

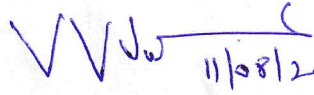


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Planning & Development Division

IG/P&DD/75-APC/Minutes/2026/2943
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Subject: Minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC), held on 07th August, 2026 reg:-

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the approved Minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC), held on 07th August 2026 for kind perusal and necessary action.


(Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam)
Director, P&DD
Member Secretary- APC

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MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY FIFTH (75th) MEETING
OF
ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC)
HELD ON
07th August 2026



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75th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 07th AUGUST 2026 (FRIDAY) AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110068.

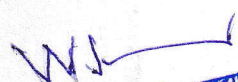
The following were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Satyakam, Vice Chancellor, UPRTOU (<i>Online</i>)	Member
3.	Prof. Neera Kapoor, Director, COE	Member
4.	Prof. Nita Mathur, Director, SOSS	Member
5.	Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Director, SOMS	Member
6.	Prof. Pema Eden Samdup, Director, ID	Member
7.	Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Registrar, Admn.	Member
8.	Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Registrar, SED	Special Invitee
9.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD	Special Invitee
10.	Dr. G. Mythili, Registrar, SRD	Special Invitee
11.	Dr. Sunil Kumar, Additional Director, P&DD	Special Invitee
12.	Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, P&DD	Member Secretary

Dr. Jitendra Dev Gangwar, Finance Officer, F&AD couldn't attend the meeting due to some official engagements. Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director from P&DD was present to coordinate and provide academic support to the Committee.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson, Member(s), and special invitee(s) and all others present to the 75th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). Also mentioned that the ATR for the 74th APC would be compiled and submitted in the next meeting. After that he requested the Chair for opening remarks.

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Chairperson of APC extended a warm welcome to all members, special invitees, and other attendees present in the 75th meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC). The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor explained about the need of conducting this urgent meeting in pursuance of the UGC Letter No. 7-2/2026(DEB-NWR) dated 28th July 2026 regarding the offering One Year Postgraduate programme under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and / or online mode in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP),2020. Prof. Satyakam in his remarks, appreciated the initiative of offering One-year PG programmes and conveyed his best wishes for its success. The Chairperson then invited the Member Secretary to initiate the proceedings of the meeting.


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The proceedings of the Academic Programme Standing Committee are as follows:

A.P.C. 75.1	To confirm the Minutes of the 74 th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 08 th July 2026.
A.P.C. 75.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 74 th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 08 th July 2026 were circulated to Members and no Comments were received from the Members on the Minutes of 74 th APC held on 08 th July 2026.
A.P.C. 75.1.2	The committee considered and approved the minutes of the 74 th Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 08 th July 2026. (Action: P&DD)
A.P.C. 75.2.	To consider and approve the following Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs): 1. M.A.(Economics) (One Year)-SOSS 2. M.A.(History) (One Year)-SOSS 3. M.A.(Sociology) (One Year)-SOSS 4. M.A.(Hindi) (One Year)-SOH 5. M.A.(English) (One Year)-SOH 6. M.A.(Urdu) (One Year)-SOH 7. M.A.(Sanskrit) (One Year)-SOH 8. M.Com. (One Year)-SCMS 9. M.A.(Journalism and Mass Communication) (One Year)- SOJNMS
A.P.C. 75.2.1	The Member Secretary informed that the SOSS (School of Social Sciences); SOH (School of Humanities); SCMS (School of Management Studies) and SOJNMS (School of Journalism and New Media Studies) has submitted Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.A. Degree programmes. 1. M.A. (Economics) (One Year)-SOSS 2. M.A. (History) (One Year)-SOSS 3. M.A. (Sociology) (One Year)-SOSS 4. M.A. (Hindi) (One Year)-SOH 5. M.A. (English) (One Year)-SOH 6. M.A. (Urdu) (One Year)-SOH 7. M.A. (Sanskrit) (One Year)-SOH 8. M.Com (One Year)-SOMS 9. M.A(Journalism and Mass Communication) (One Year)- SOJNMS The committee was informed that in Pursuance of the UGC Letter No. 7-2/2026(DEB-NWR) dated 28th July 2026 regarding the offering One Year Postgraduate programme under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and / or online mode in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP),2020. In implementation of the above, the FYUP committee meeting was held on 06th August 2026 for the launching of 1-year Master's Degree from the July 2026 session.
A.P.C. 75.2.2	The Committee considered and approved the Programme Proposal Forms (PPFs) for the following one-year postgraduate programmes: 1. M.A. (Economics) – SOSS

	2. M.A. (History) – SOSS 3. M.A. (Sociology) – SOSS 4. M.A. (Hindi) – SOH 5. M.A. (English) – SOH 6. M.A. (Urdu) – SOH 7. M.A. (Sanskrit) – SOH 8. M.Com. – SOMS 9. M.A. (Journalism and Mass Communication) – SOJNMS Eligibility: A four-year Bachelor's Degree with Honours/Honours with Research. The Committee further recommended that: - The fee for each one-year postgraduate programme shall be the same as the fee prescribed for one academic year of the corresponding two-year postgraduate programme. - Academic counselling for the one-year postgraduate programmes shall be conducted jointly with the corresponding two-year postgraduate programmes to ensure optimal utilization of academic resources. - Research Methodology shall be incorporated into the curriculum of all one-year postgraduate programmes as an Elective. <i>(Action: SOSS, SOH, SOMS and SOJNMS)</i>
A.P.C. 75.3	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the One-year M.Sc. in Biochemistry Programme (SOS).
A.P.C. 75.3.1	The member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.Sc. in Biochemistry programme. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of One-Year M.Sc. in Biochemistry programme has been approved in 82nd School Board of School of Sciences held on 28 th July 2026. Two-year M.Sc. in Biochemistry programme (MSCBCH) is on offer since January 2024 session. However, in the light of NEP 2020, the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the One-Year M.Sc. in Biochemistry Programme has been submitted by the Biochemistry discipline for design and development of One-Year M.Sc. in Biochemistry.
A.P.C. 75.3.2	The Committee deliberated on the matter and decided to put on hold the one-year M.Sc. (Bio-Chemistry) programme with a direction to ensure that the biochemistry courses are not restricted from being offered through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) or online modes under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021. <i>(Action: SOS)</i>
A.P.C. 75.4	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.A. programme in Philosophy (SOITS).
A.P.C. 75.4.1	The member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary studies has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.A. programme in Philosophy. The School Board of SOITS in its 40 th meeting held on 10 th June 2026 had approved the course structure of one year M.A. programme in Philosophy. The School will offer one-year M.A. programme in Philosophy for the candidates who will successfully complete 4 th year of BAFPY (both Honors and Honors with Research).

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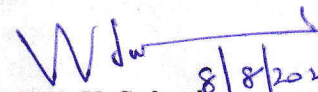
A.P.C. 75.4.2	The Committee deferred the item and advised the School to resubmit the proposal for consideration once the complete course material is ready. (Action: SOITS)
A.P.C. 75.5	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.Sc. (Food Safety and Quality Management) programme (SOA).
A.P.C. 75.5.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year M.Sc. (Food Safety and Quality Management) Programme. The Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for one-year MSC programme has been approved in the 49th Meeting of the School Board vide agenda item no. 49.2 on 4 th August, 2026. Food safety has emerged as a critical discipline following the enactment of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which came into force in 2011. The implementation of the Act has created a growing demand for qualified professionals capable of developing and implementing science-based food safety standards and management systems, harmonizing them with international standards, and supporting activities related to food processing, food testing, food regulation, auditing, risk assessment, risk management, and capacity building. The School has submitted that the proposed one-year M.Sc. (Food Safety and Quality Management) Programme through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode will provide an excellent opportunity for learners to pursue higher education in a flexible and accessible manner. The ODL mode will particularly benefit graduates, working professionals, entrepreneurs, regulatory personnel, and individuals engaged in the food processing and allied sectors who are unable to pursue full-time, campus-based programmes.
A.P.C. 75.5.2	The Committee deliberated on the proposal and accorded in-principle approval for the one-year M.Sc. (Food Safety and Quality Management) programme. (Action: SOA)
A.P.C. 75.6	To consider and approve the revision of the payment norms for Evaluation of Project Synopsis under the courses BCSP-064, BCSP-165 and MCSP-232 of BCA/BCAOL/BCA_NEW/BCA_NEWOL and MCA_NEW/MCA_NEWOL Programmes of IGNOU (SOCIS).
A.P.C. 75.6.1	The Member Secretary informed the Committee that The School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) has submitted for the revision of the payment norms for Evaluation of Project Synopsis under the courses BCSP-064, BCSP-165 and MCSP-232 of BCA / BCAOL / BCA_NEW / BCA_NEWOL and MCA_NEW / MCA_NEWOL Programmes. The existing payment norms for Evaluation of Project Synopsis under the courses BCSP-064, BCSP-165 and MCSP-232 of BCA / BCAOL / BCA_NEW / BCA_NEWOL and MCA_NEW / MCA_NEWOL Programmes of IGNOU were instituted about 25 years back @ Rs.15/- per synopsis. It is observed that other schools are performing the same activity for Evaluation of Project Synopsis under their respective courses at the payment norm of Rs.50/- per synopsis. In the light of the above facts the school proposes to revise of the payment norms to Rs.50/- for Evaluation of Project Synopsis for the project courses BCSP-064, BCSP-165 and MCSP-232 of BCA / BCAOL / BCA_NEW / BCA_NEWOL and MCA_NEW / MCA_NEWOL Programmes of IGNOU. In addition, the School has proposed to revise the existing handling charges of Synopsis and Project evaluation at Regional Centers (RC's) under the courses BCSP064, BCSP165 and MCSP 232 of BCA / BCAOL / BCA_NEW / BCA_NEWOL and

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	MCA_NEW / MCA_NEWOL Programmes of IGNOU, as follows: Synopsis Handling charges: Present payment Norms – 0; Proposed Payment Norms – Rs 10/-Synopsis. Project Report and Viva Handling charges: Present payment Norms – 10; Proposed Payment Norms – Rs 25/-Project report
A.P.C. 75.6.2	The Committee recommended the <i>constitution of a committee to examine the proposal.</i> (Action: P&DD and SOCIS)

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


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