

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTY FOURTH MEETING  
OF THE  
RESEARCH COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025**



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
MAIDAN GARHI  
NEW DELHI-110068**

**MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025 AT 12 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI-110068.**

The following attended the Meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU                    | - Chairperson                   |
| 2. Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar, Chairperson, NCTE-SRC, NDelhi | - Member                        |
| 3. Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Chemistry Dept. DU                      | - Member                        |
| 4. Prof. Indrani Roy Chowdhury, Economics, CSRD, JNU, NDelhi     | - Member                        |
| 5. Director, SOSS, IGNOU   | - Member                        |
| 6. Director, SOS, IGNOU  | - Member                        |
| 7. Director, SOEDS, IGNOU  | - Member                        |
| 8. Director, SOE, IGNOU  | - Member                        |
| 9. Director, SOCIS, IGNOU  | - Member                        |
| 10. Prof. Rajeev Kr. Shukla, SOMS, IGNOU                         | - Member                        |
| 11. Prof. Ramanathan Baskar, SOS, IGNOU                          | - Member                        |
| 12. Dr. Omkar Verma, Associate Professor, SOS, IGNOU             | - Member                        |
| 13. Dr. G. Uma, Associate Professor, SOGDS, IGNOU                | - Member                        |
| 14. Dr. Ashwini Kumar, Asst. Professor, SOSS, IGNOU              | - Member                        |
| 15. Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Asst. Professor, SOITS, IGNOU           | - Member                        |
| 16. Dr. S. K. Prasad, Director, NCDS, IGNOU                      | - Member                        |
| 17. Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Director (I/c), Research Unit, IGNOU   | - Member Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

Prof. T. V. Vijay Kumar, School of CSS, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. Prakash Chandra Sarangi, (Retd.) Dept. of Pol. Sci. UOH had requested to join the meeting online. However, due to absence of network in the University they could not join the meeting. Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar, Chairperson, NCTE-SRC, New Delhi, Prof. Chittur V Srikanth, Biotechnology, Faridabad, Haryana, and Prof. Kaustuva Barik, Economics, SOSS, IGNOU could not attend the meeting due to other preoccupation. Dr Satish Gaikwad, Deputy Director, Research Unit, IGNOU assisted in the proceedings of the Research Council.

At the commencement of the meeting, the member secretary addressed the Chair welcoming her as Chairperson, Research Council Committee and extended a warm welcome to the new members: Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar, Chairperson, NCTE-SRC, New Delhi, Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Chemistry Dept. DU, Prof. Indrani Roy Chowdhury, Economics, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi and internal members Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar, Director, SOSS, Prof. Meenal Mishra, Director, SOS, Prof. P.V.K. Sasidhar, Director, SOEDS, Prof. Amitav Mishra Director, SOE, Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat, Director, SOCIS, Prof. Rajeev Kr. Shukla, SOMS, Prof. Ramanathan Baskar, SOS, Dr. Omkar Verma, Associate Professor, SOS, Dr. G. Uma, Associate Professor, SOGDS, Dr. Ashwini Kumar, Asst. Professor, SOSS, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Asst. Professor, SOITS, and Dr. S. K. Prasad, Director, NCDS. Additionally, he expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members: Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, Prof. Satyakam, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. S.S. Sarkar, Former Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata, Prof. Gulab Chand Ram Jaiswal, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, BHU, Varanasi, Prof. Ashok Sharma, Professor, Political Science, VMOU, Kota, Prof. P.R. Agrawal, Former VC, Purvanchal University, Prof. Devesh Nigam, Institute of Tourism and Management, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, and internal members Prof. M.S.S. Raju, Director, SOMS, Prof. K.S. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS, Prof. Paramita Suklabaidya, Former Director, SOTHSM, Prof. R.S.P. Singh, Director, SOVET, Prof. Saumya, Director, SOSW, Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Former Director, CIQA, Dr. Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, Dr. S. Venkataraman, SOS, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, SOL, Dr. Anand Gupta, SOL, and Dr. M. Chandrasekharan Nair, Additional Director, P&DD, for their valuable contributions during their tenure. He requested the Chairperson to address the Research Council. The Chairperson spoke about research activities in the Universities briefly. Thereafter, the Chairperson requested Member Secretary to present the agenda items. He presented the agenda

items as under:

Item No.	Agenda
RC 34.1	<b>To consider and confirm the minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Research Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 and the action taken thereon.</b>
RC 34.1.1	<p>The minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Research Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 were circulated to the members. No comments were received from the members of the Research Council. Accordingly, final minutes were circulated amongst all concerned.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council was placed before the Council. The Member Secretary informed that no action on the Minutes is pending.</p>
RC 34.1.2	<i>The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council and noted the Action Taken thereon.</i>
RC 34.2	<b>To consider and confirm the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and the action taken thereon.</b>
RC 34.2.1	<p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the 29th Research Council Standing Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 were circulated to the members. No comments were received from the Research Council Standing Committee members. Accordingly, final minutes were circulated amongst all concerned.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the minutes of 29th Research Council Standing Committee were placed before the Council. It was informed that no action on the Minutes is pending.</p>
RC 34.2.2	<i>The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Research Council Standing Committee and noted the Action Taken thereon.</i>
RC 34.3	<b>Ratification of the revised list of selected candidates of PhD programme for July 2024 session of Commerce discipline-reg.</b>
RC 34.3.1	<p>School of Management Studies (SOMS) had called 72 candidates for PhD admission for July 2024 in Commerce discipline for interview. In the interview list there were two sets of students with same names i.e</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Shivani of category OBC-NCL holding Application No. SMT0002652 (b) Shivani of category General holding Application No SMT0003354</li> <li>(a) Shikha of General category holding Application No.SMT0003480 (b) Shikha of category OBC-NCL holding Application No.SMT0003968.</li> </ol> <p>Out of these, eleven (11) candidates were shortlisted for PhD admission for July 2024 in Commerce discipline.</p> <p>While communicating as an agenda to the Research Unit, the SOMS submitted the list of selected candidates on the last working day before 29<sup>th</sup> RCSC meeting held on 17.2.2025 without including their application numbers.</p> <p>In view of the above, inadvertently, due to oversight, wrong names of candidates (Shivani and Shikha) were placed before the 29<sup>th</sup> RCSC meeting and on approval, the same list was uploaded on the website. Subsequently, two offer letters were also sent to the wrong candidates i.e. Ms. Shivani (SMT0002652) and</p>



	<p>Ms. Shikha (SMT0003480) instead of the shortlisted candidates i.e Ms. Shivani (SMT0003354) and Shikha (SMT0003968).</p> <p>One of the candidates, Ms. Shivani (SMT0002652) to whom the admission letter was wrongly communicated had also submitted her fees online. When Ms. Shikha (SMT0003480) came for admission in person, it came to the notice of the Research Unit. She was immediately informed of the error and apologized for it. She was convinced.</p> <p>The matter was reported to Honourable Vice- Chancellor with a request to :</p> <p>(a) condone the inadvertent error of wrong communication of admission letter to Ms. Shivani (SMT0002652) and Ms. Shikha (SMT0003480) instead of Ms. Shivani (SMT0003354) and Shikha (SMT0003968).</p> <p>(b) permit to communicate the admission offer letters to actual candidates Ms. Shivani (SMT0003354) and Shikha (SMT0003968).</p> <p>(c) permit to communicate apology letters to non selected candidates i.e Ms. Shivani (SMT0002652) and Ms. Shikha (SMT0003480) and refund of Rs.18,050/- admission fees submitted by Ms. Shivani (SMT0002652).</p> <p>(d) permit to report the same in next RC/RCSC for correction of list of selected candidates of admissions to PhD July 2024 session in Commerce discipline.</p> <p>The Honourable Vice-Chancellor approved the above. Accordingly, as a first step, a corrigendum was uploaded on the website regarding the correct list of selected candidates in Commerce discipline. The matter is now placed before the Research Council for ratification.</p>
RC 34.3.2	<i>The Research Council ratified the action taken as above. The Research Council also approved for rectification of error in list approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> RCSC held on 17.2.2025 pertaining to the July 2024 PhD admissions of Commerce discipline..</i>
RC 34.4	<b>To consider and approve the revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)</b>
RC 34.4.1	<p>The Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is entrusted with safeguarding the rights, dignity, safety, and well-being of human participants involved in research. As a statutory body, the IEC ensures that all Ph.D. research work shall adhere to national and international ethical guidelines, including those outlined by ICMR.</p> <p>The existing SOP of the IEC, approved in the 31st Research Council (RC) Meeting held on 15th November 2022, has served as the foundational framework for ethical review. However, with the advent of updated regulatory frameworks, feedback from stakeholders, evolving research paradigms, and the need for procedural streamlining, a comprehensive revision of the SOP has become imperative.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Institutional Ethical Committee under the Chairpersonship of Prof. M S S Raju, Director, SOMS in consultation with teachers and academics of the University has drafted a revised SOP at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of IEC held on 19.12.2024. This draft aims to strengthen institutional transparency, and establish a time-bound and accountable mechanism for ethical clearance.</p>

*The Salient Features of the Revised SOP are as follows:*

**1. Revised Composition and Constitution of IEC:**

- Multidisciplinary and multisectoral composition in compliance with ICMR guidelines.
- Chairperson nominated by the Vice Chancellor from outside the institution.
- Five internal members nominated by the Vice Chancellor, external members not more than three proposed by DRC and approved by the Vice Chancellor.

**2. Expanded Scope:**

- Applicable to all Ph.D. research proposals involving human subjects—covering behavioural, clinical, social, and epidemiological studies.

**4. Structured Protocol for IEC Meetings:**

- Meetings to be scheduled on receipt of proposals; minimum of three meetings to be held annually.
- Defined quorum: 50% of external members and a minimum of three internal members.
- Decision timelines are fixed at 30 days from receipt of a complete proposal.

**5. Enhanced Review Process:**

- Ethical clearance initiated by Schools after DRC and School Board approval; routed through the Research Unit.
- Mandatory in-person presentation by the Ph.D. scholar and supervisor before the IEC.
- Rigorous evaluation based on scientific merit, risk-benefit assessment, and ethical principles.
- Provisions for consensus-based or majority voting decision-making;

**6. Clearly Defined Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Responsibilities detailed for all stakeholders including: Ph.D. Scholar, Research Supervisor, Ph.D. Programme Coordinator, Director of School, IEC members, and Research Unit.
- Submission protocols include hard/soft copies, informed consent (bilingual), and supporting annexures.

**7. Standardized and Updated Application Formats:** Cosmetic changes were made in various formats to be submitted for the approval of the IEC by research scholars. Specific sections on subject recruitment, biological samples, interventions, risk-benefit analysis, and data confidentiality.

**8. Defined Timelines and Communication Protocol:**

- IEC decisions to be communicated to the concerned School within a maximum period of 15 days after the meeting.
- Provisions for resubmission in case of conditional approval or revision requirements.

**9. Ethical Compliance and Transparency:**

- Emphasis on participant protection, data privacy, justice, and community relevance.
- Mandatory disclosure of any financial/non-financial conflict of interest by investigators and members.

**10. Ongoing Monitoring and Data Integrity:**

- Progress reports every six months and a final report submission are mandatory.
- IEC retains records (physical/digital) for at least five years after the award of the PhD Degree.

In view of the dynamic research landscape, the imperative of regulatory compliance, and the need to institutionalize best practices, the agenda is placed before the 34th Research Council to:

- Approve the Revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)
- Authorize the Director, Research Unit, to implement the revised SOP across all research activities involving human participants; and instruct all Schools and Research Supervisors to adopt and disseminate the revised SOP and related formats with immediate effect.

**RC 34.4.2 The Research Council considered and approved the following**

- *the Revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)*
- *to authorize the Director, Research Unit, to implement the revised SOP across all research activities involving human participants; and to issue instructions to all Schools and Research Supervisors to adopt and disseminate the revised SOP and related formats with immediate effect.*

**RC 34.5 To consider the implementation of scheme of 'Visvesvaraya PhD fellowship in the field of Electronics and IT, sponsored by Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India and to consider and approve the eligibility criteria for PhD admission under this scheme.****RC 34.5.1** The Visvesvaraya Ph.D scheme initiated by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ((MeitY) aims to boost Ph.D in Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT enabled services (IT/ITES) sectors. It provides financial assistance and support to eligible candidates. SOCIS has received three full time and one part time Visvesvaraya Ph.D fellowships .

The scheme conveys the estimated budget outlay for 3 full time and 1 part time PhD candidates of IGNOU under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme as Rs. ₹1,15,00,000/- (Rupees one crore Fifteen lakh) with a duration of 60 months or PhD completion of the enrolled candidates, whichever is earlier.

A proposal for implementation of scheme of Visvesvaraya PhD Fellowship and the eligibility criteria for admission to PhD (Computer Science) candidates under this scheme was placed in the School Board of SOCIS held on 1.4.2025 which was approved by it.

Before proceeding with the scheme, IGNOU needs to accept TOCS and SOPS of the scheme. The TOCS and SOPS needs to be signed, stamped by Head of the Institutions for uploading on PhD scheme portal and soft copy needs to be sent to [scheme@digitalindia.gov.in](mailto:scheme@digitalindia.gov.in)

The scholars enrolled under the scheme may be entitled to monthly fellowship and HRA that will be directly deposited in their accounts.

The item is placed for approval of the implementation of the scheme of 'Visvesvaraya PhD fellowship in the field of Electronics and IT, sponsored by Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India and the eligibility criteria for PhD admission under this



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RC 34.5.2	<i>The Research Council approved implementation of scheme of ‘Visvesvaraya PhD fellowship in the field of Electronics and IT, sponsored by Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India. However, the RC advised to seek the approval of the Academic Council on the eligibility criteria with the further inclusion of allied disciplines as per the DBT – ICAR criteria and for other such bodies.</i>																														
RC 34.6	<b>To consider and approve the allocation of Research Topics/Supervisors to the Ph.D. students in various Disciplines.</b>																														
RC 34.6.1	<p>The research topics/supervisors of the following Research scholars on successful completion of their course work as recommended by their respective DRCs and were approved by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees. The student-wise details of the recommended research topics/supervisors in various disciplines are as under:</p> <table><tr><th>S. N o.</th><th>Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School</th><th>Topic of Research</th><th>Research Supervisor(s) / CO -Supervisor</th><th>Date of DRC / SB / SBSC approval</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Ms. Saloni Gaba 225035155 PHDGDS SOGDS</td><td>Alienation of Women in Sanjhi Art : A feminist Study of Creative Labor</td><td>Prof. Savita Singh</td><td>DRC - 20.5.2024 SB – 25.7.2024</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Ms. Swati 225034289 PHDGDS SOGDS</td><td>Decoding patriarchy in the Political Economy of Development : A Study of Mehendragarh District in Haryana</td><td>Dr. Sunita Dhal</td><td>DRC - 20.5.2024 SB – 25.7.2024</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>सीमा सिंह 231001150 PHDSK SOH</td><td>जैनाचार्य ज्ञानासागर विरचित “सुदर्शनोदय” महाकाव्य का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन</td><td>प्रो. कौशल्या</td><td>DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>शुभम शर्मा 231001104 PHDSK SOH</td><td>“सागार धर्मामृत” में जैन आचार मीमांसा का वैज्ञानिक विश्लेषण</td><td>प्रो. कौशल्या</td><td>DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>बृजेश कुमार गौतम 231001516 PHDSK SOH</td><td>शिवगीता में प्रयुक्त तिङन्त पदों का व्याकरणात्मक विमर्श (तात्पर्यप्रकाशिका एवं बालानन्दिनी टीकाओं के आलोक में)</td><td>प्रो. देवेश कुमार मिश्र</td><td>DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025</td></tr></table>	S. N o.	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s) / CO -Supervisor	Date of DRC / SB / SBSC approval	1.	Ms. Saloni Gaba 225035155 PHDGDS SOGDS	Alienation of Women in Sanjhi Art : A feminist Study of Creative Labor	Prof. Savita Singh	DRC - 20.5.2024 SB – 25.7.2024	2.	Ms. Swati 225034289 PHDGDS SOGDS	Decoding patriarchy in the Political Economy of Development : A Study of Mehendragarh District in Haryana	Dr. Sunita Dhal	DRC - 20.5.2024 SB – 25.7.2024	3.	सीमा सिंह 231001150 PHDSK SOH	जैनाचार्य ज्ञानासागर विरचित “सुदर्शनोदय” महाकाव्य का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन	प्रो. कौशल्या	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025	4.	शुभम शर्मा 231001104 PHDSK SOH	“सागार धर्मामृत” में जैन आचार मीमांसा का वैज्ञानिक विश्लेषण	प्रो. कौशल्या	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025	5.	बृजेश कुमार गौतम 231001516 PHDSK SOH	शिवगीता में प्रयुक्त तिङन्त पदों का व्याकरणात्मक विमर्श (तात्पर्यप्रकाशिका एवं बालानन्दिनी टीकाओं के आलोक में)	प्रो. देवेश कुमार मिश्र	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
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6.	नीरज कुमार 231001333 PHDSK SOH	वैदिक वाङ्मय में आर्थिक आत्मनिर्भरता : एक समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन	प्रो. पुष्पा	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
7.	मोनिका 231001143 PHDSK SOH	भगवद्गीता एवं बुद्धचरितम् का तुलनात्मक दार्शनिक अध्ययन	प्रो. पुष्पा	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
8.	ज्योत्सना 231001136 PHDSK SOH	सोमयाग के विविध पक्षों का पर्यालोचन	डॉ. सोनिया	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
9.	रामजी कुमार 231001111 PHDSK SOH	माधवीय-धातुवृत्तौ स्मृतानां धातुवृत्तिकाराणां सायणदृशा मतसमीक्षा	डॉ. अवधेश कुमार	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
10.	जयशंकर सिंह 231001129 PHDSK SOH	नाट्यशास्त्रीय तत्त्वों के सन्दर्भ में संस्कृत चलचित्रों का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन	डॉ. रीता गुप्ता	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
11.	सुमन्या कश्यप 231001950 PHDSK SOH	Philosophy of Bhakti: A study of Vaishnava and Shaiva Traditions with Special Reference to Kamrup and Kashmir	डॉ. रीता गुप्ता	DRC - 18.03.25 SB - 25.03.2025
12.	Mr. Lalit Mohan Pant, Enrolment No. 221001523 PHDCS, SOCIS	Design and Implementation of a Machine Learning Model for Predicting Malnutrition Among Adults in India	Research Supervisor: Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat SOCIS, IGNOU Research Co-Supervisor: Dr. Shalini Kushwaha SOCE, IGNOU	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 10.05.2025
13.	Mr Amit Chanjta 231000539 PHDEV, SOITS	Environmental Consequences of Chemical-intensive Farming and Exploring the Nature-based Solutions to Mitigate Agrochemical Pollution: A Study of Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh	Prof. Shachi Shah	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025



14.	Mr E Venkat Reddy 231001405 PHDEV, SOITS	Assessment of Nutritional Potential and Health Benefits of Wild Edible Vegetables in Telangana, India	Prof. B.Rupini	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
15.	Mr Yogesh Mehta 231000553 PHDEV, SOITS	Assessment of Air Quality in the BBN Industrial Area of Himachal Pradesh and its Potential Impact on Plants and Human Health	Prof. B.Rupini	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
16.	Mr Sandeep Yadav 231001666 PHDEV, SOITS	Assessment and Simulation of Water Quality of River Ganga in Kanpur, India using Stream Water Quality Model	Prof. Shachi Shah	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
17.	Ms Sakshi Verma 231000546 PHDEV, SOITS	Organic Waste Derived Biochar-Nanocomposites and Their Environmental Applications	Prof. Shachi Shah	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
18.	Ms Shailja Tripathi 231000560 PHDEV, SOITS	Biogenic Synthesis of Metal Nanoparticles and Their Applications in Environmental Remediation	Prof. B.Rupini	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
19.	Ms Madhur Dilipkumar Gajbhiye 231001849 PHDEV, SOITS	Mitigating Emissions from Crop Residue Burning in India: Integrated Assessment towards Climate-Resilient Farming	Dr.V.Venkatramanan	DRC – 22.04.2025 SB – 29.04.2025
20.	Ms.Tsewang Dolma 225035456. PHDFL, SOFL	Le Ladakh au prisme français : Dévoiler l'imaginaire himalayen à travers les textes, les images et les enquêtes (1920 – 2020).	Prof. Deepanwita Srivastava	DRC – 9.5.2025 SB – 11.5.2025
<b>RC 34.6.2</b>	<i>The Research Council considered and approved the Research Topics/ Supervisors of all the above listed Research Scholars</i>			
<b>RC 34.7</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Faculty Member as Research Supervisor in the Discipline of Public Administration, SOSS to guide Research Scholars.</b>			

RC 34.7.1	The Doctoral Research Committee of Public Administration discipline has recommended the following faculty member as research supervisor. The recommendations of the DRC was ratified by their School Board Standing Committee. The details are as under:				
	Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty Member, Designation/ Discipline /School	Whether holding PhD (Yes / No)	No. of Research Publications (journals, Books, edited Books research papers etc.)	Details of DRC / SB/SBSC
	1.	Prof. Pankaj Deep Public Administration, SOSS	Yes	5	DRC - 17.3.25 SBSC – 21.3.25
The matter is placed before the Research Council for approval.					
RC 34.7.2	<i>The Research Council took note of the eligibility criteria for recognition of faculty members as research supervisor and approved the name of the above mentioned faculty member to be an eligible research supervisor.</i>				
RC 34.8	<b>To consider and ratify the approval of research topic and supervisor of Ms. Rashmi Kumari, a PhD scholar of Life Sciences, SOS.</b>				
RC 34.8.1	<p>Ms. Rashmi Kumari bearing enrollment no.173101926, a PhD scholar of Life Sciences, School of Sciences had successfully completed her Pre-PhD course work in December 2017 and was allotted a research supervisor Prof. Bano Saidullah, IGNOU. Agenda for the same was received without topic which was placed in the 18<sup>th</sup> RCSC held on 25.5.2018.</p> <p>Her research topic “ <i>Studies on Single Nucleotide Polymorphism of Parkin Gene in Cancer</i>”and co-supervisor namely Prof. M. Moshahid Alam Rizvi, from the Dept. of Biosciences, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi was approved by the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) held on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 and confirmed by their 63<sup>rd</sup> School Board (SB) held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.</p> <p>Later, Prof. Saidullah was superannuated on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the PhD scholar was transferred to Prof. Amrita Nigam, from the discipline of Life Sciences, IGNOU as stated in the note of SOS dated 11.3.2025. Prof. Amrita Nigam was also superannuated on October 31, 2022, the PhD scholar was further transferred to Dr. Siya Ram, from the discipline of Life Sciences, IGNOU. This transfer was approved by their DRC and the School Board and the change of supervisor was approved by the Research Council (RC) in its 31<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 15.11.2022.</p> <p>However, at the time of submission of her thesis, the Research Unit (RU) has noticed that her topic has never been forwarded to RU for placing the same before the RC / RCSC. The same was informed to the School and the School vide their note 11.3.2025 obtained the approval of the Competent Authority to ratify the recommendation of the DRC and SB to enable RU to initiate the thesis submission and evaluation process. The evaluation of the thesis of Ms. Rashmi Kumari is under process.</p>				

The details of the scholar is as follows :

S. No.	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s) / CO-Supervisor	Details of Approval by the Competent Authority
1	Ms. Rashmi Kumari, 173101926 PHDLS, SOS	<i>Studies on Single Nucleotide Polymorphism of Parkin Gene in Cancer</i>	Dr. Siya Ram, IGNOU  Prof. M. Moshahid Alam Rizvi, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi	17.3.2025

The matter is placed before the Research Council for approval.

**RC 34.8.2** *The Research Council discussed and deliberated on the issue and took serious note of the lapses on the part of concerned supervisors and the School of Sciences. Accordingly, the RC decided to issue a strong advisory to the School concerned to not to repeat such lapses and decided to constitute a committee to review the case and submit its report to the Vice Chancellor for final decision.*

**RC 34.9** To consider and approve the withdrawal of registration of research scholars as recommended by DRC(s) / School Board (s) across various disciplines

**RC 34.9.1** The Doctoral Research Committees of various Disciplines recommended withdrawal of registration of the following research students who on their own volition opted to withdraw from pursuing the programme citing personal reasons. The recommendations of the DRCs of respective disciplines were ratified by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees. The details are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No., Programme and School	Title of PhD Thesis and Name of the Supervisor	Reason for Withdrawal	Details of DRC /SB/ SBSC
1	Ms. Annamreddi Leelavathi 202493807 Nursing, SOHS	Assessment of Utilisation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) under Ayushman Bharat Scheme  Dr. Neerja Sood	As she is not able to continue due to her family/personal reasons.	DRC - 18.3.2025 SB - 06.05.2025
2.	Prateek Sukumar 210271492 PHDSK	ससं कृत के कूियाट्टम् प्रयोग में संवाद प्रक्रिया का नाट्यशास्त्रीय ववश्लेषण  Dr. Reeta Gupta	Due to his willingness not to complete his degree	DRC - 18.03.2025 SB – 25.03.2025



	3.	Ms. Priti Agrahari, Enrollment No.- 231000356, PHDPS, SOSS	Not Alloted Not Approved	Admission to Ph.D programme in Korean Studies at the School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	DRC - 10.03.2025 SB – 21.03.2025																		
	The matter is placed before the Research Council for approval.																						
<b>RC 34.9.2</b>	<i>The Research Council deliberated on the matter and the Committee members expressed their views that in the recent times there were so many complications from the students end leading to legal consequences to the institution. Therefore, to avoid such difficulties it is advised to seek the valid affidavit from the above candidates before withdrawing their registration prior to the cancellation of the registration. The RC authorized the Vice Chancellor to take a final decision in this case.</i>																						
<b>RC 34.10</b>	<b>To Consider and approve the cancellation of registration of research scholars of the discipline of Journalism and Mass Communications as recommended by their DRC / School Board.</b>																						
<b>RC 34.10.1</b>	<p>The cancellation of registration of the following research scholars of the discipline of Journalism and Mass Communications, SOJNMS was placed before the 29<sup>th</sup> RCSC held on 17.2.2025 vide agenda item no.29.8.</p> <p><i>The Committee referred back the cases of the above two cases to the School asking to provide proper documents related to the communication between the Student and the School and report it in the next RC / RCSC.</i></p> <p>The School in its DRC and SB recommended their cancellation by providing detailed note mentioning the communications between the Student and the School :</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No</th><th>Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School</th><th>Name of the Supervisor</th><th>Title of PhD Thesis</th><th>Reason for Cancellation</th><th>Details of DRC /SB/ SBSC</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Amit Kumar Chauhan E.No.173101689 PHDJMC, SOJNMS</td><td>Prof. O.P. Dewal</td><td>पहाड़ी कोरवा जनजाति के विकास में संचार की भूमिका : छत्तीसगढ़ के दो गावों का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन</td><td>No progress. Supervisor dissatisfied. No commitment from the student</td><td>9.8.2024 13.12.2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Sushil Yati Eno.173101600, PHDJMC, SOJNMS</td><td>Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan</td><td>A Study of Representation of Gender and Caste Identities in Popular Hindi Film</td><td>Not satisfactory Not submitted any chapter of the thesis during the research period</td><td>9.8.2024 13.12.2024</td></tr> </tbody> </table>					S.No	Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School	Name of the Supervisor	Title of PhD Thesis	Reason for Cancellation	Details of DRC /SB/ SBSC	1.	Amit Kumar Chauhan E.No.173101689 PHDJMC, SOJNMS	Prof. O.P. Dewal	पहाड़ी कोरवा जनजाति के विकास में संचार की भूमिका : छत्तीसगढ़ के दो गावों का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन	No progress. Supervisor dissatisfied. No commitment from the student	9.8.2024 13.12.2024	2.	Sushil Yati Eno.173101600, PHDJMC, SOJNMS	Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan	A Study of Representation of Gender and Caste Identities in Popular Hindi Film	Not satisfactory Not submitted any chapter of the thesis during the research period	9.8.2024 13.12.2024
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The matter is placed before the Research Council for approval.

**RC 34.10.2** *The Research Council considered and approved the recommendations of respective DRC's and SB's for the cancellation of PhD registration of the above listed candidates.*

**RC 34.11** **Extension of maximum duration of registration period of three scholars of Commerce discipline, SOMS**

**RC 34.11.1** The School of Management Studies has forwarded a request of three scholars of Commerce discipline for extension in maximum duration of registration period. Based on the recommendations of the supervisors of the three scholars concerned, 90% of their thesis work had been completed. However, their maximum validity period had expired. Consequently, the matter was presented to the DRC of the Commerce discipline in its meeting held on 30.04.2025, where an extension of 45 days for all three PhD scholars was recommended. This recommendation was subsequently approved by the School Board members through circulation mode on the same date. The details of the three scholars are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar and Enrl. No.	Registration Date	Validity of Registration	Reason for extension	Name of Supervisor	Duration of extension requested
1.	Ms. Syeda Zehra Amatul Khader 173101450	06.05.2017	05.05.2025 (maximum duration of 8 years)	She was suffering from anxiety and depression due to separation issues of her marriage. As a result of her depression, she also resigned from her job. She is also a single parent of 5 year old daughter.	Prof. Subodh Kesharwani	45 days (from 06.05.2025 to 19.06.2025)
2.	Ms. Sonakshi Jaiswal 173101435	06.05.2017	05.05.2025 (maximum duration of 8 years)	She was suffering from health issues due to the birth of her baby.	Prof. M.S. Senam Raju	45 days (from 06.05.2025 to 19.06.2025)
3.	Ms. K. Ashwini 173101442	06.05.2017	05.05.2025 (maximum duration of 8 years)	She was suffering from health issues due to surgery of her left knee.	Prof. M.S. Senam Raju	45 days (from 06.05.2025 to 19.06.2025)

**RC 34.11.2** *The Research Council recommended that the scholars need to re-register for Ph.D. Since there is no procedure for re-registration at present in the university, a committee may be constituted to prepare a SOP for the same. Based on the SOP extension cases may be considered.*

**RC (T A) 34.12** **To consider and approve the extension of one week from the date of issuance of approval letter for waitlisted candidates to fulfill the vacant seats in various disciplines for admission session July 2024**

**RC 34.12.1** There are vacancies available in four disciplines with availability of candidates under waitlist category. The faculties have requested of the last date of admission to the waitlist listed candidates as mentioned below:

**HISTORY, SOSS**

S. No.	Application Number	Name of Candidates	Category
01	SMT0003723	Saumya Singh	EWS
02	SMT0002655	Prashant	OBC-NCL

**SOCIOLOGY, SOSS**

01	SMT0003933	Manisha Arya	OBC-NCL
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01	SMT0002397	Laxman kumar Singh	EWS
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**INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES, SOITS**

01	SMT0003231	Bijender Singh	GENERAL
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The matter was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

**RC 34.12.2** *The Research Council considered and approved the extension of one week from the date of issuance of the approval letter for waitlisted candidates to fulfill the vacant seats in disciplines as mentioned for admission session July 2024.*

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

*Jaideep*  
18.6.2025  
(Jaideep Sharma)  
Member Secretary