

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

**Minutes of 35<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

The 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 through online mode. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Chairperson</b>
2.	Prof. Paulraj Rajamani Dean, School of Environment Sciences, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067.	<b>Member</b>
3.	Prof. Bhawana Pathak Department of Environment and Sustainable Development, Central University of Gandhinagar, Gujrat-382030.	<b>Member</b>
4.	Prof. Anisur Rahman Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi- 110025.	<b>Member</b>
5.	Prof. Enakshi Mitra Roy Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, North Campus, New Delhi-110007.	<b>Member</b>
6.	Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Professor, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
7.	Prof. Arbind Kumar Jha Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
8.	Dr. Pushpa, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
9.	Dr. Pulla Lakshmi, Associate Professor, Staff Training Research Institute Distance Education, IGNOU, New Delhi	<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. Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
15.	Dr. Y.S.C Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>

16.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
17.	Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
18.	Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee
19.	Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Special Invitee

Prof. Sunil Nautiyal, Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, (NIHE), Kosi Katarmal, Almora could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their guidance, deep insight and unwavering 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 which was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The external School Board members appreciated the activities.

She extended a very warm welcome to new faculty joined in the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies Dr. Veramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Assistant Professor, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management & Human Values and Ethics.

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


<b>SB 35.1</b>	To confirm the minutes of the 34 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and to present the Action Taken Report (ATR)
<b>SB.35.1.1</b>	The chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah informed that the minutes of the 34 <sup>th</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 34 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 34 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
<b>SB.35.1.2</b>	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 34 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.
<b>SB 35.2</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM)
<b>SB.35.2.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM). The programme coordinator informed the School Board that Programme Proposal Form (PPF) has been approved in the 67 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee held on 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2023 vide agenda item no. APC 67.2. There after Expert Committee Meeting was conducted on 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The programme structure was finalised.
<b>SB.34.2.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste

	Management (PGDWAM)
SB. 35.3	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Master of Science in Climate Change (MSCCC)
SB.34.3.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan and Prof. Shachi Shah presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Master of Science in Climate Change (MSCCC). The programme coordinators informed that the Programme Proposal Form of M.Sc. (Climate Change) was approved in 34 <sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023 vide item No. 34.2. The same was approved in the 67 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee held on 1st June, 2023 vide agenda item no. APC 67.3. The objective of this programme is to expose the learners to the domain of climate change and to familiarize them with the impacts of climate change on the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem. The programme shall equip the learners with mitigation and adaptation strategies against climate change and develop an understanding of climate change assessment tools, international conventions and National Policy & Programme related to climate change. The programme will have Multiple Entry and Exit as per the NEP 2020. The learners after completing one year will be awarded Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change. The expert committee meeting to design the Programme syllabus was conducted on 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2023.
SB.34.3.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management
SB. 35.4	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC)
SB.35.4.1	The programme coordinators, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan and Prof. Shachi Shah informed the School Board that the 67 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee held on 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2023 vide agenda item no. APC 67.3 has recommended that the stand-alone Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC) may also be offered from the School. Programme Coordinators presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC). The programme will give lateral entry to M.Sc in Climate Change.
SB.35.4.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC)
SB. 35.5	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for M.A. in Human Values and Ethics
SB.35.5.1	The Programme coordinator Dr. Abhishek Mishra presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for MA in Human Values and Ethics. He informed that the school has proposed "M.A. in Human Values and Ethics" programme and is designed to address the growing need for individuals who possess a deep understanding of ethical principles, moral reasoning and the capacity to apply these values in diverse personal, professional and societal contexts. This programme aligns with the core values and objectives of IGNOU in line with its commitment to nurturing responsible, ethical and socially conscious citizens.
SB.35.5.2	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for MA in Human Values and Ethics
SB. 35.6	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics

SB.35.6.1	The programme coordinator Dr. Abhishek Mishra presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics. This programme aligns with the core values and objectives of IGNOU in line with its commitment to nurturing responsible, ethical and socially conscious citizens. The Programme will give lateral entry to MA in Human Values and Ethics
SB.35.6.2	The School Board considered and approved the Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics programme
SB.35.7	To consider and approve the translation of M.A. in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) in Hindi language
SB.35.7.1	The Programme Coordinators Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the agenda to the School Board and informed that the School is already offering M.A. in Migration and Diaspora since January 2023 cycle. The adopted courses are already in Hindi. Remaining 13 courses will be translated in to Hindi
SB.35.7.2	The School Board considered and approved the translation of M.A. in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) in Hindi language
SB. 35.8	To consider and approve the list of Translators and Veters for M.A. in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) in Hindi language
SB.35.8.1	The Programme Coordinators Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the list of Translators and Veters for M.A. in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) in Hindi language
SB.35.8.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of translators and veters for M.A. in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) in Hindi language
SB. 35.9	To consider and approve the translation of BAG Philosophy courses in Telugu language
SB.35.9.1	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur and Dr. Veeramalla Sreesaillam presented to the School Board the agenda to approve the translation of BAG Philosophy courses in Telugu language
SB.35.9.2	The School Board considered and approved the translation of BAG Philosophy courses in Telugu language
SB. 35.10	To consider and approve the list of Translators and Veters for BAG Philosophy in Telegu language
SB.35.10.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the list of Translators and Veters for BAG Philosophy in Telegu language
SB.35.10.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Translators and Veters for BAG Philosophy in Telegu language
SB. 35.11	To consider and approve the additional list of Moderators and Paper Setters for Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (PHDITS)
SB.35.11.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional list of Moderators and Paper Setters for Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (PHDITS)
SB.35.11.2	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Moderators and Paper Setters for Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (PHDITS)
SB. 35.12	To consider and approve additional list of Moderators and Evaluators for Masters in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS)
SB.35.12.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented the List of Moderators and Evaluators for Masters in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS)

SB.35.12.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Moderators and Evaluators for Masters in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS)
SB. 35.13	To consider and approve the additional list of Course Writers for the course 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' (MEVE 005) of the programme Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
SB.35.13.1	The Programme Coordinator and Course Coordinator Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya presented the additional list of Course Writers for the course 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' (MEVE 005) of the programme Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
SB.35.13.2	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Course Writers for the course 'Disability Studies and Occupational Health' (MEVE 005) of the programme Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
SB. 35.14	To consider and approve the list of unit writers and editors for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM)
SB.35.14.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the list of unit writers and editors for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM)
SB.35.14.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Unit Writers and Editors for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM)
SB 35.15	To consider and approve the list of Unit Writers for Master of Science in Climate Change (MSCCC)
SB 35.15.1	The Programme Coordinators Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan and Prof. Shachi Shah presented the List of Unit Writers for Master of Science in Climate Change (MSCCC)
SB 35.15.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Unit Writers for Master of Science in Climate Change (MSCCC)
SB 35.16	To consider and approve the additional list of Unit Writers for MA (Philosophy) (revised)
SB 35.16.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the List of Unit Writers for MA (Philosophy) (revised)
SB 35.16.2	The School Board considered and approved the List of Unit Writers for MA (Philosophy) (revised)
SB 35.17	To consider and approve Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, SOITS, IGNOU as Paper Setter, Editor, Moderator and Evaluator for MA (Philosophy)
SB 35.17.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the agenda to consider and approve Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, SOITS, IGNOU as Paper Setter, Editor, Moderator and Evaluator for MA (Philosophy)
SB 35.17.2	The School Board considered and approved Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, SOITS, IGNOU as Paper Setter, Editor, Moderator and Evaluator for MA (Philosophy)
SB 35.18	To consider and approve Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU as the Unit Writer for BAG Philosophy (BPYG-171)
SB 35.18.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the agenda to consider and approve Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU as the Unit Writer for BAG Philosophy (BPYG-171)
SB 35.18.2	The School Board considered and approved Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU as the Unit Writer for BAG Philosophy (BPYG-171)

SB 35.19	To consider and approve the additional list of Translators for BAG Philosophy
SB35.19.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the List of Translators for BAG Philosophy
SB35.19.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Translators for BAG Philosophy
SB 35.20	To consider and approve additional list of Paper Setters for MAPY, BAG Philosophy and BPY
SB 35.20.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the List of Paper Setters for MAPY, BAG Philosophy and BPY
SB 35.20.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Paper Setters for MAPY, BAG Philosophy and BPY
SB 35.21	To consider and approve the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB 35.21.1	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman presented the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB 35.21.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (MASS)
SB 35.22	To consider and approve the additional list of Evaluators for M.Sc. (Environmental Science)
SB 35.22.1	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Shachi Shah presented the additional list of Evaluators for M.Sc. (Environmental Science)
SB 35.22.2	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Evaluators for M.Sc. (Environmental Science)
SB 35.23	To consider and approve the feedback analysis report of Subject Experts on the implementation of the themes of G20- SOITS
SB 35.23.1	Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah informed that NAAC has accredited IGNOU with NAAC A++ grade and from there onwards IGNOU has to submit a yearly Feedback Report to NAAC compiled by CIQA. She presented the feedback analysis report of Subject Experts on the implementation of the themes of G20 by SOITS. The Report approved by a School Board will be submitted to CIQA, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), IGNOU for necessary action.
SB 35.23.2	The School Board considered and approved the feedback analysis report of Subject Experts on the implementation of the themes of G20- SOITS
SB 35.24	To ratify the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDEVS) approved through circulation
SB 35.24.1	The Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah presented Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDEVS) approved through circulation for ratification. She informed the Board that the Programme Proposal form, the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for standalone Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDEVS) have been approved by the School Board members by Circulation. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDEVS) was approved at the 61st Academic Council Standing Committee held on 4th July 2023. The 68 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 12th September 2023 ratified the action taken by the competent Authority. The Programme was launched in July 2023

  
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	admission cycle.
SB 35.24.2	The School Board ratified the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDEVS) approved through circulation
SB 35.25	To ratify the Minutes of 39 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS approved through circulation
SB 35.25.1	Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shah presented the agenda to ratify the Minutes of 39 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS approved through circulation
SB 35.25.2	The School Board ratified the Minutes of 39 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS approved through circulation
SB 35.26	To consider and approve the Minutes of 40 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS
SB 35.26.1	Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shah presented the agenda to consider and approve the Minutes of 40 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS
SB 35.26.2	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 40 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of PHDITS
SB 35.27	To ratify the Minutes of 26 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV approved through circulation
SB 35.27.1	Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shah presented the agenda to ratify the Minutes of 26 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV approved through circulation
SB 35.27.2	The School Board ratified the Minutes of 26 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of PHDEV approved through circulation
SB 35.28	To consider and approve the Minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of PHDEV
SB 35.28.1	Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shah presented the agenda to consider and approve the Minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of PHDEV
SB 35.28.2	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of PHDEV
SB 35.29	To consider and approve the Confidential List of Examiners/Evaluators for Ph.D scholar Ms. Anjali (Enrolment No. 188501610) thesis titled "Better Fertilizer Management for Reducing Global Warming Potential (GWP) in Transplanted and Direct Seeded Rice Using Simulation Models" registered in PHDEV
SB 35.29.1	Supervisor, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan as per the procedure followed in the School, presented to the School Board a confidential list of Examiners/Evaluators for Ph.D. Scholar, Ms. Anjali (Enrolment No. 188501610) registered in PHDEV
SB 35.29.2	The School Board considered and approved the confidential list of Examiners/Evaluators for Ph.D. Scholar, Ms. Anjali (Enrolment No. 188501610) registered in PHDEV

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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