

MINUTES

of the

FOURTEENTH MEETING

of the

RESEARCH COUNCIL

held on

JUNE 23, 2009



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL, HELD ON JUNE 23, 2009 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V. N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Omprakash Mishra, Pro-Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Bimala Kapoor, Director, School of Health Sciences | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences | - | Member |
| 6. Dr. Masood Parveez, Director, RSD | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. K.S.Rangappa | - | Member |
| 8. Prof. Joseph Dorairaj, | - | Member |
| 9. Dr. K.S.D.Nair, Regional Director, Cochin | - | Member |
| 10. Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Director, Research Unit | - | Member-Secretary |

Prof. M.C. Sharma, SOE attended the meeting on behalf of Prof. M.L.Koul, Director, SOE.

Prof. Parvin Sinclair, PVC, Dr. D.K.Choudhry, PVC, Prof. K.R.Srivathsan, PVC, Dr. Latha Pillai, PVC, Sri Vijay Shankar Dubey, Prof. Shafiq Parveen, Prof. Vijay Kapur, Prof. S.N.Maheshwari and Dr. Vimal Thorat could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. The Chairman then requested the Member-Secretary to present the items on the Agenda of the meeting.

The following items were taken up:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH MARCH, 2009 AND NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

RC.14.1.1 It was presented that the Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Research Council held on 30th March, 2009 were circulated to the members. No comments have been received from the members. The Action Taken Report on the Minutes was also annexed to the agenda and circulated to members.

RC.14.1.2 The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its 13th Meeting held on 30th March, 2009 (**Annexure-1 to item no. 1 as circulated with the agenda**) and noted the action taken thereon.

ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE LAUNCH OF PH.D PROGRAMME IN DAIRY TECHNOLOGY.

RC.14.2.1 It was presented that The School of Agriculture has submitted the Phase-1 form for launch of Ph.D programme in Dairy Technology. The programme aims to equip dairy professionals in the industry/institutes to undertake

quality research in the area of dairy technology. It shall provide a platform for undertaking industrial research and testing of the technologies developed at the research institutes. The programme will have Course Work and research component as per the University norms. The proposed date of launch the programme is **July, 2010**.

The Phase-1 form has been duly approved by the School Board of School of Agriculture at its 11th meeting held on 15.4.2009. A copy of the Minutes was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 2 as circulated with the agenda**.

RC.14.2.2 Prof. M.K.Salooja, Programme Coordinator explained the various quarries raised by the Members. The Chairman suggested that the title should be “Dairy Science and Technology” which covers broader areas.

RC.14.2.3 The Research Council considered and approved the launch of Ph.D Programme in “Dairy Science and Technology” from July, 2010.

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE PART-TIME CANDIDATES REGISTERED UNDER DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

RC. 14.3.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committees dated 20.3.2009 of Economics and Library & Information Sciences disciplines and 4th Standing Committee of SOSS have approved the research proposals of the following candidates:

Name of the Discipline	Name of the Candidate	Topic	Name of the Supervisor(s)	Remarks
Economics	Sh. Sayan Sen (Recommended by the Doctoral Committee held on 20.03.2009)	Understanding the pattern of growth of steel consumption in India, since 1992.	Prof. G. Pradhan	Two courses REC-001 and REC-002 to be cleared by the candidate
Economics	Sh. Raghu Nandan TR (Recommended by the Doctoral Committee held on 20.03.2009)	Fiscal Decentralization to rural Local Governments	Prof. Govind Rao, Director NIPFP Prof. G. Pradhan	One Course REC-001 to be cleared by the candidate.
Library & Information Science	Ms. Yogita Sharma (Recommended by the Doctoral Committee held on 20.03. 2009)	Digital Information Literacy among Post-graduate Students and Ph.D. Scholars of Agricultural Universities: A Case Study of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh	Prof. Neena Talwar Kanoongo	

The 45th Meeting of the School Board of SOSS approved the Minutes of the 4th Standing Committee of SOSS held on 24.3.2009. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committees, 4th Standing Committee and 45th School Board of SOSS were placed at **Annexure-1 of item no. 5 as circulated with the agenda**.

- RC. 14.3.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of above part-time candidates registered under different disciplines of School of Social Sciences under the supervisors mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAMES OF PROF. PADMJA MISHRA, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS UTKAL UNIVERSITY AND DR. B.S. PRAKASH READER IN ECONOMICS AS EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SUPERVISORS OF MS. SWETALINA DAS, RTA, ECONOMICS.

- RC. 14.4.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of Economics in its meeting held on March 20, 2009, the 4th Standing Committee in its meeting held on 24th March, 2009 and the 45th School Board in its meeting held on 26th March, 2009 respectively has recommended the names of Prof. Padmja Mishra, Professor of Economics, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar as external and Dr. B.S. Prakash Reader in Economics, IGNOU as internal supervisor respectively, of Ms. Swetalina Das, RTA, Economics.

A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committees, 4th Standing Committee and 45th School Board of SOSS were placed at **Annexure-1 of item no. 5 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC. 14.4.2 The Research Council considered and approved the names of Prof. Padmja Mishra as External and Dr. B.S. Prakash as Internal Supervisor for Ms. Swetalina Das, RTA, Economics.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF PH.D CANDIDATES PERTAINING TO DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- RC 14.5.1 It was presented that the Progress Reports of the following research scholars pertaining to different disciplines of School of Social Sciences have been approved by the Doctoral Committee dated 27.2.2009 (History), 5.1.2009 (Political Science), 20.3.2009 (Economics) and (Library & Information Sciences), 24.3.2009 (Public Administration), 28.1.2009 (Sociology), respectively:

History

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Faculty	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	Birbal	History	3 rd July, 2008 to 2 nd January, 2009	Prof. Salil Misra
2.	Syed Damzas Ali Andrabi	History	8 th July , 2008 to January, 2009	Prof. A.R, Khan
3.	Sanjay Kumar	History	July 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dr. Sangeeta Pandey
4.	Harish Chandra Sundriyal	History	July 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dr. Sangeeta Pandey

Political Science

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Discipline	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	B. Govindaraja	Political Science	July, 2008 to December 2008	Dr. Jagpal Singh
2.	Mehar Singh	Political Science	July, 2008 to December 2008	Dr. Jagpal Singh

Economics

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Discipline	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Pragya Sankar	Economics	July 2008 to Dec. 2008	Prof. Madhu Bala
2.	Mr. B B Mishra	Economics	5th August. 2008 to 5 th February, 2009	Prof. G. Padhan Prof. M.G.Rao

Library & Information Science

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Faculty	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	S. Shyam Sunder Rao	Library and Information Science	January 2008 to June 2008 January 2008 to Dec. 2008	Prof. Uma Kanjilal
2.	Nikhil Eyeroor	Library and Information Science	July 2008 to Dec. 2008	Prof. Uma Kanjilal
3.	Pardeep Rai	Library & Information Science	July to December, 2008 January to June, 2008	Dr. Jaideep Sharma
4.	Taruna Joshi	- do -	July to December, 2008 1 st Jan. to 30, June, 08	Dr. Jaideep Sharma
5.	Jnanendra Narayan Singh	- do -	1 st July to 31 st Dec., 08	Dr. Jaideep Sharma

Sociology

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Faculty	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	Laltanpuui Rokhum	Sociology	July to December, 2008	Dr. R. Vashum

Public Administration

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Faculty	Progress Report for the period	Supervisor
1.	Ramesh Gandotra	Pub.Admn.	July,2008 to Dec. 2008	Dr. Dolly Mathew
2.	Ajai Pal Sharma	Pub.Admn.	Jan., 2008 to June, 2008 July, 2008 to Dec.,2008	Prof.E.Vayunandan
3.	A.Senthamizh Kanal	Pub.Admn.	April, 2008 to Oct. ,2008	Prof.Pardeep Sahni
4.	B.Senthil Nathan	Pub.Admn.	April,2008 to Sept. 2008	Prof.Uma Medury
5.	Niranjini	Pub.Admn.	May, 2008 to Nov., 2008	Prof.Alka Dhameja
6.	R. Anitha	Pub.Admn.	June, 2008 to Dec.,2008	Dr.Durgesh Nandini
7.	Sandhya Chopra	Pub.Admn.	May,2008 to Nov.,2008	Prof.E.Vayunandan

The Minutes of the above Doctoral Committees were approved by the 4th Standing Committee and subsequently by the 45th School Board of SOSS held on 24.3.2009 and 26.3.2009, respectively.

A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committees, 4th Standing Committee and 45th School Board of SOSS were placed at **Annexure-1 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.5.2 The Research Council considered and approved the above Progress Reports of the Ph.D candidates pertaining to different disciplines of SOSS.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR FOR MS. SAGARIKA BAIRAGI, A PH.D. CANDIDATE IN THE DISCIPLINE, OF HISTORY, SOSS.

RC 14.6.1 It was presented that Ms. Sagarika Bairagi was allotted Dr. Bhawna Goel as co-supervisor vide SB 44.15 (11) 3. As Dr. Bhawna Goel did not have the requisite post-doctoral experience, she was not eligible to supervise Ms. Bairagi. The Doctoral Committee of History in its meeting held on February 27, 2009 considered the matter and has decided to allot Prof. Kapil Kumar, Professor of History, SOSS as the sole supervisor for the candidate. The recommendation of the Doctoral Committee was also approved by the 45th School Board of SOSS held on 26.3.2009 vide item no. SB 45.27.1.A copy of the Minutes of Doctoral Committee dated 27.2.2009 and 45th School Board were placed at **Annexure-1 of item no. 5 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.6.2 The Research Council considered and approved the name of Prof. Kapil Kumar, Professor of History, SOSS as the supervisor for Ms. Sagarika Bairagi, Ph.D student, History.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE EVALUATION METHODOLOGY FOR THE COURSEWORK OF THE M.PHIL/PH.D PROGRAMME IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE.

RC 14.7.1 It was presented that the Faculty of Library and Information Science has proposed the following evaluation methodology for the coursework of M.Phil/Ph.D programme in Library & Information Science:

RLII 001: Research Methodology 6 Credits

Term Paper	25 marks
Viva Voce	25 marks
Term-End Examination	50 marks

RLII 002: Information and Communication Technology in LIS Research 6 Credits

Project Work	25 marks
Viva Voce	25 marks
Term-End Examination	50 marks

RLI 001: Current Trends in LIS 8 Credits

Term Paper	25 marks
Viva Voce	25 marks
Term-End Examination	50 marks

RLII 003: Digital Libraries 4 Credits

Term Paper	25 marks
Viva Voce	25 marks
Term-End Examination	50 marks

RLII 004: Literature Review 4 Credits

Literature survey on a given theme	50 marks
Preparation of a State-of-the-art report	20 marks
Book Reviews (two)	30 marks

RLIP 001: Term Paper 4 Credits

Term papers (two) on a theme assigned	50 marks
Viva Voce	50 marks

The School Board of SOSS in its 45th meeting vide item no. SB 45.10 suggested that the details relating to evaluation methodology of Term Paper and Viva Voce be provided by the discipline group for finally submitting it to the Academic Council's Standing Committee. A copy of the Minutes of the 45th School Board of SOSS was placed at **Annexure-1 of item no. 5 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.7.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Evaluation Methodology for the Course Work of M.Phil/Ph.D in Library and Information Science as mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR PH.D IN HINDI.

RC 14.8.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of Hindi discipline, School of Humanities in its meeting held on dated 16th April, 2009 has considered and approved the research proposals of the following part-time candidates for Ph.D in Hindi:

Sl.No.	Name of the candidate	Title of the proposal	Supervisor/Guide
1.	Mr. Deepak Sharma	Television madhyam ki hindi prastutiyon ka drishya avam bhashik vishleshan	Prof. Jawarimal Parakh
2.	Ms. Neelam	Chitra Mudgal ki kahaniyon mein samkalin parivesh	Prof. Rita Rani Paliwal
3.	Ms. Amita Panday	Vyakati, samaj aur ithihaas ki avdharna aur Harishankar Parsai ka sahitya	Prof. Satyakam
4.	Ms. Kamini Bhardwaj	Stri chitran aur print media: premukh rashtriya samachar patron ka vyakativrit adhyan	Prof. Vimal Thorat
5.	Ms. Santosh Gupta	Pichle teen dashkon (1970-2000) ke hindi upanyason mein hindu-muslim sambandh aur samprdaikta ka chitran	Dr. Smita Chaturvedi
6.	Ms. Ritu	Samkalin hindi natkon mein varchasva aur pratirodh	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava

A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 16.4.2009 was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 8 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.8.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above candidates under the supervisors mentioned above for Ph.D in Hindi.

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF RTAs IN SCHOOL OF GENDER & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.

RC 14.9.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of Women's Studies in its meeting held on 26.3.2009 examined the proposals of the following two RTAs:

1. Ms. Shaista Zafar, RTA: Topic for Ph.D - **“Empowerment of Women Through ICTs: Emerging Challenges: A Comparative Study of Working Women in Delhi and Bombay”**

The Doctoral Committee approved the revised proposal submitted by the candidate under the supervision of Prof. Debal S. Roy, SOSS. The candidate agreed to incorporate the suggestions made by the committee members, while developing the thesis.

2. Ms. Monica Neeta Laloo, RTA: Topic for Ph.D - **“Local Self-Government in Socio-Political Context of North East India with special reference to the Khasi society: Women’s Perspectives”**

The committee members made several suggestions regarding the proposal. It was agreed that the candidate may be admitted to the Ph.D programme in Women’s Studies provisionally. The candidate would be required to undertake recommended Course Work (Diploma in Women’s Empowerment and Development to be followed by 32 credits of M.Phil level Course Work). She may simultaneously work on developing a fresh proposal to be resubmitted to the Doctoral Committee. The candidate was agreeable working under the direct supervision of Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Reader, SOGDS.

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 26.3.2009 have been approved by the School Board of SOGDS at its 4th meeting held on 6.4.2009 (**Annexure-1 to item no. 9 as circulated with the agenda**).

RC 14.9.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal of Ms. Shaista Zafar under the supervision of Prof. Debal S. Roy, SOSS and Ms. Monica Neeta Laloo under the supervision of Dr. Nilima Srivastava, Reader, SOGDS respectively alongwith the Course Work “Diploma in Women’s Empowerment and Development” worth 32 Credits.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE INTEGRATED M.PHIL-PH.D PROGRAMME IN WOMEN’S STUDIES.

RC 14.10.1 It was presented that the M.Phil programme in Women’s Studies is currently under development and will comprise of four courses of 8 credits each, for a total of 32 credits of Course Work. For candidates exiting with an M.Phil degree, the Course Work is to be followed by an M.Phil dissertation, as per University norms. A face-to-face version of this programme will be on offer from July 2009 on limited basis for RTA’s and any other eligible candidates. The course structure of the M.Phil programme, including eligibility criteria, broad course outline, evaluation system, and teaching modalities are attached in summary form.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the Joint Coordination Committee for the Ph.D programme in Women’s Studies (Academic Committee) was held on 21.4.2009. It was proposed by the committee members that, subject to the approval of the Doctoral Committee, eligible candidates may be allowed to register for an integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programme so that they could directly proceed to the Doctoral research after successfully completing the Course Work for the M.Phil programme (**Annexure-1 to item no. 10 as circulated with the agenda**).

Based on the above, the following are being proposed:

1. Candidates registering for the M.Phil programme in Women’s Studies would earn the M.Phil degree after having successfully completed the required Course Work and M.Phil dissertation.

2. Those candidates who wish to pursue the integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programme would indicate the same at the commencement of the M.Phil programme. After the second semester of the M.Phil programme, the Doctoral Committee may decide whether or not the candidate may be exempted from the M.Phil dissertation, based on the academic performance of the candidate and her/his ability to pursue Doctoral research immediately after completion of Course Work. **If approved**, the candidate may continue with the integrated programme.

In case the Doctoral Committee does not approve exemption of M.Phil dissertation, the candidate would be required to complete the M.Phil dissertation, thereby earning a separate M.Phil degree (as in 1. above), before registering for the Ph.D programme.

RC 14.10.2 Dr. Savita Singh, SOGDS explained the various quarries raised by the members regarding Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programme in Women's Studies. However, Members felt that School should offer M.Phil and Ph.D programmes separately like other Schools/Centres/Institutes.

RC 14.10.3 The Research Council informed the School to submit the proposal to offer M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes separately.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF THE PART-TIME CANDIDATES AND RTA SEEKING ADMISSION INTO PH.D IN EDUCATION.

RC 14.11.1 It was presented that the research proposals of the following candidates have been duly approved by the Ist Doctoral Committee dated 27.3.2009 and subsequently by the 28th School Board of School of Education held on 6.5.2009:

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Ms. Sarla (Part-time)	A study of the problems perceived by administrators, teachers and students in the teaching-learning of Geography at +2 level in Rewari District of Haryana	Dr. Waseem Ahmed Khan, Associate Professor, Dept. of TT & NFE (IASE), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
2.	Ms. Rekha Yadav (Part-time)	A study of the relationship among personality dimension, occupational stress, burnout and effectiveness of high school teachers	Prof. D.S. Yadav, Director Principal, Lord Krishna College of Education, Adhoya (Barara), Dist. Ambala
3.	Mr. K.K. Soman (Part-time)	A study of the relationship between leadership styles of teacher educators and teacher competence of the teacher trainees in DIETs of Kerala	Prof. (Dr.) P. Kelu Director, University Teacher Education Centre, Deptt. of Education, University of Calicut, Calicut University, PO Malappuram-673635
4.	Mr. Tsuroshan Yanthan (RTA)	A study of Effectiveness of Communitisation of Elementary Education in Nagaland	Prof. Vibha Joshi, SOE

The School Board of SOE has also approved the names of the supervisors mentioned above. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee and School Board of School of Education was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 11 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC 14.11.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above part-time candidate and an RTA seeking admission into Ph.D in Education alongwith the supervisors mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE NAMES OF DR. KAMALIKA BANERJEE (KAR), LECTURER IN CHEMISTRY, SOS AND DR. MANORAMA SINGH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RC-LUCKNOW AS RESEARCH GUIDES OF THE UNIVERSITY.

- RC 14.12.1 It was presented that the applications of Dr. Kamalika Banerjee (Kar) and Dr. Manorama Singh, Deputy Director, RC-Lucknow for recognition as supervisors for the Ph.D (Chemistry) programme were approved by the School Board of School of Sciences at its 37th and 38th meeting. Based on the recommendations made by the School Boards, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor approved the same. A copy of the approval and the Minutes of the School Boards of School of Sciences were placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 12 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC 14.12.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the names of Dr. Kamalika Banerjee (Kar), Lecturere in Chemistry, SOS and Dr. Manorama Singh, Deputy Director, RC-Lucknow as research guides of the University.

**TABLED
ITEMS**

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAMES OF THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL SUPERVISORS PROPOSED BY SCHOOLS/INSTITUTES/CENTRES FOR DIFFERENT PH.D PROGRAMMES.

- RC 14.13.1 It was presented that Directors of Schools/ Heads of Divisions/ Centres/Units/Institutions have proposed the names of research supervisors for different disciplines (Ph.D programmes) proposing the area of interest/specialization of each supervisor. The details are placed below:

Disciplines and School /Division/Institutes:

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| 1. | Distance Education (Internal Supervisors) | - | Distance Education Council |
| 2. | Agriculture Extension (External Supervisors) | - | School of Agriculture |
| 3. | Nursing (External Supervisors) | - | School of Health Sciences |
| 4. | Extension Education
(Internal/External Supervisors) | - | Centre for Extension Education |

5.	Gender and Development (Internal Supervisors)	-	School of Gender and Development Studies
6.	Vocational Education (Internal Supervisors)	-	School of Vocational Education and Training.
7.	Gandhi and Peace Studies (Internal/External Supervisors)	-	School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies
8.	Journalism and New Media Studies (Internal and External Supervisors)	-	School of Journalism and Mass Communication
9.	Informatics, Information Communication Technology and Knowledge Management (Internal & External Supervisor)	-	Advanced Centre for Informatics and Innovative Learning (ACIIL)
10.	Management, Linguistics, Physics/ Energy Studies/Education/ODL/ Numerical Methods/Botany/ Distance Education/Political Science/ Public Admn./Economics/Commerce/ Civil Engineering/	-	Regional Services Division
11.	Physics and Astrophysics	-	Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the names of the supervisors and the same have been placed and published in the Ph.D Prospectus, 2009 discipline-wise. A copy of the proposed names of supervisors was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 13 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.13.2 The Research Council has deliberated that there should be only one category of research supervisors i.e. Research Supervisor irrespective of Research Supervisor's institution/place. The Council felt the word 'Internal' and 'External' research supervisor is redundant and is no more relevant and hence decided drop nomenclatures internal and external words before research supervisor. Further, it was also deliberated that all eligible and approved supervisors placed in the Prospectus should be placed discipline-wise and School/Centre/Institute/Unit-wise. Hence, it was agreed to forward all approved name of supervisors to Schools/Centres/Institutes/Units to place them in the discipline concerned.

RC 14.13.3 The Research Council considered and approved the names of the Supervisors proposed by Schools/Institutes/Centres for M.Phil/Ph.D programmes as mentioned above. It was approved that the internal and external supervisor nomenclature shall not be used. The Research Council has approved the nomenclature as "Research Supervisor" irrespective of institution/place. The Research Council also approved that all approved research supervisors names should be sent to Schools/Centres/Institutes/Units for placing them in their disciplines as research supervisor.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAME OF PROF. SVS CHAUDHARY AS EXTERNAL SUPERVISOR OF MS. POONI IYER.

RC 14.14.1 It was presented that Ms. Pooni Iyer (Enrollment No. 083492240) who has been registered for Ph.D in Education programme for January, 2008 session made a request to change her External Supervisor. Her External Supervisor, Dr. G.J.Karawalla has expressed her inability to continue as a Guide of Ms. Pooni Iyer. Ms. Pooni Iyer has requested to assign the responsibility of supervision entirely to her Internal Supervisor, Prof. SVS Chaudhary. Prof. SVS Chaudhary has agreed to be her External Supervisor to supervise her Ph.D work.

The item was placed before the School Board of School of Education at its 28th meeting held on 6.5.2009 (**Annexure-1 to item no. 11 as circulated with the agenda**) and was approved.

RC 14.14.2 The Research Council considered and approved the name of Prof. SVS Chaudhary as Supervisor for Ms. Pooni Iyer in place of Dr. G.J. Karawalla.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF THE PART-TIME CANDIDATES SEEKING ADMISSION INTO PH.D IN AGRICULTURE EXTENSION.

RC 14.15.1 It was presented that the research proposals of the following candidates have been duly approved by the Doctoral Committee dated 30.4.2009 and 12th School Board of School of Agriculture held on 13.5.2009:

S. No	Name & address of Ph.D Scholar	Topic of Research Synopsis	Research Guides (Internal)	Research Guides (External)
1.	Mr. Vishal Raina H.No.5,Sector-6, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu-180012	Technological gap and marketing of flower cultivation in Jammu region	Prof. B.S.Hansra SOA	Dr.M.S.Nain, Assoc.Prof. SKUASAT, Jammu (J&K)
2.	Mr. Davinder Singh Taraf Sanji,(V.P.O.) Jari, Dist.Kathua-184101 (J&K)	A Study on Perceived Yield Gaps and Constraints in Rice Production in Jammu region	Prof. B.S.Hansra SOA	Dr.M.S.Nain, Assoc.Prof. SKUASAT, Jammu (J&K)
3.	Mr. Kishore S. TC 48/1084, VN-50, Vikas Nagar, Ambalathara, Trivendrum -695026 (Kerala)	Information Communication Technology in Agriculture: A Critical Analysis of Kissan Kerala Project	Dr.P.V.K.Sashidhar Reader, School of Extension and Development Studies, IGNOU	Dr.M.J.Chandre Gowda Additional Commissioner, MoA, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Mr.Sanjeev Nayan Flat nop. 202, Swaraj Arcade ICRISAT colony Bowenpally, Secundrabad- 500 009 (AP)	Impact of BT cotton on Socio-economic status of cotton growers of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh	Prof. B.S.Hansra SOA	Dr. S.K.Jha Senior Scientist, NDRI, Karnal (Haryana)
5.	Mr.Randhir Singh Sr. Technical Officer (t-9) CSSRO, Zarifa Farm, Kachhwala Road Karnal – 132 001 (Haryana)	Sustainability of Rice – Wheat Cropping System in Haryana-A Constraint analysis	Prof. B.S.Hansra SOA	Dr. Randhir Singh Principal Scientist Department of Social Science, Directorate of Wheat Research Karnal- 132001, Haryana & Dr. Jancy Gupta Head,Division of Dairy Extension, NDRI, Karnal (Haryana)

The above candidates have been recommended to undergo Course Work of 32 credits developed by the School. In addition to Course Work of 32 credits, Mr. Kishore S. has to undergo a bridge course of 8 credits. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee and the School Board of SOA was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 15 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC 14.15.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above part-time candidates seeking admission into Ph.D in Agriculture Extension along with the supervisors mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 16 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE ADMISSION OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE PH.D IN DISTANCE EDUCATION.

- RC 14.16.1 It was presented that the synopsis of the following candidates have been presented and discussed in the Doctoral Committee of STRIDE on July 31, 2008, and based on the suggestions, the candidates have revised their proposals, and the individual faculty members (as allotted in the Doctoral Committee) have agreed that the proposal were in order for consideration of the Area Committee and subsequently by the Research Council for Admission into the **Ph.D Programme in Distance Education:**

1. Ms. D.G.S.K. Doluweera, Sri Lanka. Topic: An in-depth study of support services of the two Open Universities: Indira Gandhi National Open University and The Open University of Sri Lanka. (Supervisor: Prof. P.K. Biswas)
2. Ms. Sabina Yeasmin, Bangladesh. Topic: Study on design and development of self-learning materials for open schooling with particular emphasis on gender-sensitivity: A case of Bangladesh Open University. (Supervisor: Prof. C.R.K. Murthy)
3. Md. Mizanoor Rahman, Bangladesh. Topic: A Critical study on policy and developments in technology-enabled distance learning for open schooling and open basic education in Bangladesh. (Supervisor: Prof. Santosh Panda)
4. Mr. M. Rajamannar, India. Topic: Instructional design and development under multi--media approach in distance education in India. (Supervisor: Prof. P.R. Ramanujam).

Based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee, the Vice Chancellor had approved the admission of the above four candidates to the Ph.D in Distance Education. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated July 31, 2008 and approval of the Vice Chancellor was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 16 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC 14.16.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the admission of the above candidates to the Ph.D in Distance Education.

ITEM NO. 17 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE NAME OF DR. ACHUTHSANKAR S. NAIR AS AN EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPERVISOR FOR PH.D PROGRAMMES TO BE OFFERED UNDER ACIL.

RC 14.17.1 It was presented that Dr. Achuthsankar S Nair heads the Centre for Bioinformatics, University of Kerala. He had his B.Tech (Electrical Engineering) from College of Engineering, Trivandrum and M.Tech (Electrical Engineering) from IIT Bombay. He also holds on M.Phil in Computer Speech and Language Processing from the Dept of Engineering, University of Cambridge, UK and PhD from University of Kerala. He is recipient of Young Scientist Award of Govt. of Kereala (1991), Cambridge Barclay Scholarship (1991), ISTE National Award for Young Engineering Teachers (1994). He is a member of Computer Society of India, IEEE, Indian Society for Technical Education, and International Society for Computational Biology. A copy of the short resume of Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair along with the approval of the Vice Chancellor was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 17 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.17.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by Vice Chancellor in approving the name of Dr. Achuthsankar S.Nair as an Research Supervisor for Ph.D programmes to be offered under ACIL.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE RTAs ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL OF SCIENCES.

RC 14.18.1 It was presented that the School of Sciences has submitted the Progress Reports of the following RTAs associated with the Life Science disciplines:

Sl.No.	Name & Enrollment no.	Period of Progress Reports
1.	Ms. Ripu Daman Sood Enrl. No. 093575671	June, 2008 to November, 2008 and December, 2008 to May, 2009
2.	Ms. G. Lakshmi Enrl. No. 093575664	May, 2008 to October, 2008 and November, 2008 to April, 2009
3.	Ms. Anamika Tripathi Enrl. No. 093575879	May, 2008 to October, 2008 and November, 2008 to April, 2009

RC 14.18.2 The Research Council considered and approved the Progress Reports of the above RTAs associated with the School of Sciences for the period specified above.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF THE RTAs FROM EDNERU.

RC 14.19.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of English discipline (SOH) dated 27th April, 2009 approved the research proposals of the following RTAs from EDNERU associated with School of Humanities:

Sl.No.	Name of the RTA	Topic	Internal & External Supervisor
1.	Ms. Irengbam Runita Devi	Socio-Political Reflections in Contemporary Manipuri Short Stories in English Translation: A Study of Selected Writers	Dr. N.K.Jain (External Supervisor) & Prof. Renu Bhardwaj (Internal Supervisor)
2.	Ms. Chingangbam Anupama	Themes and Issues in Modern Manipuri Poetry in English Translation: A Study of Selected Poets from Manipur	Dr. N.K.Jain (External Supervisor) & Prof. Renu Bhardwaj (Internal Supervisor)

The Minutes of the Doctoral Committee was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 19 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.19.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposals of the above RTAs along with the supervisors mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SYNOPSIS OF MR. R.ZONUNSANGA, RTA FOR PH.D IN AGRICULTURE.

RC 14.20.1 It was presented that Mr. R. Zonunsanga, RTA is working at Regional Centre, Aizwal and has submitted his synopsis entitled “Assessment of Geo-Morphometric and Climatic Elements as the Determinants of Land Use and Land Degradation in Aizwal West District, Mizoram” for doctoral degree. He has already presented his synopsis before the Doctoral Committee and School Board. The candidate will be given a course syllabus which will be prepared by organizing an Expert Group Meeting. The course syllabus will also consist of pertinent references. Based on the course syllabus, the candidate will appear in the examination semester wise for three semesters. He will also present the progress of his study in form of seminar at every six month. Dr. S.K.Yadav, Reader, SOA will be the guide. Dr. Zonunthara, Regional Director Aizwal will be the member in the Advisory Committee of the student.

The 12th School Board of SOA in its meeting held on 13.5.2009 approved the Ph.D synopsis of Mr. R. Zonunsanga for its presentation in the Research Council. A copy of Minutes of the Doctoral Committee and School Board was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 20 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.20.2 The Research Council considered and approved the synopsis of Mr. R.Zonunsanga, RTA for Ph.D in agriculture along with the name of Dr. S.K.Yadav, as Supervisor.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL OF Ms. C. HELEN, RTA FOR PH.D IN FOOD AND NUTRITION, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION.

RC 14.21.1 It was presented that the Ph.D proposal of Ms. C.Helen, RTA attached to the Discipline of Nutritional Sciences, SOCE on “Prevalence of Anaemia among Adolescent girls (11-18 yrs) and its prevention by Implementing a nutrition intervention programme” was considered by the Doctoral Committee of the Discipline of Nutritional Sciences in its meeting held on 30th March, 2009 and subsequently by the School Board of SOCE on 6th April. 2009. A copy of the Minutes was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 21 as circulated with the agenda.** The Doctoral Committee and the School Board recommended Ms. C.Helen for Ph.D registration and recommended Prof. Deeksha Kapur to be the supervisor. The Doctoral Committee has also recommended the research methods and Biostatistics Course (MFN-009) to the candidate.

RC 14.21.2 The Research Council considered and approved the research proposal of M. C.Helen, RTA for Ph.D in Food and Nutrition under SOCE with the recommended Course (MFN-009).

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAMES FOR RECOGNITION OF INTERNAL/EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPERVISOR FOR DIFFERENT PH.D PROGRAMMES.

RC 14.22.1 It was presented that the following names are placed before the Research Council for recognition of Internal/External Research Supervisors for Ph.D programmes:

(A) Education (Internal from IGNOU)

Sl.No.	Name & Designation with Qualification	Area of Specialization
1.	Dr. Sitansu Sekhar Jena , Project Director, DEP-SSA, IGNOU MA (Edu), M.Phil (Edu), Ph.D (Edu), PGDDE 21 years Teaching & Research Experience in ODL system	Sociology of Education (in-equality of educational opportunity), Curriculum & Instruction, ICT for School Education, Media Application for School Education, Distance Education Methodology for Training of Teachers, Educational Management & Administration, Programme Development & Implementation of diversified context.
2.	Dr. Hema Pant , Programme Officer, DEP-SSA, IGNOU M.Sc. (Chemistry), M.Ed, Ph.D (Edu), PGDDE, ACE (IGNOU) 15 years experience in Teaching & Research in ODL system	Instructional System in Distance Education, Educational Administration, Curriculum Design, Technology enabled learning at School level, Curriculum Design and implantation.

(B) Information Technology & related fields (External Guide under ACIL, IGNOU)

1.	Prof. Sanjay Jasola , Professor and Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Nodia, UP Bachelor of Technology (Computer Science & Engineering) Master of Technology Computer Science & Engineering) Ph.D (Computer Science), PGDDE	IT in Open Educational Resources, IT in Open Standards and Platforms, Computer Network, Mobile Communication, Wireless Network, Network Protocols
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A copy of the brief resume of the above was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 22 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.22.2 The Research Council considered and approved the above names as research supervisors for different Ph.D programmes as mentioned above.

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR RENAMING THE ‘AREA COMMITTEE’ AS “RESEARCH COMMITTEE” – AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ON THE RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES.

RC 14.23.1 It was presented that as per the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes (M.Phil/Ph.D) School Board (Section 2.3 of 13) and Area Committee (Section 2.4 of 13) shall operationalize Research Degree Programmes as follows:

1. School shall operationalize the Research Degree Programmes in the disciplines assigned to the concerned Schools in accordance with the policies and guidelines laid down by the Academic Council and the Research Council (**Section 2.3**).
2. Area Committee shall administer of the Research Degree programmes falling in the (i) Developmental Studies – Inter-disciplinary (ii) System-Based Areas (iii) Any other area not covered by the Schools (**Section 2.4**).
3. School Boards shall be responsible for research topics covering the disciplines assigned to the Schools concerned. However, for topics of interdisciplinary nature, the decision shall be taken by the Area Commit

A meeting was held on 27th April, 2009 with the Directors of Schools/Heads of Divisions/Centres/Units/Institutions. It was discussed in detail about renaming of the ‘Area Committee’ taking into consideration of new Schools of Studies namely Tourism, Foreign Languages, Gender and Development Studies, Women Studies, Vocational Education, Inter-disciplinary Studies (which have multiple disciplines within each school). Similarly, disciplines like Distance Education, Women Studies, Rural Development, Child

Development, IT, Knowledge Management, Extension Education Community Outreach etc. are independent/inter-disciplinary disciplines placed under Institutes/Centre/Others in the University. Each discipline needs specific attention (besides Doctoral Committee) in selecting Ph.D candidates instead of making it a general and placing such disciplines under a common committee namely 'Area Committee'. In fact, requirements of such disciplines are specific in nature and hence needs specific discipline expertise and attention. Whereas in Schools, each discipline has a Doctoral Committee, Standing Committee (representing School Board) and School Board.

It is in this context, detailed deliberations were held in the meeting with the Directors of Schools/ Heads of Divisions/Centres/Units/Institutes on 27.4.2009 and it was proposed to rename the 'Area Committee' as **"Research Committee"**. It was also decided that each Institute/Centre/Unit who are offering research programmes should have a specific "Research Committee" beside a Doctoral Committee to look after their research programmes being offered by them.

In view of the above, it was agreed the following:-

1. Permit all Institutes/Centres/Units to have their "Research Committees" to place minutes of the Doctoral Committee pertaining to Ph.D candidates such as registration, progress of candidates etc. for consideration and approval.
2. The Clause Area Committee needs to be amended replacing with Research Committee for Institutes/Centres/Units of the University. The Research Committee and the Doctoral Committee transact Ph.D registration and related matters pertaining to Ph.D programmes.

The Composition of the Research Committee shall be as follows:

(i)	Director of the Institute/Centre/Unit	-	Chairman
(ii)	All Professors/Associate Professors/Assistant Professors and all academics (DD and AD) on the discipline in the Institute/Centre/Unit	-	Members
(iii)	Three external experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor in the discipline concerned.	-	Members
(iv)	Three Directors of Schools/Divisions nominated by the Vice Chancellor	-	Members
(v)	Director, Research Unit (as an ex-officio)	-	Member

The Research Committee shall meet as and when necessary. Fifty percent of the membership shall form the quorum of the committee. The nominated members of the Research Committee shall hold the office for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment, or till he/she holds the respective position in the University, whichever is earlier. A member can also be re-nominated for another term with the approval of the Vice Chancellor. Research Committee shall be responsible for the research topic covering the disciplines assigned to the Institute/Centre/Unit.

RC 14.23.2 Detailed deliberations were held with regard to abolition of “Area Committee” and proposal to create “Research Committee” for Institutions/Centres/Units/Others. The purpose of Research Committee is to look into research related activities (such as synopsis, progress reports etc.) presented by M.Phil/Ph.D candidates in the Doctoral Committee

RC 14.23.3 The Research Council considered and approved the abolition of the “Area Committee”.

RC 14.23.4 The Research Council approved the creation of “Research Committee” to Institutes/Centres/Units and Others (other than the Schools of Studies). The composition of the Committee will be as follows:

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| 1. | Director of the Institute/Centre/Unit/others | - | Chairman |
| 2. | All research Supervisors in the
Institute/Centre/Unit/Others | - | Members |
| 3. | Two external experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor
in the discipline concerned. | - | Members |

The Research Council informed that the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee of the Institute/Centre/Unit/others shall be placed before the Research Committee of the Institute/Centre/Unit/Others for consideration and approval of Ph.D/M.Phil synopsis and related matters pertaining to Ph.D. & M.Phil programmes. Subsequently the Minutes of the Research Committee shall be placed before the RCSC/Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 14.23.5 The Research Council approved the proposed amendment (i.e. “abolition of Area Committee” and Creation of Research Committee for Institutes/Centres/Units/Others) to the Ordinances and Regulations of the University of the Research Degree Programmes. The Research Council has also approved to forward the amendment to the MHRD for consent of the Visitor.

ITEM NO. 24 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE CONDUCT OF TEE AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BY THE RESEARCH UNIT AND PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE BUDGET TO THE RESEARCH UNIT FOR CONDUCT OF TEE FOR M.PHIL/PH.D COURSE WORK.

RC 14.24.1 It was presented that a meeting was held on 27.4.2009 with the Directors of Schools/Heads of Divisions/Centres/Units/Institutions in which the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor assigned the job of conducting the TEE for Ph.D as well as M.Phil candidates to the Research Unit taking into consideration the limitations and constraints expressed by the Registrar, SED in conducting Term-End Examinations by the SED, IGNOU.

In view of the above, as directed by the Vice Chancellor, the Research Unit would be conducting Entrance Examinations as well as TEE w.e.f June, 2009. Modalities for conduct of TEE for Course Work and Entrance Examination are being worked-out by a committee approved by the Vice Chancellor. In order to conduct the above examinations, the Research Unit needs a separate budget for setting question papers, moderation of question papers and evaluation of answer scripts of Entrance and TEE and conduct of examinations.

Expenses to be incurred by disciplines/schools with regard to above will be disbursed by the Research Unit hereafter. The proposed expenditure specified above is tentative and exact requirements will be submitted in the Revised Budget of 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Proposed Budget for the expenditure to be incurred for the year 2009-2010 is given below:

Sl.No	Details of Expenditure to be incurred for TEE and Entrance Examination	2009 -10 Amount (Rs)
1.	Expenditure proposed for TEE On an average, a discipline may incur an expenditure between Rs. 20000 to Rs. 25000/- for conducting TEE and declaring of results.	14 Lakhs
2.	Expenditure proposed for Entrance Examination during August, 2009 and February, 2	6 Lakhs
3.	Miscellaneous	2 lakhs
4.	Total (Estimates only)	22 Lakhs

RC 14.24.2 The Research Council ratified the action by the Vice Chancellor in shifting of conduct of Entrance Examination and Term-End Examinations for research programmes from SED to the Research Unit of the University. The Research Council also agreed to create a separate Budget to the Research Unit for conduct of TEE for M.Phil/Ph.D Course Work. The Research Council directed the Member-Secretary to place the Budget estimates for Entrance and TEE in the forthcoming meeting of the Finance Committee.

ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D AND M.PHIL PROSPECTUS.

RC 14.25.1 It was presented that the University has launched thirty eight Ph.D programmes in various disciplines and two M.Phil programmes i.e in Economics and Sri Aurobindo Studies. The Ph.D Prospectus, 2009 (revised) and M.Phil Prospectus have been printed and are being issued for research candidates based on the University Ordinances and Regulations on Research Degree Programmes and amendments made time to time. The

draft Ph.D and M.Phil prospectus were circulated among Schools/Cenres/Institutes for their feedback. The draft was finalized based on the feedback/suggestions given by the Schools/Centres/Institutes. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the final Ph.D and M.Phil Prospectus. The Prospectus covers various operational details pertaining to Ph.D/M.Phil registration, eligibility criteria, supervisors (internal/external), evaluation procedures, guidelines for preparations of synopsis etc. A copy each of the Ph.D and M.Phil Prospectus were placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 25 as circulated with the agenda.**

- RC 14.25.2 Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Member Secretary also informed that the University launched RTA Scheme in the year 2008 and admitted Ph.D candidates under the Scheme. A brochure with guidelines along with the application form has also been printed for inviting applications. An advertisement for this purpose is being released shortly in July, 2009. However, the RTA Scheme has been placed at the IGNOU's website.
- RC 14.25.3 The Member-Secretary circulated copies of the printed booklets of M.Phil Prospectus, Ph.D Prospectus and RTA Scheme to all Members of the Research Council.
- RC 14.25.4 The Members appreciated contents and booklets brought-out by the Research Unit for Ph.D and M.Phil Prospectus, 2009 and RTA Scheme. The Research Council considered and approved the Ph.D and M.Phil Prospectus and RTA Scheme with revised guidelines.

ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING OF PH.D PROGRAMMES THROUGH IIVET, NECRD AND ICRTA.

- RC 14.26.1 It was presented that the University has established three national level institutes namely (i) IGNOU Institute of Vocational Education and Training (IIVET) at Shillong, (ii) North East Centre for Research and Development (NECRD) at Guwahati and IGNOU Centre for Research and Training in Agriculture through ODL (ICRTA) at Agartala.

The mandate of these three institutes are to engage themselves/facilitate research and developmental activities in the North-East Region within the purview of its objectives and goals. These institutes are headed by OSDs and Deputy Directors in the rank of Professors and Readers which are academic positions in the University. These institutes are potential to identify and engage external research guides/supervisors from North-East higher learning institutes/ universities for different disciplines.

The EDNERU taking the strength of IGNOU and its newly established North-East Centres at Shillong, Guwahati and Agartala proposed to offer Ph.D programmes in the following areas for January/July 2010 cycle:

- IIVET : Vocational Education, English Literature, Medicinal Plants, Tribal Health, Culture and Folk Lore, Distance Education, Indigenous Knowledge and Technology**
- NECRD : Physical Sciences, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Tribal Studies, Regional Studies, Rural Development, Distance Education, Interdisciplinary & Multi disciplinary Studies**
- ICRTA : Agricultural Extension and Distance Education, Agricultural Economics**

RC 14.26.2 Dr. A.Varadarajan, Deputy Director, EDNERU was invited to clarify the various queries raised by the Members with regard to faculty availability, infrastructure and other facilities that are needed for research in the above three Institutes. Having heard to Dr. Varadarajan, it was felt that the Institutes are established recently and they need some time to establish themselves to offer Ph.D programmes. It was also felt that they need to have full-time faculty and required infrastructure for offering Ph.D programmes.

RC 14.26.3 The item was deferred till these three Institutes are established themselves in terms of faculty and infrastructure that are needed for offering research programmes in the North-East region.

ITEM NO. 27 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF MS. SURBHI SAINI, RTA (EDNERU) LIB. & INFORMATION SCIENCE, SOSS.

RC 14.27.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee dated 10.6.2009 considered the research proposal entitled **“Public Library Legislation in Mizoram: An Evaluative Study”** submitted by Ms. Surbhi Saini an RTA from EDNERU affiliated with Lib. & Information Science, SOSS. The Doctoral Committee approved the topic in principle and made some modifications/suggestions to be complied by the candidate. Dr. Lalramsiami, Asstt. Librarian, Mizoram University, Aizol, Mizoram will be her external supervisor. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee dated 10.6.2009 was placed at **Annexure-1 to item no. 27 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.27.2 The Research Council considered and approved the provisional registration of Ms. Surbhi Saini, RTA (EDNERU) Library & Information Sciences under the supervision of Dr. Lalramsiami, Asstt Librarian, Mizoram University.

ITEM NO. 28 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION FOR PH.D IN MATHEMATICS, SOS.

RC 14.28.1 It was presented that the Doctoral Committee of the School of Sciences (Mathematics discipline) dated 28th April, 2009 approved the research proposal of the following four candidates who have qualified CSIR-UGC Net for admission into Ph.D in Mathematics:

1. Ms. Vandana Bansal
2. Ms. Roosel Jain
3. Mr. Joseph Mathew
4. Ms. Namita

The Vice Chancellor approved Ph.D registration for the above four candidates based on the recommendations made by the Doctoral Committee as all these candidates qualified CSIR-UGC Net.

A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee and approval of the Vice Chancellor was placed at **Anneuxre-1 to item no. 28 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.28.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the provisional registration of above four candidates for Ph.D in Mathematics, School of Sciences.

ITEM NO. 29 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR IN APPROVING THE PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF RTAs (EDNERU) ASSOCIATED WITH SOITS.

RC 14.29.1 The Doctoral Committee of the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS) dated 28th April, 2009 approved the research proposals of the following RTAs:

Sl. No.	Name of the RTA	Topic	Proposed Guide(s)
1.	Ms. Sanghamitra Sarkar	Changing Profile of Population and Landuse and its Impact on Environment-Southern Sikkim.	Dr. Sandipan Chakrabarty, Presidency College
2.	Ms. Sayantani S. Mazumdar	An Appraisal of India's Look East Policy through the Corridors of its North-East Region.	Prof. Samir Kumar Das, Calcutta University,
3.	Ms. Mridusmita Barauh	The Nature of an Insurgency and the resolution of its problematic: A case study of the Bodo Movement in Assam.	Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS, IGNOU

4.	Ms. Beauty Gogoi	Role of Man Tai Women in Transition: A Study of Aitonian Villages in Karbianglog District Assam.	Prof. D.Gopal, SOSS, IGNOU
5.	Ms. Pallabi Sharma	Role of Environment in confronting Environmental Challenges: A Case Study of hill dwellers in Guwahati City.	Dr. B.B.Banu, Guwahati University
6.	Mr. Renbemo Oduyo	Folklore and Pragmatics: Towards a historical, societal and culture approach of Lotha (kyonga) Folklore.	Prof. D. Gopal, SOSS, IGNOU
7.	Ms. Irene P. Awungashi	Culture Diversity and Language Socialization in Manipur: An Analysis.	Dr. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS, IGNOU
8.	Mr. K. Themreinga Rainam	Look East Policy and the Development of India's North East	Dr. J.Kuba

Based on the recommendations made by the Doctoral Committee, the Vice Chancellor had also approved the provisional registration of the above RTAs. A copy of the Minutes of the Doctoral Committee and approval of the Vice Chancellor was placed at **Anneuxre-1 to item no. 29 as circulated with the agenda.**

RC 14.29.2 The Research Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the provisional registration of above RTAs (EDNERU) with SOITS under the supervisors mentioned above.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai)
Chairman