

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
School of Journalism and New Media Studies**

**Minutes of the 28th School Board Meeting of SOJNMS held on 27th October 2023
(Friday) at 11.00 A.M. through virtual mode**

The following members attended the meeting:

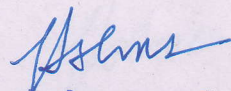
1. Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS, IGNOU - Chairperson
2. Prof. Subhash Dhuliya, Former VC, Uttarakhand Open University
3. Prof. Usha Raman, Sarojini School of Communication, University of Hyderabad
4. Prof. Rabindra Manukonda, Professor, Center for Media Studies, JNU
5. Prof. Vigneshwara Illavarasan, IIT Delhi, New Delhi
6. Shri. Alok Verma, Editor-in-chief, NYOOZ, NOIDA
7. Prof. B. Rupini, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU
8. Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla, Professor, SOMS, IGNOU
9. Mr. Buta Singh, Assistant Professor, SOCE, IGNOU
10. Dr. Shikha Rai, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU
11. Dr. Ramesh Yadav, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU
12. Dr. Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU
13. Dr. Padmini Jain, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU

Dr. Devesh Kumar Mishra, Associate Professor, SOH, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Director, SOJNMS and Chairperson of the School Board, Prof. Arul Selvan, welcomed all the members to the 28th School Board meeting of SOJNMS.

The Agenda Items were taken up for discussion and the following were decided:

28.01	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 27th School Board meeting held on 31st May 2023
	The Chairperson informed the members that the 27th School Board meeting was held on 31st May 2023 through online mode. Following that, the minutes were circulated to all the members.
	The Board confirmed the minutes of the 27th School Board minutes.
28.02	To consider and approve the Action Taken Report of the 27th School Board meeting held on 31st May 2023
	The Chairperson presented the actions taken on the individual agenda items of the 27th School Board meeting. It was noted that the majority of the agenda items were implemented, and some of them were submitted for further necessary actions.
	The Board noted the action taken on the 27th School Board minutes.


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28.03

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Doctoral Research Committee Meetings held on 10th Aug., 29th Aug., 6th Sept. and 20th Oct. 2023, including Examiners/Evaluators list for Ph.D Scholars of Ms. Swati Arjun (Enrol. No. 173101618), Mr. Shivram Meena (Enrol No.179342216), Ms.Talat Siddiqui (Enrol. No. 179342176), Mr. Niranjana Kumar (Enrol. No. 179342183), Ms. Sriveda Baswapoor (Enrol. No. 198570667) and Mr. Ranjith EV (Enrol. No. 198570628).

The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Shikha Rai, presented minutes of all the Doctoral Committee Meetings held in August, September and October 2023.

The examiners' lists for the following PhDJMC scholars were presented and finalised after a brief discussion:

1. Ms. Swati Arjun (Enrol. No. 173101618)
2. Mr. Shivram Meena (Enrol No.179342216)
3. Ms.Talat Siddiqui (Enrol. No. 179342176)
4. Mr. Niranjana Kumar (Enrol. No. 179342183)
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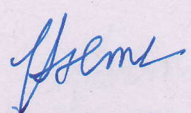
Another issue related to two research scholars of SOJNMS was presented before the School Board.

The status of Research Scholars Sushil Yati (Enrol. No. 173101600) and Amit Chauhan (Enrol. No. 173101689) was presented in the 27th School Board, and the Board observed that there is no provision for extension for these two scholars. Accordingly, the School submitted an agenda item to the 32nd Research Council held on 18th Sept. 2023 for the cancellation of the registration of these two scholars.

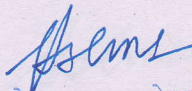
After deliberations, the Research Council decided to refer the cases mentioned above for cancellation back to the respective School for compliance with the due procedure.

As per the advice of the Research Council, SOJNMS formally sent a showcase notice to Sushil Yati and Amit Chauhan through Speed Post and a copy of it was sent by email. The matter was reported to the Doctoral Research Committee held on 20th October 2023. The School received a response to the showcase notice from Sushil Yati and Amit Chauhan on 25th October 2023, in which both requested an extension of their registration.

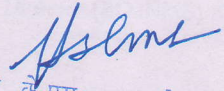
After a detailed deliberation, the School Board observed that as per the records, these two scholars had received "Not Satisfactory" remarks for their progress during their registration period and their tenure ended on 2nd May 2023. According to the University guidelines for PhD programmes, on these two grounds there is no scope for extension. Since the


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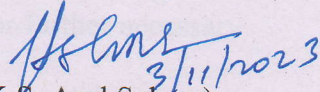
	School complies due procedure, their cancellation may be reported to the Research Council.
28.04	To consider and approve the FYUP model of BA (Hons.) Journalism and Digital Media Programme structure With the approval of the 59th Academic Council Standing Committee and the 80th Academic Council meetings, the BA Journalism and Digital Media was launched in July 2023 admission cycle with 120 credits. In the Programme Revision Form of BAJDM (submitted to 27th School Board - Agenda item 27.09), along with the three-year programme structure, the School included a fourth-year curriculum. In the 27th School Board, BAJDM approved a three-year regular curriculum and a fourth-year additional curriculum. It was observed that as and when the University announces the FYUP programme under NEP 2020, BAJDM may be revised accordingly. In October 2023, the University invited SOJNMS to submit the BAJDM curriculum per the FYUP model. As per the approved template of FYUP, minor changes were made to BAJDM. After discussion, the School Board approved a BA [Hons] in Journalism and Digital Media with 160 credits under the FYUP model. This programme will follow the norms of the University in terms of administering and maintaining it.
28.05	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form of the Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Media (PGDIDM) The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Arul Selvan, presented the agenda item. PGDIDM programme was launched in the 2021 July admission cycle. Subsequently, this programme was upgraded to MA Journalism and Digital Media (MAJDM) from the July 2022 admission cycle. IGNOU's flexibility and convenience of the Open Learning model, the lateral exit and lateral entry for MAJDM was approved by the 27th School Board (Agenda item 27.06). To make lateral exit equivalent, the PGDIDM curriculum structure is aligned with the first of MAJDM. Accordingly, the Programme Revision Form of PGDIDM was presented before the School Board. PGDIDM is proposed as the first year of MAJDM. Upon exiting the MAJDM programme's first year, a student will be awarded PGDIDM. Similarly, with the PGDIDM degree, a student can be admitted to MAJDM in the second year through the lateral entry option. The Programme Coordinator informed the Board that the lateral entry and lateral exit of MAJDM will be implemented from the January 2024 admission cycle after obtaining due approval from the relevant bodies. Similarly, the revised PGDIDM will be offered from January 2024. The fee structure of PGDIDM will be the first-year fee of MAJDM.


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	After deliberations, the School Board approved the Programme Revision Form of PGDIDM.
28.06	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form of the Post Graduate Diploma in Development Communication (PGDDC)
	Similar to Agenda item 28.05, the Programme Revision Form of PGDDC was presented by the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Ramesh Yadav. The lateral entry for MADJ will be launched and applicable from the January 2024 admission cycle onwards. The fee structure of PGDDC will be the first-year fee of MADJ. After deliberations, the School Board approved the Programme Revision Form of PGDDC.
28.07	To consider and approve the New Courses on Tamil Journalism for the MAJMCT Programme
	SOJNMS launched the MA Journalism and Mass Communication programme through the Tamil language in July 2022. The English materials were translated into the Tamil language for the MAJMC programme. During the launch function of this programme, experts suggested exploring the unique media and communication courses in the Tamil language and Tamil Nadu contexts. Accordingly, an expert committee was constituted with the approval of the Competent Authority. The expert committee meeting was held on 16th Oct. 2023 through online mode. In this meeting, the curriculum structure for two courses (4 credits each), namely Media and Communication in Tamil and Media and Tamil Society, was discussed and finalised. In the expert committee meeting, the following suggestions were made: [1] the Tamil media curriculum may be considered a prototype curriculum for other Indian languages. [2] SOJNMS may explore the course contents based on this curriculum in different Indian languages. [3] Course contents need to be developed in the specific languages incorporating their social and cultural settings, and it may be translated into English for a wider reach. The minutes of the expert committee and curriculum structure of two Tamil courses were presented before the School Board. The Board appreciated the School's efforts to create academic scholarship in the areas of Indian language-based media and communication systems. It was suggested that the School develop a standalone courseware on the Research Methods manual to study history and ecology in Indian language media. After detailed deliberations, the School Board approved the academic curriculum of Tamil courses.
28.08	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form of the Master of Journalism in Mass Communication (Tamil) (MAJMCT)


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	This agenda is in continuation to 28.07. Two new courses in Tamil media have been incorporated into the MAJMC Tamil programme (MAJMCT). Accordingly, the Programme Revision Form of MAJMCT was presented before the School Board. The course Media and Communication in Tamil will be part of the first year of MAJMCT, and the course Media and Tamil Society will be part of the second year of MAJMCT. The Board approved the Programme Revision Form of MAJMCT.
28.09	To consider and approve the title change in the independent MOOC Course Digital Media Literacy The standalone MOOC course "Digital Media Literacy for Teachers" was presented before the 10th Coordination Committee for Online Courses held on 15th Sept. 2023. It was observed in the CCOC meeting that the title may be generalised into "Digital Media Literacy", which will have a wider reach. The minutes of the 10th CCOC were presented before the School Board. The Board noted and approved the minor changes in the title.
28.10	Any other item with the permission of the Chair To consider and approve the list of Unit Writers for Tamil Media Courses of MAJMCT The list of Unit Writers for two Tamil media courses – Media and Communication in Tamil and Media and Tamil Society was submitted before the School Board. The Chairperson requested the members to recommend suitable experts as Unit writers for these two courses. The list will be finalised after taking inputs. The School Board authorised the Chairperson to finalise the list of Unit writers for the new two Tamil courses.
	The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to all the members.


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