

MINUTES OF THE 44TH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2025

The 44th School Board Meeting of the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS) was held on August 26, 2025 at 11 a.m. in Hybrid Mode at WiNGS, SOGDS, Block- 15B, Swami Vivekananda Bhawan, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110068. The following School Board members attended:

Prof. Annu J. Thomas, Director, SOGDS
Prof. Kalpana Purohit, External Member (Online)
Prof. Seema Malik, External Member (Online)
Prof. Alka Dhameja, SOSS, IGNOU (Online)
Dr. Vijeta Banwari, SOSS, IGNOU
Prof. Savita Singh, SOGDS (Online)
Prof. Himadri Roy, SOGDS
Dr. Smita M. Patil, SOGDS (Online)
Dr. Sunita Dhal, SOGDS
Dr. G. Uma, SOGDS
Dr. Usha Rana, SOGDS

The meeting commenced with Director SOGDS extending a warm welcome to all the School Board members. It was shared that the term of School Board Members from IGNOU (other than SOGDS) (as per IGNOU Statute 10A (2)d) would be expiring on August 28, 2025. The School Board expressed its deep appreciation for the contributions of Prof. Alka Dhameja, SOSS, Dr. Vijeta Banwari, SOSS, Dr. Ramesh Yadav, SOJNMS, Dr. Balkar Singh, SOCE while hoping that their association with the School would continue.

The School Board took the following decisions/ made the following recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM: 44.1 To Confirm the Minutes of the 43rd School Board Meeting held on April 29, 2025

The 43rd Meeting of the School Board of Gender and Development Studies was held on April 29, 2025 in the Virtual Mode. After due deliberation, the School Board confirmed the minutes of the 43rd School Board Meeting held on April 29, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM: 44.2 To Consider and Recommend Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit and Lateral Entry for BA (Gender Studies) (BAGS)

Prof. Himadri Roy, Programme Coordinator, BAGS presented the Item. School Board Members appreciated the initiative aligning with NEP, 2020. The need for deepening and strengthening such initiatives was mentioned. The possibility of including a skill development component worth 4 credits for incorporation into the FYUP programme in Gender Studies at the design stage was mentioned. It was clarified by the Programme Coordinator that this 4-credit component would be considered for the FYUP. It was not envisaged to be a part of the three-year BAGS programme being considered in the present meeting. A gap period of one year was suggested for Lateral Entry into BAGS.

The Item was recommended by the School Board for consideration of the Academic Council/ Academic Council Standing Committee in consultation with concerned University Division's Student Registration Division (SRD) and Student Evaluation Division (SED).

AGENDA ITEM 44.3: To Consider and Recommend Lateral Entry for Students who have successfully completed PGDWGSR to MAWGSR

Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Sunita Dhal, Programme Coordinators, MA in Women's and Gender Studies Revised (MAWGSR) presented the Item. School Board members appreciated the initiative aligning with NEP, 2020. The need for deepening and strengthening such initiatives was mentioned.

The School Board recommended the Item for consideration by the Student Registration Division and if required, for the consideration of the Academic Council/ Academic Council Standing Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 44.4: To Consider and Recommend Initiatives by SOGDS for Promoting Higher Education of Transgender Community through TWEET Foundation, headquartered at Delhi

Prof. Himadri Roy, who has initiated this proposal, presented the Item. School Board members appreciated the new initiative serving the needs of students from the transgender community. It was also suggested to add "Transgender" column in the admission form for inclusivity and accessibility for the betterment of the community.

The Item was recommended by the School Board for consideration of the Regional Services Division for establishment of a Special Study Centre/ Programme Study Centre at Transgender Welfare, Equity and Empowerment Trust (TWEET) Foundation, Delhi. Counselling support would be considered for transgender students opting for SOGDS programmes/ courses initially to be expanded to other IGNOU programmes/ courses.

AGENDA ITEM 44.5: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Course Writers for MA (Gender and Development Studies) (Revised) (MAGDR)

The following list of proposed course writers was placed before the School Board for MGS-104 and MGS-111 by the Programme Coordinator/ Course Coordinator, Dr. G. Uma.

MGS-104- Gender-Transformative Planning and Policy-Making (8 credits)

S.No	Title of the Unit	Unit writer	Affiliation	Contact details
1.	Block 2- Unit 8: Gender-absent and Gender-aware Programmes	Dr. Swati S. Nanda, Associate Professor	DAV PG College, BHU	swatinanda2001@yahoo.co.in
2.	Block Structures and Mechanisms for Implementation	Dr. Swati S. Nanda Associate Professor	DAV PG College, BHU	swatinanda2001@yahoo.co.in

MGs 111- New Challenges and Opportunities (4 Credits)

S.No	Title of the Unit	Unit writer	Affiliation	Contact details
1.	Unit 7: Gendered Vulnerability	Ms. Sunanda Dey	AKT University, Ghaziabad	sunandadey2010@gmail.com
2.	Unit 8: Gender Sensitive Disaster Risk Management	Ms. Sunanda Dey	AKT University, Ghaziabad	sunandadey2010@gmail.com

The School Board approved the list of proposed course writers for MAGDR for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

The School Board also noted the vetters for MAGDR approved/ recommended in the 41st School Board Meeting vide Agenda Item 41.3.

Master of Arts (Gender and Development Studies) (Revised) MAGDR**Vetters for Hindi Course material**

1. Prof. Savita Singh, Professor
School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU
Email Id: savitasingh@ignou.ac.in
2. Prof. Nilima Srivastava (Retired)
School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU
Email Id: nilima.sri@gmail.com
3. Dr. Usha Rana, Associate Professor
School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU
Email Id: usharana@ignou.ac.in

AGENDA ITEM 44.6: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Course Writers for Diploma in Women's Empowerment & Development (DWED) (Revised) (DWEDR)

The following list of proposed course writers was placed before the School Board for new units of three courses BWEE-102, BWEE-103 and BWEE-104 by the Course Coordinators Dr. G. Uma; Prof. Savita Singh & Dr. G. Uma; and Prof. Annu J. Thomas respectively.

BWEE-102: WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

S.No	Title of the Unit	Unit writer	Affiliation	Contact details
1.	Block- 4: Development in everyday Life, Unit 14: The Changing Nature of Work and Entrepreneurship: Women in the Informal and Gig Economy	Dr Sathya Raj Assistant Professor	Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu	sarajsathya@gmail.com

2.	Block-2: Alternative perspectives of Development, Unit 8: Women's SHGs: Poverty Reduction and Development	Dr Sathya Raj Assistant Professor	Department of Political Science and Development Administration, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu	sarajsathya@gmail.com
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BWEE-103: STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

S.No	Title of the Unit	Unit writer	Affiliation	Contact details
1.	Block-5: Best Practices and Procedures, Unit: 20: Contemporary Case Studies: India	Dr. Kinkini Dasgupta Misra (Substitution)	Department of Science and Technology (DST) Government of India	kdgm04@gmail.com
2.	Block-5: Best Practices and Procedures, Unit: 21: Contemporary Case Studies: Asia	Dr. Kinkini Dasgupta Misra (Substitution)	Department of Science and Technology (DST) Government of India	kdgm04@gmail.com
3.	Block-5: Best Practices and Procedures, Unit: 22: Contemporary Case Studies: Africa and Latin America	Dr. Kinkini Dasgupta Misra (Substitution)	Department of Science and Technology (DST) Government of India	kdgm04@gmail.com

BWEE-104: GENDER TRAINING PERSPECTIVES

S.No	Title of the Unit	Unit writer	Affiliation	Contact details
1.	Block-2: Individual and Group Strategies, Unit-7: Digital Training	Prof. Nilima Srivastava (Substitution)	Retired, SOGDS, IGNOU	nilima.sri@gmail.com
2.	Block-2: Individual and Group Strategies, Unit-8: Training Approaches and Strategies: Case Studies	Dr. Sarvender Yadav (Substitution) Associate Professor,	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna, Garhwal, University	sarvendra2u@gmail.com
3.	Block-3: Media in Training, Unit-9: The New Media	Dr. Sipra Sagarika Assistant Professor, Sociology	Department of Social Sciences, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha	sipra.sagarika@gmail.com

4.	Block-3: Media in Training Unit-12: Community Radio	Dr. Padmini Jain (Substitution) Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU	Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi New Delhi	padminijain@ignou.ac.in
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The School Board approved the list of proposed course writers for DWEDR for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 44.7: To Consider and Approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies) held on July 24, 2025

The Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting for Ph.D. (Gender and Development Studies) held on July 24, 2025 were approved by the School Board.

AGENDA ITEM 44.8: To Consider and Approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on July 25, 2025

The Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meeting for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) held on July 25, 2025 were approved by the School Board.

AGENDA ITEM 44.9: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Change of Supervisor for Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment No. 179342120, Research Scholar enrolled for Ph.D. (Women's Studies)

As approved by the Doctoral Research Committee (Ref. Item No. 44.8), Prof. Savita Singh was proposed as the supervisor of Ms. Anika Singh (Enrolment No. 179342120), Research Scholar enrolled for Ph.D. (Women's Studies). The change in supervisor was necessitated by superannuation of Prof. Nilima Srivastava.

The School Board approved the change in supervisor of Ms. Anika Singh for recommendation to Research Council/ Research Council Standing Committee in the following prescribed format. Since Ms. Anika Singh's period of registration would expire in December, 2025, there may be the need to request Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for approval and subsequent ratification by Research Council/ Research Council Standing Committee.

Name of the School	Discipline	Name of the Student, Enrolment Number and Programme	Research Topic	Existing Supervisor	Reason for Change	Changed Supervisor	Date of DRC Recommendation and Item No.	Date of SB/SCSB Recommendation along with item number
School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS)	Women's Studies	Ms. Anika Singh, Enrolment Number: 179342120 Ph.D(WS)	<i>The Denuded Feminine Self in the work of Bhakti Women Poets: A feminist Psychoanalytic Study</i>	Prof. Nilima Srivastava	Superannuation of Prof. Nilima Srivastava	Prof. Savita Singh	25 th July, 2025	26 th August, 2025

AGENDA ITEM 44.10: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Title and Supervisor for Ms. Vandana Malik, Enrolment No. 231000166, Research Scholar enrolled for Ph.D. (Women's Studies)

The School Board approved the following Title and Supervisor for Ms. Vandana Malik (Enrolment No. 231000166), Research Scholar enrolled for Ph.D. (Women's Studies) in the following prescribed format for consideration by the Research Council/ Research Council Standing Committee.

Name of the School: School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS)

Name of the Discipline: Women's Studies

Programme: Ph.D

S.No	Name of the Student and Enrolment/ Form Number	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s) (In case of Joint Supervisor, both names are to be given)	Number of students currently registered with the Supervisor excluding the present student	Course completion status (Specify whether completed / not completed /not assigned)	Date of DRC approval (Pl. enclose Minutes of the meeting)	Date of School Board/ Standing Committee of School Board approval (Pl. enclose Minutes of the meeting)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Vandana Malik, Enrolment No: 231000166	Contesting Patriarchy: A Study of Women's Leadership in Panchayati Raj Institutions in Sonipat, Haryana	Dr. Usha Rana, Associate Professor	Nil	Completed	25 th July, 2025	Approved/ Recommended in the present 44 th School Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 44.11: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Paper Setters and Moderators for MA (Gender and Development Studies) (Revised) (MAGDR)

The Item was presented by Dr. G. Uma, Programme/ Course Coordinator MAGDR. Prof. Nilima Srivastava, superannuated faculty, SOGDS was recommended by the School Board as paper setter for MGS-005, MGSE-009 and MGSE-013 for approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. She was also recommended as paper setter for the corresponding revised courses. The recommendations are summarized in the following tables:

Paper Setting for Existing Courses

MGS-005	Research Methodologies in Gender and Development Studies
MGSE-009	Gender Issues in Work, Employment and Productivity
MGSE-013	Gender Training and Empowerment

Paper Setting for Revised Courses

MGS-107	Research Methodologies in Gender and Development
MGS-108	Gender Issues in Work, Employment and Productivity
MGS-110	Gender, Organization, Leadership and Training

It may be mentioned that moderators are to be recommended by the School Board for consideration of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as per University Statute 10A(4)(iv). As such, the matter of moderation for the following courses may be put up in the next School Board Meeting for consideration in view of the observations of School Board Members.

Moderator for Existing Courses

MGS-001	Gender and Development: Concepts, Approaches and Strategies
MGS-003	Gender Analysis
MGS-004	Gender- Sensitive Planning and Policy Making
MGSE-002	Gender Audit and Gender Budgeting
MGSE-003	Gender Mainstreaming

AGENDA ITEM 44.12: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Vettors for MA (Gender and Development Studies) (Revised) [MAGDR]

The School Board Members suggested that the Item may be considered at the level of the Director for appropriate, necessary action. However, in view of the financial implications, the Item may be put up in the next School Board Meeting for consideration for "delegation to the Director or to any other member of the Board or a Committee such general or specific powers, as may be decided upon by the School from time to time" [IGNOU Statute 10A(4)(xii)].

AGENDA ITEM 44.13: Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

AGENDA ITEM 44.13.1: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Content Editors for MA (Gender and Development Studies) (Revised) (MAGDR)

The Item was presented by Dr. G. Uma, Programme Coordinator. The proposed Language and Content Editor, Dr. Swati S. Nanda was approved by the School Board for MGS-102: Gender, Development Goals and Praxis for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for approval.

AGENDA ITEM 44.13.2: To Consider and Approve/ Recommend Content Editors for Diploma in Women's Empowerment & Development (Revised) (DWEDR)

The Item was presented by the Programme Coordinators, DWEDR programme, Prof. Annu J. Thomas and Dr. Usha Rana. The consolidated list of content editors with proposed substitutions was placed before the School Board. The following substitutions at S.No. 1, 2 and 3 were approved by the School Board for recommendation to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

S.No.	Course Code	Course Title	Course Editor	Contact Details
1.	BWEE-102	Women and Development	Prof. Nilima Srivastava (Retired) SOGDS, IGNOU	nilima.sri@gmail.com
2.	BWEE-104	Gender Training Perspectives	Prof. Nilima Srivastava (Retired) SOGDS, IGNOU	nilima.sri@gmail.com

3.	BWEE-105	Capacity Building for Organization and Leadership	Prof. Anurekha Chari Wagh, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, India	anurekhachariwagh@gmail.com
4.	BWEE-107	Mobilizing and Managing Credit and Finance	Prof. Anupriya Pandey (approved/recommended by School Board vide Agenda Item 43.7) SOMS, IGNOU	anupriya@ignou.ac.in
5.	BWEE-103	Strategies for Women's Empowerment	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya (approved/recommended by School Board vide Agenda Item 41.2) SOITS, IGNOU	svaidya@ignou.ac.in

The faculty members of IGNOU at S.No. 4 and 5 were recommended as content editors in previous the School Board Meetings mentioned for consideration of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

AGENDA ITEM 44.13.3: To Report on Issue of Letter of Invitation for Research Grant in Brazil (FAPESP-Sao Paulo Research Foundation)

A Letter of Invitation for Research Grant in Brazil (FAPESP-Sao Paulo Research Foundation) F.No. IG/SOGDS/MS/Brazil/1457 dated August 22, 2025 has been issued by Director, Academic Coordination Division, IGNOU. The letter of invitation to Prof. Marilia Mello Pisani, Federal University of ABC (UFABC), Brazil, states:

"As requested by you, our university would like to extend an invitation for you to apply Brazil (FAPESP-Sao Paulo Research Foundation). The School of Gender and Development Studies will be your host. The School will provide an office space for you during your fellowship you will work collaboratively with Prof. Savita Singh, School of Gender and Development Studies and other faculty members. There shall be no financial commitment on the part of our university and all expenditure during your visit shall be covered by Research Grant"

The School Board noted the development.

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

Annu J Thomas
03/10/2025
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