

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

**Minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 through online mode from 10.30 am. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Chairperson</b>
2.	Prof. P.K. Joshi, Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067.	<b>Member</b>
3.	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	<b>Member</b>
4.	Dr. Pragati Sahni, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi- 110007.	<b>Member</b>
5.	Dr. Ashish Kumar, Joint Director, (CS.II, CPW, RE, NNRMS, TTZ and SSBM), Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Level V, Vayu Wing, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003	<b>Member</b>
6.	Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Professor, School of Sciences, IGNOU	<b>Member</b>
7.	Prof. Arbind Kumar Jha, Professor, School of Education, IGNOU	<b>Member</b>
8.	Dr. Pushpa, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, IGNOU	<b>Member</b>
9.	Dr. Pulla Lakshmi, Assistant Professor, Staff Training Research Institute Distance Education, IGNOU	<b>Member</b>
10.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
11.	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
12.	Prof. Boyina Rupini, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
13.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
14.	Dr. V. Venkatramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU	<b>Member</b>
15.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
16.	Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
17.	Prof. Ruchika Kuba, Professor, SOHS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>

18.	Prof. R. Baskar, Professor, SOS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee

Prof. S.M Patnaik, Professor of Anthropology, Delhi University and special invitee Prof. Ruchika Kuba, Director of School of Health Science 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.

She also extended a very warm welcome to newly appointed School Board Members from IGNOU, Prof Jaideep Sharma, School of Library Science, Prof. Arvind Jha, School of Education, Prof. Pushpa School of Humanities and Dr. Pulla Lakshmi, STRIDE. She also welcomed the special invitees Prof. R Baskar, SOS and Dr Sushmitha Baskar, SOITS.

She also extended sincere gratitude to outgoing School Board Members Dr. Parmod Kumar, School of Humanities, Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra, School of Science, Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, School of Journalism and New Media studies, Dr. P. Vijayakumar, School of Agriculture and also thanked them for their support and guidance for the betterment of the school.

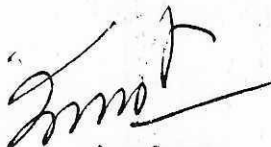
The chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah apprised the School Board members about the achievements and activities of the school since the last School Board meeting.

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

SB. 33.1	To confirm the minutes of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 04th May, 2022 and to present the ATR
SB.33.1.1	The chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah informed that the minutes of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> 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 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
SB. 33.1.2	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.
SB. 33.2	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law Programme (PGDEML)
SB.33.2.1	The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. R. Baskar presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) 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 Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PRF) and deliberated on the various facets of programme development.

<b>SB.33.2.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management and Law (PGDEML).
<b>SB. 33.3</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora
<b>SB.33.3.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for the Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora programme before the School Board for consideration and approval. The School is offering PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora. The M.A. in Migration and Diaspora will constitute the second year. There will be option for lateral entry for PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora students. The school board discussed in detail the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and need of the programme and deliberated on the various facets of programme.
<b>SB.33.3.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora
<b>SB. 33.4</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies (MAEVS)
<b>SB.33.4.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Shachi Shah, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the Programme Development Form (PPF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the Master of Arts in Environmental Studies programme before the School Board for consideration and approval. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies (MAEVS) was approved in 31 <sup>st</sup> School Board (SB 31.13) held on 09 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022. The same was approved in 64 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee (APC) (APC 64.7) held on 09 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The programme will be offered in modular form. The learners after completing the first year (courses) of study will be eligible to receive Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies. The school board discussed in detail the Programme Development Form (PPF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) and emphasized the need of the programme.
<b>SB.33.4.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental Studies (MAEVS)
<b>SB. 33.5</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)
<b>SB.33.5.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the school board that the Expert Committee Meeting for the revision of M.A. Philosophy course structure was held on 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022. The Programme Revision Form (PRF) along with the revised course structure and minutes of the Expert Committee Meeting was placed for the consideration and approval of School Board.
<b>SB.33.5.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)

<b>SB 33.6</b>	To consider and approve the proposal of offering an existing Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) through online mode
<b>SB 33.6.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman informed the school board that the school is offering the Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science in Online mode since July 2021 and Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) in ODL from January 2022. The proposal for offering an existing Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) through online mode from January 2023 session was placed for the consideration and approval of the School Board
<b>SB 33.6.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the proposal of offering Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) through online mode
<b>SB 33.7</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
<b>SB 33.7.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators, Prof. B. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented Programme Revision Form (PRF) and informed the school board that the second year of MAEOH programmes have six core courses and four electives. The credit weightage of the electives is exceeding due to inadvertent adoption of six credit course instead of four credits in the elective basket of four, titled Fundamentals of Mental Health (MPC-51/PGDMH, SOSS). In this regard, the Programme Revision Form of MAEOH Programme with rearranging the existing programme structure & total number of credits are placed for the consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.7.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH).
<b>SB 33.8</b>	To consider and approve Programme Revision Form (PRF) to add an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH).
<b>SB 33.8.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. B. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented the Programme Revision Form (PRF) to add an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for MA in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (MAEOH) for the consideration and approval of the School Board
<b>SB 33.8.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Revision Form (PRF) to add an elective course titled 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH).
<b>SB 33.9</b>	To consider and approve the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.9.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C Khuman presented the List of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for consideration and approval of school board.
<b>SB 33.9.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS).



<b>SB 33.10</b>	To consider and approve the list of Evaluators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS).
<b>SB 33.10.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C Khuman presented the List of Evaluators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for consideration and approval of school board
<b>SB 33.10.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Evaluators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS).
<b>SB 33.11</b>	To consider and approve the list of Question Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.11.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C Khuman presented the List of Question Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for consideration and approval of School Board.
<b>SB 33.11.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Question Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS).
<b>SB 33.12</b>	To consider and approve the list of Moderators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.12.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C Khuman presented the List of Moderators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS) for consideration and approval of School Board.
<b>SB 33.12.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Moderators for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.13</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of Translators, Editors and Veters for BAG Philosophy
<b>SB 33.13.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional list of Translators, Editors and Veters for BAG Philosophy for consideration and approval of the School Board
<b>SB 33.13.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Translators, Editors and Veters for BAG Philosophy
<b>SB 33.14</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for BAG (Philosophy) and BPY (Philosophy).
<b>SB 33.14.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for BAG (Philosophy) and BPY (Philosophy) for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.14.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for BAG (Philosophy) and BPY (Philosophy).

<b>SB 33.15</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)
<b>SB 33.15.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.15.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Question Paper Setters and Evaluators for Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY)
<b>SB 33.16</b>	To approve the additional list of Evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV)
<b>SB 33.16.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Shachi Shah, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the additional list of Evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV) for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.16.2</b>	The School Board approved the additional list of Evaluators for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV).
<b>SB 33.17</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of resource persons for video recording for PGDEOHOL Programme.
<b>SB 33.17.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. Ruchika Kuba presented the additional list of resource persons for video recording for PGDEOHOL Programme for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.17.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of resource persons for video recording for PGDEOHOL Programme.
<b>SB 33.18</b>	To consider and approve LOCF for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV), Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY).
<b>SB 33.18.1</b>	Prof. Shachi Shah, Chairperson presented the LOCF for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV), Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) for consideration and approval of the School Board. In compliance with the latest Guidelines of UGC for implementation of NEP 2020 at the University, CIQA had requested the School to provide LOCF for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV), Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) programmes.
<b>SB 33.18.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved LOCF for Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSCENV), Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY).

<b>SB 33.19</b>	To consider and approve the list of Members for Doctoral Research Committee for PHDITS
<b>SB 33.19.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented the list of Members for nomination to the Doctoral Research Committee for PHDITS
<b>SB 33.19.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Members for Doctoral Research Committee for PHDITS
<b>SB 33.20</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme
<b>SB 33.20.1</b>	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented the Minutes of 36 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme for the consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.20.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) Programme.
<b>SB 33.21</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV Programme.
<b>SB 33.21.1</b>	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented the Minutes of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV Programme for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.21.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV Programme.
<b>SB 33.22</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Sonam Angmo (Enrolment No. 188501530) thesis titled "Characterization and Treatment of Okhla Land fill Leachate, Delhi" registered in PHDEV Programme
<b>SB 33.22.1</b>	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for PhD scholar Ms. Sonam Angmo, Enrolment No: 188501530, titled "Characterization and Treatment of Okhla Land fill Leachate, Delhi" registered in PHDEV Programme
<b>SB 33.22.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Ms. Sonam Angmo (Enrolment No. 188501530).
<b>SB 33.23</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Bhavna (Enrolment No. 188501555) thesis titled "Assessment of Urban Heat Island Effect in Delhi and Environs using Geospatial Technology" registered in PHDEV Programme
<b>SB 33.23.1</b>	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar, Ms. Bhavna (Enrolment No. 188501555) thesis titled

	"Assessment of Urban Heat Island Effect in Delhi and Environs using Geospatial Technology" registered in PHDEV Programme
SB 33.23.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Ms. Bhavna (Enrolment No. 188501555).
SB 33.24	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. P. Aruna (Enrolment No. 188501548) thesis titled "Environmental considerations in Planning and Development of Green Highways in India- a Case study of North Gujarat" registered in PHDEV Programme.
SB 33.24.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar, Ms. P. Aruna (Enrolment No. 188501548) thesis titled "Environmental considerations in Planning and Development of Green Highways in India- a Case study of North Gujarat" registered in PHDEV Programme
SB 33.24.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Ms. P. Aruna (Enrolment No. 188501548).
SB 33.25	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Mr. Bhuvan Chopra (Enrolment No. 188501562) thesis titled "Ecosystem Service Valuation of Delhi Ridge Forest" registered in PHDEV Programme
SB 33.25.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Mr. Bhuvan Chopra (Enrolment No. 188501562) thesis titled "Ecosystem Service Valuation of Delhi Ridge Forest" registered in PHDEV Programme
SB 33.25.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Mr. Bhuvan Chopra (Enrolment No. 188501562).
SB 33.26	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Sheikh Mubarek Gul (Enrolment No. 188501587) thesis titled "Municipal Solid Waste Management: A case study of Baramulla Town (J&K)" registered in PHDEV Programme.
SB 33.26.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Sheikh Mubarek Gul (Enrolment No. 188501587) thesis titled "Municipal Solid Waste Management: A case study of Baramulla Town (J&K)" registered in PHDEV Programme.
SB 33.26.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. scholar Sheikh Mubarek Gul (Enrolment No. 188501587).
SB 33.27	To consider and approve the Confidential list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Bruce Fernandez (Enrolment No. 173100949) thesis titled "The Naga Question: A Study in Inter-generational Perceptions" registered in PHDITS Programme
SB 33.27.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Bruce Fernandez (Enrolment No. 173100949) thesis

	titled "The Naga Question: A Study in Inter-generational Perceptions" registered in PHDITS Programme
<b>SB 33.27.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for PhD scholar Bruce Fernandez (Enrolment No. 173100949).
<b>SB 33.28</b>	To report the thesis submission of Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Lakhvinder Kaur (Enrolment No. 173100970) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 33.28.1</b>	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah informed the School Board about the successful submission of thesis of Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Lakhvinder Kaur (Enrolment No. 173100970) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 33.28.2</b>	The School Board noted this reporting item
<b>TABLED ITEMS</b>	
<b>SB 33.29</b>	To consider and approve the list of Question Paper Setters for Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) and Masters of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS).
<b>SB 33.29.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented the list of Question Paper Setters for Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) and Masters of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) for consideration and approval of the School Board
<b>SB 33.29.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Question Paper Setters for Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) and Masters of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS).
<b>SB 33.30</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.30.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. YSC Khuman presented the list of additional unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.30.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional unit writers for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
<b>SB 33.31</b>	To consider and approve the list of evaluators for the Project work MDIP-1 for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI)
<b>SB 33.31.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented the list of evaluators for the Project work MDIP-1 for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI) for consideration and approval of the School Board.
<b>SB 33.31.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of evaluators for the Project work MDIP-1 for Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI).



The Chairperson thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

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

**Prof. Shachi Shah,**  
**Director**  
**SOITS**

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