

MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2026 AT 11. AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF VICE CHNACELLOR'S OFFICE, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI

The following members attended the meeting:

S.No.	Name/Designation	Position
1.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor	Chairperson (Ex-Officio)
2.	Prof. Pankaj Arora	Member
3.	Prof. Chittur V Srikanth	Member
4.	Prof. T.V. Vijay Kumar	Member
5.	Prof. Indrani Roy Chowdhury	Member
6.	Prof. Prakash Chandra Sarangi	Member
7.	Prof. Nita Mathur, Director, SOSS	Member
8.	Prof. Manish Trivedi, Director, SOS	Member
9.	Prof. Nisha Varghese, Director, SOEDS	Member
10.	Prof. Amitav Mishra, Director, SOE	Member
11.	Prof. Sandeep Singh, Rawat, Director, SOCIS	Member
12.	Prof. Rajeev Kr. Shukla, SOMS	Member
13.	Prof. Kaustuva Barik, SOSS	Member
14.	Dr. Omkar Verma, Associate Professor, SOS	Member
15.	Dr. G. Uma, Associate Professor, SOGDS	Member
16.	Dr. Ashwini Kumar, Asst. Professor, SOSS	Member
17.	Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Asst. Professor, SOITS	Member
18.	Dr. S.K. Prasad, Director, NCDS	Member
19.	Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Director (I/c)	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar and Prof. Ramanathan Baskar could not attend the meeting. Dr. Satish Gaikwad, Deputy Director, Research Unit, was present in the meeting to assist the Council and facilitate the proceedings.

The Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the Research Council and expressed appreciation for their presence. He apprised the Council that the present meeting has been convened to deliberate upon a range of important policy, procedural, and academic matters pertaining to the Ph.D. programmes of the University. These include issues relating to the admission framework, research supervision, and approval of research topics, regulatory compliance, and overall strengthening of research governance in alignment with evolving national and institutional priorities. He further informed that the agenda items have been structured keeping in view the need for maintaining academic rigor, transparency, and efficiency in the administration of research programmes.

The Chairperson, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, thereafter welcomed all the members of the Research Council and acknowledged their continued support and contributions towards

strengthening the research ecosystem of the University. In her opening remarks, she emphasized the need to further consolidate and enhance the quality of research activities in the University. She underlined the importance of ensuring optimal utilization of available Ph.D. seats across disciplines, particularly in emerging and interdisciplinary areas, while maintaining the highest standards of academic quality and integrity.

The Chairperson also stressed the necessity of aligning all research-related processes, including admissions, supervision, evaluation, and monitoring, with the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, as well as broader national policy directions such as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. She highlighted that a flexible yet robust admission framework, coupled with effective supervision and monitoring mechanisms, is essential for fostering a vibrant and inclusive research environment in the University.

She further urged the Schools of Studies and concerned academic bodies to ensure strict adherence to statutory provisions, timely completion of research work, and continuous improvement in the quality and relevance of research output.

The Chairperson then requested the Member Secretary to present the agenda items for consideration of the Research Council.

The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Research Council held on 30th May, 2025 were circulated amongst all the concerned. He further apprised that all actions in respect of the agenda items have since been completed and no action on the Minutes is pending.

The Member Secretary further informed that the Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee held on 10th November, 2025 were also circulated amongst all the concerned. He apprised that all actions in respect of the agenda items have since been completed and no action on the Minutes is pending.

The Research Council, after due consideration, confirmed the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Research Council and the 30th Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee and noted the Action Taken Reports thereon.

Thereupon Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Director I/c, Research Unit and Member Secretary of the Research Council presented the agenda as under:

Item No.	Subject
RC 35.1	To Consider and approve the advertisement for Ph.D. Admissions for July 2026 Session and related matters
RC 35.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that, in pursuance of the decision of the Research Council Standing Committee at its 28th Meeting held on 02 May 2024, Ph.D. admissions for the July 2024 and 2025 sessions were conducted based on UGC-NET

	<p>score and interview.</p> <p>He further apprised that willingness was sought from the Schools of Studies for offering Ph.D. seats for the July 2026 session. Out of 48 disciplines, 37 disciplines have expressed willingness, and a total of 365 seats are proposed to be advertised.</p> <p>The Council was informed that, while adopting the UGC-NET based admission framework, certain disciplines, particularly in science and applied areas, have experienced difficulty in filling seats due to limited availability of NET/JRF qualified candidates. It was also noted that many eligible candidates, including working professionals, are unable to appear for NET.</p> <p>In view of the flexibility provided under the UGC Regulations, 2022, it was proposed to adopt a flexible admission framework, including admission through UGC-NET (with and without JRF), national-level fellowships/examinations, and University-level entrance test, with appropriate weightage to written scores and interview.</p> <p>The Member Secretary further informed that it is proposed to revise the Ph.D. application fee from ₹1000 to ₹2000 in view of increased administrative and operational requirements.</p> <p>The Council was also apprised of the proposed admission procedure, including activation of the SAMARTH portal, 21-day application window, screening, interview, preparation of merit list, and approval through statutory bodies.</p> <p>With regard to the representation received from the School of Law for inclusion of Ph.D. admissions, the Council was informed about the earlier decision of the 31st Research Council, wherein it was resolved that Ph.D. in Law shall not be advertised as the School is not offering UG/PG programmes. The matter was placed before the Council for consideration.</p> <p>The agenda was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.</p>
<p>RC 35.1.2</p>	<p>The Research Council deliberated upon the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the UGC Public Notice regarding the use of UGC-NET scores for Ph.D. admissions, which provide flexibility to Universities in adopting suitable admission mechanisms.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations, the Research Council approved the advertisement of Ph.D. admissions for the July 2026 session, along with the adoption of the following admission framework in conformity with UGC norms:</p> <p><i>Admission Categories:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Category–I: UGC-NET with JRF

2. **Category–II:** UGC-NET (Eligible for Assistant Professor and Ph.D.)
3. **Category–III:** UGC-NET (Eligible for Ph.D. only)
4. **Category–IV:** University-level Entrance Test followed by Interview

Selection Procedure:

- Interview/Viva-Voce shall be mandatory for all categories.
- For **Category–I (JRF)**: Selection shall be based on interview performance.
- For Categories II & III:
 - **70% weightage** to NET score
 - **30% weightage** to Interview/Viva-Voce
- For **Category–IV (University Entrance)**:
 - Candidates securing minimum 50% marks (with applicable relaxation as per UGC PhD Regulations, 2022) in the entrance test shall be eligible for interview
 - Final selection shall be based on 70% entrance test + 30% interview, as per UGC Regulations

Merit and Preference:

- Selection shall be based on combined merit and applicable reservation policy.
- Preference shall be given in the following order:
 - (i) **Category–I**
 - (ii) **Category–II**
 - (iii) **Category–III**
 - (iv) **Category–IV**, subject to availability of seats.

The Council also approved the revision of the Ph.D. application fee from ₹1000/- to ₹2000/-, and the activation of the SAMARTH admission portal with a 21-day application window.

With regard to the representation received from the School of Law, the Research Council resolved that, in continuation of the decision of the 31st Research Council, disciplines not offering PG programmes and where regulatory bodies do not permit shall not be considered for Ph.D. admissions.

RC 35.2	To Consider and approve the Research Topics and names of Supervisors of the PhD scholars in various Disciplines
RC 35.2.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) of various disciplines have recommended the research topics and names of supervisors of Ph.D. scholars upon successful completion of their coursework. These recommendations have been duly approved by the respective School Boards/School Board Standing Committees. The scholar-wise details are placed below.

Sl no	Name of the Student and Enrolment Number	Topic of Research	Name(s) Research Supervisor(s) (In case of Joint Supervisor, both names are to be given)
1.	Neeru, 231000102	Factors Influencing Investment Behaviour among Gen Z	Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad
2.	Manisha Meena, 231000110	Factors Affecting Environmentally Sustainable Purchase Intention for Energy Efficient Home Appliances	Prof. Rashmi Bansal
3.	Sapna Kataria, 231000087	Factors Influencing the Adoption Intention of Digital Finance: A Study of Delhi NCR	Prof. Subodh Kesharwani
4.	Sunita Kumari, 231001509	Effect of Spiritual Intelligence on Organisational Citizenship Behaviour in ITES	Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar
5.	Rakhi Sharma, 231000094	Cloud-Based Financial Software Adoption among MSMEs	Prof. Anupriya Pandey
6	Amit Kumar Singh (225035202)	An Assessment of Select Government Schemes for Technical Education in India	Prof. Neeti Agrawal
7	Nikhil Vijay (231001397)	Service Quality of Electric Vehicles: An Analytical Study	Prof. Anjali C Ramteke
8	Nandana P Krishna (23 1000062)	An Application of Blue Ocean Strategy among Technology Based Startups in India	Prof. Neeti Agrawal
9	Sumit Bodla (231000055)	Sustainable Aviation Industry: Contemporary Practices and Future Strategies	Prof. Anurag Saxena
10	Saiyad Raja (231000048)	Financial Literacy and Use of Digital Banking: A Study of Select Districts of Bihar	Prof. Anurag Saxena
11	Sagrika Singh (231001824)	A Study on Entrepreneurial Intentions of Students of Higher Education Institutions in Uttar Pradesh	Prof. Leena Singh
12	Surbhi Ahuja (231001594)	A Study on Purchase Intentions of Generation Z towards Online Thrift Fashion	Prof. Leena Singh
13	Ritu	Work Life Balance and Job	Prof. Rajeev

	(231000023)	Satisfaction of GIG Workers in Delhi NCR	Kumar Shukla
14	Gaurav Gupta (231000070)	Commuter Satisfaction in Urban Road Transport Sector: A Study of Delhi Transport Corporation	Prof. Ravikanthi Sampath
15	Julie Kumari (231000030)	A Study on Performance Analysis of Public and Private Sector Banks in India	Prof. Pavnesh Kumar
16	Bandita Bhola (231001760)	Assessment of Quality of Work Life among Healthcare Professionals in Select Hospitals in Delhi-NCR	Prof. Nayantara Padhi
17	Sai Krishna Singh (231001831)	A Study on Organizational Citizenship Behavior and Role of Leadership in Indian Hotel Industry	Dr. Priyanka Yadav
18	Vijayalakshmi Muddu (231002034)	An Assessment of Bank Lending Framework for Large Corporate Exposures in India.	Prof. Anjali C Ramteke
19	Yamini 231000815	Vocational Education in Delhi NCR: Funding Pattern and their Impact on Employability	Dr. Rachna Agarwal (Main) & Prof. Ashok K Gaba (Co-supervisor)
20	Gouranga Kumar Naik 231001222	Impact of Internship Exposure on Employability and Entrepreneurship	Dr. Rachna Agarwal
21	Sudiksha Yadav 231002041	Role of Vocational Education and Training in Empowering of Semi-Skilled workforce in Select Districts of Uttar Pradesh	Prof. RSP Singh
22	Anamika Chandel 231001587	Impact of Skill Development Policies on Employability In Jammu and Kashmir	Dr. Rachna Agarwal (Main) & Prof. Ashok K Gaba (Co-supervisor)
23	Deepak Bhardwaj 231002138	Development and Inferential Study of a New Adaptive Power-Odds Family of Lifetime Distributions with Applications to Life Testing Data	Dr. Prabhat Kumar Sangal (Supervisor)
24	Khemraj 231002002	Incorporation of Auxiliary/ Prior Information in the Construction of Efficient Estimators for Population Parameter(s)	Dr. Gajraj Singh (Supervisor) and Dr. Sachin Malik (Co-Supervisor)
25	Mr. Anish	Development and characterization of	Prof. Parvesh

	Raju 231000220	metallobiosurfactant for biocorrosion inhibition	Bubber Prof. Preeti Srivastava (IIT Delhi) Prof. Leena Nebhani (IIT Delhi)
26	Shweta Shirish Magare 231001190	Tribal Marginality and Livelihoods in Urban-Industrial Growth Zones: A Qualitative Study of the Katkari Community in Pune District	Dr. G. Mahesh
27	Priya Paul 231001230	Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Adolescent Emotional Empowerment: A Social Work Intervention Study in Kerala	Dr. G. Mahesh
28	Dharminder 231000729	A Study on Government Job Aspirations, Vulnerabilities, and Crises among Youth: A Social Work Perspective	Dr. Binod
29	Damera Vinodkumar 231001247	A Study on Identity, Inequity, and Lived Realities of Landless Agricultural Labourers in Telangana	Dr. Konde Lingaswamy
30	Rajeshwar Rao Dugyala 231001286	A Study on Factors Influencing Uptake of Tuberculosis Preventive Therapy among Tribal Households in Telangana	Dr. Konde Lingaswamy
31	Vijayan T V 231001928	Children with Specific Learning Disabilities in Kerala: A Social Work Intervention Study	Dr. N. Ramya
32	Punam Surjobonshi 231001437	A Study on Awareness and Accessibility of Mental Health Services among Higher Secondary School Students in Assam	Prof. Sayantani Guin
33	Amritha K S 231001412	Protective Factors and Mental Health Challenges among Deep-Sea Artisanal Fishermen in Coastal Kerala: A Study from Social Work Perspective	Dr. Kannappa Setty
34	Divyanshu Raj 231001706	A Study on the Role of Corporate Social Responsibility in Urban Community Development	Prof. Saumya

The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 35.2.2 **The Research Council approved the research topics and supervisors of Ph.D. scholars as recommended and placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.2.1.**

RC 35.3	To Consider and approve the allotment of Co-Supervisors to PhD scholars in various disciplines					
RC 35.3.1	The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) of various disciplines have recommended the change of supervisors in respect of the following research scholars, which have been duly ratified by the respective School Boards. The details are as under:					
	Name of the School	Discipline	Name of the Scholars, Enrolment Number and Programme	Research Topic	Existing Supervisor	Name of the Co-supervisor
	SOS	Statistics	Khemraj 231002002 PHD	Incorporation of Auxiliary/Prior Information in the Construction of Efficient Estimators for Population Parameter(s)	Dr. Gajraj Singh	Dr. Sachin Malik, SRM University, Haryana
	SOS	Biochemistry	Anish Raju 231000220 PHD	Development and Characterization of Metallobiosur factant for biocorrosion inhibition	Prof. Parvesh Bubber	Prof. Preeti Srivastava, IIT Delhi and Prof. Leena Nebhani, IIT Delhi
	SOVET	Vocational Education	Yamini 231000815 PHD	Vocational Education in Delhi NCR: Funding Pattern and their Impact on Employability	Dr. Rachna Agarwal	Prof. Ashok K. Gaba
	SOVET	Vocational Education	Anamika Chandel 231001587 PHD	Impact of Skill Development Policies on Employability in Jammu and Kashmir	Dr. Rachna Agarwal	Prof. Ashok K. Gaba
	SOMS	Commerce	Ms. Pooja Malik Enrol. No. 225034146 PHD	“A Study of Mergers and Acquisitions and its Effect on Financial Performance”	Prof. Rashmi Bansal	Prof. Sunil Kumar (joined SAU)
	SOMS	Commerce	Mr. Arun Kumar Enrol. No. 225034597 PHD	“Influence of Mobile Banking on Consumer Behaviour in Selected Banks”	Prof. Rashmi Bansal	Prof. Sunil Kumar (joined SAU)

SOSW	Social Work	Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma Enrol. No: 225034787 PHD	Psychosocial Palliative Care Intervention on Resilience Among Caregivers of Children with Chronic Illnesses.	Dr. Dilip Diwakar G	Dr. Mamta Parihar, Dr. S.N. Medical College, Jodhpur
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The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 35.3.2 **The Research Council approved the names of Co-supervisors as recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.3.1.**

RC 35.4 **To Consider and approve the change of supervisors of PhD scholars in various disciplines**

RC 35.4.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) of various disciplines have recommended the change of supervisors in respect of the following research scholars, which has been duly ratified by the respective School Boards. The details are as under:

S. No.	Name of the Scholars /Enrollment No. /Programme	Title	Existing Supervisor	Reason	Changed Supervisor
1	Mr. Manoj Sarkar 225034859 PHDMGMT, SOMS	Impact of Sustainable Supply Chain Management Practices on Organisational Performance in Fashion Retail Industry: A Study	Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka	The present supervisor Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka is on Lien of University of Hyderabad	Prof. Anurag Saxena (Supervisor) and Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka (Co-Supervisor)
2	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhanwara 225034716 PHDMGMT, SOMS	Digital Governance Practices in India: An Empirical Study	Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka	The present supervisor Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka is on Lien of University of Hyderabad	Prof. Anurag Saxena (Supervisor) and Dr. Venkataiah Chittipaka (Co-Supervisor)

3	Ms.Sonakshi Jaiswal, 173101435 PhD Commerce SOMS	The Role of Emotional Advertising on Consumer Decision Making	Prof. M. S. Senam Raju	Prof. M. S. Senam Raju was superannuated on 30th June, 2025	Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar
4	Ms. K. Ashwini, 173101442 PhD Commerce SOMS	Green Marketing: A Study on Consumer Attitude and Purchase Intention towards Green Products	Prof. M. S. Senam Raju	Prof. M. S. Senam Raju was superannuated on 30th June, 2025	Dr. N. Rajendra Parasad

The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 35.4.2 **The Research Council approved the change of supervisors in respect of Ph.D. scholars as recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.4.1.**

RC 35.5 **To Consider and approve the names of Faculty Members as Research Supervisors in various Disciplines to guide Research Scholars.**

RC 35.5.1 The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) of various disciplines and their respective School Boards have recommended the following faculty members for recognition as Research Supervisors. 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.)
1.	Dr. Sudheer Singh Verma, Associate Professor, Political Science, SOSS	Yes	12 Research Publications
2.	Dr. Gurram Ashok, Assistant Professor, Political Science, SOSS	Yes	10 Research Publications
3.	Dr. Arti Kumari, Assistant Professor, Life Sciences, SOS	Yes	18 Research Papers 2 Book Chapters

The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 35.5.2 **The Research Council approved the empanelment of faculty members as Research Supervisors recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.5.1.**

RC 35.6 **To Consider and ratify minor/ major changes/modifications in Research Topics of PhD scholars in various disciplines.**

<p>RC 35.6.1</p>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) of the concerned disciplines have recommended minor/major changes in the research topics of the following research scholars, which have been duly ratified by the respective School Boards:</p>																							
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<p>The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.</p>																								
<p>RC 35.6.2</p>	<p>The Research Council approved minor/major modifications in research topics recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.6.1.</p>																							
<p>RC 35.7</p>	<p>To Consider and approve the withdrawal of registration of PhD scholars.</p>																							
<p>RC 35.7.1</p>	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the following research scholars enrolled in the Ph.D. programme in various disciplines have expressed their willingness to discontinue their studies citing personal reasons. Their requests have been considered by the respective Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) and duly ratified by the concerned School Boards/School Board Standing Committees. The details are as under:</p>																							

S. No.	Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No., Programme and School	Name of the Supervisor	Title of PhD Thesis	Reason for Withdrawal
1.	Ms. Shivani Enl.: 240000106 PhD Chemistry SOS	Not allotted	Not allotted	Admission in the Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi
2.	Ms. Khushi Grover Enl.:250001150 PhD English SOH	Not allotted	Not allotted	She has got admission in another University for the PhD programme
3.	Mr. Diwakar Tantuway Enl.: 240000066 PhD History SOSS	Not allotted	Not allotted	Selection in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
4.	Mr. Kunwar Ketan Singh Enl.: 240000350 PhD Vocational Education SOVET	Not allotted	Not allotted	Requested by himself though mail dated 5 th June, 2024.

	5.	Mr. Ashil Ismail Encl.: 240001240 PhD Social Work SOSW	Not allotted	Not allotted	The Director of the School of Social Work placed the matter before Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for approval vide note dated 15.01.2026 and accordingly it the withdrawal was approved with condition for ratification of the approval by the RC.
	6.	Ms. Shikha (SMT0003968)	Not allotted	Not allotted	Withdrawn by candidate

The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

RC 35.7.2 **The Research Council approved the withdrawal of registration recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.7.1.**

35.8 **To Consider and approve the cancellation of registration of PhD scholars.**

35.8.1 The Member Secretary informed that the recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) regarding cancellation of registration of the following research scholars, as ratified by the respective School Boards, are placed below:

S. No.	Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School	Name of the Supervisor	Title of PhD Thesis	Reason for Cancellation
1.	Ms. Inderjit Kaur Enl.: 173101055 PhD Management SOMS	Prof. Kamal Vagrecha	A Study of determinant of growth of equity mutual funds in India	Her registration time period was over on May 02, 2025

2.	Ms. Akshita Garg Enl.: 210271288 PhD Management SOMS	Prof. Nayantara Padhi	A Study on Assessment of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Select Higher Education Institutions in Delhi- NCR	Three consecutive reports are unsatisfactory
3.	Ms. Preeti Sharma Enl.: 210271295 PhD Management SOMS	Prof. Anjali C Ramteke	A Study on the Determinants of Green Financing Practices	Three consecutive reports are unsatisfactory
4.	Md. Danish Enl.: 225035685 PhD Management SOMS	NA	Topic Not finalized	Three consecutive reports are unsatisfactory
5.	Ms. Kriti Gupta Enl.: 225034572 PhD Tourism and Hospitality Services Management. SOTHSM	Prof. (Dr.) Paramita Suklabaidya	Museum as a Tourist Attraction: Comparative Analysis of Selected Museums	Requested by candidate by e-mail to Research Supervisor by email on 21 st January 2026
6.	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Pandey Enl.: 210270136 PhD Tourism and Hospitality Services Management, SOTHSM	Prof. Jatashankar R Tewari	Museum as a Tourist Attraction: Comparative Analysis of Selected Museums	Sad demise of Research Scholar
7.	Ms. Nikita Kumari Enl.: 231000180 PhD Mathematics, SOS	Not Allocated	Not Allocated	As per clause 7.4 of IGNOU PhD regulation (Non-Completion of course work within two semester) and clause 11.2 of IGNOU PhD Guidelines 2022 (non-submission of progress reports), it is recommended that the registration be cancelled

	8.	Mr. Sukh Darshan Enl.: 231000213 PhD Mathematics, SOS	Not Allocated	Not Allocated	As per clause 11.2 of IGNOU PhD Guidelines 2022 (non- submission of progress reports), it is recommended that the registration be cancelled
	9.	Ms. Rajni Agarwal Enl.: 231002152 PhD Vocational Education, SOVET	NA	NA	Due to shortage of attendance and not completing course work within the maximum permitted duration as per UGC Regulation, 2016
	10.	Ms. Bedita Gupta Enl.: 231001641 PhD Social Work SOSW	NA	NA	She failed to finish coursework within two semesters from the start of the academic session, Leading to automatic cancellation of her admission (Clause 7.4 IGNOU Research Ordinance)
	<p>The Member Secretary placed the agenda item before the Research Council for consideration and approval.</p>				
35.8.2	The Research Council approved cancellation of registration of Ph.D. scholars recommended by the respective DRCs and School Boards as placed under Agenda Item No. RC 35.8.1.				
35.9	To consider and approve the re-registration/ extension of Ms. Vasundhra (Enrol. No. 173102380), Ph.D. scholar in the discipline of Law, School of Law (SOL)				
35.9.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that Ms. Vasundhra (Enrol. No. 173102380) was registered in the Ph.D. programme in the discipline of Law on 04.05.2017 and completed the maximum duration of eight years on 03.05.2025. The case for extension of the Ph.D. programme has been recommended by the Supervisor and the Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) and approved by the School Board; however, the same could not be processed within the stipulated time.</p> <p>It was further informed that, as per the SOP for Re-registration/Extension of Ph.D. Scholars approved by the 34th Research Council (30.05.2025), re-registration may be granted for a maximum period of two years for scholars admitted prior to 2022, subject to prescribed conditions. In the present case, the scholar has requested extension of one year (04.05.2025 to 03.05.2026) for submission of thesis on medical grounds. The Supervisor has certified that more than 80% of the research work has been completed.</p> <p>The case was considered and recommended by the 23rd DRC held on 23.01.2026 and</p>				

	subsequently approved by the 35th School Board of the School of Law held on 18.02.2026. The matter was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.
35.9.2	The Research Council approved the re-registration/extension of Ms. Vasundhra (Law discipline) as per rules.
TABLE ITEMS	
35.10.1	Reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in Ph.D. Admissions.
35.10.1.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had constituted a Committee to examine the statutory provisions and prepare the Reservation Procedure, Reservation Roster, and Guidelines for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in Ph.D. admissions, in compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, Government of India guidelines, and the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022.</p> <p>She further apprised that the Committee held meetings on 24 February 2026 and 12 March 2026 and recommended continuation of the existing discipline-wise 200-point roster as prescribed in the IGNOU Ph.D. Guidelines, 2022, along with adoption of a 100-point PwBD monitoring roster to ensure effective implementation of 5% horizontal reservation for PwBD candidates.</p> <p>Based on these recommendations, Draft Guidelines on Reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in Ph.D. Admissions, 2026 have been prepared and approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for placing before the Research Council.</p> <p>The agenda item was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.</p>
35.10.1.2	The Research Council, after due deliberation, approved the Draft Guidelines on Reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) in Ph.D. Admissions, 2026. The Council also approved the continuation of the existing discipline-wise 200-point roster, as prescribed by the DoPT and UGC, along with the adoption of a 100-point PwBD monitoring roster in line with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, to ensure effective implementation of 5% horizontal reservation for PwBD candidates in Ph.D. admissions.
35.10.2	To Consider and approve the names of Faculty Members as Research Supervisors in various Disciplines to guide Research Scholars.
35.10.2.1	The Member Secretary informed that the recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs), duly approved by the respective School Boards, for recognition of the following faculty members as Research Supervisors are placed below:

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.)
1.	Dr. K. Sravan Kumar, Assistant Professor, Rural Development, SOCE	Yes	05 Research Publications
2.	Dr. M.K. Deb, Assistant Professor, Rural Development, SOCE	Yes	04 Research Publications

The agenda item was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.

35.10.2.2 The Research Council resolved that the agenda item be withdrawn, as it was placed without the requisite recommendations of the School Board. The concerned School was directed to place the proposal, duly approved by the School Board, in a subsequent meeting of the Research Council/Research Council Standing Committee.

35.10.3 To Consider and approve the Research Topics and names of Supervisors of the PhD scholars in various Disciplines

35.10.3.1 The Member Secretary informed that the recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committees (DRCs) regarding research topics and supervisors of Ph.D. scholars, as approved by the respective School Boards, are placed below:

Sl no	Name of the Student and Enrolment Number	Topic of Research	Name(s) Research Supervisor(s) (In case of Joint Supervisor, both names are to be given)
1.	Priti Jeph 231001444 SOE	A Study of Joyful Learning at Foundational Stage in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi NCR	Prof. Bharti Dogra
2.	Purnima Rajbanshi 231001293 SOE	Adolescents, Algorithms, and Attention: An Ethnographic Study of Smartphone Practices and Learning Culture in Indian Schools	Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh
3.	Preety Angral 231001863 SOE	Educational Trajectories of Female Learners from Soldiers' Families in Higher	Prof. Vandana Singh

		Education: A Narrative Inquiry	
4.	Alka Bankra 231000743 SOE	Reconstructing Learner's Ideas in Science through Narrative Storytelling in Preparatory Classrooms	Prof. Vandana Singh
5.	Ahmad Husain 231002059 SOE	Academic Achievement in relation to Attitude towards Mathematics and Mathematical Competencies among Secondary School Students	Dr. B. L. Meena
6.	Gaurav Tyagi 231001490 SOE	उत्तर औपनिवेशिक भारत की शिक्षा और विद्या भारती: एक नृवंशास्त्रीय अध्ययन	Dr. B. L. Meena
7.	Anurag 231000768 SOE	Board Games as a Pedagogical Tool for Mathematics Learning of the Students at Middle School Stage: A Mixed Methods Study	Prof. Niradhar Dey
8.	Ram Swaroop 231002184 SOE	Impact of the Science Centre Learning Environment on Scientific Attitude and Science Achievement of Secondary School Students: A Case of Palampur Science Centre	Prof. Niradhar Dey
9.	Megha Singh Rathore 231000750 SOE	An in-depth Analysis of the Effects of Video-based E-Tutorials on Student Engagement in pursuing Online Courses across the MOOC Platforms	Prof. Niradhar Dey
10.	Sangita Paul 231002120 SOE	A Study on Learning Attributes and Academic Achievement of Undergraduate Students Studying in Conventional and Online Education Systems	Prof. Niradhar Dey
11.	Sharifa	ESL Teachers' pedagogical	Prof. Arbind Kr. Jha

	Rabbani 231000790 SOE	perspectives on Using Writing Skills as a Tool for Critical Thinking: A Narrative Inquiry	
12.	Bamin Anku 231000659 SOE	Mapping of Indigenous Knowledge in the Context of Arunachal Pradesh for Its Integration in Education: An Ethnographic Study	Prof. Arbind Kr. Jha
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13.	Swati Singh 231000782 SOE	Intersectionality in Women's Higher Education in Uttar Pradesh: A Case Study of Policy, Institutional Practices and Participation	Dr. Neel Kamal Sharan
14.	Priya 231000736 SOE	Emotional Norms in Schools: An Ethnographic Study of Institutional Practices and Adolescents' Identity Formation	Prof. Vandana Singh
15.	Rashida 231000775 SOE	Exploring Factors Influencing Vocational Independence of Learners with Intellectual Disabilities: A Study in Delhi NCR	Prof. Amitav Mishra
16.	Rakhi Sharma 231000790 SOE	From Beliefs to Praxis: An Inquiry into Epistemic and Pedagogical Manifestations among Science Teachers.	Prof. Arbind Kr. Jha
17.	Karishma Gurung 225035740 SOE	A Study on Sustainable Development Practices in Higher Education Institutions of West Bengal	Prof. N.K.Dash
The agenda item was placed before the Research Council for consideration and approval.			
35.10.3.2	The Research Council approved the research topics and supervisors of Ph.D. scholars as recommended and placed before the Council, subject to compliance with the relevant Ordinances and Regulations.		

35.10.4	To consider and approve the withdrawal of registration of a Ph.D. scholar.										
35.10.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that Mr. Prateek Sukumar (Enrolment No. 210271492), enrolled in the Ph.D. programme in Sanskrit Discipline, and had expressed his willingness to discontinue the programme citing personal reasons.</p> <p>She further apprised that the request for withdrawal of the scholar was earlier placed before the 34th Research Council under Agenda Item No. 34.9 (Sl. No. 2), wherein the Council had advised obtaining a valid affidavit prior to cancellation of registration.</p> <p>In the present case, the concerned Supervisor made several attempts to communicate with the scholar to obtain the affidavit; however, no response has been received. The Member Secretary also informed that the Ph.D. Ordinance, Regulations, and Guidelines do not provide for submission of an affidavit in cases of voluntary withdrawal, and such requirement has been leading to delays in processing such cases.</p> <p>In view of the above, the matter was placed before the Research Council for consideration regarding review of the earlier decision and appropriate action on the withdrawal of registration of the said scholar.</p>										
35.10.4.2	<p>The Research Council, after due deliberation, reviewed its earlier decision regarding submission of an affidavit for withdrawal of registration and resolved that, in the absence of any such provision in the Ph.D. Ordinance, Regulations, and Guidelines, the requirement of an affidavit shall not be insisted upon in cases of voluntary withdrawal.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Research Council approved the withdrawal of registration of Mr. Prateek Sukumar (Enrolment No. 210271492) from the Ph.D. programme in Sanskrit Discipline, subject to completion of the prescribed formalities.</p>										
35.10.5	To Consider and approve the cancellation of registration of PhD scholars										
35.10.5.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Research Council that Doctoral Research Committees of various Disciplines recommended cancellation of registrations of the following Research scholars. The recommendations of the DRCs of respective disciplines were ratified by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees. The details are as under:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;">S. No</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Name of the Supervisor</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Title of PhD Thesis</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Reason for Cancellation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></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	.				
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	1.	Ms. Sonal Bajaj (Enl. No. 225034565) SOE	Not Allotted	Not Allotted	Clause 11.2 of the PhD Guidelines (2022) - "In case of unsatisfactory progress over a time period of one year/ non- submission of timely progress report".
	The agenda is placed before the Research Council for its consideration and approval				
35.10.5.2	The Research Council approved the cancellation of registration of PhD scholars as recommended by their respective DRC and SB as placed under 35.10.5.2				

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the members.

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24.3.2026

Member Secretary, Research Council

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