

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

 Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

The 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 through online mode. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Paulraj Rajamani, Dean, School of Environment Sciences, Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067.	Member
3.	Prof. Bhawana Pathak, Department of Environment and Sustainable Development, Central University of Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382030.	Member
4.	Prof. Anisur Rahman Director, UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi- 110025.	Member
5.	Prof. Lalita S. Kumar, Professor, School of Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
6.	Dr. Devesh Kumar Mishra, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
7.	Dr. Chitresh Soni, Assistant Professor, School of Translation Studies and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
8.	Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
9.	Prof. Boyina Rupini, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
10.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
11.	Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
12.	Dr. Y.S.C Khuman, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	Member
13.	Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
14.	Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Member
15.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Special Invitee
17.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi.	Special Invitee

Prof. Sunil Nautiyal, Director, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, (NIHE), Kosi, Katarmal, Almora-263643. Prof. Enakshi Mitra Roy, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, North Campus, New Delhi-110007. Prof. Naval Kishore, Professor, School of Management Studies (SOMS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi 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.

Chairperson placed on record her gratitude for the outgoing members. Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Professor, School of Social Sciences (SOS), IGNOU, New Delhi. Prof. Arbind Kumar Jha, Professor, School of Education (SOE), IGNOU, New Delhi. Dr. Pushpa, Associate Professor, School of Humanities (SOH), IGNOU, New Delhi. Dr. Pulla Lakshmi, Associate Professor, Staff Training Research Institute Distance Education (STRIDE), IGNOU, New Delhi. She also welcomed the newly nominated Internal School Board Members of SOITS. Prof. Nawal Kishore, Professor, School of Management Studies (SOMS), IGNOU, New Delhi. Prof. Lalita S. Kumar, Professor, School of Management Studies (SOMS), IGNOU, New Delhi. Dr. Devesh Kumar Mishra, Associate Professor, School of Humanities (SOH), IGNOU, New Delhi. Dr. Chitresh Soni, Assistant Professor, School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST), IGNOU, New Delhi.

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

SB 37.1	To confirm the minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 and to present the Action Taken Report (ATR)
SB 37.1.1	The Chairperson, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, informed that the minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS were circulated to all School Board members earlier. She informed that no comments had been received and hence the minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 36 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
SB 37.1.2	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report (ATR)
SB 37.2	To consider and approve Elective course on Introduction to Migration and Diaspora in the BAG Basket
SB 37.2.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Sadananda Sahoo has mentioned that, the School has Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI)/Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora (PGDMIDI) in ODL mode. This programme will gain more popularity if a course is introduced in the BAG. "Introduction to Migration and Diaspora" is an introductory course and hence will provide an overview about the programme at the graduate level. In view of the fact, School is proposing and elective course on "Introduction to Migration and Diaspora" in BAG Basket. The agenda is placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.2.2	The School Board considered and approved the Elective course on Introduction to Migration and Diaspora
SB 37.3	To consider and approve the adoption of Block 1 (Entrepreneurship: An Overview) of the Course MMPC 018 of MBA (Financial Management) Programme in the course "Entrepreneurship in Waste Management" (MEV 053) of Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management Programme
SB 37.3.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Deeksha Dave, informed the School Board about the above agenda item The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the programme "Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management" (PGDWAM) has been approved in the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Standing Committee Meeting (ACSC) held on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Programme has a course on "Entrepreneurship in Waste Management" (MEV 053). Kind request is made to allow the adoption of Block 1: Entrepreneurship: An Overview (3 units) of the Course "Entrepreneurship" (MMPC 018) of MBA (Financial Management) Programme offered by SOMS. The adopted Block will be duly acknowledged in the credit page of the Course. The agenda is placed before the School Board for consideration and approval

SB 37.3.2	The School Board considered and approved the the adoption of Block 1 (Entrepreneurship: An Overview) of the Course MMPC 018 of MBA (Financial Management) Programme in the course "Entrepreneurship in Waste Management" (MEV 053) of Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management Programme
SB 37.4	To consider and approve developing the Course BMDG 171 'Disability, Society and Culture' as a MOOC on SWAYAM platform
SB 37.4.1	The Course Coordinator, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, informed the School Board that the Course 'Disability Society and Culture' (6 credits) has been approved as an Interdisciplinary Elective Course for the Four Year Undergraduate Programme and is in an advanced stage of preparation. It is also proposed to develop and offer the same as a MOOC for wider coverage and in line with IGNOU's emphasis on online courses and programmes. The agenda is placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.4.2	The School Board considered and approved the developing the Course BMDG 171 'Disability, Society and Culture' as a MOOC on SWAYAM platform
SB 37.5	To consider and approve the list of additional Hindi Translators and Vettors for the Course BMDG 171 'Disability, Society and Culture' (FYUP)
SB 37.5.1	The Course Coordinator, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, presented to the School Board, the list of Additional Hindi Translators and Vettors for the Course BMDG 171 'Disability, Society and Culture' placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.5.2	The School Board considered and approve the list of additional Hindi Translators and Vettors for the Course BMDG 171 'Disability, Society and Culture' (FYUP)
SB 37.6	To consider and approve the development of 4 credit MOOC SWAYAM course on "Introduction to Indian Knowledge System"/ "Bhartiya Gyan Parampara" as advised by Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor
SB 37.6.1	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, informed the School Board, that, as advised by the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor we propose to develop a 4 credit MOOC SWAYAM course on "Introduction to Indian Knowledge System"/ "Bhartiya Gyan Parampara". We have been advised by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor that an SWAYAM MOOC course on Indian Knowledge System may be developed with an Interdisciplinary and Multi-disciplinary perspective in which Indian Philosophy, Psychology (such as Integral Psychology of Shri Aurobindo/ Indian Psychology) Indian Historical Heritage and Tradition, Indian Medicinal Systems, Ancient Indian Science and Technology among others. The agenda is placed before the School Board for consideration and approval.
SB 37.6.2	The School Board considered and approved the development of 4 credit MOOC SWAYAM course on "Introduction to Indian Knowledge System"/ "Bhartiya Gyan Parampara" as advised by Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor
SB 37.7	To consider and approve the list of additional Unit Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management Programme (PGDWAM)
SB 37.7.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Deeksha Dave; presented to the School Board, the list of additional Unit Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management Programme (PGDWAM) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.7.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Unit Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (PGDWAM)
SB 37.8	To consider and approve the list of Unit Writers for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE)

SB 37.8.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, presented to the School Board the list of Unit Writers for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.8.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Unit Writers for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE)
SB 37.9	To consider and approve the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE)
SB 37.9.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, presented to the School Board the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.9.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of Editors for Master of Arts in Human Values and Ethics and Post Graduate Diploma in Human Values and Ethics (MAHVE)/(PGDHVE)
SB 37.10	To consider and approve the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Science (Environmental Science) MSCENV Programme
SB 37.10.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, presented the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Science (Environmental Science) MSCENV Programme placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.10.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Science (Environmental Science) MSCENV Programme
SB 37.11	To consider and approve the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Arts (Environmental Studies) MAEVS Programme
SB 37.11.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, presented the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Arts (Environmental Studies) MAEVS Programme placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.11.2	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Evaluators for Master of Arts (Environmental Studies) MAEVS Programme
SB 37.12	To consider and approve the additional list of Course Writers for Master of Science (Climate Change) (MSCCC) Programme
SB 37.12.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, presented the additional list of Course Writers for Master of Science (Climate Change) (MSCCC) Programme placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.12.2	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Course Writers for Master of Science (Climate Change) (MSCCC) Programme
SB 37.13	To consider and approve the additional list of Course Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC) Programme
SB 37.13.1	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, presented the additional list of Course Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC) Programme placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
SB 37.13.2	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Course Writers for Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change (PGDCC) Programme
SB 37.14	To consider and approve the Co- Coordinators for Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) for courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 and MFC-009
SB 37.14.1	Director, SOITS, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, on behalf of Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sahu, presented the Co- Coordinators for Master of Arts in Folklore

	and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) for courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 and MFC-009 placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.14.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Co- Coordinators for Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) and Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies (PGDFCS) for courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 and MFC-009
<b>SB 37.15</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional Editors for Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) programme
<b>SB 37.15.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, presented the list of additional Editors for Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) programme placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.15.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Editors for Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora (MAMIDI) programme
<b>SB 37.16</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme
<b>SB 37.16.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, presented the list of additional Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme placed before the School Board for kind consideration and approval.
<b>SB 37.16.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Paper Setters for Master of Arts in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme
<b>SB 37.17</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional Unit Writers for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.17.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented the list of additional Unit Writers for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.17.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Unit Writers for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.18</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional Evaluators for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.18.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented the list of additional Evaluators for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.18.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Evaluators for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.19</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of additional Paper Setters for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.19.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented the list of additional Paper Setters for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.19.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Paper Setters for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year

	Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.20</b>	To consider and approve the list of additional Editors for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.20.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented the list of additional Editors for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy) placed before the School Board for consideration and approval
<b>SB 37.20.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of additional Editors for Bachelor of Arts General Philosophy (BAG), Bachelor of Arts Four Year Programme (BAFYP) and Master of Arts in Philosophy (MAPY) (Philosophy)
<b>SB 37.21</b>	To consider and approve the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) (PHDEV) Doctoral Research Committee
<b>SB 37.21.1</b>	Director, SOITS, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, presented the agenda to consider and approve the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) (PHDEV) Doctoral Research Committee
<b>SB 37.21.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Minutes of Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. (Environmental Science) (PHDEV) Doctoral Research Committee
<b>SB 37.22</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme
<b>SB 37.22.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, presented the agenda to consider and approve the Minutes of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme
<b>SB 37.22.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme
<b>SB 37.23</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of 44 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme
<b>SB 37.23.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, presented the agenda to consider and approve the Minutes of 44 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme
<b>SB 37.23.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 44 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Doctoral Research Committee of PhD ITS programme

At the end, the Chairperson, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, reported to the School Board about the series of events organised by SOITS on "Swacchata, Swabhav, Swacchata Sanskar".

The Chairperson thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

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



**Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur**

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