

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 (TUESDAY) AT 11.00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI-110 068**

The following were present:

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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. Piyush Ranjan Agrawal, former Vice Chancellor<br>Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, U.P | – 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. Abha Singh, Professor of History, SOSS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (10) | Prof. A. K. Singh, Professor, SOTST, IGNOU, New Delhi   | – Member              |
| (11) | Shri K. Ravikant, Director, EMPC, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (12) | Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Director, RSD, IGNOU, New Delhi  | – Member              |
| (13) | Prof. Narayan Prasad, Professor of Economics, SOSS,<br>IGNOU, New Delhi                                       | –Special Invitee      |
| (14) | Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Professor of Library and Information Science, SOSS,<br>IGNOU, N. Delhi                  | –Special Invitee      |
| (15) | Prof. Kaustuva Barik, Director, Research Unit, IGNOU, New Delhi   | – Member-<br>Convener |

Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Former Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University and Prof. Harjeet Singh, Ex-Dean, JNU, New Delhi, members, could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Director and Dr. Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Deputy Director both from Research Unit, IGNOU were present to assist the Research Council proceedings.

At the outset, Prof. Ravindra Kumar, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and Chairperson, Research Council welcomed the members of the Research Council. The Director, Research Unit and Member-Convener informed the Research Council that for the January 2017 session total of 277 students (246 PhD and 31 MPhil) have been admitted.

Thereafter, Director, Research Unit as member-convener of the RC presented the agenda items with permission of the Chair.

Item No.	Subject
<b>RC 25.1</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and the Action Taken Report thereon.</b>
<b>RC 25.1.1</b>	The Minutes of the 24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 was circulated among the Members of Research Council. Since no comments were received from the Members, the Minutes was finalized. The Action Taken Report prepared on the Minutes of 24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council was placed.
<b>RC 25.1.2</b>	Research Council confirmed the Minutes of 24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Research Council and noted the Action Taken Report thereon.
<b>RC 25.2</b>	<b>To confirm the Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the Action Taken Report thereon.</b>
<b>RC 25.2.1</b>	The Minutes of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 was circulated among the Members of Research Council. Since no comments were received from the Members, the Minutes was finalized and circulated among the Schools of Studies. The Action Taken Report prepared on the Minutes of 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee was placed.
<b>RC 25.2.2</b>	Research Council confirmed the Minutes of 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Research Council Standing Committee and noted the Action Taken Report thereon.
<b>RC 25.3</b>	<b>To Consider and approve Comprehensive Guidelines for Recognized Research Institutes (RRIs).</b>
<b>RC 25.3.1</b>	deferred
<b>RC 25.4</b>	<b>To Consider and approve the Proposal for setting-up a Centralized Computer Lab.</b>
<b>RC 25.4.1</b>	<p>To facilitate the research and development activities in the University, there is a need for a Centralized Computer Lab to cater to the computing needs of the research students and faculty with a provision of advanced and specialised softwares.</p> <p>The Research Council Standing Committee in its 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 approved the proposal to set up a Centralised Research Lab to strengthen and facilitate Research Degree Programmes. Accordingly, the Vice Chancellor constituted a Committee to work out the details and expenditure involved in setting up a Research Lab. The Committee had several sittings and has submitted a report for establishing a Centralized Computer Lab. The report is given at <b>Annexure 25.4.1</b>.</p> <p>The report is based on basic common laboratory infrastructure requirements of the students of most Disciplines. Particularly, it envisages 20 computers for the Lab with a budget requirement is approx Rs.1,07,50,000.00/. Specific infrastructural requirements of Disciplines may be developed in the second phase, for which the Committee suggested creation of a budget head named "Research Laboratory Grant". Allocation of funds for Specialised Labs for specific disciplines may be made from this head.</p>

RC 25.4.2	Research Council was of the view that the Centralised Lab should have 90 computer terminals as it is planned to cater to the needs all the research students in the University and faculty members. The RU was instructed to revise the proposal accordingly. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to approve the revised proposal.																																																																								
RC 25.5	<b>To Consider and approve Policy Guidelines on Anti-Plagiarism in Research Degree Programmes.</b>																																																																								
RC 25.5.1	<p>The Research Council in its 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 decided that the procedure for implementation of <b>Anti-Plagiarism Software</b> in Research Degree Programmes be worked out. Accordingly, Vice Chancellor constituted a Committee to formulate modalities for implementation of URKUND, an anti-plagiarism software for detection of plagiarism in research work.</p> <p>The Committee submitted its report on 'Policy Guidelines for implementation of Anti-Plagiarism Software (URKUND) in Research Degree Programmes'. The report was placed before the Research Council Standing Committee (RCSC) in its 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The RCSC while accepting the draft policy guidelines on Anti-Plagiarism advised the Research Unit to circulate the guidelines among Teachers and Academics of the University and get their feedback before placing it in the next meeting of Research Council. The Research Unit received feedback from some Teachers and Academics. The Policy Guidelines along with the feedback received from teachers and academics was placed before the Research Council.</p>																																																																								
RC 25.5.2	Research Council approved the 'Policy Guidelines for implementation of Anti-Plagiarism Software (URKUND) in Research Degree Programmes' and instructed the Research Unit to implement it in the case of all M Phil/ PhD students from the date of notification of the guidelines.																																																																								
RC 25.6	<b>To Consider and ratify approval of Vice Chancellor on selection of candidates for admission to PhD in Education in the Discipline of Education (SOE) for January 2017 session.</b>																																																																								
RC 25.6.1	<p>The Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of Discipline of Education, School of Education in its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 recommended the following candidates for admission to PhD Programme for the academic session January 2017:</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of the candidate</th><th>Cate.</th><th>Course Work details</th><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of the candidate</th><th>Cate.</th><th>Course Work details</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Ms. Vandana Gupta</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>21.</td><td>Ms. Ruchi Bajaj</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Mr. Suday Narayan Prasad</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>22.</td><td>Mr. Sumbul Khalil</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Ms. Indu</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>23.</td><td>Ms. Abha Chaubey</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Mr. Kuldeep Yadav</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>24.</td><td>Ms. Anju Singh</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Ms. Pochampalli Lakshmirajam</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>25.</td><td>Mr. Agnivesh Gupta</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>Mr. Shiv Veer Singh</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>26.</td><td>Mr. Manisha Rani Verma</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>7.</td><td>Mr. Iqbal Ahmed</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>27.</td><td>Ms. Sandhya Saxena</td><td>Gen</td><td>Full</td></tr><tr><td>8.</td><td>Mr. Nishant Pal</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td><td>28.</td><td>Mr. Pramod Kumar Gaur</td><td>OBC</td><td>Full</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Cate.	Course Work details	Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Cate.	Course Work details	1.	Ms. Vandana Gupta	OBC	Full	21.	Ms. Ruchi Bajaj	Gen	Full	2.	Mr. Suday Narayan Prasad	OBC	Full	22.	Mr. Sumbul Khalil	Gen	Full	3.	Ms. Indu	OBC	Full	23.	Ms. Abha Chaubey	Gen	Full	4.	Mr. Kuldeep Yadav	OBC	Full	24.	Ms. Anju Singh	Gen	Full	5.	Ms. Pochampalli Lakshmirajam	OBC	Full	25.	Mr. Agnivesh Gupta	Gen	Full	6.	Mr. Shiv Veer Singh	OBC	Full	26.	Mr. Manisha Rani Verma	OBC	Full	7.	Mr. Iqbal Ahmed	OBC	Full	27.	Ms. Sandhya Saxena	Gen	Full	8.	Mr. Nishant Pal	OBC	Full	28.	Mr. Pramod Kumar Gaur	OBC	Full
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10.	Mr. Binod Kumar	OBC	Full	30.	Mr. Ravi Kumar	Gen	Full
11.	Mr. Kailash Chandra Sisodiya	OBC	Full	31.	Ms. Poonam	SC	Full
12.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Patil	Gen	Full	32.	Mr. Krishan Lal	SC	Full
13.	Mr. Joginder Kumar	SC	Full	33.	Ms. Roopali Charan	SC	Full
14.	Ms. Renu Luthra	Gen	Full	34.	Mr. Sher Singh	SC	Full
15.	Ms. Neelam Singh	Gen	Full	35.	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar	SC	Full
16.	Mr. Rahidabano Mohammad Alim Patel	Gen	Full	36.	Mr. Dhiraj Kumar Bharti	SC	Full
17.	Ms. Keerti Dagar	Gen	Full	37.	Mr. Banoth Ramchand	ST	Full
18.	Mr. Soorya Prakash	Gen	Full	38.	Mr. Khrieo Rutsa	ST	Full
19.	Ms. Krutika Harish Jaggi	Gen	Full	39.	Ms. Rashmi Rana	ST	Full
20.	Mr. Vivek Kumar Yadav	Gen	Full	40.	Mr. GVBSN Raju	Gen-PH	Full

The recommendations of the DRC were ratified by the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of School of Education held on 16.05.2017. The list of selected candidates was approved by the Vice Chancellor on June 22, 2017.

## RC 25.6.2

Research Council ratified the approval of Vice Chancellor on selection of candidates for admission to PhD in Discipline of Education (SOE) for January 2017 session.

## RC 25.7

**To Consider and ratify approval of Vice Chancellor on selection of candidates for MPhil and PhD admission in the Discipline of Distance Education (STRIDE) for January 2017 session.**

## RC 25.7.1

The Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) of Discipline of Education, School of Education in its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 recommended the following candidates for admission to MPhil and PhD Programmes in Distance Education for the academic session January 2017:

Sl. No.	Names of the candidates recommended for MPhil admission (DE)	Cate.	Course Work details	Sl. No.	Names of the candidates recommended for PhD (DE) admission	Cate.	Course Work details
1.	Mr. Prithviraj K	Gen	Full	1.	Mr. Rushi Kumar Rath	Gen	Full
2.	Ms. Anjali Shekhar	Gen	Full	2.	Mr. Modi Devang Pankaj	Gen	Full
3.	Mr. Yogesh Kumar Sharma	Gen	Full	3.	Mr. Binay Kumar	Gen	Full
4.	Mr. Deepak Kumar	Gen	Full	4.	Mr. Pramod Kumar TK	Gen	Full
5.	Ms. Namrata Kandpal	Gen	Full	5.	Mr. Awanindra Kumar	Gen	Full
6.	Mr. Chandrashekhar Yadav	Gen	Full	6.	Mr. M. Rajamannar	SC	Full
7.	Ms. Divya Verma	Gen	Full	7.	Mr. Ashish Kumar	OBC	Full

					Awadhiya		
8.	Ms. Tanuja	Gen	Full				
9.	Mr. Ajay Kumar Rai	Gen	Full				
10.	Mr. Harbai Sharma	Gen	Full				
11.	Mr. Rakesh Sharma	Gen	Full				
12.	Ms. Ritu Anand	SC	Full				
13.	Ms. Neetu	SC	Full				
14.	Mr. Narinder Kumar	SC	Full				
15.	Mr. Bandiram Mandi	ST	Full				
16.	Ms. Sushma Kumari	OBC	Full				
17.	Mr. Vivek Kumar	OBC	Full				

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## RC 25.7.2

Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor on selection of candidates for admission to MPhil and PhD Programmes in Distance Education (STRIDE) for January 2017 session.

## RC 25.8

**To consider and ratify approval of Vice Chancellor regarding selection of candidates for PhD admission in the Discipline of Tourism Studies (SOTHSM) for January 2017 session.**

## RC 25.8.1

The DRC of Discipline of Tourism Studies, School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM) in its 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 recommended the following candidates for admission to PhD Programme for the academic session January 2017:

Sl. No.	Names of the candidates recommended for PhD (TS) admission	Cate.	Course Work details	Sl. No.	Names of the candidates recommended for PhD (TS) admission	Cate.	Course Work details
1.	Ms. Nidhi	Gen	Full	7.	Mr. Vikas Mohan	Gen	Full
2.	Mr. Nikhil Charak	Gen	Full	8.	Ms. Shilpi Bhatia	SC	exempted
3.	Ms. Monika Kalia	Gen	Full	9.	Ms. Reena	Gen	Full
4.	Ms. Rosy Gupta	Gen	Full	10.	Mr. Rahul Bharti	OBC	Full
5.	Mr. Ashi Pempem Wangmo	ST	Full	11.	Mr. Bimlesh Kumar	Gen	exempted
6.	Ms. Mou Roy	Gen	Full	12.	Mr. Vishal Kesari	PH	exempted

The recommendations of the DRC were ratified by the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOTHSM held on 05.04.2017. The above list of candidates was approved by the Vice Chancellor on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and admission offer letters have been issued.

## RC 25.8.2

The Research Council ratified the approval of Vice Chancellor. The members suggested that SOTHSM should take stock of vacant seats before advertising admission to PhD Programmes and adhere to clause 8.1 of IGNOU Regulation for conducting Research Degree Programmes pertaining to .....

## RC 25.9

**To Consider and approve admission of additional candidates for PhD Programme in the Discipline of Computer and Information Science (SOCIS) for January 2017 session.**

## RC 25.9.1

The DRC of the Discipline of Computer and Information Science (SOCIS) in its

17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 6, 2017 had shortlisted eight candidates for admission in PhD (Computer Science) Programme for January 2017 session. However, the Members liked to have more information from three candidates about territorial jurisdiction of the degrees awarded by the State Universities through distance mode. Hence, the School recommended only five candidates out of eight shortlisted candidates for admission in January 2017 cycle. Their cases were placed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 vide tabled agenda item RCSC 16.37 and was approved by the RCSC.

It has been informed by the SOCIS that later on they received supporting documents of validity of MPhil /Master Degrees as per UGC norms from the remaining following three students.

Sl. No.	Names of the candidates recommended for PhD (CS) admission	Category	Course details	Work
1.	Mr. Dharmendra Kumar	SC	RCS-001+ 2 Electives	
2.	Ms. Sofia Goyal	Gen	RCS-001+ 2 Electives	
3.	Ms. Sarita Bansal	Gen	RCS-001+ 2 Electives	

Along with the supporting documents, the School took undertakings from the above candidates regarding the authenticity of submitted information. Subsequently, the School Board of SOCIS in its 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 decided to recommend admission of the above three candidates in PhD (Computer Science) at SOCIS.

## RC 25.9.2

The Research Council approved admission of additional three candidates in the PhD Programme of SOCIS subject to the condition that the supporting documents provided by the students be sent to the SRD for verification to decide on the validity of the degrees.

## RC 25.10

**To consider and approve deregistration/cancellation of PhD registration of students received from various Schools of Studies.**

## RC 25.10.1

The Doctoral Committees of the Disciplines of Tourism Studies (SOTHSM), Computer Science (SOCIS) and Mathematical Science (SOS) recommended deregistration/cancellation of admission of PhD students given below.

Discipline and School	Name of the Candidate and Enrolment Number and Programme	Titles of PhD thesis	Reason for De-Registration	Details of DRC	Details of SB/SCSB
Tourism Studies, SOTHSM	Ms. Pratibha Seth En.No. 131637388	<i>Human Resource Planning in Hospitality Industry</i>	Non-submission of Progress Report and not attended Course Work Classes	34 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of DRC, dated 31.03.2017	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SB, dated 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Computer Science	Ms. Neetu Jain, En.131636813	<i>Not allotted</i>	Non-submission of Progress Report since at least last two years	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of DRC, dated 06.03.2017	46 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SB held on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
Computer Science	Mr. Amol Butada E.No.131636884	<i>Not allotted.</i>	No progress in work and did not complete Course	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of DRC, dated	46 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SB held on

				Work	06.03.2017	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017
	Mathematical Science	Ms. Hemlata Maurya E.No. 112246536	<i>The effect of continuous and comprehensive evaluation of performance in Mathematics by Secondary School Female students of UP.</i>	No response from the student for the past several months	Meeting of DRC, dated 03.11.2016	58 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of SB held on 09 <sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The recommendations of the Doctoral Committees were ratified by the respective School Boards of SOTHSM, SOCIS and SOS.

**RC25.10.2** Research Council approved deregistration/ cancellation of registration of above listed candidates.

**RC 25.11** **To Consider and ratify approval of Vice Chancellor on allotment of Internal Supervisors to the students admitted during January/July 2013 sessions in the Discipline of Tourism Studies (SOTHSM).**

The DRC of Discipline of Tourism Studies, in its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> August 2016 recommended allotment of Internal Supervisors to the PhD students as per the list given below:

S.N.	Name and Enrolment of the Scholar	External Supervisor	Internal Supervisor
1.	Ms. Geetika Singh, E.No.131637349	Prof. Ashok Aima, VC, Central Univ., Jammu	Dr. Sonia Sharma, SOTHSM
2.	Mr. Parikshit Sharma	Dr. Prashant Gautam, Panjab University	Dr. Sonia Sharma, SOTHSM
3.	Mr. Darshan Singh, E.No.131637070	Prof. Parikshit Singh Manhas, Jammu University	Dr. Sonia Sharma, SOTHSM
4.	Ms. Avita Khawas Gupta, E.No.131637070	Prof. Sandeep Kulshrestha, Director, IITM, Gwalior	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
5.	Mr. Basanta Kumar Kabi, E.No.131637048	Dr. Manohar Sajani, Amity University, Noida	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
6.	Ms. Shweta Chandra, En.No.138001341	Dr. Manohar Sajani, Amity University, Noida	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
7.	Ms. Pragya, En.No.131637370	Dr. Luvkush Mishra DR.BRAU, Agra	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
8.	Ms. Shahnawaz Choudhary, En.No.131637023	Dr. Luvkush Mishra DR.BRAU, Agra	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
9.	Ms. Ankita Devnath, En.No.131637023	Dr. Pawan Gupta, IITM, Noida	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
10.	Mr. Hupendra Kumar Meshram, En.No.136137030	Dr. Pawan Gupta, IITM, Noida	Dr. Arvind Kumar Dubey, SOTHSM
11.	Ms. Dawa Doma Sherpa, En.No.131637363	Dr. Sunita Kharel, Sikkim Govt. College Mr. P.K. Dong, Sikkim Tourism	Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, SOTHSM

The recommendations of the DRC were ratified by the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOTHSM held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Subsequently, the matter was approved by the Vice Chancellor on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

RC 25.11.1	The Research Council ratified approval of Vice Chancellor. The members suggested that the School should adhere to the limits prescribed in PhD Guidelines on the number of students to be supervised by an eligible supervisor.																																																											
RC 25.12	To Consider and approve allotment of Research Supervisor and Topics to the PhD Students admitted in January 2017 session in the Discipline of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS).																																																											
RC 25.12.1	<p>The Doctoral Research Committee of Discipline of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS) in its 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 allotted Research Supervisors and Topics to the following PhD students admitted in January 2017 session.</p> <table><tr><th>Sl.No.</th><th>Name of the student and En.No.</th><th>Research Topics</th><th>Name of the Supervisor</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Mr. Vijay Kumar Soni En.No.173100917</td><td>Home Politics and Diaspora: A Study of Engagement through New Media</td><td>Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Mr. Pradeep En.No. 173100924</td><td>Conflict Resolution in Northeast India: A study of the inner line permit system (ILPS) with special reference to Manipur</td><td>Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Mr. Bruce C C Fernandez En.No. 173100949</td><td>Insurgency in Northeast India: A Study on the role of neighbourhood states</td><td>Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, SOITS</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Mr. Aswin Kumar En.No.173100931</td><td>Skilled Migration to South Korea: A study of the Indian case</td><td>Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya SOITS</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Ms. Anuja Tripathi En.No.1731026321</td><td>Reproductive health in village kakrala: A study in Patiala District, Punjab</td><td>Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, SOITS</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>Ms. Garima Sharma En.No.173100956</td><td>Performance evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana as a risk management tool for underprivileged section</td><td>Dr. Heena K. 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<b>RC 25.13</b>	<b>To Consider and approve allotment of Co-Supervisor to Mr. Vikas Kumar, PhD Student in Discipline of History, SOSS.</b>
<b>RC 25.13.1</b>	<p>Mr. Vikas Kumar (En.No.127722660), PhD student in the Discipline of History was under supervision of Dr. Sangeeta Pandey. As Dr. Pandey retired, the matter was placed in the DRC Meeting of History Discipline held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to allot new supervisor/co-supervisor to Mr. Vikas Kumar.</p> <p>As per Clause 9.3 of IGNOU Regulation for conducting Research Degree Programmes, the DRC recommended that Dr. Sangeeta Pandey should continue as Supervisor and Prof. Abha Singh may be Co-Supervisor of Mr. Vikas Kumar.</p> <p>The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of School Board of SOSS held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Further the Minutes of 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SCSB were confirmed by 67<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017.</p>
<b>RC 25.13.2</b>	Research Council approved allotment co-supervisor to Mr. Vikas Kumar, PhD student of Discipline of History, SOSS.
<b>RC 25.14</b>	<b>To consider and approve Research Proposal of Ms. Nusrat Fatima, PhD Student in Discipline of Political Science, SOSS.</b>
<b>RC 25.14.1</b>	The DRC of the Discipline of Political Science in its meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 accepted research proposal submitted by Ms. Nusrat Fatima (En. No. 138001112), PhD student of Political Science (July 2013 batch) on the topic " <i>Empowerment and Political Representation of Women in Ladakh: A Study of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (Leh and Kargil Districts)</i> ". The decision of the DRC was ratified by 65 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS held on 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017.
<b>RC 25.14.2</b>	Research Council approved the topic of research of Ms. Nusrat Fatima, PhD Student of Discipline of Political Science, SOSS.
<b>RC 25.15</b>	<b>To ratify approval of Vice Chancellor on allotment of Research Supervisors to Mr. Vikram Singh, PhD Student in Discipline of Tourism Studies, SOTHSM.</b>
<b>RC 25.15.1</b>	<p>Mr. Vikram Singh, PhD student in Discipline of Tourism Studies was allotted Prof. A. S. Narang as PhD Research Supervisor. As Prof. Narang retired, there was a need to assign an internal supervisor to Mr. Vikram Singh.</p> <p>The matter was discussed in 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of DRC of the Discipline of Tourism Studies, SOTHSM held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016. It was decided that Dr. Sonia Sharma would be Supervisor of Mr. Vikram Singh, while Prof. A. S. Narang would be Co-supervisor. The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOTHSM held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The recommendation of the School Board was approved by VC on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.</p>
<b>RC 25.15.2</b>	Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor on allotment of Research Supervisor to Mr. Vikram Singh, PhD student in Discipline of Tourism Studies, SOTHSM.
<b>RC 25.16</b>	<b>To consider and approve minor change in the research topic of Col. P.K. Chaturvedi, PhD Student in the Discipline of Public Administration, SOSS.</b>
<b>RC 25.16.1</b>	The DRC of Discipline of Public Administration in its meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 approved minor change in PhD topic of Col. P. K. Chaturvedi (En. No.

	<p>118700488), from “Community Based Sustainable <u>Self-reliance</u> Disaster Relief Measures at District Level – Governance and Control by District Administration” to “Community Based Sustainable <u>Self-reliant</u> Disaster Relief Measures at District Level – Governance and Control by District Administration”.</p> <p>The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017.</p>														
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<b>RC 25.17</b>	<b>To consider and approve allotment of Research Supervisors and Topics to the PhD Students in the Discipline of Distance Education (STRIDE).</b>														
<b>RC 25.17.1</b>	<p>The DRC of the Discipline of Distance Education in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 allotted Research Supervisors and Topics to the following PhD students admitted in July 2013 session.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.No.</th><th>Name of the student and En.No.</th><th>Research Topics</th><th>Name of the Supervisor</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Mr. Binay Kumar MPhil, En.No.138000959</td><td>A study on perception of distance teachers, academic counselors and distance learners of IGNOU on the status of distance education in the country</td><td>Prof. C R K Murthy, STRIDE</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Ms. P. Leela Bharathi MPhil En.No.138000515</td><td>In-depth study of Student Support Services of Professional Programmes of IGNOU.</td><td>Prof. C R K Murthy, STRIDE</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Minutes of the DRC was ratified by 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOE held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.</p>			Sl.No.	Name of the student and En.No.	Research Topics	Name of the Supervisor	1.	Mr. Binay Kumar MPhil, En.No.138000959	A study on perception of distance teachers, academic counselors and distance learners of IGNOU on the status of distance education in the country	Prof. C R K Murthy, STRIDE	2.	Ms. P. Leela Bharathi MPhil En.No.138000515	In-depth study of Student Support Services of Professional Programmes of IGNOU.	Prof. C R K Murthy, STRIDE
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<b>RC 25.17.2</b>	Research Council approved allotment of Research Supervisor and Topics to the above PhD Students in the Discipline of Distance Education (STRIDE).														
<b>RC 25.18</b>	<b>To consider and approve re-registration of PhD students in Discipline of Computer and Information Science (SOCIS).</b>														
<b>RC 25.18.1</b>	<p>The DRC of SOCIS in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 6, 2017 considered the applications of Mr. Shibendu Debbarma, En.No.100165572 and Mr. Rakesh Kumar, En.100165566 and recommended for re-registration in PhD programme. The School Board of SOCIS in its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 14, 2017 ratified the recommendation of the DRC.</p>														
<b>RC 25.18.2</b>	Research Council approved re-registration of above two PhD students of SOCIS.														
<b>RC 25.19</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Admission Schedule for MPhil and PhD Programmes.</b>														
<b>RC 25.19.1</b>	<p>A proposal was submitted to run admission schedule for Research Degree Programme in two batches, i.e., January and July every year. However, each Discipline will admit students once a year. The Disciplines will be asked to indicate the cycle, January or July, for admitting students.</p>														
<b>RC 25.19.2</b>	Research Council deliberated on the issue and directed the Research Unit to offer Research Degree Programmes in July of every year as per IGNOU Guidelines for														

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The schedule of activities will be as follows:

Sl No.	Activity	Tentative Deadline
1	Advertisement for admission	January first week
2	Entrance Test	February 15
3	Results of Entrance Test	March 31
4	Interview for admission	April 30
5	Issue of admission offer letter	May 31
6	Completion of admission process	June 30
7	Commencement of classes for coursework	July 01

**RC 25.20**

**To consider and approve the names of the Teachers as IGNOU Research Supervisors for guiding the M.Phil. and Ph.D. students.**

**RC 25.20.1**

The Research Council Standing Committee in its 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 approved a list of 168 teachers as Research Supervisors for guiding the MPhil and PhD students in consonance with UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of MPhil /PhD degree) Regulations, 2016.

In addition to that a list of 23 teachers as given below was placed before the Research Council for approval:

S. No	Name of the School and Discipline-wise	Name of the Faculty Member with Designation
1.	School of Engineering and Technology	1. Prof. Ajit Kumar
	Civil Engineering	2. Prof. Manoj Kulshrestha
		3. Dr. Munish Kumar Bharadwaj
2.	School of Engineering and Technology	1. Prof. Gayatri Kansal
	Mechanical Engineering	2. Prof. Subhasis Maji
		3. Dr. Ashish Agarwal
		4. Dr.N. Venkateshwarlu
		5. Dr.K.Tamil Mannan
3.	School of Engineering and Technology	1. Dr. Rakhi Sharma
	Electrical Engineering	2. Dr. Sanjay Agrawal
4.	School of Agriculture	1. Prof. Mohinder Kumar Salooja
		2. Dr. Shailendra Kumar Yadav
		3. Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain

				4. Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra	
				5. Dr.P. Vijayakumar	
				6. Dr. Mukesh Kumar	
	5.	School of Education		1. Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy	
				2. Dr. Yalavarthi Nirmala	
				3. Dr. Anjuli Suhane	
	6.	School of Social Work		1. Dr. Sayantani Guin	
	7.	School of Performing & Visual Arts		1. Dr. Seema Johari	
	8.	School of Social Sciences		1. Dr. Suhas Shetgovekar	
		Psychology		2. Dr. Monika Misra	
<b>RC 25.20.2</b>	The Research Council approved the list of teachers eligible to be Research Supervisors.				
<b>RC 25.21</b>	<b>To consider and ratify research topic of Ms. Sharmishtha Mitra, PhD student in the Discipline of Library and Information Science, SOSS.</b>				
<b>RC 25.21.1</b>	<p>The DRC of the Discipline of Library and Information Science (SOSS) in its meeting held on November 9, 2012 considered the research proposal entitled "<i>Library Facility and Services for the Differently Abled Users: A Study of the Central Universities in India</i>" of Ms. Sharmishtha Mitra, En.No.112246392, PhD Student in Discipline of Library and Information Science, SOSS.</p> <p>The recommendation of DRC was ratified by the School Board of SOSS in its 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on January 18, 2013. While placing the matter as an agenda item in 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Research Council for approval, however, erroneously a typographical error occurred in the title as "<i>Library Facility and Services for the Differently Abled Users: A Study of the Central Libraries in India</i>".</p> <p>As the student has already submitted the thesis and to avoid delay in processing, Research Unit in the interest of the student got special approval of the Vice Chancellor on 20.04.2017 on the correct title i.e., "<i>Library Facility and Services for the Differently Abled Users: A Study of the Central Universities in India</i>".</p> <p>The matter was placed before the Research Council for ratification.</p>				
<b>RC 25.21.2</b>	Research Council ratified the approval of the Vice Chancellor.				
<b>RC 25.22</b>	<b>To consider and approve topic of research proposal of Mr. Shailesh Kumar Shivakumar, PhD student of Discipline of Computer and Information Science, SOCIS.</b>				
<b>RC 25.22.1</b>	<p>The DRC of Computer and Information Science in its 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 6, 2017 considered the research proposal titled "<i>Analysis and Methods for achieving High Performance Personalized Web</i>" submitted by Mr. Shailesh Kumar Shivakumar, En. No.131636820. The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by the School Board of SOCIS in its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 14, 2017.</p>				

RC 25.22.2	Research Council approved research proposal of Mr. Shailesh Kumar Shivakumar, PhD student of Discipline of Computer and Information Science, SOCIS.																								
RC 25.23	To consider and ratify research topic of Mr. Vaghela Rameshbhai Karsanbhai, En. No.105352023, PhD student of Discipline of Translation Studies.																								
RC 25.23.1	<p>The DRC of Discipline of Translation Studies in its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on June 14, 2016 considered the research topic entitled “<i>Doongari Bhili Ramakatha ane Dangi Kunkana Raamakatha : EK Tulnatmak Adhyayan</i>” (<i>Doongari Bhili Ramakatha and Dangi Kunkana Ramakatha: A Comparative Study</i>) of Mr. Vaghela Rameshbhai Karsanbhai, En. No. 105352023, PhD student in Discipline of Translation Studies.</p> <p>The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by the School Board of School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST) in its 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. As the student has submitted his thesis in the Research Unit, due to non-availability of approval of Research Council Standing Committee/ Research Council, his thesis could not be processed. Hence, Research Unit, in the interest of the student got special approval of Vice-Chancellor on 16.05.2017.</p>																								
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<b>TIRC 25.2.1</b>	Research Council approved Research Topics of above PhD students of 2012 batch in the Discipline of Sociology. The Research Council observed that such delays in placing agenda items shall be avoided.			
<b>TI RC 25.2</b>	<b>To consider and ratify the change of supervisor of Ms. Anita Chaudhary, PhD student in the Discipline of Public Administration as approved by the Vice Chancellor.</b>			
<b>TIRC 25.2.1</b>	The DRC of Public Administration Discipline in SOSS in its meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 recommended the change of Supervisor in the case of Ms. Anita Chaudhary and allotted Dr. Durgesh Nandini, SOSS as the supervisor in place of Prof. Dolly Mathew. The recommendation of the DRC was ratified by 51 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of School Board of SOSS held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2015. However, the decision of the Standing Committee of the School Board of SOSS was not placed in the Meeting of Research Council/ Research Council Standing Committee for approval. Since the student has completed her work, to avoid delay in processing on her thesis, as a special case the matter was placed before the Vice Chancellor for his approval. The Vice Chancellor has given his approval on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017.			
<b>TIRC 25.2.2</b>	Research Council ratified the approval of Vice Chancellor.			

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

**(Kaustuva Barik)**  
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