

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SIXTY SEVENTH (67<sup>th</sup>) MEETING**

**OF**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC)**

**HELD ON**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2023**



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
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**67<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023 (THURSDAY) AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.**

The following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
3.	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
4.	Dr. Kiran Hazarika, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Special Invitee
5.	Prof. Sudip Ranjan Jha, Professor, SOS	Member
6.	Prof. Meenal Mishra Director, SOS	Member
7.	Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS	Member
8.	Dr. Himansu Bose, Registrar, SRD	Member
9.	Dr. U. C. Pandey, Director, RSD	Member
10.	Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA	Special Invitee
11.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD	Special Invitee
12.	Prof. Madhu Parhar, Director, COE	Special Invitee
13.	Colonel Sree Krishna, Registrar, MPDD	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. V.P.Rupam, Addl. Director	Special Invitee
15.	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director, P&DD.	Member Secretary

Dr. M.C. Nair, Additional Director, Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director and Dr. Sunil Kumar, Deputy Director from P&DD were present to provide academic support to the Committee.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson, Member(s), and Special Invitee(s) to the 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) and requested the Chair for opening remarks.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor IGNOU and Chairperson of APC welcomed all the Members and Special invitees and all present to the 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). The Chairperson specially welcomed Dr. Kiran Hazarika who has joined as PVC in IGNOU. The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to initiate the proceedings.

The Member Secretary briefed the committee that there were 20 agenda items to be considered. Out of these 11 items were related to Programme Proposal Forms (PPF), 9 Programme Launch Forms (PLF), 1 online Programme Approval Form (OPAF) and 3 other items including the note

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on the minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> APC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 along with the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) of APC.

The proceedings of the Academic Programme Standing Committee are placed below:

A.P.C. 67.1	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and consider the action taken reports.</b>
A.P.C. 67.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 66 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 were circulated to the Members of the Committee for comments. No comments were received from the members.
A.P.C. 67.1.2	<b>Refer item No. 66.2: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Digital Humanities (SOH)</b>  The Committee was informed that the School is reviewing the programme structure in consultation with the external experts.  The committee took a serious note about the slow progress of the programme and advised the School to expedite the development of the programme.
A.P.C. 67.1.3	<b>Refer item No. 66.3: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Fashion Design and Retailing (SOVET)</b>  The Committee was informed that the School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) has submitted the modification in the eligibility criteria of the Programme. The revised eligibility criteria now will be the candidates with 10+2 degree from a recognized board or institution or an equivalent degree, as well as <b>students of CFDE programme from IGNOU</b> who will be eligible for lateral entry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester).  The committee considered and approved the revised nomenclature of the programme as " <b>Diploma in Fashion Design and Retail</b> " and directed that no lateral entry will be given to the students. The committee directed that credit transfer may be provided to the students who are eligible for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester in the programme.  <b>Action: SOVET</b>
A.P.C. 67.1.4	<b>Refer item No. 66.4: Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Korean Language)</b>  The Director, SOFL informed the committee that the school board meeting will be conducted in July 2023 as there is no faculty/consultant of Korean Language.  The committee took a serious note of the same and directed P&DD to collect the details of the expenditure incurred till date in developing the programme.

<b>A.P.C. 67.1.4</b>	After the detailed deliberations, the committee noted the Action Taken Reports and confirmed the minutes of the 66 <sup>th</sup> APC meeting. <i>Action: P&amp;DD</i>
<b>A.P.C. 67.2</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management (SOITS).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 67.2.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management.
<b>A.P.C. 67.2.2</b>	The Director and Programme Coordinator, School of interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) presented the PPF form. The PPF form of the programme was approved in 34 <sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No. 34.3. The objective of this programme is to sensitize the learners about the issues related to waste generation and its impact on environment and human health. The programme will familiarize the learners with disposal and treatment methods, regulations and practices in waste management and apply the knowledge towards waste reduction and its effective management. The tentative launch date of this programme is January 2024.
<b>A.P.C. 67.2.3</b>	After the detailed deliberations, the committee advised to develop the programme as Master's Degree programme also. The committee also advised to conduct an exploratory meeting and need assessment for the programme.  <b>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Waste Management.</b>  <i>Action: (SOITS)</i>
<b>A.P.C. 67.3</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. (Climate Change) (SOITS).</b>
<b>A.P.C. 67.3.1</b>	The Member Secretary informed that the School of interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. (Climate Change).
<b>A.P.C. 67.3.2</b>	The Director, School of interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) presented the PPF form. The PPF form of the programme was approved in 34 <sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No. 34.2. The objective of this programme is to expose the learners to the domain of climate change and to familiarize them with impacts of climate change on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem. The programme shall equip the learners with mitigation and adaptation strategies against climate change and develop an understanding on 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

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	<p>Diploma in Climate Change. It was also informed that IGNOU will be the first University to offer the programme on M.Sc. (Climate Change).</p> <p>The launch date of this programme is proposed to be January 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.3.3</b>	<p>The committee recommended that the opportunities and scope in higher education and employment opportunities may also be mentioned and a standalone PG Diploma programme may also be offered.</p> <p><b>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. (Climate Change).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.4</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Japanese) with exit option as P.G. Diploma in Japanese (SOFL).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Japanese) with exit option as P.G. Diploma in Japanese</p>
A.P.C. 67.4.2	<p>The Programme Coordinator presented the PPF form of the programme and mentioned that the PPF was approved in 31<sup>st</sup> School Board Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 vide item No. 31.7</p> <p>The objective of this programme is to prepare skilled human resource with the knowledge of Japanese language, Literature &amp; culture. The Learners will be able to do research and pedagogy in Japanese by the end of this programme. The Proposal of M.A. (Japanese) in ODL mode will be of 72 credits with exit option of P.G. Diploma in Japanese after the completion of First Year of MA in Japanese. The duration of M.A. (Japanese) shall be minimum 2 years and maximum 4 years. At present Certificate in Japanese is on offer.</p> <p>The tentative launch date of this programme is January 2024.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.4.3</b>	<p>The Committee deliberated on the matter and decided to refer back the PPF to the School for exploring the possibilities of developing Diploma in Japanese first.</p> <p><b>The Committee referred back the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. (Japanese).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOFL</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.5</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Diploma in Agriculture Cost Management (SOA).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.5.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of</p>

	India (ICMAI).
A.P.C. 67.5.2	<p>The Director, School of Agriculture presented the PPF of the programme. The PPF form of the programme was approved in 41<sup>st</sup> School Board Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 vide item No. 41.3</p> <p>The objective of this programme is to create awareness on optimal utilization of agricultural resources and to enhance the knowledge, skills and entrepreneurial capabilities of farming communities for efficient farm cost management, to inculcate the skills for effective farm cost management among stakeholders. The programme shall impart knowledge and proficiency in agriculture value chain and supply chain management. The School of Agriculture is proposing to jointly develop the Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management programme with the Institute of cost Accountants of India (ICMAI). An MoU for the purpose has been signed on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Programme will be of 40 credits with 6 theory courses. The minimum eligibility for the programme shall be 12<sup>th</sup> pass in any discipline.</p> <p>The programme will be offered through the Learner Support Centers (LSCs) of IGNOU and Chapters of ICMAI. The cost of delivery at ICMAI chapters will be borne by IGNOU as per the IGNOU norms. The fees collected will remain with IGNOU. However, the revenue sharing will be reviewed after five years.</p>
A.P.C. 67.5.3	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOA</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.6	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Geography) (SOS).</b>
A.P.C. 67.6.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Geography).
A.P.C. 67.6.2	<p>The Director, School of Sciences, informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 54<sup>th</sup> APC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 vide item No. 54.2. The PDF and PPR of the programme were approved in the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021 vide item No. 77.29. However, due to inclusion of a course on project report worth 8 credits for enhancing the total credits from 72 to 80 credits a Programme Revision Form (PRF) of M.Sc. (Geography) was approved in the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council Standing committee meeting vide item No. ACSC 59.13.</p> <p>The School has submitted that the study material of 1<sup>st</sup> semester is at CRC stage and study material for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester is under development. The development of Programme Guide is also under progress and assignment will be uploaded after the launch of the programme.</p>

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	The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.
<b>A.P.C. 67.6.3</b>	<p>The committee deliberated the matter in detail and directed the School to ensure that only those institutions should be identified as study centres which have been offering similar kind of programmes for the past seven years in face to face mode.</p> <p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Geography).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOS</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.7</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Geoinformatics) (SOS).</b>
A.P.C. 67.7.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Geoinformatics).
A.P.C. 67.7.2	<p>The Programme Coordinator informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 61<sup>st</sup> APC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 vide item No. 61.5. The PDF and PPR of the programme were approved in the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 vide item No. 19. Due to change in minimum credit load of 20 credits per semester as per latest UGC Guidelines, the structure was revised to meet the requirements. The School has submitted that that the study material of 1<sup>st</sup> semester has been uploaded and is under print. The assignments of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester have been uploaded. The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester courses are available in digital form and Programme Guide and Project Guide are under preparation at the School.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.7.3</b>	<p><b>After detailed deliberations, the Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc.(Geoinformatics).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOS</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.8</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Applied Statistics) (SOS).</b>
A.P.C. 67.8.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Applied Statistics).
A.P.C. 67.8.2	The Director, School of Sciences (SOS) informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 61 <sup>st</sup> APC meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 vide item No. 61.6. The PDF of the programme was approved in the 57 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 vide item No. 23.

	<p>The School submitted that the preparation of study material is in the CRC stage. The assignments are to be prepared and Programme Guide and Project Guide/Lab manuals are under progress at the School.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 67.8.3	<p><b>After detailed deliberations the Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Applied Statistics).</b></p> <p><i>Action: SOS</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.9	<p><b>To report the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. July 2023 admission cycle (P&amp;DD).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.9.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that a committee to deliberate and discuss the revision of fee, rationalization and marketability of IGNOU's academic programmes were held on 19<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 to recommend fee for the academic cycle July 2023.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Committee are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To rationalize the fee for a limited number of programmes (44 out of about 280 programmes on offer). Out of 44 programmes for which fee rationalization is recommended, 19 are UG Programmes and 25 are PG Programmes. the rationalization proposed is with the condition that the maximum enhancement shall not be more than ₹ 300/- in a year/semester, as the case may be</li> <li>To review/rationalize the fee of various academic programmes once a year preferably in the July cycle.</li> </ol> <p>A notification No. 54 dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 has been issued by Planning and Development Division.</p>
A.P.C. 67.9.2	<p>After the detailed deliberations, the Committee further advised to explore the option of increasing the examination fee. The committee also suggested developing a portal for old degrees to facilitate their degree availability quickly and the notification in this regard may be issued by SED.</p> <p><b>The Committee noted the action taken on the rationalization of fee of academic programmes w.e.f. July 2023 admission cycle.</b></p> <p><i>Action: P&amp;DD</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.10	<p><b>To report the fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students for various academic programmes for July 2023 session admission cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP and TSP components (P&amp;DD).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.10.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that a Committee to deliberate and discuss the fee waiver scheme for SC/ST students for various academic programmes for July 2023 admission cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP</p>

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and TSP components met on April 19, 2023 to recommend and propose a list of academic programmes for extending the fee waiver to SC/ST students. (Annexure 10/1). The Competent Authority considered and approved the following recommendations of the Committee.

**For Fresh SC/ST Students**

- i) The benefits of the fee waiver scheme have been extended to **B.A (General), B.Com (General) and B.Sc (General)** for July 2023 admission cycle.
- ii) The income of parents/guardians of fresh applicants from all sources should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh during the last financial year as per Government of India norms. Fresh applicants should submit income certificate issued by the authority as decided by the respective State Government. They will also upload their Aadhar card.
- iii) SC/ST students availing fee waiver shall be required to pay the non-refundable Registration fee of ₹300/- for admission in July 2023 cycle.
- iv) A Development Fee of ₹ 200/- will also be charged from SC/ST students who will be availing fee waiver for admission in July 2023 Cycle as per recommendations.

**For Re-Registering SC/ST Students**

SC/ST students who were given exemption/reimbursement of fee during fresh admission shall be eligible for exemption of fee while re-registering in July 2023 cycle.

A notification no. 53 dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 has been issued by Planning and Development Division.

A.P.C. 67.10.2

The Committee noted the action taken on the fee waiver Scheme for SC/ST students for the academic programmes for July 2023 session admission cycle as part of the utilization grants under SCSP and TSP components.

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A.P.C. 67.11

To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of संस्कृत साहित्य में विज्ञान में स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा (SOH).

A.P.C. 67.11.1

The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of संस्कृत साहित्य में विज्ञान में स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा

A.P.C. 67.11.2

The Director and the Programme Coordinators of School of Humanities (SOH) informed the committee that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 54<sup>th</sup> APC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 vide item No. 63.21. The PPF and PPR of the programme were approved in the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Programme Commission Standing Committee

	<p>held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 vide item No. 16.</p> <p>The School has submitted that all the courses of this programme will be printed and uploaded by June 2023. The notification No. 104 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 has been issued by the Planning and Development Division for its launch from July 2023 session.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.11.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the programme Launch Forms (PLF) of संस्कृत साहित्य में विज्ञान में स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOH</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.12</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies (SOEDS).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.12.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.12.2</b>	<p>The Programme Coordinator/Director informed that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 63<sup>rd</sup> APC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 vide item No. 63.2.(Annexure 12/11). The PDF and PPR of the programme were approved in the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 vide item No. 34. The School informed that this programme is one of its kind and similar programmes are offered in only few institutes across the country.</p> <p>The School also submitted that the preparation of study material is under CRC stage. The assignments will be uploaded by the July 2023 end and Programme Guide will be ready by July 2023 end.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.12.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Population and Family Health Studies.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOEDS</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.13</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Physics) (SOS).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.13.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc. (Physics).</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.13.2</b>	<p>The Director and Programme Coordinator from School of Sciences (SOS) informed the Committee that the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the programme was approved in the 61<sup>st</sup> APC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 vide item No. 60.3. The PDF and PPR of the programme were approved in the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p>

	<p>The School submitted that the preparation of study material is 80% ready for first semester and 40% for the second semester. The assignments are to be prepared and Programme Guide is under development at the School.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.13.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.Sc.(Physics)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOS</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.14</b>	<p><b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Services Management (SOMS).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.14.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Services Management.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.14.2</b>	<p>The programme coordinator presented the PPF form of the programme and informed that the PPF was approved in 52<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No. 52.03. The PPF, PDF and PPR were approved by the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The goal of the programme is to apply knowledge of management theories and practices to solve service business problems. The objectives of the programme are to understand, analyze and communicate global, economic, legal and ethical aspects of business and to develop analytical and critical thinking abilities for decision making and to lead and deliver in the achievement of service organizational goals and contribute effectively to a team environment. The programme is proposed to develop the skills required for careers in business and management and it is a part of the ongoing MBA Programme.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.14.3</b>	<p><b>The Committee considered and ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Post Graduate Diploma in Services Management.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOMS</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.15</b>	<p><b>To ratify the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Online Programme Approval Form (OPAF) of M.A. (Sanskrit) (Online) (SOH).</b></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.15.1</b>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Online Programme Approval Form (OPAF) of M.A. (Sanskrit) (Online).</p>

A.P.C. 67.15.2	<p>The Director and the Programme Coordinator informed that the Online Programme Approval Form of M.A. Sanskrit (Online) was approved in 71<sup>st</sup> School Board Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 vide item No. 71.43. The OPAF was approved by the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The M.A. Sanskrit programme in ODL mode was launched in the year 2019 and the Online programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 67.15.3	<p>After the detailed discussion, the committee recommended that a PG Diploma may be considered as the exit point and directed that while revising the programme the credits may be increased from 64 to 80 credits.</p> <p><b>The Committee considered and ratified the action taken by the Competent Authority in approving the Online Programme Approval Form (OPAF) of M.A. (Sanskrit) (Online).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOH</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.16	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (SOMS).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.16.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Bachelor of Business Administration.</p>
A.P.C. 67.16.2	<p>The Director and the Programme Coordinator presented the PPF of the programme and informed that the PPF was approved in 52<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No. 52. A Certificate in Business Administration and a Diploma in Business Administration will be offered after successful completion of the second semester and the fourth semester respectively as exit options on demand within a stipulated time period. A BBA degree will be awarded to the students after the successful completion of the sixth semester. The programme will be as per NEP2020 having multiple entry and multiple exit. The study centres of the programme will be the existing study centres of BBA (Retailing) and B.Com.</p> <p>The School informed that during discussions in the School Board, the experts recommended changing the programme nomenclature from Bachelor of Business Administration (General) to Bachelor of Business Administration.</p> <p>The tentative launch date of this programme is July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 67.16.3	<p><b>The committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of Bachelor of Business Administration.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOMS</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.17	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form of M.A. (Hindu Studies) (SOH).</b></p>
A.P.C. 67.17.1	<p>The member Secretary informed that the School of Humanities (SOH) has submitted the Programme Launch Form of M.A. (Hindu Studies).</p>

	submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of M.A. (Hindu Studies).
A.P.C. 67.17.2	<p>The Programme Coordinator presented the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of the programme and informed that it was approved in the 66<sup>th</sup> APC meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 vide item No. 66.13. The PDF of the programme was approved in the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The School submitted that the study material is at the CRC stage and the programme guide is under preparation.</p> <p>The discipline is also having UGC-NET and the programmes like Hindu Adhyaan are being offered across the country.</p> <p>The School informed that the programme will be offered in the study centres where disciplines like Political Science, Hindi, Sanskrit, Philosophy etc. are available.</p> <p>The programme is proposed to be launched from July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 67.17.3	<p><b>After detailed deliberations the Committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form of M.A. (Hindu Studies).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOH</i></p>
A.P.C. 67.18	<p><b>To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) of (SOVET):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>B.A.(Vocational)</b></li> <li>ii) <b>B.Com.(Vocational)</b></li> <li>iii) <b>B.Sc.(Vocational)</b></li> <li>iv) <b>B.A. (Tourism Management) (Vocational)</b></li> <li>v) <b>B.A. (MSME) (Vocational)</b></li> </ol>
A.P.C. 67.18.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Vocational Education and Training (SOVET) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) of B.A (Vocational), B.Com (Vocational), B. Sc (Vocational), B. A (Tourism Management) (Vocational) and B.A (MSME) (Vocational).
A.P.C. 67.18.2	<p>The Director, SOVET presented the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) of B.A (Vocational), B.Com (Vocational), B. Sc (Vocational), B. A (Tourism Management) (Vocational) and B.A (MSME) (Vocational) which will especially cater to the needs of Defence Forces (Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force) under Agniveer Scheme</p> <p>The programme(s) will align the in-Service skill training of the Agniveers with NCF/NSQF at level 4.5 and above and share the same with IGNOU and Sensitize eligible learners for admission with prescribed dates notified by IGNOU.</p> <p>The Director, SOVET submitted that following will be the respective programme coordinators for the said skill based degree programmes as given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>B.A. (Vocational) – Prof. A.K. Gaba.</b></li> <li>ii) <b>B.Com.(Vocational)- Dr.Geetika S. Johry</b></li> </ol>

	iii) <b>B.Sc.(Vocational)- Prof. R.S.P. Singh</b> iv) <b>B.A. (Tourism Management) (Vocational)- Ms. Urshla Kant</b> v) <b>B.A. (MSME) (Vocational)-Dr. Rachna Agarwal</b>
	<p>The tentative launch date of this programme is proposed to be January 2024. The committee also advised to relook the nomenclature of the programme in the School Board meeting and it was also advised to distribute the programmes among the faculty of the School and inform the names of the Coordinators to Director, Planning and Development Division for further necessary actions.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.18.3</b>	<p>After detailed discussion, the committee recommended that the exact nomenclature of the programmes may be decided by the JCC and the same may be reported to the Committee.</p> <p><b>The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (s) of B.A (Vocational), B.Com (Vocational), B. Sc (Vocational), B. A (Tourism Management) (Vocational) and B.A (MSME) (Vocational).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: SOVET</i></p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.19</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form of Post Graduate Diploma in Services Management (SOMS).</b>
A.P.C. 67.19.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) Post Graduate Diploma in Services Management.
A.P.C. 67.19.2	<p>The Programme Coordinator informed that the PPF form of the programme was approved in 52<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No. 52.03 (Annexure 14/3). The PPF, PDF and PPR were approved by the Competent Authority.</p> <p>The programme has been proposed to develop the skills required for careers in business and management and it is a part of the ongoing MBA Programme. The courses for the programme are ready and are a part of MBA in Services Management which is already on offer.</p> <p>The launch date of this programme is proposed to be July 2023.</p>
<b>A.P.C. 67.19.3</b>	<b>The committee considered and approved the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Post Graduate diploma in Services Management</b> <i>Action: SOMS</i>
<b>A.P.C. 67.20</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) (SOMS).</b>
A.P.C. 67.20.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Management Studies (SOMS) has submitted the Programme Launch Form (PLF) the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Business Administration.
A.P.C. 67.20.2	The Director (SOMS) informed that the PPF of the programme was

	<p>approved in 52<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 vide item No.52.4. The School submitted that the PDF and PPR have been approved by the Competent Authority and the same will be reported/ratified in the forthcoming AC/ACSC.</p> <p>The programme is proposed as per NEP 2020 and will have multiple exit options. After successful completion of the second semester, a Certificate in Business Administration and a Diploma in Business Administration on successful completion of the fourth semester respectively will be offered as exit options on demand. A BBA degree will be awarded to the students after the sixth semester is successfully completed. The course materials for three semesters are ready and are part of the B.Com (G) and BBA (RIL) which is already on offer.</p> <p>The launch date of this programme is proposed to be July 2023.</p>
A.P.C. 67.20.3	<b>The Committee deliberated on the matter and recommended that the Programme Launch Form (PLF) of Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) be placed in the next APC.</b>

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair, the members and the special invitees.

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