

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 (TUESDAY) AT 11.00 AM IN THE BOARD ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI-110 068**

The Twenty Fourth Meeting of the Research Council (RC) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 (Tuesday) at 11.00 AM in the Board Room, Vice Chancellor Office, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by the following members :

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| (1)  | Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor (I/c), IGNOU, New Delhi                                    | – Chairperson         |
| (2)  | Prof. K. N. Tripathi, former PVC, IGNOU, New Delhi   | – Member              |
| (3)  | Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Former Vice Chancellor,<br>SNDT Women's University, Mumbai                  | – Member              |
| (4)  | Prof. K.N. S. Yadava, Vice Chancellor,<br>Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh | – Member              |
| (5)  | Prof. Swaraj Basu, Director, SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (6)  | Prof. T. U. Fulzele, Director, P&DD, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (7)  | Prof. M.K. Salooja, Director, SOA, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (8)  | Prof. P.K. Biswas, Director, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (9)  | Prof. B. S. Saraswat, Professor of Chemistry, SOS, IGNOU, New Delhi                              | – Member              |
| (10) | Prof. A. K. Singh, Professor, SOTST, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (11) | Prof. Harjeet Singh, Ex-Dean, JNU, New Delhi   | – Member              |
| (12) | Shri K. Ravikant, Director, EMPC, IGNOU, New Delhi   | – Member              |
| (13) | Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD, IGNOU, New Delhi   | – Member              |
| (14) | Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi                                    | –Special Invitee      |
| (15) | Prof. E.Vayunandan, Professor of Pub. Admn., SOSS, IGNOU, N. Delhi                               | –Special Invitee      |
| (16) | Dr. Paramita Shuklabaidya, Asstt. Professor, SOTHSM, IGNOU, N.Delhi                              | –Special Invitee      |
| (17) | Prof. Narayan Prasad, Director, Research Unit, IGNOU, New Delhi                                  | – Member-<br>Convener |

Prof. Piyush Ranjan Agrawal, Vice Chancellor, Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Director, Dr. Bhavana Gulati, Assistant Director and Dr. Satish, Assistant Director all from Research Unit, IGNOU were also present to assist the Research Council in proceedings.

At the outset, Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Chairperson, Research Council welcomed all the members of the Research Council. He appreciated the contributions made by Prof. D. Gopal, Professor S. Srilatha and Prof. Sunaina Kumar, the outgoing members of the Research Council. The Chairperson also welcomed the newly nominated members namely Prof. Swaraj Basu, Prof. M. K. Salooja and Prof. P.K. Biswas and gave a brief introduction about them to the members of the Council. On behalf of the Research Council, he expressed thanks to outgoing Director, Research Unit, Prof. Satyakam and also put on record his contributions in furthering the cause of research in IGNOU.

The Chairperson put on record that UGC has granted permission to the university for re-starting the M.Phil./Ph.D. Programmes subject to compliance of various provisions of UGC Regulations, 2016. In view of the above, the University announced the admission for Ph.D. Programmes in 35 disciplines and for M.Phil. Programmes in 7 disciplines. Application forms were invited through online mode, and total 12205 applications have been received. Entrance Examination for admission to Research Degree Programmes was conducted on 04.12.2016 at 20 examination centers in 13 cities across the country.

Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor requested Prof. Narayan Prasad, the Member-Convener of the Council to place the agenda and the Council transacted the following business:

Item No.	Subject
<b>RC.24.1.</b>	<b>To consider and confirm the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Research Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</b>
<b>RC.24.1.2</b>	<p>Director, Research Unit presented the item and informed the members that the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Research Council held on <b>29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016</b> were circulated to all the members on August 9, 2016. No comments have been received from any member so far. The Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Research Council are placed for confirmation by the Research Council.</p> <p>Two corrections were suggested by the members:</p> <p>(i) Against the name of Prof. Vasudha Kamat, her designation Vice Chancellor may be replaced by 'Former Vice Chancellor'.</p> <p>(ii) Against the name of Prof. B.S. Saraswat, his designation appeared as Professor of Physics may be replaced by 'Professor of Chemistry'.</p> <p>The Members also suggested that the minutes of every meeting of the Research Council should be drafted within a week and be circulated alongwith the date of issuance within a fortnight.</p> <p>The above suggestions were accepted by the Research Council unanimously.</p>
<b>RC.24.1.3</b>	<b>With the incorporation of the above suggestions, the Research Council confirmed the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. The final minutes are placed as Appendix RC.24.1.</b>
<b>RC.24.2.</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Research Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.</b>
<b>RC.24.2.2</b>	<p>Director, Research Unit informed the members that after approval of the Minutes by the Vice Chancellor, the action initiated by the Research Unit at various ends has been provided in the Action Taken Report. The item-wise Action Taken Report on Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council was presented as Annexure for approval.</p> <p>Regarding Action Taken Report the members suggested the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dates of letters as action taken need to be mentioned.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In some matters, letters were issued to the concerned schools/divisions. However, the action taken by the respective schools/divisions on their part also needs to be reflected.</li> <li>• For this, it was suggested that date wise action taken at various ends should be reflected in separate columns.</li> </ul> <p>The Council recommended that the matter pertaining to additional period of registration for women scholars may be implemented immediately.</p>
<b>RC.24.2.3</b>	<b>With the above points, the Research Council approved the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on June 29, 2016.</b>
<b>RC.24.3.</b>	<b>To consider and approve the proposal for amendment in the IGNOU Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes.</b>
<b>RC.24.3.2</b>	<p>Director, Research Unit informed the members that UGC vide its letter dated August 24, 2016 has accorded permission to launch M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes under Regular Mode subject to the conditions to adhere the essential clauses of UGC (Minimum standards and procedures for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 pertaining to eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes, duration of programme, procedure for admission, allocation of research supervisor, course-work, evaluation and assessment methods and depository with INFLIBNET, in letter and spirit. It has, therefore, become incumbent to amend the Ordinance on Research Degree Programme in consonance with the UGC Regulations, 2016. Keeping this in view, the Vice Chancellor constituted a Committee consisting Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS as Chairman, Prof. Geeta Kaicker (SOS) Prof. Satyakam (SOH), Prof. P.K. Biswas (STRIDE), Prof. A.K. Singh (SOTST) as members and Prof. Narayan Prasad, Director, Research Unit as Member-Convener to re-look into the existing Research Ordinance in the light of UGC Regulations, 2016.</p> <p>Keeping in view the frequent changes in the UGC Regulations, it becomes difficult to make corresponding amendments in the IGNOU Research Ordinance because it needs clearance from the various statutory bodies of the University and also the assent of the Visitor. The Committee, therefore, took note of this problem in expeditious implementation of UGC Regulations and went into the provisions of IGNOU Act, 1985 and the Statutes of the University to explore the possibilities to introduce the major provisions of the UGC Regulations, 2016 by way of framing IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes. The IGNOU Research Ordinance may retain the preamble, statutory structures, role, power, functions and composition of statutory bodies involved in the Research Degree Programmes, provisions relating to award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree, removal of difficulties, Grievance Redressal Committee etc.</p> <p>The amendments in the IGNOU Research Ordinance, as drafted by the Committee, were presented in tabular form.</p> <p>The Members appreciated the comparative presentation of the amendments</p>

	<p>proposed in the IGNOU Research Ordinance and discussed the items in detail. The members suggested following points for incorporation in the IGNOU Research Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Under clause 2.2.1 (iv) relating to Recognition of Supervisors, the words “academics and experts” may be deleted.</li> <li>(ii) Under clause 2.2.2 (ii) relating to composition of the Research Council it was decided that six eminent research experts from various domains; who are not employees of the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. Out of these six, two Members will be one each from Board of Management and Academic Council respectively;</li> <li>(iii) Under clause 2.3 relating to School Board, there is need to add in the end that “for this purpose, separate guidelines will be formulated by the Research Council”.</li> <li>(iv) Clause 7 relating to ‘<b>Removal of Difficulties</b>’ needs to be placed in the end.</li> <li>(v) In Clause 8 relating to ‘<b>Grievance Redressal Committee</b>’ needs to be placed at Sl. No. 7 with the additions of the words in third line “to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RC.24.3.3</b></p>	<p><b>With the incorporation of the above amendments the Research Council approved the Draft IGNOU Research Ordinance. The amended copy of the Draft IGNOU Research Ordinance as finalized by the Research Council is placed as Appendix RC.24.2(A) and RC.24.2(B).</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.4.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.4.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the members that under Section 27 of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 read with Statute 9A(aa) and IGNOU Research Ordinance, the Research Council as a University Authority is empowered to make Regulations to conduct Research Degree Programmes. Accordingly, the Committee consisting Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS as Chairman, Prof. Geeta Kaicker (SOS) Prof. Satyakam (SOH), Prof. P.K. Biswas (STRIDE), Prof. A.K. Singh (SOTST) as members and Prof. Narayan Prasad, Director, Research Unit as Member-Convener, drafted the IGNOU Regulations to conduct Research Degree Programmes.</p> <p>The major provisions of the Draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes were presented by the Director, Research Unit.</p> <p>The Members discussed the draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes in detail and suggested following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Under Clause 3.1.4(xi) relating to ‘Powers and Functions of Doctoral Research Committee’, the words “(Academic Council, Research Council and School Boards)” need to be added.</li> <li>(ii) Under Clause 5.2.2 relating to ‘Eligibility Criteria for Admission to M.Phil. Programme’, the lines “However, a discipline may decide</li> </ul>

	<p>separate terms and conditions for short-listing of the students who have qualified UGC NET (Including JRF/UGC-CSIR NET including JRF/GATE/Teacher Fellowship holders.) for the purpose of finalizing the list of the candidates to be called for interview” will be added.</p> <p>(iii) Under Clause 5.3.2 relating to ‘Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Ph.D. Programme’, the lines “However, a discipline may decide separate terms and conditions for short-listing of the students who have qualified UGC NET (Including JRF/UGC-CSIR NET including JRF/GATE/Teacher Fellowship holders and M.Phil. Degree Holders.) for the purpose of finalizing the list of the candidates to be called for interview” will be added. Thereafter, the word ‘<b>OR</b>’ prior to clause 5.3.3 will be inserted.</p> <p>(iv) Under Clause 8.1 relating to ‘Procedure for admission’ the word “Specific DRCs’ will be deleted. Further clause 7.5 in the bracket will be read as clause 9.6</p> <p>(v) Under clause 8.9 relating to ‘Programme Fee’ Clause 6.7 will be read as clause 8.7</p> <p>(vi) In Clause 9.2(ii) relating to Eligibility Criteria for a Research Supervisor’ the words “<b>like Scientist, Fellow/Senior Fellow etc.</b>” will be deleted. Further the words “<b>recognised</b>” will be replaced with the words “<b>eligible</b>”</p> <p>(vii) In Clause 9.3, the sentence “<b>External Supervisors will provide an undertaking about the total number of students being guided by them</b>” will be added.</p> <p>(viii) In Clause 10 relating to ‘Progress of Research Students” the last sentence “The matter will be reported to the Research Council for ratification” will stand deleted.</p> <p>(ix) In Clause 11.4 relating to ‘Submission and evaluation of M.Phil./Ph.D. Thesis’, the words “<b>as per the guidelines of INFLIBNET</b>” need be added after the word soft copy.</p> <p>(x) Under Clause 11.7 the word “deduct” need to be corrected as “<b>detect</b>”.</p> <p>(xi) Under Clause 17 the word “Ordinance” need to be corrected as “<b>Regulations</b>”</p>
<p><b>RC.24.4.3</b></p>	<p><b>With the incorporations of the above suggestions, the Research Council approved the Draft Regulations for conducting the Research Degree Programmes. The amended copy of the draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes as finalized by the Research Council is placed as Appendix RC.24.3.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.5.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve Guidelines for Ph.D. Programmes.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.5.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the members that in order to operationalize the various provisions of IGNOU Research Ordinance and IGNOU Regulations for Conducting Research Degree Programmes, Guidelines need to be framed to conduct Ph.D. Programme. Therefore the Committee, constituted by the Vice Chancellor, which comprised of Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS as Chairman, Prof. Geeta Kaicker (SOS) Prof. Satyakam (SOH), Prof. P.K. Biswas (STRIDE), Prof. A.K. Singh (SOTST) as members and Prof. Narayan Prasad,</p>

	<p>Director, Research Unit as Member Convener formulated the draft Guidelines for Ph.D. Programmes.</p> <p>The Director, Research Unit presented the various clauses of the Ph.D. Guidelines relating to norms and procedures involved in the admission process, structure of the Ph.D. Programmes, curriculum transactions, operational modalities relating to progress report, evaluation of the coursework, submission and evaluation of the thesis etc.</p> <p>The Members discussed the proposed Guidelines for Ph.D. Programmes and suggested the following points for incorporation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) In Clause 1.1 relating to ‘Registration’, the word “<b>each</b>” may be deleted from the forth line of Clause 1.1.</li> <li>(ii) In Clause 2.2 relating to ‘Doctoral Research Committee, the word ‘three’ in 2<sup>nd</sup> line will be replaced by “<b>Two</b>”</li> <li>(iii) In Clause 3 relating to ‘Eligibility Criteria for admission in Ph.D. Programme’, the word ‘<b>OR</b>’ may be inserted after Clause 3.2.</li> <li>(iv) In Clause 6 relating to ‘Selection Procedure for Admission’, the words “<b>Who are eligible as per clause 3 of these guidelines</b>” will be added after the words ‘Selections of Candidates’.</li> <li>(v) In Clause 7 relating to ‘Allocation of Research Supervisors’, the words “<b>in accordance with their choice</b>” will be deleted from 5<sup>th</sup> line of Clause 7.1.</li> <li>(vi) In Clause 9 relating to ‘Progress Report’, the word “<b>progress</b>” need to be added prior to the word ‘Report’ in Clause 9.1.</li> <li>(vii) In clause 10.4 relating to ‘Submission of the Thesis’, the word ‘of’ will be replaced by “<b>with</b>”.</li> <li>(viii) In clause 10.6 first bullet point will be replaced by the lines “<b>Hard Bound/Spiral Bound. After Viva Voce, Hard Bound copy in Maroon Colour with material in Golden Colour after incorporation of errata, if any, will be submitted by the student for record purpose</b>”.</li> <li>(ix) In clause 10.6 in the last bullet point the word ‘both’ will be replaced by “<b>all four</b>”.</li> <li>(x) In Clause 11.1 relating to ‘Evaluation of Thesis’, the word “<b>(3 experts in order of preference)</b>” need to be added after the word ‘Vice Chancellor’.</li> <li>(xi) In Clause 11.4 relating to ‘Evaluation of Thesis’, the word “<b>in writing</b>” need to be added after the words ‘modifications’ in first line and ‘communicated’ in second line.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RC.24.5.3</b></p>	<p><b>With the incorporation of the above points, the Research Council approved the Draft Guidelines for Ph.D. Programmes. The amended copy of the Draft Guidelines for Ph.D. Programmes as finalized by the Research Council is placed as Appendix RC.24.4.</b></p>

<p><b>RC.24.6.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve Guidelines for M.Phil. Programme.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.6.2</b></p>	<p>Keeping in view the point that several issues involved in offering M.Phil. Programme are distinct from Ph.D. Programme, the Committee consisting of Prof. A.R. Khan, Professor of History, SOSS as Chairman, Prof. Geeta Kaicker (SOS) Prof. Satyakam (SOH), Prof. P.K. Biswas (STRIDE), Prof. A.K. Singh (SOTST) as members and Prof. Narayan Prasad, Director, Research Unit as Member-Convener, felt need to formulate separate Guidelines for M.Phil. Programme.</p> <p>The Director, Research Unit presented the various clauses of Guidelines for M.Phil. Programmes</p> <p>The Members suggested the following points for incorporation in the draft guidelines for M.Phil. Programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) In Clause 1.1 relating to ‘Registration’, the word “<b>each</b>” may be deleted from the forth line of Clause 1.1.</li> <li>(ii) In Clause 2.2 relating to ‘Doctoral Research Committee, the word ‘three’ in 2<sup>nd</sup> line will be replaced by “<b>Two</b>”</li> <li>(iii) In Clause 6 relating to ‘Selection Procedure for Admission’, the words “<b>who are eligible as per clause 3 of these guidelines</b>” will be added after the words ‘Selections of Candidates’.</li> <li>(iv) In Clause 7 relating to ‘Allocation of Research Supervisors’, the words “<b>in accordance with their choice</b>” will be deleted from 5<sup>th</sup> line of Clause 7.1.</li> <li>(v) In clause 9.2 relating to ‘Submission of the Thesis’, the word ‘of’ will be replaced by “<b>with</b>”.</li> <li>(vi) In clause 9.3 first bullet point will be replaced by the lines “<b>Hard Bound/Spiral Bound. After Viva Voce, Hard Bound copy in blue Colour with material in Golden Colour after incorporation of errata, if any, will be submitted by the student for record purpose.</b>”</li> <li>(vii) In clause 9.3 in the last bullet point the word ‘both’ will be replaced by “<b>all four</b>”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RC.24.6.3</b></p>	<p><b>With the incorporation of the above points the Research Council approved the Draft Guidelines for M.Phil. Programmes. The amended copy of the Draft Guidelines for M.Phil. Programmes as finalized by the Research Council is placed as Appendix RC.24.5.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.7.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and approve the proposal for constitution of Student Grievance Redressal Committee for Research Scholars.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.7.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the members that from time to time several complaints are being received by Research Unit for resolution. Earlier also Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) was constituted by the Research Council Standing Committee and several cases were resolved by GRC effectively.</p>

	<p>Further, the Draft Research Ordinance and the Draft IGNOU Regulations for conducting Research Degree Programmes provide constitution of Grievance Redressal Committee. Hence, Research Council may constitute the Grievance Redressal Committee.</p> <p>The Research Council discussed the issue and authorized the Vice Chancellor to constitute a three member Grievance Redressal Committee.</p>
<b>RC.24.7.3</b>	<b>The Council approved the proposal to constitute a three member Grievance Redressal Committee and authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate its members and Chairperson.</b>
<b>RC.24.8.</b>	<b>To consider and approve the proposal for Upgrading Research Unit to Research Coordination Division.</b>
<b>RC.24.8.2</b>	Due to the paucity of time, the agenda item could not be taken up.
<b>RC.24.8.3</b>	<b>The Research Council deferred the item.</b>
<b>RC.24.9.</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Correction in Research Topic of Mr. Phani Bhushan Jamatia, Ph.D. student, Agriculture Extension, SOA.</b>
<b>RC.24.9.2</b>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the Members that the correction of the word from ‘Estate’ to ‘State’ in the Ph.D. topic of Mr. Phani Bhushan Jamatia, Enrolment No. 1400165630, Ph.D. student in the discipline of Agriculture Extension, SOA has been recommended by the DRC and endorsed by the School Board. The corrected topic may be read as ‘Adoption of True Potato Seed (TPS) Technology in Tripura State’.</p> <p>The Members approved the correction in Research Topic.</p>
<b>RC.24.9.3</b>	<b>The Research Council approved the Correction in Research Topic of Mr. Phani Bhushan Jamatia, Ph.D. student, Agriculture Extension, SOA as ‘Adoption of True Potato Seed (TPS) Technology in Tripura State’.</b>
<b>RC.24.10.</b>	<b>To Consider and ratify the approval of Vice Chancellor regarding revival of the IGNOU-RF.</b>
<b>RC.24.10.2</b>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the members that as a follow up action of the Research Council’s decision taken in its 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 29.06.2016 for revival of the IGNOU Research Fellowship (IGNOU-RF) duly endorsed by the Board of Management, Research Unit finalized the modalities to operationalise the three sub-schemes of Research Fellowship under the broad umbrella of IGNOU-RF.</p> <p>He further informed the members that notification for inviting applications from the existing M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars for award of IGNOU-RF under all the three schemes was issued. Total 35 applications were received. A Committee, consisting Prof. Geeta Kaicker as Chairperson, Prof. M.K. Salooja &amp; Prof. S.B.</p>

	<p>Arora as Members and Prof. Narayan Prasad as Convener was constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The committee considered the applications received for the award of IGNOU Research Fellowship and finalized the criteria for recommending the award of IGNOU-RF to the research scholarship.</p> <p>Based on the criteria, the committee recommended 22 Research Scholars for award of IGNOU-RF. 6 cases will be reconsidered after getting details from them. 7 students were not meeting the criteria decided by the Committee, hence, they were not recommended for IGNOU-RF. The recommendations of the Committee has been approved by the Vice Chancellor. The recommendations of the committee and approval of the Vice Chancellor were presented before the Research Council for ratification.</p> <p>The Members appreciated the steps taken for the revival of IGNOU-RF and ratified the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor.</p>
<b>RC.24.10.3</b>	<b>The Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor relating to recommendations of the Committee about IGNOU-RF.</b>
<b>RC.24.11.</b>	<b>To consider and ratify the approval of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the Committee constituted to examine the issue of Shri Sudhanshu Sultania and Ms. Indu Kala Yadav and action taken thereon.</b>
<b>RC.24.11.2</b>	<p>The Director Research Unit informed the Members that consequent upon the complaints/representations received from Sh. Sudhanshu Sultania and Ms. Indu Kala Yadav, M.Phil. students of Sociology, the Vice Chancellor constituted a committee comprising of Prof. A.R. Khan as Chairperson, Prof. Narayan Prasad and Prof. Uma Maidury as Members and Prof. Satyakam, the then Director Research Unit as Convener to look into the grievances raised by them.</p> <p>The following recommendations of the committee were approved by the Vice Chancellor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The existing supervisor of Sh. Sudhanshu Sultania i.e. Prof. Debal K. Singharoy is changed and Dr. R. Vashum, Faculty of Sociology Discipline will be assigned as new Supervisor and Dr. Gurupada Saren of SOCE be allocated as Co-Supervisor to him.</li> <li>(ii) Sh. Sudhanshu Sultania will be issued warning for the rash act of calling the police in the university campus without any provocation and pressurizing the faculty to change his admission from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Programme.</li> <li>(iii) The faculty members of sociology discipline will be advised to allow these two students to pursue their M.Phil. work as per laid down rules and guidelines of the university in a true academic spirit.</li> <li>(iv) Research Unit will issue an advice to Ms. Indu Kala Yadav to complete her course work and finalize M.Phil. Synopsis and not to pressurize the faculty for changing her registration from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Programme.</li> <li>(v) Regarding promotion of both these students from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Programme, it will be done as per the norms and procedures laid down in the university and merit of the case without any prejudice on account of the</li> </ul>

	<p>present case.</p> <p>(vi) Prof. E. Vayunandan will be asked to act as mentor for both these students who can negotiate and mediate between the faculty of sociology and students in case of any future misunderstanding and dispute.</p> <p>Accordingly, letters were issued to both the candidates, Director (SOSS) and the faculty concerned.</p> <p>Director, Research Unit, presented the contents of the note dated 21.10.2016 written by Dr. R. Vashum, Associate Professor in Sociology Discipline, sent to Research Unit in this regard.</p> <p>The Members deliberated upon the issue. The decision taken by the Vice Chancellor was ratified by the Research Council and it was resolved that the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in this regard is final and binding on both the students and the faculties concerned.</p>
<p><b>RC.24.11.3</b></p>	<p><b>The Research Council ratified the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor on the issue of Shri Sudhanshu Sultania and Ms. Indu Kala Yadav and action taken thereon. The Research Council also resolved that the decision taken by the Vice Chancellor in this regard is final and binding on both the students and all the faculties concerned.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.12.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and ratify the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor for finalisation of Research Topic of Mr. Harish Kumar, M.Phil. student, Sociology discipline, SOSS.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.12.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the Members that the topic entitled ‘A Study of Social Mobility and Change Amongst The Musahars of Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh’ in respect of Mr. Harish Kumar, Enrolment No. 127723274, M.Phil. student in the discipline of Sociology, SOSS has been recommended by the Doctoral Committee and endorsed by the Standing committee of the School Board. However the same could not be sent as an agenda item to Research Unit for placing before the RC/RCSC.</p> <p>Vice Chancellor has approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee and the School Board about the topic ‘A Study of Social Mobility and Change Amongst The Musahars of Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh’ and the thesis has been processed for evaluation. The matter was presented before the Research Council for ratification of VC’s Approval.</p>
<p><b>RC.24.12.3</b></p>	<p><b>The Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor about the Research Topic entitled ‘A Study of Social Mobility and Change Amongst The Musahars of Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh’ relating to Mr. Harish Kumar, M.Phil. student, Sociology discipline, SOSS..</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.13.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and ratify the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor for finalisation of Research Topic of Ms. Madhavi Yadav, M.Phil. student, Sociology discipline, SOSS.</b></p>

<p><b>RC.24.13.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the Members that the topic entitled ‘Sociological Understanding of Social Movements: An Interrogation Of Anna Hazare Movement’ in respect of Ms. Madhavi Yadav, Enrolment No. 127723235, M.Phil. student in the discipline of Sociology, SOSS has been recommended by the Doctoral Committee and endorsed by the Standing committee of the School Board. However the same could not be sent as an agenda item to Research Unit for placing before the RC/RCSC.</p> <p>Vice Chancellor has approved the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee and the School Board relating of topic of Ms. Madhvi Yadav, topic ‘Sociological Understanding of Social Movements: An Interrogation Of Anna Hazare Movement’ and the thesis has been processed for evaluation. The matter was presented before the Research Council for ratification.</p>
<p><b>RC.24.13.3</b></p>	<p><b>The Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor about the Research Topic entitled ‘Sociological Understanding of Social Movements: An Interrogation Of Anna Hazare Movement’ relating to Ms. Madhavi Yadav, Enrolment No. 127723235.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.14.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and ratify the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor for finalisation of Research Topic of Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Malik, and Ms. Rupali Agarwal, both students of M.Phil. Programme, Sociology discipline, SOSS.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.14.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the Members that the topic(s) entitled ‘Gift Exchange among Muslims in Kashmir: A Sociological Study’ in respect of Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Malik, Enrolment No. 127723228; and ‘Youth, ICT and The Virtual World: A Sociological Study of Resettlement Colony, Delhi’ in respect of Ms. Rupali Agarwal, Enrolment No. 127723339 both students of M.Phil. programme in the discipline of Sociology, SOSS have been recommended by the DRC and endorsed by the Standing committee of the School Board. However the same could not be sent as an agenda items to Research Unit for placing before the RC/RCSC.</p> <p>Vice Chancellor has approved the said topics of both students and the theses have been processed for evaluation. The matter was presented before the Research Council for ratification.</p>
<p><b>RC.24.14.3</b></p>	<p><b>The Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor relating to the said Topic(s) of both the students of M.Phil. programme in the discipline of Sociology, SOSS.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.15.</b></p>	<p><b>To consider and ratify the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor for Correction in Research Topic of Ms. Akanksha Shukla, Ph.D. student, Sanskrit, SOH.</b></p>
<p><b>RC.24.15.2</b></p>	<p>The Director, Research Unit informed the Members that the topic entitled ‘पातञ्जल योगसूत्र: भोजवृत्ति के आलोक में समीक्षात्मक अनुशीलन’ in respect of Ms. Akanksha Shukla, Enrolment No. 093575736, Ph.D. scholar in the discipline of</p>

	<p>Sanskrit, has been recommended by the DRC and endorsed by the School Board. . However due a typographical error, the title in her Registration letter reads as ‘Paatjal Yogustra: Bhojvrati ke Aalochak main Samikshak Anushelan’. However the same could not be sent as an agenda item to Research Unit for placing before the RC/RCSC.</p> <p>Vice Chancellor has approved the topic ‘पातञ्जल योगसूत्र: भोजवृत्ति के आलोक में समीक्षात्मक अनुशीलन’ and the thesis has been processed for evaluation. The matter was presented before the Research Council for approval.</p>
<b>RC.24.15.3</b>	<b>The Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor for Correction in Research Topic ‘पातञ्जल योगसूत्र: भोजवृत्ति के आलोक में समीक्षात्मक अनुशीलन’ of Ms. Akanksha Shukla, Ph.D. student, Sanskrit, SOH.</b>
<b>RC.24.16.</b>	<b>Any other Item</b>
<b>RC.24.16.2</b>	<p>With the approval of the Chairperson, Director, Research Unit, ‘Under any other Item’ raised the issue of expiry of the terms of the duration of the Ph.D. Student earlier admitted by the earstwhile Centres of the University.</p> <p>The Research Council viewed that delay in allocating such students to various schools be taken into consideration while considering the extension of term of such students. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to decide such matters taking all aspects into consideration.</p>
<b>RC.24.16.3</b>	<b>The Research Council authorized the Vice Chancellor to decide such matters taking into all aspects into consideration.</b>

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

**(Narayan Prasad)**  
**Convener**