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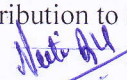
**MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF
MANAGEMENT STUDIES, IGNOU, HELD ON 13th MAY, 2026 AT 11.00 AM (IN HYBRID
MODE).**

The 59th Meeting of the School Board of School of Management Studies, IGNOU, was held on 13th May, 2026 at 11.00 AM in Hybrid Mode. The following were present:

1.	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, SOMS, IGNOU	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
3.	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
4.	Prof. Anurag Saxena, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
5.	Prof. Anjali C. Ramteke, SOMS, IGNOU (<i>online</i>)	Member
6.	Prof. Kamal Vagrecha, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
7.	Prof. Nayantara Padhi, SOMS, IGNOU (<i>online</i>)	Member
8.	Prof. Subodh Kesharwani, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
9.	Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar, SOMS, IGNOU (<i>online</i>)	Member
10.	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
11.	Prof. Leena Singh, SOMS, IGNOU (<i>online</i>)	Member
12.	Prof. Anupriya Pandey, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
13.	Prof. Dhanesh Kumar Khatri, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
14.	Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
15.	Prof. Pavnesh Kumar, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
16.	Dr. Neha Seth, Associate Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
17.	Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad, Assistant Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
18.	Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor, SOMS, IGNOU	Member
19.	Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU (<i>online</i>)	Member
20.	Dr. Mittoo Das, Associate Professor, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
21.	Dr. Ashok Kumar, Associate Professor, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
22.	Prof. Ashish Bajpai, Director, Institute of Management, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (<i>online</i>)	Member
23.	Prof. W. K. Sarwade, Pro Vice Chancellor, B.R. Ambedkar University Aurangabad, Maharashtra (<i>online</i>)	Member
24.	D. Suryachandra Rao, Deptt. of Commerce and Business Management Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Krishna District (<i>online</i>)	Member
25.	Prof. H. K. Dangi, Deptt of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi, Delhi (<i>online</i>)	Member
26.	Dr. Banothu Dharma, Joint Director, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad. (<i>online</i>)	Member

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Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the members. Before starting the proceedings, the Chairperson informed the School Board about untimely demise of Prof. Rashmi Bansal, Professor, Commerce Discipline and member of the School Board. The Chairperson expressed her gratitude to Prof. Rashmi Bansal for her contribution in the growth of the School, especially in the development of BCOMF and BCOMFOL Programmes. The School Board offered condolences to Prof. Rashmi Bansal and placed on record her contribution to SOMS.


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The School Board was informed that the term of the following members nominated under Clause 2(c) was completed on 5th April 2026:

- 1) Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka, Associate Professor (On EOL),
- 2) Dr. Neha Seth, Associate Professor,
- 3) Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad, Assistant Professor, and
- 4) Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor,

Following four members have been nominated by the Vice Chancellor under Clause 2 (c) for a term of two years (up to 15th April 2028):

- 1) Dr. Neha Seth, Associate Professor,
- 2) Dr. Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor
- 3) Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad, Assistant Professor, and
- 4) Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor,

It was further informed that the term of the following members nominated under Clause 2(d) was also completed on 5th April 2026:

- 1) Prof. Amitav Mishra, SOE, IGNOU
- 2) Dr. Anamika Shukla, Associate Professor, SOH, IGNOU
- 3) Dr. Richa Prakash, Assistant Professor, SOCE, IGNOU
- 4) Dr. Veeramalla Sreesailam, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU

The following new members have been nominated by the Vice Chancellor as the members of the School Board of SOMS for a term of two years (up to 15th April 2028):

- 1) Prof. Meenal Mishra, Professor, SOS, IGNOU
- 2) Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU
- 3) Dr. Mittoo Das, Associate Professor, SOSS, IGNOU
- 4) Dr. Ashok Kumar, Associate Professor, SOSS, IGNOU

The Chairperson placed on record the valuable contributions of all the outgoing members and welcomed the incoming members.

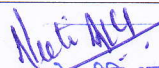
Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director (SOMS) and Chairperson informed that for January 2026 admission session, more than 25,000 students enrolled in the various programmes offered by the School. She informed that all necessary actions have been taken on the decisions of the last School Board held on 21st November, 2026.

The Chairperson further informed that 26th February, 2026 the School has renewed the MoU with the Retailers Association of India (RAI) to offer BBA in Retailing and Diploma in Retailing Programmes. She informed that the school is already offering BBA (Retailing) in collaboration with RAI.

She briefed the Board that videos of the courses of first semester of MBA Programme (MMPC-001 to MMPC-007) have been prepared for SWAYAMPRAKHA platform.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up:

Item No.	Subject						
59.1	To confirm the Minutes of 58th meeting of the School Board held on 21st November, 2025.						
59.1.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson informed the members that the minutes of 58 th Meeting of the School Board of SOMS held on 21 st November, 2025 were circulated to the Members. She further informed that no comments were received from the Members of the School Board within the stipulated time. The minutes of 58 th Meeting held on 21 st November, 2025 were presented for confirmation.						
59.1.2	<i>The School Board confirmed the Minutes of 58th meeting of the School Board held on 21st November, 2025.</i>						
59.2	To confirm the minutes of School Board by circulation on 2nd January, 2026.						
59.2.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson informed the members that in view of the urgency and time bound actions required, one agenda item regarding the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) for the four Certificate Programmes with resolutions were circulated on 2 nd January, 2026 and approval of 27 members, including the Chairperson out of total 28 members was received. The details of the agenda are as under: <table border="1" data-bbox="359 965 1436 1341"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item No.</th><th>Title</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SBC-01.26.1</td><td>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) of: (i) Certificate in Financial Management (ii) Certificate in Human Resource Management (iii) Certificate in Marketing Management, and (iv) Certificate in Project Management </td></tr> <tr> <td>SBC-01.26.1 Resolution:</td><td><i>The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Forms for the proposed above four certificate programmes to be offered from January 2026 session.</i></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Item No.	Title	SBC-01.26.1	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) of: (i) Certificate in Financial Management (ii) Certificate in Human Resource Management (iii) Certificate in Marketing Management, and (iv) Certificate in Project Management	SBC-01.26.1 Resolution:	<i>The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Forms for the proposed above four certificate programmes to be offered from January 2026 session.</i>
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59.3	To report the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of 58th Meeting of the School Board held on 21st November, 2025 and on the Minutes of School Board by circulation on 5th January, 2026.						
59.3.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that the concerned discipline/programme/course coordinators have taken the necessary actions on the items approved in the 58 th Meeting of the School Board held on 21 st November, 2025 as well as the approval of School Board for the item through circulation on 2 nd January, 2026 respectively. The Action Taken Report was placed for consideration of the members of the School Board. She further informed that subsequently, after obtaining the approval of Competent Authority, on the items through circulation, the item was placed before the APC in its 73 rd Meeting held						


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	on 16th January, 2026 as Item No. 73.15. The APC approved PPF Forms with the suggestion to review the nomenclature of the proposed academic programmes. The PDF(s) with revised nomenclatures is being placed in the present meeting as Item No. 59.4. While reviewing the ATR of item No. 58.6 regarding the course MMPF-008: Equity Derivatives, the Board was informed that two of the writers expressed their inability to write 3 units, which was then written by the coordinator Prof Dhanesh Khatri himself. On ATR of item No.58.8 related to development of new specialization course “Costing of Managerial Decisions” in the Financial Management Area. The Board suggested the Chairperson to add one more name of Prof. A. R. Tripathi, Retd. Professor, BHU, Varanasi in the list of experts for Programme Design and Development Committee. While reviewing the ATR on item No. 58.9 regarding the course MMPH-010: Strategic Human Resource Management, the Board was informed that one of the experts expressed his inability to write 4 units allotted to him. Subsequently, with the approval of Competent Authority, they have been reallocated to Prof. Suja S Nair, Prof Lalitha Ramakrishnan, and Prof. Sasmita Palo, who have already contributed to this course. The School Board appreciated the efforts of the school.
59.3.2	<i>The School Board noted the actions taken on the Minutes of 58th Meeting of the School Board held on 21st November, 2025 and on the Minutes of School Board by circulation on 5th January, 2026 alongwith the final List of Experts (<u>Annexure-59.1</u>) for the specialization course “Costing of Managerial Decisions.</i>
59.4	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form(s) (PDFs) for: (i) Professional Certificate in Financial Management (PCMPF) (ii) Professional Certificate in Human Resource Management (PCMPHR) (iii) Professional Certificate in Marketing Management (PCMPM), and (iv) Professional Certificate in Project Management (PCMPPP).
59.4.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that the School of Management Studies received a proposal through International Division from Organization for Humanitarian Association (OHA), an NGO operating in Afghanistan. They have secured a project funded by UN Women aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of their staff members. This initiative directly addresses OHA’s need, as funded by UN Women, to enhance the professional competencies of 12 team members across critical functional areas. A meeting with the officials of OHA was held virtually to assess their requirements. OHA has specific needs and for this some programmes have to be customized as per their requirements. In view of this, the School proposed to design and develop the following four new certificate programmes: (i) Certificate in Financial Management (ii) Certificate in Human Resource Management (iii) Certificate in Marketing Management, and

(iv) Certificate in Project Management

Initially it was proposed to offer this programme from admission cycle January, 2026, therefore, subsequent to the approval of the School Board through circulation the Programme Proposal Form(s) (PPF) for all the above four programmes were placed before the Academic Programme Committee in its 73rd Meeting held on 16th January, 2026 as Item No. 73.15. The APC approved PP Forms with the suggestion to review the nomenclature of the proposed academic programmes. Programme Codes and Course Codes for all the proposed 4 professional certificate programmes have been obtained from the Planning and Development Division and the same is attached for reference.

Accordingly, the Programme Development Form(s) (PDF) with revised nomenclature along with the PPRs for the following four Professional Certificate Programmes are placed for consideration of the School Board

- (i) Professional Certificate in Financial Management (PCMPF)
- (ii) Professional Certificate in Human Resource Management (PCMPHR)
- (iii) Professional Certificate in Marketing Management (PCMPM), and
- (iv) Professional Certificate in Project Management (PCMPPP)

She further informed that though these programmes are being developed as per the specific requirements of OHA, Afghanistan, it is proposed to offer the same to all (in India and abroad) who wish to join these programmes. The programmes will be offered from July 2026/ January 2027, after seeking necessary statutory approvals.

The School Board deliberated upon the item in depth and appreciated the initiative.

59.4.2 The School Board approved the Programme Development Form(s) (PDFs) alongwith the PPRs for:

- (i) **Professional Certificate in Financial Management (PCMPF)**
- (ii) **Professional Certificate in Human Resource Management (PCMPHR)**
- (iii) **Professional Certificate in Marketing Management (PCMPM), and**
- (iv) **Professional Certificate in Project Management (PCMPPP).**

59.5 To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) for Master of Business Administration (Retail Management) Programme.

59.5.1 Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar, Programme Coordinator presented the item and informed the members of School Board that the Management Discipline, SOMS, has been offering MBA programmes in different specialisations. In the 58th meeting of School Board one more MBA programme with specialization in Retail Management was proposed in collaboration with the Retailers Association of India (RAI). The revised Concept Note along with the List of Experts for Programme Design and Development Committee and the Programme Proposal Form of MBA (Retail Management) and PG Diploma (Retail Management) were also approved by the School Board in its 58th meeting held on 21st November 2025. The PPF was subsequently approved by the Academic Programme Committee (APC) in its 73rd Meeting held on 16th January 2026.

With the approval of Competent Authority, a meeting of the Programme Design and

	Development Committee for designing the programme Structure for MBA (Retail Management) and PG Diploma (Retail Management) was held on 28th January 2026. The Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Programme Project Report (PPR) is placed for consideration of the School Board. School Board deliberated upon the item in depth and appreciated the programme. Members suggested some corrections in point 12 of PDF regarding the Assessment and Evaluation of internship; and point No.14 regarding the fee structure of the programme. Members also pointed out that the PDF is only for MBA (Retail Management) Programme however, the PPR is for MBA as well as for PG Diploma (Retail Management) Programme. School Board authorised the Chairperson to incorporate the suggested corrections in the PDF form alongwith PPR before sending the same for further statutory approvals.
59.5.2	<i>The School Board approved the final Programme Development Form (PDF) for Master of Business Administration (Retail Management) Programme and PG Diploma (Retail Management) alongwith the Programme Project Report (PPR) (Annexure-59.2).</i>
59.6	To consider and approve the List of Experts for Course Design and Development Committee for the specialization courses of 3rd and 4th Semester of Master of Business Administration (Retail Management) Programme.
59.6.1	Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath Kumar, Programme Coordinator presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that Management Discipline is also proposing the lists of Experts for the Course Design and Development Committee(s) to develop specialization courses for MBA (Retail Management) programme which are placed for consideration of the School Board. The School Board deliberated upon the item in depth and appreciated the diversified expertise of members in the List of Experts. It was also suggested by the members to include members having relevant expertise in the list of courses. Chairperson requested the members to suggest more names to enrich the list(s) of experts. Members suggested a few names and authorised the Chairperson for inclusion of the names in the final list(s).
59.6.2	<i>The School Board approved the final Lists of Experts for Course Design and Development Committees for the specialization courses of 3rd and 4th Semester of Master of Business Administration (Retail Management) Programme (Annexure-59.3 to Annexure 59.10).</i>
59.7	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for revising BCOC-136: Income Tax Law and Practices along with the list of Experts for the Course Design and Development Committee.
59.7.1	Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar, Programme Coordinator presented the item and informed the members of School Board that the University is offering Bachelor of Commerce Programme (under UGC FYUP Scheme) (BCOMF) in ODL mode and BCOMFOL in online mode. In the IV semester there is one core course of 6 credit i.e. 'BCOC-136: Income Tax Law and Practices'. This course requires updation every year whenever the new Finance Bill is presented.

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	Earlier, school used to revise the course and upload the updated version on IGNOU E-Gyankosh Portal and the student got updated hard copy SLM as per their academic calendar. Now, the Income Tax Act, 2025 has come into existence and has been implemented, therefore this course is to be revised as per new Income Tax Act. Since the entire act has been changed, this course needs major revision in light of Income Tax Act, 2025. In view of the above, Commerce Discipline, SOMS is submitting Programme Revision Form (PRF) along with the list of experts for the Course Design and Development Committee for consideration of the School Board. School Board deliberated upon the item in depth and appreciated the timely action. Members suggested that since taxation is an application orientated course, adequate emphasis may be given to incorporate practical aspects while revising course. Members also suggested to include the professionals/ practitioners from industry. There were some typographical errors in the PRF. The School Board suggested to correct the same and authorised the Chairperson to get it modified and also include some more names as suggested, in the final list of experts.
59.7.2	<i>The School Board approved the final Programme Revision Form (PRF) (Annexure-59.11) for revising BCOC-136: Income Tax Law and Practices along with the final list of Experts (Annexure-59.12) for the Course Design and Development Committee.</i>
59.8	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) along with the list of Experts for Programme Design and Development Committee for the Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Markets Programme.
59.8.1	Dr. Neha Seth, Programme Coordinator presented the item and informed the members of School Board that the Management Discipline, SOMS, has developed and has been offering MBA and Post Graduate Diploma programmes in different specialisations. The discipline now proposes to offer one more PG Diploma programme with Financial Markets in focus. Once it is developed, this PG Diploma is proposed to be offered as one more specialization in the MBA programme. The Concept Note, Programme Proposal Form alongwith the List of Experts for Programme Design and Development Committee are placed for consideration of the School Board: The School Board deliberated upon the item and appreciated the initiative.
59.8.2	<i>The School Board approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) along with the final list of Experts for Programme Design and Development Committee for the Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Markets Programme.</i>
59.9	To consider and approve the proposal to launch the two micro credential courses of one credit each on Swayam Portal in collaboration with GIZ.
59.9.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that the SOMS is proposing following two micro credential courses of one credit each (i) Data Driven Decision Making (DDDM)

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	(ii) Introduction to Data Analytics with Power BI. The above two micro credential courses will help the students to understand the concept of use of Data Driven Decision Making and will introduce the students to Data Analytics with Power BI. The proposal has been placed in Coordination Committee for Online Courses (CCOC) chaired by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Prof. Nayantara Padhi informed that IGNOU is the nodal university for offering micro credentials with GIZ. In the first phase two courses were launched from SOMS and two other courses from SOH. Taking all these four micro credentials a Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) under the basket of FYUP Programmes has been prepared by the school. These courses will also be beneficial for the students who do not have technical background. These two courses are placed before the School Board for consideration. The Chairperson further informed that these courses will be offered on SWAYAM Portal. This is an industry-academia collaboration and will benefit the students. The School Board appreciated the initiative.
59.9.2	<i>The School Board approved the Proposal to launch the two micro credential courses of one credit each on Swayam Portal in collaboration with GIZ.</i>
59.10	To consider and approve the mapping of different Courses of Management Discipline and Commerce Discipline with SWAYAM Courses for credit transfer purpose.
59.10.1	School of Management Studies, IGNOU, is offering some courses of Management Programme, MCom BCOM (Old), BCOMF, and CNM programmes on SWAYAM Portal. These programmes/Courses were revised and new Names and Course Codes were allocated to the Courses for the ODL programme. School felt that there is a need for course mapping of its courses with the courses offered on SWAYAM Portal to facilitate the students of existing MBAs, MCOM, BCOM and CNM programmes to avail the credit transfer as per university policy. Accordingly, the School is proposing the discipline wise course mapping, where the courses of MBA, MCOM, BCOM and CNM Programmes are listed. The course mapping of MBA Programmes (ODL and Online) MCOM and BCOM and CNM (against the courses offered on SWAYAM portal), for the purpose of credit transfer, is placed for consideration of the School Board. The School Board appreciated the initiative. Members pointed out some errors in the course titles and authorised the Chairperson to revisit the mapping for necessary correction before placing the same for approval of other statutory bodies.
59.10.2	<i>The School Board approved the final mapping of different Courses of Management Discipline and Commerce Discipline with SWAYAM Courses for credit transfer purpose (Annexure-59.13 and Annexure-59.16).</i>

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59.11 To consider and approve the restructuring of 7th and 8th Semester(s) of Bachelor of Commerce (Honours/ Honours with Research) BCOMF Programme (under FYUP Scheme).

59.11.1 Prof. Subodh Kesharwani, Programme Coordinator presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that the University launched 4 years BCOMF Programme from January 2024 session onwards. The Programme Development Form (PDF) along with the Programme Project Report (PPR) was approved by the Competent Authority and later the same was duly ratified by the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) in its 62nd Meeting held on 4th July, 2023 as Item No. 62.40. Accordingly, the P&DD notified the programme launch vide notification no. 135A F.No. IG/P&DD/ODL/Launch/2024/1039 dated 16.01.2024

A broad programme structure as recommended by the Programme Design and Development Committee for Bachelor of Commerce as per FYUP-2022, held on 23.11.2023, consists of 160 credits i.e. 40 credits per year (20 credits each semester) as per UGC norms.

The University approved undergraduate (3 years) programme under FYUP scheme initially. The 4th year (7th and 8th Semester) will commence from January, 2027 session. The SOMS, now proposes to restructure the 7th and 8th Semester of Bachelor of Commerce (Honours/ Honours with Research) Programme Programme, as the need to review the structure in line with the NEP 2020 was felt. The courses included in the earlier structure were a part of specialization programme of MBA which is a professional programme. The old structure also had one new course on Business Research. Now there is another course on Business Research (BMP-001) which has recently been developed. To avoid the duplication of efforts, the new course has been dropped. The restructuring has been done in line with NEP 2020 and the following structure is proposed for 7th and 8th Semester:

Sem.	Existing Structure			Proposed Structure		
	Code	Title	Cr.	Code	Title	Cr.
7 th	MCO-04	Business Environment	6	MCO-04	Business Environment	6
	MCO-01	Organization Theory and Behaviour	6	MCO-01	Organization Theory and Behaviour	6
	MCO-021	Managerial Economics	4	MCO-024	Business Ethics and CSR	4
	MCO-023	Strategic Management	4	MCO-023	Strategic Management	4
8 th	New Course	Business Research	8	BMP-001	Business Research	4
	Project OR	Project Or	12	MCO-05	Accounting for Managerial Decisions	6
	MCO-024 and	Business Ethics and CSR	4	MCO-06	Marketing Management	6
	MMPF-006 and	Management of Financial Services	4	MCO-021	Managerial Economics	4
	MMPM-001	Consumer Behaviour	4	BMP-003	Management of International	4

			Business	
			OR (BCOM Honours with Research)	
		BCOP-001	Project	12
		MCO-022	Quantitative Analysis and Managerial Application	4
		BMP-005	Organisation Behaviour	4

The School Board deliberated upon the agenda in detail and appreciated the timely action. The Members suggested that as and when B.Com. (Honours) is launched, all efforts should be made that the research component should be adequate enough to justify the degree.

59.11.2 *The School Board approved the restructuring of 7th and 8th Semester(s) of Bachelor of Commerce (Honours/ Honours with Research) BCOMF Programme (under FYUP Scheme).*

59.12 **To consider and approve the Minutes of Meetings of the Doctoral Research Committee (Management Discipline) held on 4th February, 2026, 15th April, 2026 and 15th April, 2026 respectively.**

59.12.1 Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator, presented the item and informed the members of the School Board that after the last School Board held on 21st November, 2025 three meetings of Doctoral Research Committee were held. The DRC recommended the following:

1. The Doctoral Research Committee in Management Discipline in its meeting held on **4th February, 2026 at 11.00 AM** considered and recommended the following:

a) 1st Seminar Presentation of 1 (one) Ph.D. student of 2020 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Jogendra Behera (202494371)	A Study of Power Procurement Practices of Select Discoms in India	Prof. Anjali C. Ramteke

b) 1st Seminar Presentation of 1 (one) Ph.D. student of 2021 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Vaishali Behron (201271303)	A study on the influence of Social Media Marketing Tools on Consumer Buying Behaviour for App-based Food Delivery Services	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla

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- c) 1st Seminar Presentation of 1 (one) Ph.D. student of 2022 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Sanjay Kumar Bhanwara (225034716)	Digital Governance Practices in India: An Empirical Study	Prof. Anurag Saxena

- d) Progress Reports of 2 (two) Ph.D. students of 2020 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Period of Progress
(i)	Jogendra Behera (202494371)	Jan. to June 2025 July to Dec. 2025
(ii)	Srishti Arora (202494214)	July to Dec. 2025

- e) Progress Reports of 3 (three) Ph.D. students of 2021 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Period of Progress
(i)	Vaishali Bheron (210271303)	Jan. to June 2025 July to Dec. 2025
(ii)	Prabhjinder Singh Aulakh (210271596)	July to Dec. 2025
(iii)	Prabhakara S. (210271263)	July to Dec. 2025

- f) Progress Reports of 7 (seven) Ph.D. students of 2022 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Period of Progress
(i)	Manoj Sarkar (225034859)	July to Dec. 2025
(ii)	Sanjay Kumar Bhanwara (225034716)	July to Dec. 2025
(iii)	Navneet Chandra (225035005)	July to Dec. 2025
(iv)	Bimal Kumar Gupta (225034873)	July to Dec. 2025
(v)	Nikhil Shukla (225034827)	July to Dec. 2025
(vi)	Neetu Sharma (225034311)	July to Dec. 2025
(vii)	Amit Kumar Singh (225035202)	July to Dec. 2025

- g) Progress Reports of 11 (eleven) Ph.D. students of 2023 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Period of Progress
(i)	Surbhi Ahuja (231001594)	July to Dec. 2025
(ii)	Sagrika Singh (231001824)	July to Dec. 2025
(iii)	Bandita Bhola (231001760)	July to Dec. 2025
(iv)	Sai Krishna Singh (231001831)	July to Dec. 2025
(v)	Ritu (231000023)	July to Dec. 2025
(vi)	Nikhil Vijay (231001397)	July to Dec. 2025
(vii)	Gaurav Gupta (231000070)	
(viii)	Nandana P Krishna (231000062)	July to Dec. 2025
(ix)	Sumit Bodla (231000055)	July to Dec. 2025
(x)	Saiyad Raja (231000048)	July to Dec. 2025
(xi)	Anil Kumar Basangar (231001673)	July to Dec. 2025

h) Progress Reports of 4 (four) Ph.D. students of 2024 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Period of Progress
(i)	Ms. Pooja Yadv (240000328)	July to Dec. 2025
(ii)	Ms. Shashi Bansal (240000295)	July to Dec. 2025
(iii)	Ms. Akansha Sirohi (240000880)	July to Dec. 2025
(iv)	Mr. Deepanshu Yadav (240000976)	July to Dec. 2025

i) Conversion of full time Ph.D to part time Ph.D. of Ms. Sagrika Singh, Enrl.No. 231001824 Ph.D. student of 2023 batch under the supervision of Prof. Leena Singh.

j) Deregistration of Ms. Shachi Saxena, Enrl.No.225035226 Ph.D. Student of 2022 batch.

k) Cancellation of Registration of following five students of July 2025 batch on their request

- (i) Saima Parveen (250001301)
- (ii) Md. Aaqib Dilkash (250000317)
- (iii) Nikita Singh (250001111)
- (iv) Uzma Ali (250001293)
- (v) Harshita Sharma (250000220)

 2. The Doctoral Research Committee in Management Discipline in its meeting held on **15th April, 2026 at 11.00 Noon** recommended the Pre-submission Seminar of Ms. Smiti (188501247) on the Ph.D. Topic "***A framework for improvement in Financial, Technological and Organizational aspects of Dairy Industry with respect to Industry 4.0***" under the supervision of Prof. Kamal Vagrecha & Co-supervision of Prof. Sarabjit alongwith two progress reports from 1st July 2025 to 31st December, 2025 and 1st January to 15th April, 2026.

 3. The Doctoral Research Committee in Management Discipline in its meeting held on **15th April, 2026 at 12.00 Noon** considered and recommended as under:

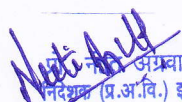
 a) 2nd Seminar Presentation of 1 (one) Ph.D. student of 2020 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Srishti Arora (202494214)	Mergers and Acquisitions in Indian Banking Sectors: A Study of Select Banks	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar

 b) 2nd Seminar Presentation of 3 (Three) Ph.D. students of 2022 batch:

Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Bimal Kumar Gupta (225037873)	A Study on Performance of Select Public Recruitment Bodies in India	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar
(ii)	Nikhil Shukla (225034827)	Infrastructure Financing in India: A Study of Select Projects	Prof. K. Ravi Sankar
(iii)	Manoj Sarkar	Impact of Sustainable Supply	Prof. Anurag

	(225034859)	Chain Management Practices on Organisational Performance in Fashion Retail Industry: A Study	Saxena
c) 1 st Seminar Presentation of 1 (one) Ph.D. student of 2022 batch:			
Sl. No.	Name of the Student and Enrl. No.	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
(i)	Amit Kumar Singh (225035202)	An Assessment of Select Government Schemes for Technical Education in India	Prof. Neeti Agrawal
The School Board deliberated upon the item and appreciated the efforts of Management Discipline for maintaining the standards of Research in Ph.D. Programme.			
59.12.2	<i>The School Board approved the Minutes of Meetings of the Doctoral Research Committee (Management Discipline) held on 4th February, 2026, 15th April, 2026 (Annexure-59.17) and 15th April, 2026 respectively.</i>		
59.13	To consider and approve the panel of examiners for Research Scholar of Management Discipline.		
59.13.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board placed a panel containing the names of examiners for evaluation of the thesis and to conduct the Viva Voce of Ms. Smiti (188501247) research scholar of PHDMGT Programme on the Ph.D. Topic “ <i>A framework for improvement in Financial, Technological and Organizational aspects of Dairy Industry with respect to Industry 4.0</i> ” under the supervision of Prof. Kamal Vagrecha & Prof. Sarabjit Singh is placed before the School Board for consideration. The Panel was submitted by the supervisor of Ms. Smiti.		
59.13.2	<i>The School Board Approved the panel of examiners for evaluation of the thesis and to conduct the Viva Voce of Ms. Smiti (188501247).</i>		
59.14	To consider and approve the additional list of Evaluators (Management Discipline).		
59.14.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that the School of Management Studies, IGNOU, from time to time, revises the panel of evaluators. In continuation of this process, an additional list of experts for different courses of MBA Programmes is placed for consideration of the School Board. Members suggested that names of more experts may be included in the panel. The School Board authorised the Chairperson to revisit the list for necessary additions before placing the same for approval.		
59.14.2	<i>The School Board approved the additional list of Evaluators (Management Discipline) (Annexure-59.18).</i>		


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59.15	To report the Minutes of 3rd Meeting of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of IGNOU-ICMAI (erstwhile ICWAI), was held on April 28th, 2026 through Virtual Mode (GoogleMeet).
59.15.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that IGNOU has entered into an MoU with Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) (erstwhile ICWAI) on May 27, 2022. As per the clause 8 (xi) of the MoU <i>"The students of ICAI enrolled in specified IGNOU programme will get the Credit Transfer to the extent of 50% of total credits of IGNOU programme"</i>. As per the clause 8 (xii) of the MoU <i>"Credit transfer shall be considered for any of the existing programmes of IGNOU as may be decided by the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)"</i>. Further, as per clause 9 of the MoU <i>"the JCC shall meet at least once in a year and as and when the need arises"</i>. Accordingly, the 3rd Meeting of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of IGNOU-ICMAI (erstwhile ICWAI), was held on April 28th 2026 through Virtual Mode (GoogleMeet) chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and following items were deliberated upon: Item No. 1. The mapping of courses between the courses of BCOMF and BCOMFOL programmes of IGNOU and the papers offered by ICMAI. Item No. 2. To consider and approve Revised Scheme of Credit Transfer and Guidelines for implementation of the Credit Transfer Scheme for MBA/ MBAOL/ MBAFM/ MBAHM/ MBAOM/ MBAMM/ MBF programmes of IGNOU against the courses completed for the ICWA/ CMA from the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (erstwhile Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India). She informed that the mapping of courses at Item No.1 was already approved by the School Board in its last meeting. With regard to item-2 above, Prof. K. Ravi Sankar informed the members that a Scheme of Credit Transfer was earlier approved by the School Board. However, due to some ambiguities, the scheme could not be implemented. Further, as per the ABC guidelines, a credit earned is valid for a period of 7 years. Hence, the need to revisit the scheme arose. Therefore, Management Discipline prepared and placed a revised Scheme of Credit Transfer and guidelines for implementation of Credit Transfer Scheme for approval of JCC. The JCC approved the revised scheme and guidelines. The Chairperson informed the members that as the minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of IGNOU-ICMAI (erstwhile ICWAI), held on April 28th, 2026 through Virtual Mode (GoogleMeet) is approved by the Chairperson of JCC i.e. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of IGNOU, and the same have been circulated. The matter is reported to the School Board.
59.15.2	<i>The School Board noted the development and approved the Revised Scheme of Credit Transfer and Guidelines for implementation of the Credit Transfer Scheme for MBA/ MBAOL/ MBAFM/ MBAHM/ MBAOM/ MBAMM/ MBF programmes of IGNOU against the courses completed for the ICWA/CMA from the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (erstwhile Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India), as approved by the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) of IGNOU-ICMAI (erstwhile ICWAI).</i>

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59.16	To report the launch of New Course “BMPS-183: Employability and AI Skills” as Skill Enhancement Course under FYUP Programme.
59.16.1	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla, Course Coordinator informed the members that as already informed while discussing the item No. 59.9. In the first phase two courses were launched from SOMS and two other courses from SOH in collaboration with GIZ. To address this requirement and in alignment with National priorities on skill development employability enhancement and digital readiness, SOMS in collaboration with SOH proposed to introduce a 4-credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) titled “Employability and AI Skills”. This course is designed specifically for non-technical learners, enabling them to understand and apply AI-enabled tools, data fundamentals and professional communication skills in academic and workplace context. Number of Credits: 4 Type: Skill-based/Employability-oriented Course Target Group: Undergraduate learners (non-technical disciplines) – FYUP Course structure: Block 1: Unpacking AI - Practical Foundations for Non-Tech Learners Block 2: Understanding Data- Practical Foundation for Non-Tech Students Block 3: Foundations of Professional Communications Block 4: Presentation Skills for Impact and Influence All the blocks are a part of the micro credentials currently being offered on SWAYAM Portal duly approved by the respective School Boards of School of Management Studies and School of Humanities and subsequently approved ACSC in its 66th meeting. This proposal for including the course “Employability and AI Skills” as Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) under FYUP was approved by the Competent Authority. Subsequently, the course code was obtained from the Planning and Development Division for the New Course “BMPS-183: Employability and AI Skills” as Skill Enhancement Course under FYUP Programme. School Board appreciated the initiative.
59.16.2	<i>The School Board noted the approval of Competent Authority for the launch of New Course “BMPS-183: Employability and AI Skills” as Skill Enhancement Course under FYUP Programme.</i>
59.17	To report the approval of Vice Chancellor dated February 3, 2026 and February 9, 2026 respectively of the list of Evaluators (drawn from the list of Academic Counsellors and List of Evaluators for new courses) for On Spot Evaluation.
59.17.1	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director and Chairperson of the School Board informed the members that the University decided to go for ‘On Spot Evaluation’ for TEE December 2025. In this regard, Registrar (SED) issued the Notification No. 13709 dated December 23, 2025. During the process of On Spot Evaluation, additional list of evaluators was required to complete the evaluation process for the courses of Management and Commerce Disciplines.

	Most of the proposed evaluators were already approved Evaluators for various courses/ programmes and had given their consent to evaluate the answer scripts of the proposed additional courses, as per their specialization. In addition to this some additional experts were also identified who gave their consent for spot evaluation. The approval of the Competent Authority was sought on February 3, 2026 and February 9, 2026 respectively for the list of Evaluators which is reported to the School Board.
59.17.2	The School Board noted the approval of Vice Chancellor dated February 3, 2026 and February 9, 2026 respectively of the list of Evaluators (drawn from the list of Academic Counsellors and List of Evaluators for new courses) for On Spot Evaluation.
Tabled Item 59.18.	To consider and approve the additional list of Evaluators (Commerce Discipline).
59.18.1	On the request of faculty of Commerce Discipline, School Board unanimously consented to consider the additional list of Evaluators (Commerce Discipline) as tabled item. Prof. Nawal Kishor informed the members that it is a routine practice of disciplines and the school to revise the panel of evaluators from time to time. As a continuation of this process, an additional list of experts for the different courses of Commerce Discipline is placed for consideration of the School Board. Members suggested that names of more experts may be included in the panel. School Board authorised the Chairperson to revisit the list for necessary additions before placing the same for necessary approvals.
59.18.2	<i>The School Board approved the final additional list of Evaluators (Commerce Discipline) (<u>Annexure-59.19</u>).</i>

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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