

Indira Gandhi National Open University
School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS)

Minutes of 31st School Board of SOITS held on 09th March, 2022

The 31st Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 09th March 2022 through online mode.
 The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Chairperson
2.	Prof. R.K. Srivastava Chairman, SEAC- Uttarakhand Govt., Professor & Head Department of Environmental Sciences, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263145	Member
3.	Prof. P.K. Joshi Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067	Member
4.	Dr. Pragati Sahni Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi- 110007	Member
5.	Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra, Professor, SOS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. Pramod Kumar, Professor, SOH, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
7.	Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
9.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
10.	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
11.	Prof. Boyina Rupini, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
12.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
13.	Dr. V. Venkatramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU	Member
14.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
15.	Prof. R. Baskar, School of Science, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee

16.	Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
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Prof. S.M Patnaik, Professor of Anthropology, Delhi University, Dr. Ashish Kumar, Joint Director, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi and Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their guidance and constant support to strengthen the school activities.

The chairperson apprised the School Board about the achievements and activities of the school since the last School Board meeting. The external School Board members appreciated the activities carried out by the school.

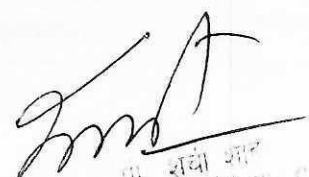
The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.

SB. 31.1	To confirm the minutes of the 30 th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 08 th October, 2021 and Action Taken Report on the minutes
SB.31.1.1	The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 30 th Meeting of the School Board of SOITS were circulated to all School Board members. She informed that no comments have been received and hence the minutes of the 30 th Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 30 th School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
SB. 31.1.2	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 30 th School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.
SB. 31.2	To consider and approve the Concept Note and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law
SB.31.2.1	The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. R. Baskar presented the Concept Note, Programme Proposal Form (PPF), and need assessment report for the Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law programme before the School Board for consideration and approval. The school board discussed in detail the Programme proposal, need of the programme and deliberated on the various facets of programme proposal.
SB.31.2.2	The School Board considered and approved the concept Note and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law

SB. 31.3	To consider and approve the List of Experts for designing Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law
SB.31.3.1	The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. R. Baskar presented the list of Experts for designing the Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law Programme before the School Board for consideration and approval.
SB.31.3.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for designing Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law Programme
SB. 31.4	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.4.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS). She informed the School Board that the Concept note and PPR were approved in the 30 th School Board of SOITS, held on 8 th October 2021 (30.2) followed by 62 nd APC held on 16 th December, 2021 (APC 62.6) and the Programme, Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) is on offer from January 2022 cycle with the approval of the Competent Authority.
SB.31.4.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB. 31.5	To consider and approve the Revision of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) from July 2022 onwards
SB.31.5.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the agenda and informed the School Board that the school is offering the Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science in ODL mode since July 2017 and in online mode from July 2022 session. The programme coordinator proposed to update the courses in line with NEP 2020. The Programme Revision form of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science was placed for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB.31.5.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Revision Form for Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS)
SB. 31.6	To consider and approve the List of unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)

SB.31.6.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the List of Unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB.31.6.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.7	To consider and approve the Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.7.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the List of Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB.31.7.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.8	To consider and approve the Course Coordinators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.8.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the List of Course Coordinators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB.31.8.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Course Coordinators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB.31.9	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) & Programme Project Report (PPR) for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme with multiple entry and exit option
SB.31.9.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. B. Rupini informed the School Board that the Concept note and PPR were approved in the 30 th School Board of SOITS, held on 8 th October 2021 followed by 62 nd APC held on 16 th December, 2021. The Expert Committee Meeting for M.A. Environmental and Occupational Health programme of SOITS was held on 21 st December 2021. The PDF and PPR was approved in the 55 th ACSC Item No. 55,38 held on 23 rd December 2021. The Launch form was approved in the 63 rd APC held on 22 nd February 2022. The programme was launched in January 2022 session. She presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme for the information of school Board.
SB.31.9.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme

SB. 31.10	To consider and approve the list of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
SB.31.10.1	The programme coordinators Prof. B. Rupini and Dr Sushmitha Baskar presented the List of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH) for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB.31.10.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
SB. 31.11	To consider and approve the revision of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH)
SB.31.11.1	The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented the agenda and informed the School Board that SOITS launched Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health programme in January, 2019. The programme is upgraded into 72 credit Master level Programme MAEOH with multiple entry and exit option in consonance with NEP. The Programme coordinator presented the Programme Revision Form of the existing 32 credits PGDEOH Programme in to 36 credits by changing number of electives to be chosen by the student at the time of admission from existing basket of elective courses 3 out of 4 for consideration and approval of school board.
SB.31.11.2	The School Board considered and approved the revision of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOH)
SB. 31.12	To consider and approve the list of experts for developing an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme
SB.31.12.1	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya presented the List of experts for an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme for consideration and approval of school board.
SB.31.12.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of experts for developing an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme
SB. 31.13	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion
SB.31.13.1	The programme coordinator, Prof. Shachi Shah informed the school board that the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion,


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	(SANKALP) programme on 19th of January 2018, with loan assistance from the World Bank. The outcome-oriented six-year project aims to improve short-term skill training qualitatively and quantitatively through strengthening institutions, bringing in better market connectivity and inclusion of marginalized sections of the society. An MoU was signed on 22-11-2021 between Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for capacity building of officials working under State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees under the SANKALP Project. The MSDE has approved a budget of Rs. 10,43,57,000/- for IGNOU to act as a knowledge partner in imparting training in a blended mode. A core group of teachers and academics will act as Master Trainers who will be trained by MSDE officials. Upon such training, the Master Trainers will train 400 TOTs who shall further train 4000 district officials. The training programme shall be offered in a modular form using the IGNOU model with a total of 16 credit programme offered at the Certificate level. The target date for completion of the entire Project by IGNOU is 31-03-2023. The competent authority has constituted a steering committee with a Principal Investigator for the Project. The agenda was approved in principle in the 54th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 10th December 2021 and the Programme will be housed in SOITS. The Programme Proposal Form of programme Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion was approved in 62nd Meeting of Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 16th December 2021. The PDF and PPR of the Certificate Programme was approved in the 55th ACSC held on 23rd December 2021. The programme coordinator presented the Programme Development Form and Programme Project Report (PPR) of "Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion" before the School Board for consideration and approval.
SB.31.13.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion
SB. 31.14	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion
SB.31.14.1	The programme coordinator Prof. Shachi Shah presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion before the School Board for consideration and approval.
SB.31.14.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of "Certificate in Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion

SB 31.15	To report the shifting of the Post Graduate Diploma in Right to Information (PGDRTI) from the School of Social Sciences to School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies
SB 31.15.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah informed the school board that PGDRTI program was proposed initially by the Faculty of Public Administration, SOSS and its development initiated by the Faculty of Public Administration, SOSS. However, vide the decision taken in the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council Standing Committee on 16 th April 2021, the programme has been shifted to SOITS which will now carry forward the work of developing the programme. Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, faculty member, SOITS, has been assigned the task of coordinating the programme.
SB 31.15.2	The School Board noted the shifting of the Post Graduate Diploma in Right to Information (PGDRTI) from the School of Social Sciences to School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies
SB 31.16	To consider and approve the names of Course Writers and Editors for the Post Graduate Diploma in Right to Information (PGDRTI) programme
SB 31.16.1	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, presented the list of Course Writers and Editors for the Post Graduate Diploma in Right to Information (PGDRTI) programme to the school board for consideration and approval.
SB 31.16.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Course Writers and Editors for the Post Graduate Diploma in Right to Information (PGDRTI) programme
SB 31.17	To consider and approve the Concept Note and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies
SB 31.17.1	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Shachi Shah, Dr. V Venkat Ramanan and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the Concept Note and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies for the consideration and approval of the School Board. She informed the school board about the proposed MA in Environmental Studies is a step in the direction to make meaningful contribution towards the implementation of National Education Policy 2020. The programme having an interdisciplinary approach aims to generate awareness on a variety of environmental concerns. She informed that the programme will have lateral Entry and Exit. The learners successfully completing one year of study will be awarded with Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies.
SB 31.17.2	The School Board considered and approved the Concept Note and Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies
SB 31.18	To consider and approve the names of experts for designing Master of Arts in Environmental Studies programme


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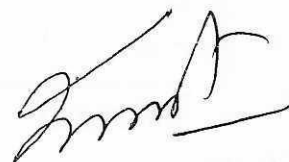
SB 31.18.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Shachi Shah presented a list of experts for designing Master of Arts in Environmental Studies for the consideration and approval of the School Board
SB 31.18.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of experts for designing Master of Arts in Environmental Studies
SB 31.19	To consider and approve the List of Experts for revision of Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)
SB 31.19.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented to the School Board a list of Experts for revision of Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) for the consideration and approval of the School Board
SB 31.19.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for revision of Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)
SB 31.20	To consider and approve the list of additional unit writers and translators for BAG Philosophy
SB 31.20.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented to the School Board the List of additional unit writers and translators for BAG Philosophy
SB 31.20.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional unit writers and translators for BAG Philosophy
SB 31.21	To consider and approve the List of additional Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy, BPY & MAPY
SB 31.21.1	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the List of additional Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy, BPY & MAPY to the School Board
SB 31.21.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of additional Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy, BPY & MAPY
SB 31.22	To consider and approve the 16 th Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Environmental Science (PHDEV)
SB 31.22.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented the Minutes of 16 th Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Environmental Science (PHDEV) for the consideration and approval of the School Board
SB 31.22.2	The School Board considered and approved the 16 th Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Environmental Science (PHDEV)

SB 31.23	To consider and approve the 32 nd and 33 rd Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme
SB 31.23.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented the 32 nd and 33 rd Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme for the consideration and approval of the School Board
SB 31.23.2	The School Board considered and approved the 32 nd and 33 rd Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme
SB 31.24	To consider and approve the list of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI)
SB 31.24.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, presented the list of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI) to the School Board
SB 31.24.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Evaluators, Paper setters and Moderators for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI)
SB 31.25	To consider and approve the list of Examiners /Evaluators for PhD scholar Amit Kumar Gautham, Enrolment No: 188501594, title 'Design, Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Small Molecule Inhibitors of Malarial Aspartic Proteases, Plasmepsin I & Plasmepsin II'
SB 31.25.1	Prof. B. Rupini presented to the School Board a list of Examiners /Evaluators for PhD scholar Amit Kumar Gautham, Enrolment No: 188501594, title 'Design, Synthesis and Structural Characterization of Small Molecule Inhibitors of Malarial Aspartic Proteases, Plasmepsin I & Plasmepsin II'
SB 31.25.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Examiners /Evaluators for PhD scholar Amit Kumar Gautham (Enrollment No: 188501594).
SB 31.26	To consider and approve the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Ajay Kumar Sharma, Enrolment No: 188501570, title Study of Physico-Chemical Properties of Ground Water – A Case Study of Tehsil-Bah, Agra, UP
SB 31.26.1	Prof. B. Rupini presented to the School Board the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Ajay Kumar Sharma, Enrolment No: 188501570, title Study of Physico-Chemical Properties of Ground Water – A Case Study of Tehsil-Bah, Agra, UP
SB 31.26.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Ajay Kumar Sharma (Enrollment No: 188501570)
SB 31.27	To consider and approve the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Anisha Sinha, Enrolment No: 173101016, title 'Children with Hearing Impairment: A Study of Early Intervention and Rehabilitation in National Capital Region'

SB 31.27.1	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, presented to the School Board the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Anisha Sinha, Enrolment No: 173101016, title 'Children with Hearing Impairment: A Study of Early Intervention and Rehabilitation in National Capital Region'
SB 31.27.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of thesis Examiners/Evaluators for PhD scholar Anisha Sinha (Enrolment No: 173101016)
SB 31.28	To consider and approve the list of additional evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV)
SB 31.28.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Shachi Shah presented the list of additional evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV) for the consideration and approval of School Board
SB 31.28.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV)

The Chairperson thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



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