

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the School Board of the School of Gender and Development Studies held on 30th September, 2016 at 2.00 p.m. in the Women's and Gender Resource Space, SOGDS, Block No. 15, IGNOU Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110068.

The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Anu Aneja	Director, SOGDS & Chairperson, School Board
2.	Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, IEG	External Member
3.	Prof. Renu Addlakha, CWDS	External Member
4.	Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, DU	External Member
5.	Dr. Anuradha Marwah, DU	External Member
6.	Prof. Annu J. Thomas, SOGDS	Member
7.	Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS	Member
8.	Prof. Srilatha, SOMS	Member
9.	Prof. Sunil Kumar, SOPVA	Member
10.	Dr. Rekha S. Sen, SOCE	Member
11.	Dr. Nilima Srivastava, SOGDS	Member
12.	Dr. Himadri Roy, SOGDS	Member
13.	Dr. Smita M. Patil, SOGDS	Member
14.	Dr. Sunita Dhal, SOGDS	Member
15.	Dr. G. Uma, SOGDS	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, SOL	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. Mita Simhamohapatra	Special Invitee

Prof. Kumkum Roy, JNU, (External Member) and Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS could not attend the meeting.

Deliberations were conducted on the following Items during the meeting:

Agenda Item No. : 21.1

To Confirm the Minutes of the 20th School Board Meeting of SOGDS held on 2nd March, 2016

The School Board confirmed the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the School Board of SOGDS, as circulated earlier.

Agenda Item No. : 21.2

To Note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 20th School Board Meeting

The Chairperson reported the Action Taken on several Items of the 19th Meeting of the School Board. The Action Taken Report was noted by the School Board members.

Agenda Item No. : 21.3

To Consider and Approve Phase 0 form for simultaneous development of Gender Sensitization course as per CBCS guidelines

The Item was withdrawn on request of Course Coordinators Dr. Nilima Srivastava and Dr. G. Uma. The Course Coordinators communicated that the item will be placed before the School Board in a future meeting.

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Agenda Item No. : 21.4.**To Consider and Approve Phase-0 form for coursework for Ph.D in Gender & Development Studies**

Prof. Savita Singh, Coordinator (with Prof. Annu J. Thomas) presented the item. The proposal for Ph.D programme for Gender and Development Studies was approved by the Research Council in its 10th meeting held on 31st December 2007 and Academic Council in its 51st meeting held on March 3, 2010. Ph.D coursework, based on the M.Phil Coursework and syllabi previously approved in the 5th School Board meeting, alongwith Ph.D Coursework recommended by the expert committee was placed before the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies on 20/9/2016. The coursework as proposed by programme coordinators, was recommended for the approval of the School Board.

Prof. Savita Singh reported that subsequent to the doctoral committee meeting further clarifications regarding credit structure of Ph.D course work (8 to 16 credits) in the light of UGC stipulations (Clause 7.1) were obtained from Research Unit, and incorporated in the revised Phase-0 form. The following two courses of 8 credits each were proposed in the revised Phase-0 form.

1. Gender and Development : Concepts and Theories
2. Research Methodology in Gender and Development Studies

The School Board members discussed the Phase-0 form. It was suggested that course codes may be obtained for the two proposed courses. A detailed discussion followed on the order of the two courses. The Chairperson communicated that as the courses would be transacted simultaneously and not sequentially, the order of the courses may be decided by the Programme Coordinators. The School Board suggested that the minimum eligibility requirements for the Ph.D programme may be carefully deliberated upon and a strong grounding in gender issues may be included as part of the entrance requirements in order to ensure academic rigour.

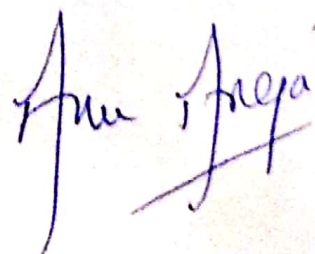
The Phase-0 form for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies along with syllabi of the two proposed courses was approved with the above mentioned suggestions.

Agenda Item No. : 21.5.**To Consider and approve Phase-2 form for PG Certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development Programme**

Programme Coordinators Dr. G. Uma and Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra presented the background and details related to the proposed PG Certificate.

The Need Assessment Study for PG Certificate/Diploma in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development was approved in the 13th School Board held on 31st August, 2012. Phase 1 form was approved in the 14th School Board Meeting held on 26th February, 2013 and approved in the Academic Programme Committee (APC) in its 43rd meeting held on 18th October, 2013. The Phase 2 form for PG Certificate/Diploma for Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development with exit point for PG Certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development was approved in the 17th School Board Meeting held on 19th February, 2014 and approved by Academic Council Standing Committee in its 38th Meeting held on 25th August, 2014. ACSC suggested that "There should be clear break-up in the Certificate and Diploma components of the programme with a clear cut proposal regarding the exit point and the possibility of adopting a modular format for developing the programme". Based on the recommendations given by the ACSC and the discussion in the meeting of Directors and Programme Coordinators from SOGDS and SOA held on 1st September, 2016, it was proposed that the Programme may be developed initially as a PG certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development and later PG Diploma component may be added. The need assessment study also shows a higher demand (31.1 %) for PG Certificate in

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comparison to PG Diploma (28.1%). The Credit structure for PG certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development may be rationalized as per University norms. Accordingly, it was proposed that the credit weightage of the Course 3 may be reduced to 4 credits. The programme coordinators reported that the revised credit structure was circulated to the members of the expert committee and approved by circulation.

The School Board discussed the Phase 2 form and made the following recommendations:

It was observed that the Programme was not meant to be technical in nature and may be of greater interest to people from a sociological/ anthropological background. Therefore, it was suggested that the programme content may be aligned more closely with sociology- anthropology to promote interest. Keeping this in mind, scholars such as Prof. Bina Aggarwal, Prof. Swaminathan and other experts of similar background may be contacted for involvement in course development.

The School Board approved the Phase-2 form for PG Certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development Programme with the above mentioned recommendations.

Agenda Item No. : 21.6

To Consider and Approve the 2nd level Need Assessment Study of PG Diploma Programme in Gender in Law (PGDLAW) (Modular approach)

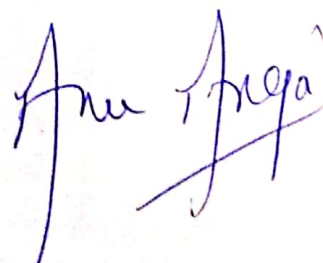
The item was presented by the Programme Coordinators : Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur.

A Need Assessment Study was conducted and approved in the 12th School Board Meeting held on 25th January, 2012. The Phase I (New Phase) form of PG Diploma/Certificate programme in Gender in Law was approved by the 15th School Board of SOGDS held on 25th July, 2013. The 43rd Academic Programme Committee Meeting also approved New Phase I form of PG Diploma / Certificate programme in Gender in Law. Design of the programme was initiated on the positive results of the need assessment survey. The Phase 2 form (New) of PG Diploma in PG Diploma/Certificate programme in Gender in Law was approved and recommended for consideration of Academic Council by the School Board of SOGDS in its 17th meeting held on 19th February, 2014. On 25th August, 2014 Phase II (New) form was placed and presented before the Academic Council Standing Committee by the coordinators. The ACSC suggested the following points to be addressed in the needs assessment study (1) methodology (2) universe and sample size, (3) qualification of academic councilors (4) projection on enrollment of the programme be reviewed. In the light of above suggestions, the coordinators conducted the second level needs assessment study.

The Programme Coordinators Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur presented the details of the 2nd level Need Assessment Study of PG Diploma Programme in Gender in Law (PGDLAW) (Modular approach). They reported that the 2nd level need assessment had been conducted with a reduced sample based on suggestions of ACSC in its meeting held on 25th August, 2014. The School Board discussed the procedures for collection of data for responses and noted the role of the impact of Caste based violence in the responses collected.

The 2nd level Need Assessment Study of PG Diploma Programme in Gender in Law (PGDLAW) (Modular approach) was appreciated and approved by the School Board.

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Agenda Item No. : 21.7.

To Consider and Approve acronym 'WiNGS' for Women's & Gender Resource space.

The concept note for establishment of Women's and Gender Resources Initiative in SOGDS was approved by the School Board in its 19th meeting held on 15th May, 2015.

The Women's and Gender Resources Initiative was envisaged for undertaking the following activities:

- Documentation of gender related research across ODL System.
- Consolidation, documentation and preservation of books/ monographs/ films, audio-video materials, photographs having gender content; and
- Provision of providing the resources to organize training sessions, seminar and workshops.

The initiative and space was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor on International Women's Day on March 8th, 2016. A community painting was also created for the space with participation of various faculty and staff members.

It was unanimously agreed in the faculty meeting held on 5th April, 2016 that the acronym WiNGS may be proposed for the Women's and Gender Resource Space.

The School Board appreciated the initiative taken by the School to set up a resource space for Womens and Gender Studies and approved the acronym 'WiNGS' for the same.

Agenda Item No. : 21.8.

To Consider and Approve Minutes of Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Women's Studies held on May 25th, 2016 and 2nd September, 2016.

The Minutes of Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Women's Studies were placed before the School Board. The School Board approved the Minutes of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Women's Studies held on May 25th, 2016 and 2nd September, 2016. It was suggested that if permissible under university provisions, Ms. Divya may look into a possible change in title to expand the implications of her research beyond 'Puducherry'.

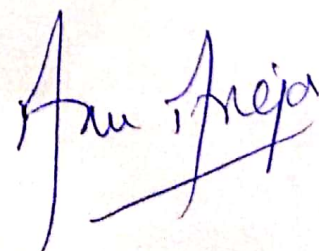
Agenda Item No. : 21.9.

To Consider and approve nomination of panel of external members for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D programme in Women's Studies

The following panel of names of the external members were previously approved by circulation by the School Board for the Doctoral Committee for Ph.D programme in Women's Studies and reported to the Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 2nd Sept., 2016:

1. Prof. Malashri, Retired, Delhi University
2. Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhari, Jawaharlal Nehru University
3. Prof. Mary John, Center for Women's Development Studies
4. Prof. Kumkum Roy, Jawaharlal Nehru University
5. Prof. Renu Addlakha, Center for Women's Development Studies (Approved by VC for Doctoral Committee held on 2nd September, 2016)
6. Dr. Anuradha Marwah, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University
7. Prof. Brinda Bose, Jawaharlal Nehru University
8. Prof. Krishna Menon, Ambedkar University Delhi
9. Dr. Deepti Mehrotra, Independent Scholar and Visiting Faculty,

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10. Ambedkar University, Delhi
11. Dr. Meenakshi Malhotra, Delhi University (Approved by VC for Doctoral Committee held on 2nd September, 2016)
12. Dr. G. Arunima, Jawaharlal Nehru University
13. Dr. Janaki Abraham, Delhi University
14. Dr. Karan Gabriel, Delhi University
15. Dr. Anita Ghai, JMC, Delhi University
16. Dr. Ravinder Kaur, IIT

The following additional names of external members for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D Programme in Women's Studies were suggested by the Doctoral Committee members in it's meeting held on 2nd September, 2016

16. Prof. Shruti Tambe, Pune University
17. Prof. Laxmi Lingam, TISS
18. Dr. Ritika Khera, IIT Delhi
19. Dr. N. Neetha, CWDS
20. Dr. Nishi Mitra, TISS

The School Board recommended the following additional name :

21. Prof. Sanjay Srivastava, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University

A panel consisting of all the above names of external members for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D Programme in Women's Studies was approved by the School Board

Agenda Item No. : 21.10.

To Consider and approve nomination of panel of external members for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D programme in Gender and Development Studies

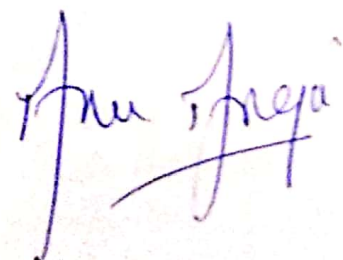
The names of following three external members were approved for re-nomination by the School Board by circulation and approved by the Vice Chancellor and reported to the Doctoral Committee in its meeting held on 20th September, 2016:

1. Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Council for Social Development
2. Prof. Nivedita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University
3. Prof. Vidhu Verma, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The following additional names of external members for Ph.D Programme in Gender and Development Studies were approved by the School Board for the panel:

4. Prof. Archana Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru University
5. Prof. Madhulika Banerjee, Delhi University
6. Prof. Charu Gupta, Delhi University
7. Prof. V. Sujatha, Jawaharlal Nehru University
8. Prof. Anupama Roy, Jawaharlal Nehru University
9. Dr. Lata Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University
10. Dr. Preet Rastogi, Institute for Human Development
11. Dr. Ratna Sudarshan, Institute of Social Studies Trust, New Delhi
12. Dr. Asha Kapoor Mehta, IIPA
13. Dr. Neelam Kumar, NISTDT
14. Dr. Tulsi Patel, Delhi University
15. Dr. P. Vigneswara, IIT Delhi

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A panel consisting of all the above names of external members for Doctoral Committee for Ph.D Programme in Gender and Development Studies was approved by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. : 21.11.

To Consider and approve modification in MAWGS Re-Registration Pattern for facilitating learners

MAWGS is a semester based programme with Re-Registration to be completed prior to each semester. Currently, learners who miss Re-Registration have to wait for one year to register for the missed semester. As suggested by the School Board in its 19th meeting held on 15 May, 2015, the Programme Coordinators discussed the proposed modification of Re-Registration pattern with Student Registration Division to avoid any administrative difficulties.

Subsequent to administrative advice obtained, it is proposed that MAWGS students may complete Re-Registration and payment of fee **on annual basis** (first and second semester registration at the beginning of the first year; third and fourth semester registration at the beginning of the second year).

The modification in MAWGS Re-Registration Pattern for facilitating learners was approved by the School Board. The same would be communicated to the Student Registration Division for information and necessary action.

Agenda Item No. : 21.12.

To Consider and approve 3 year validity period for completion of MAWGS programme for lateral entry learners as proposed by Student Registration Division

As advised by Student Registration Division, and in keeping with similar programmes such as MSW and MCOM, the validity period, that is, duration for completion of MAWGS programme for lateral entry candidates taking admission directly into 2nd year of MAWGS can be given as three years instead of two years from July 2016 onwards.

The 3 year validity period for completion of MAWGS programme for lateral entry learners as proposed by Student Registration Division was approved by the School Board.

Agenda Item No. 21.13

To Consider and approve change in names of authors for three Units of Gender Sensitization course

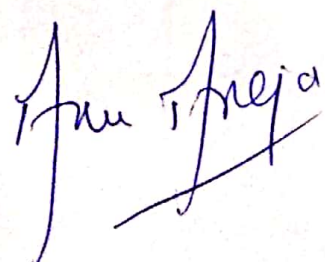
To expedite unit writing for the course on Gender Sensitization: Culture, Society and Change it was proposed to add the following name (in bold) as Co-author for the following Units:

1. Block 3: Unit 9 Gender and Employment **Dr. Nilima Srivastava** and Dr.G.Uma
2. Block 3: Unit 10 Gender Issues in Work and Labour Market **Dr. Nilima Srivastava** and Dr.G.Uma
3. Block 4: Unit 11 Health in Social Context Dr. G.Uma and **Dr.Nilima Srivastava**

(Earlier approved by 20th School Board Meeting held on 2nd March, 2016 vide Agenda Item No. 20.8)

The School Board approved the revised names of authors for the above three Units of Gender Sensitization course.

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Agenda Item No. : 21.14

To consider and approve the name of the translator (English to Hindi), Mr. Pranjal Dhar Divedi, instead of Mr. Ashok Pandey for Unit 10 of Block 3 for the second year course of MGSE-013 of the programme MA in Gender and Development Studies

Prof. Savita Singh, Programme Coordinator (along with Prof. Annu J. Thomas) communicated that the translation of Blocks 1,2 and 3 (Units 1 to 12) was earlier assigned to Mr. Ashok Pandey (Approved in 18th School Board meeting held on 11th Sept. 2014). As the translator had expressed inability to complete the work, Blocks 1 and 2 were re-assigned to Mr. Pranjal Dhar (approved in 19th School Board Meeting held on 15th May, 2015 vide agenda item no. 19.16). Units 11 and 12 of Block-3, MGSE-013 were re-assigned to Mr. Pranjal Dhar in the 20th School Board meeting held on 2nd March, 2016. Prof. Savita Singh proposed now to re-assign the translation work of Unit 10 of Block-3 to Mr. Pranjal Dhar.

The School Board approved the name of the translator (English to Hindi), Mr. Pranjal Dhar Divedi, instead of Mr. Ashok Pandey for Unit 10 of Block 3 for the second year course of MGSE-013 of the programme MA in Gender and Development Studies

Agenda Item No. : 21.15

To ratify revised title of research topic of Pradeep K.D based on approval of Doctoral Committee meeting for Ph.D Programme in Women's Studies held on 25th May, 2016 and School Board's approval by circulation.

The modified research title "Representation of Violence against Women in Tamil Cinema: A Semiotic Approach" of Mr. Pradeep K.D., Research Scholar for Ph.D. in Women's Studies was approved by the Doctoral Committee for the Ph.D. Programme in Women's Studies in its meeting held on 25th May, 2016. School Board of SOGDS by circulation and further approved by the Research Council in its 23rd meeting held on 29th June, 2016 vide agenda item No. 23.16.2. The minutes of Research Council were approved in the 66th meeting of Academic Council held on 8th September, 2016.

The School Board ratified the revised title of research topic of Pradeep K.D.

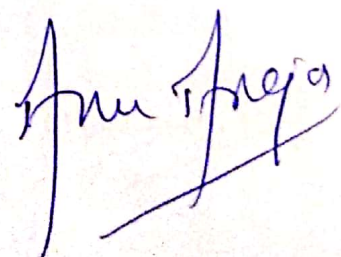
Reporting Items:**Agenda Item No. : 21.16.**

To report on the submission of the consolidated report of Need Assessment Study level I and level II for the PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science.

Dr. Sunita Dhal, Programme Coordinator (along with Prof. Savita Singh) presented the item. The Phase-2 form of PG Diploma Programme in Gender and Science Programme was placed for the approval of the Academic Council meeting. The 64th Academic Council meeting recommended to carry out another level of need assessment study with the involvement of Department of Science and Technology to find out the feasibility of starting a Certificate/Diploma programme in gender and science through Open and Distance Learning mode. The second level need assessment was placed and presented before the 19th School Board meeting which made the following recommendations:

1. Particular group of women scientists as sample can be strengthened;
2. The outcome of both levels of need assessment study can be combined / reflected in one report.

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Dr. Sunita Dhal, Coordinator presented the consolidated report of Need Assessment Study level I and level II for the modular PG Certificate/Diploma Programme in Gender and Science. Accordingly, the School Board noted the consolidated report. Dr. Sunita Dhal reported that the Phase-2 form would be presented in a subsequent School Board Meeting.

Agenda Item No. : 21.17

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Agenda Item No. : 21.18

To report on Lateral Entry admission pattern for MAWGS Programme as proposed by the committee chaired by the PVC.

The proposed change in lateral entry admission pattern for MAWGS had been discussed by the School Board in its 20th meeting. The School Board had suggested that in case of January admissions for lateral entry, the students applying for lateral entry in January may also be advised that the ideal admission cycle for lateral entry would be in July due to the progressive nature of the MAWGS programme. The change in lateral entry admission pattern for MAWGS programme as proposed by the School Board was communicated to the Student Registration Division. Student Registration Division emphasized that MAWGS programme has a linking pin course structure unlike other programmes making July lateral entry the ideal option, as suggested earlier by the School Board. The Student Registration Division also pointed out that there may be practical difficulties in informing each student individually regarding the ideal admission cycle due to time and other constraints and therefore the proposed change may be re-considered. The School Board noted the inputs received from SRD and was in agreement that the existing lateral entry admission pattern for MAWGS should remain the same (July session of subsequent year only).

The School Board noted that there was to be no change in the Lateral Entry admission pattern for MAWGS Programme. The existing provision will be further clarified in the respective Programme Guides of PGDWGS and MAWGS at the time of revision of Programme Guides.

Agenda Item No. : 21.19

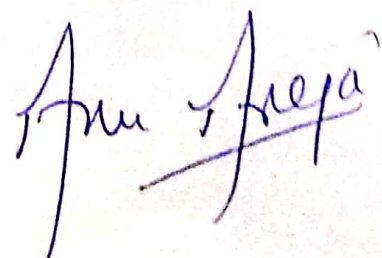
To report on Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2016

The School of Gender and Development Studies celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March, 2016 by organizing a panel discussion on the topic "The Future of Feminism" which was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor in the presence of Director, RSD. The three panelists were Prof. Kumkum Sangari, Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty and Prof. Nivedita Menon. The presentations were followed by remarks offered by the discussant, Dr. Linda Lane and an open question-answer session. The programme was webcast live to all Regional Centers. The event was coordinated by Prof. Savita Singh and Dr. Smita M. Patil under the Directorship of Prof. Anu Aneja.

The Women's and Gender Resources Initiative taken up by SOGDS was also inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor on the same day.

The School Board appreciated the report on Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th, 2016

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Agenda Item No. : 21.20**To Consider and Approve Minutes of Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies held on 20th September, 2016**

The Minutes of Doctoral Committee Meetings for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies were placed before the School Board. The programme coordinators reported that further action on obtaining clarifications regarding the progress report submitted by Ms. Likha Kiran would be undertaken as decided in the doctoral committee meeting held on 20th September, 2016. Based on clarifications received, further action would be taken on the progress report submitted. The School Board approved the Minutes of Doctoral Committee for Ph.D in Gender and Development Studies held on 20th September, 2016

Agenda Item No. : 21.21**To Consider and Approve change in the name of vettors for Hindi translation for the course on Gender Sensitization: Society, Culture and Change (BGSE-001)**

The following names of vettors for Hindi translation for the course on Gender Sensitization: Society, Culture and Change (BGSE-001) were placed below for the approval of the School Board:

Proposed Names of Vettors for Hindi Translation:

1. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Pandey (SOTST) for Blocks 1,2 and 3
2. Dr. Nilima Srivastava (SOGDS) for Block No. 4,5 and 6

The School Board approved the above change in the names of vettors for Hindi translation for the course on Gender Sensitization: Society, Culture and Change (BGSE-001)

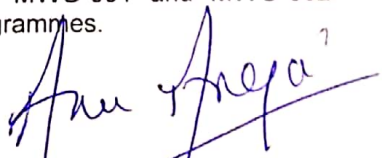
Agenda Item No. : 21.22**To Consider and Approve names of evaluators for MWG-001 and MWG-002 of the MAWGS and PGDWGS Programmes.**

The following names (along with bio-data) of evaluators for MWG-001 and MWG-002 Assignments and Term End Examinations of the MAWGS and PGDWGS Programmes were placed before the School Board for consideration and approval by the respective course coordinators:

1. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, SOITS, IGNOU
2. Dr. Smitha Bhandare Kamat, S.S. Dempo College of Commerce & Economics, Panjim, Goa
3. Dr. Nishant Chaudhari, M.Phil Scholar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi (Current counselor for MAWGS and PGDWGS courses at Jesus & Mary College under RC Delhi 1)

The School Board approved the names of evaluators for evaluation of MWG-001 and MWG-002 Assignments and Term End Examinations of the MAWGS and PGDWGS Programmes.

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


(Prof. Anu Aneja)
Director (SOGDS) &
Chairperson, School Board

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