moderators for the different courses of B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design)-BSCFFAD for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.24.2 The members opined that while considering the names senior faculty at the level of Professors, Associate Professors may be recommended for Paper-setting and Moderation for the different courses of B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design)-BSCFFAD. The Programme Coordinators were requested to provide a revised list which has been updated.
- Agenda Item 25** **To consider and recommend the list of additional Editors for B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design)-BSCFFAD.**
- SB 74.25.1 The list of additional Editors for B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design)-BSCFFAD was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.25.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of additional Editors for B.Sc. (Fabric and Apparel Design) -BSCFFAD.



- Agenda Item 26** **To consider and recommend the list of additional Course Writers, Editors, Translators and Vectors for the B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme under FYUP.**
- SB 74.26.1 The list of additional Course Writers, Editors, Translators and Vectors for the B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme under FYUP was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.26.2 The School Board members considered and recommended the list of additional Course Writers, Editors, Translators and Vectors for the B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme under FYUP.
- Agenda Item 27** **To consider and recommend Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the different courses of B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme under FYUP.**
- SB 74.27.1 List of Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the different courses of B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme under FYUP was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.27.2 The School Board members suggested to include local experts for moderation of different courses of B.A. (Home Science) - BAFHSC Programme. The revised list has now been updated.
- Agenda Item 28** **To consider and recommend the names of Course Writers and Editors for Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme.**
- SB 74.28.1 Prof. Neerja Chadha presented the names of Course Writers and Editors for Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.28.2 The School Board considered and recommended the names of Course Writers and Editors for Master of Arts (Child Rights and Protection) Programme.
- Agenda Item 29** **To consider and recommend the name of Unit Writers for PGDECFE Programme offered by the Discipline of Child Development.**
- SB 74.29.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen informed that due to recent perspective in early literacy one of the units needs to be revised. The name of Unit Writer who has experience at the field level in multilingual environments of teaching young children was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.29.2 The School Board considered and recommended the name of Unit Writer for PGDECFE Programme offered by the Discipline of Child Development.
- Agenda Item 30** **To consider and recommend the list of Unit Writers for Certificate in ECCE Programme offered by the Discipline of Child Development.**
- SB 74.30.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen informed that the Course writing for Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education Programme is in progress. Two additional Unit Writers are required for some units of the Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education Programme.

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The list of Unit Writers for Certificate in ECCE Programme offered by the Discipline of Child Development was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 74.30.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Unit Writers for Certificate in ECCE Programme offered by the Discipline of Child Development by the Discipline of Child Development.

Agenda Item 31 To consider and recommend the name of additional Unit Writer for CESEI-ID Programme.

SB 74.31.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen informed the members that a new unit on Information and Communication Technologies for Children with Intellectual Disabilities need to be added given the importance of using ICT for making children with disabilities self independent. The name of additional Unit Writer who has vast experience in implementing ICT with children with disability was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 74.31.2 The School Board considered and recommended the name of additional Unit Writer for CESEI-ID Programme.

Agenda Item 32 To consider and recommend names of External and Internal Experts for the Doctoral Committee in Discipline of Child Development.

SB 74.32.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen informed the members that the term of existing External Members of the Doctoral Committee in Discipline of Child Development will conclude on 6th September, 2026. Names of External and Internal Experts for the Doctoral Committee in Discipline of Child Development is now being placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 74.32.2 The School Board considered and recommended the names of External and Internal Experts for the Doctoral Committee in Discipline of Child Development.

Agenda Item 33 To consider and recommend the additional list of Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the courses of BFRS, DPLAD, CRD/PGDRD/MARD in Online and ODL mode.

SB 74.33.1 Dr. Balkar Singh presented the additional list of Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators separately for the courses of BFRS, DPLAD, CRD/PGDRD/MARD in Online and ODL mode.

Initially, five names were proposed in the list of moderators. The School Board members advised that senior faculty at the level of Professors, Associate Professor may be considered for Moderation. Dr. Balkar Singh informed the members that internal faculty who have recently joined the discipline at the level of Assistant Professors have been included as Moderators. As per the suggestion of the School Board Members, three names from the list of moderators have been removed, and the revised list now contains two names of Rural Development faculty.

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SB 74.33.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Paper Setters, Moderators and Evaluators for the courses of BFRS, DPLAD, CRD/PGDRD/MARD in Online and ODL mode.

Agenda Item 34 To consider and recommend the names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of DPLAD (Revised) Programme.

SB 74.34.1 The names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of DPLAD (Revised) Programme were placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 74.34.2 The School Board considered and recommended the names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of DPLAD (Revised) Programme.

Agenda Item 35 To consider and recommend the names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of BFRS Programme.

SB 74.35.1 The names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of BFRS Programme were placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

SB 74.35.2 The School Board considered and recommended the names of Unit Writers and Content Editors for the courses of BFRS Programme.

Agenda Item 36 To consider and recommend the additional list of Doctoral Research Committee Experts for Ph.D. Programme in the Discipline of Rural Development.

SB 74.36.1 The additional list of Doctoral Research Committee Experts for Ph.D. Programme in the Discipline of Rural Development was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board. The School Board members highlighted the need to include local experts (Professors and Senior Faculty) as Doctoral Research Committee members as it might be difficult for IGNOU to invite experts from outside Delhi. Dr. Balkar Singh informed that with such experts, the meeting could be conducted in hybrid mode by providing them access through online. This will help in benefitting from their expertise.

SB 74.36.2 The School Board considered the additional list of Doctoral Research Committee Experts for Ph.D. Programme in the Discipline of Rural Development. The School Board Members suggested that the old and new lists be combined, and the revised list with 26 experts may be updated and considered as the final list

Agenda Item 37 To consider and recommend additional list of Evaluators for CFN, DNHE, MScDFSM programme.

SB 74.37.1 Additional list of Evaluators for CFN, DNHE, MScDFSM programme was presented for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

The Members suggested to add one name of Evaluator for DNHE & CFN Programmes.

- SB 74.37.2 The School Board considered and recommended the additional list of Evaluators for CFN, DNHE, MScDFSM programme. Additional name suggested by the School Board Members for DNHE and CFN was updated in the final list.
- Agenda Item 38** **Ratification of the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for engaging the services of Academic Counsellors available within the local area of REC and other Evaluators concerned for Spot Evaluation of Answer Scripts from December, 2025 TEE onwards.**
- SB 74.38.1 Decision of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for engaging the services of Academic Counsellors available within the local area of REC and other Evaluators concerned for Spot Evaluation of Answer Scripts from December, 2025 TEE onwards was placed for ratification by the School Board.
- SB 74.38.2 The School Board ratified the decision of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for engaging the services of Academic Counsellors available within the local area of REC and other Evaluators concerned for Spot Evaluation of Answer Scripts from December, 2025 TEE onwards.
- Agenda Item 39** **To consider and recommend the list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Moderators for different courses of the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme.**
- SB 74.39.1 The list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Moderators for different courses of the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.39.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Paper Setters, Evaluators and Moderators for different courses of the M.Sc. (Home Science - Community Development and Extension Management) - MSCHSC programme.
- Agenda Item 40** **To consider and recommend the additional lists of Evaluators and Moderators for PGDCFT and MSCCFT.**
- SB 74.40.1 The additional lists of Evaluators and Moderators for PGDCFT and MSCCFT list of Evaluators and Moderators for PGDCFT and MSCCFT was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.40.2 The School Board considered and recommended the additional lists of Evaluators and Moderators for PGDCFT and MSCCFT list of Evaluators and Moderators for PGDCFT and MSCCFT.
- Agenda Item 41** **To consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for MCDL-001, MCDP-001, MCDP-002 and DECE-4 for the PGDECFE Programme(s) offered by the Discipline of Child Development.**
- SB 74.41.1 The list of Evaluators for MCDL-001, MCDP-001, MCDP-002 and DECE-4 for the PGDECFE Programme(s) offered by the Discipline of Child

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Development was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.

- SB 74.41.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Evaluators for MCDL-001, MCDP-001, MCDP-002 and DECE-4 for the PGDECFE Programme(s) offered by the Discipline of Child Development barring guest faculty and Ph.D. Scholar. The suggestions of the School Board member are updated in the final list.
- Agenda Item 42 To consider and recommend the additional list of Evaluators for courses BCD-101, BCD-102, BCD-103, BCD-104, BCD-105, BCD-106 & BCD-107 of programme(s) Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion – Visual Impairment/Hearing Impairment/Intellectual Disability (CESEIVI/CESEIHI/CESEIID).**
- SB 74.42.1 The additional list of Evaluators for courses BCD-101, BCD-102, BCD-103, BCD-104, BCD-105, BCD-106 & BCD-107 of programme(s) Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion – Visual Impairment/Hearing Impairment/Intellectual Disability (CESEIVI/CESEIHI/CESEIID) was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.42.2 The School Board considered and recommended the additional list of Evaluators for courses BCD-101, BCD-102, BCD-103, BCD-104, BCD-105, BCD-106 & BCD-107 of programme(s) Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion – Visual Impairment/Hearing Impairment/Intellectual Disability (CESEIVI/CESEIHI/CESEIID) barring Special Educator and Guest Faculty. The suggestions of the School Board member are updated in the final list.
- Agenda Item 43 To consider and recommend the additional list of translators and vettors for Hindi Translation of DECE, PGDECFE and Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education.**
- SB 74.43.1 The additional list of translators and vettors for Hindi Translation of DECE, PGDECFE and Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education was placed for consideration and recommendation of the School Board.
- SB 74.43.2 The School Board considered and recommended the additional list of translators and vettors for Hindi Translation of DECE, PGDECFE and Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education.
- Agenda Item 44 To consider and approve the minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee of the Ph.D. in Child Development held on 10th March, 2026.**
- SB 74.44.1 Prof. Rekha Sharma Sen informed that two research scholars who are pursuing PhD in the discipline of Child Development are working with human participants. Their topics and research need to be recommended for approval of Institutional Ethics Committee by the Doctoral Research Committee. Accordingly, the DRC was organized on 10th Mar, 2026 in the hybrid mode to recommend the same, along with presentation of the sixth monthly Reports of the 02 Candidates.

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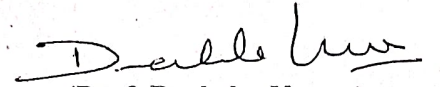
SB 74.44.2 The School Board considered and approved the minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee of the Ph.D. in Child Development held on 10th March, 2026.

Agenda Item 45 To consider and recommend the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE sent by Regional Centres/Regional Evaluation Centres.

SB 74.45.1 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 74.45.2 The School Board considered and recommended the list of Evaluators for the Programme(s) at SOCE except for Dr. Rashi Rastogi.

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



(Prof. Deeksha Kapur)

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