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MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 2006 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 110 068

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N.R. Pillai Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. N.S.Ramegowda, Member, Board of Management | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. C.L.Anand, Member, Board of Management | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, School of Social Sciences | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. M.C.Sharma, Director, School of Education | - | Member |
| 6. Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Professor, SOMS | - | Member |
| 7. Prof. S.K.Panda, Director, STRIDE | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. C.K.Ghosh, Director, Regional Services Division | - | Member |
| 9. Dr. C.G.Naidu, Head, PFU | - | Member |
| 10. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD | - | Member-Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting.

1. Prof. T.Pati
2. Prof. S.M.Paul Khurana
3. Prof. Amitava Raychaudhri
4. Prof. V.M.Shah
5. Dr. D.Padmanaban

Prof. Renu Bhardwaj, Director (I/C), SOH has attended the meeting in place of Prof. J.M.Parakh, Director, School of Humanities.

Sh.K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Member-Secretary.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members to the 8th Meeting of the Research Council.
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The Chairman then requested Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Member Secretary to present the agenda.

ITEM NO. 1	TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL HELD ON 30.12.2005 AND NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON.
RC.8.1.1	The Member Secretary informed the Research Council that the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Research Council held on 30.12.2005 were circulated to the members on 24.1.2006 (Annexure-1). No comments have been received from any of the members. The action taken report on the Minutes is placed at Annexure-2 . He proposed that the minutes may be confirmed.
RC.8.1.2	The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of its Seventh Meeting held on 30.12.2005 (Annexure -1) and noted the action taken thereon.
ITEM NO.2	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE (RCSC) HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 2006.
RC.8.2.1	The Member Secretary apprised the members that the First Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (RCSC) was held on 27 th April, 2006. A copy of the Minutes of the Standing Committee is placed at Annexure-3 . The RCSC took the following major decisions:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launching of the Ph.D. Programme in Commerce and Management, • Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Research Council vide Resolution No. RC.7.2.3 to examine the research proposals and devise format for submission of progress report by research scholars, • Request of Sh. S.S.Gulia, to extend his period of fellowship, • Research proposals submitted by Sh. R.Meghanathan for Ph.D. in English and Sh. Prashant Kumar for Ph.D. in Hindi.
RC.8.2.2	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the Minutes (placed at Annexure-3) of the First Meeting of its Standing Committee.
ITEM NO.3	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED PROPOSAL FOR PH.D. IN HINDI SUBMITTED BY SH. PRASHANT KUMAR ON “DELHI KE SIMAANT GAON KE LOK GEETON VA LOK KATHAON KA SAMAJIK ADHYAYAN”.
RC.8.3.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that Research Council's Standing Committee at its First Meeting held on 27.4.2006 vide Resolution no. RCSC.1.5.2 considered and approved the research proposal submitted by Sh. Prashant Kumar on “Delhi Ke Simaant Gaon ke Lok Geeton va Lok Kathaon Ka Samajik Adhyayan” for Ph.D. in Hindi under the supervision of

	<p>Prof. J.M.Parakh with the specific direction and that the proposal may be recast in the approved format and sent to the Director, Academic Coordination Division for reference.</p> <p>Accordingly, revised proposal in approved format has been received from Sh. Prashat Kumar.</p>
RC.8.3.2	<p>The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the revised proposal submitted by Shri Prashant Kumar on “Delhi Ke Simaant Gaon ke Lok Geeton va Lok Kathaon Ka Samajik Adhyayan” for Ph.D. in Hindi (Annexure-4) which has been received in the approved format.</p>
ITEM NO. 4	<p>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SHRI. RAMESH GANDOTRA FOR PH.D. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.</p>
RC.8.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that Sh. Ramesh Gandotra, a Research Scholar has submitted a proposal for research on the topic “Administration of Health Services in Rajasthan – A Study of Jaipur and Tonk Districts” under the supervision of Dr. Dolly Mathew in 2004. The proposal was considered by the Screening Committee at its Meeting held on 6.8.2004 and recommended that the proposal may be accepted with suggestions made by the expert. The revised proposal was examined in detail</p>

	and approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences at its 35 th Meeting held on 22.3.2005. Due to an inadvertent omission, the Minutes (Item No. SB 35.8) recorded that the proposal be revised and resubmitted.
RC.8.4.2	Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Director, SOSS explained that the Minutes of the Meeting of the School Board pertaining to SB 35.8 had been modified accordingly and he proposed that the Ph.D. proposal of Sh. Ramesh Gandotra may be approved under the supervision of Dr. Dolly Mathew, Reader, SOSS, IGNOU who was also invited to answer the queries, if any.
RC.8.4.3	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the proposal (Annexure-5) entitled “Administration of Health Services in Rajasthan – A study of Jaipur and Tonk District” submitted by Shri Ramesh Gandotra under the supervision of Dr. Dolly Matthew, Reader, SOSS, IGNOU.
ITEM NO.5	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. XAVIER SANTAN GAMA FOR PH.D. IN PHYSICS ENTITLED “FABRICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF VARIOUS OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES” AND APPROVE THE RECOGNITION OF PROF. R L PATIL (RETD.) DEPT. OF PHYSICS, KARNATKA UNIVERSITY DHARDWAD AS RECOGNIZED SUPERVISOR.
RC.8.5.1	The Member Secretary informed the Research Council that Mr. Xavier Santan

	<p>Gama, Lecturer, St. Joseph College, Dharwad had submitted a proposal for research on the topic “Fabrication and Characterization of various Optical Waveguides” under the supervision of Prof. R.L.Patil (Retd)., Department of Physics, Karnataka University, Dharwad. The candidate had obtained permission from the Principal, SDM College of Engineering & Technology for using its facilities. The proposal and the curriculum vitae of Prof. Patil were examined by the School Board of the School of Sciences in detail at its 33rd Meeting held on 29.8.2006 and approved it with the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The proposal should include the broad title of the problem to be studied. (ii) The names of external and internal supervisors with a note of agreement by the internal supervisor. <p>The School Board had also recommended the name of Prof. R.L. Patil (Retired) Deptt. of Physics, Karnataka University, Dharwad as external supervisor in this case. The revised research proposal, after incorporating the changes, submitted by Mr. Xavier Santan Gama, along with the curriculum vitae of Prof. Patil and consent of Prof. Patil, external supervisor and Dr. Shubha Gokhale, Reader in Physics, SOS, internal supervisor.</p>
RC.8.5.2	<p>The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the revised proposal along with curriculum vitae of Prof. R.C.Patil (Annexure-5) with the</p>

	suggestions that in future before approving the proposal the University must examine the facilities and infrastructure available in the institution where the student proposes to undertake his/her studies.
ITEM NO.6	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SH. RAMESH CHANDRA SHARMA ENTITLED “ECONOMICS OF SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION: UNIT COST ANALYSIS AT MICRO LEVEL IN EAST DELHI” FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. IN ECONOMICS.
RC.8.6.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that Sh. Ramesh Chandra Sharma has submitted a research proposal entitled “Economics of Senior Secondary Education: Unit Cost Analysis at Micro Level in East Delhi” for admission to Ph.D. in Economics under the supervision of Dr. Narayan Prasad, Reader in Economics, School of Social Sciences.</p> <p>The School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 38th Meeting held on 24.3.2006 <i>vide</i> its Resolution no. SB. 38.7.1 considered and decided that the proposal should be examined by the Sub-Committee constituted <i>vide</i> Resolution no. 38.3.4 to screen the applications for Ph.D. registration. The Sub-Committee at its Meeting held on 13.9.2006 approved the proposal with the suggestion of minor changes in the proposal and that the revised proposal be submitted through the Research Supervisor to the Research Council for further necessary action. The Minutes of the Sub-Committee were approved by the School Board at its 39th Meeting held on 13.10.2006.</p>

RC.8.6.2	Shri Narayan Prasad, the Supervisor of the candidate informed the Council that the student has submitted the revised proposal as per the directions of the Sub-Committee and it is in order.
RC.8.6.3	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the proposal (Annexure-6) submitted by Shri Ramesh Chandra Sharma entitled “Economics of Senior Secondary Education: Unit Cost Analysis at Micro Level in East Delhi” for admission to Ph.D. in Economics under the supervision of Dr. Narayan Prasad, Reader in Economics, SOSS.
ITEM NO.7	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. MEHAR SINGH ON “UTTARI BHARAT MEIN KRISHAK AVAM KSHETRIYA SHAKTIYON KA UDAY: HARYANA KE SANDARBH MEIN BHARATIYA RASHTRIYA LOK DAL KI KENDRA ME BHUMIKA (1989-2004)”FOR PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE”.
RC.8.7.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that Mr. Mehar Singh has submitted a research proposal on “Uttari Bharat Mein Krishak Avam Kshetriya Shaktiyon Ka Uday: Haryana Ke Sandarbh Mein Bharatiya Rashtriya Lok Dal Ki Kendra Me Bhumika (1989-2004)” under the supervision of Dr. Jagpal Singh, Reader, SOSS for admission to the Ph.D. in Political Science.</p> <p>The School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 38th Meeting held on</p>

	<p>24.3.2006 vide its Resolution No. SB. 38.3 considered and decided that the proposal should be examined by the Sub-Committee constituted by it vide Resolution No. 38.3.4 to screen the applications for Ph.D. registration to avoid delay.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 13.9.2006 approved the proposal with minor changes to be incorporated. It has recommended that the methodology, hypotheses and objectives need to be re-framed in the proposal and the revised proposal shall be submitted through the Research Supervisor to the Research Council for further necessary action. The Minutes of the Sub-Committee were approved by the School Board at its 39th Meeting held on 13.10.2006.</p>
RC.8.7.2	<p>Dr. Jagpal Singh, Reader, Research Supervisor informed the Council that Mr. Mehar Singh has revised the research proposal as per the directions of the Sub-Committee and it is in order hence may kindly be approved.</p>
RC.8.7.3	<p>The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the research proposal (Annexure-7) on “Uttari Bharat Mein Krishak Avam Kshetriya Shaktiyon Ka Uday: Haryana Ke Sandarbh Mein Bharatiya Rashtriya Lok Dal Ki Kendra Me Bhumika (1989-2004)” submitted by Mr. Mehar Singh for admission to the Ph.D. in Political Science under the supervision of Dr. Jagpal Singh, Reader, SOSS.</p>

ITEM NO.8	<p>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED PH.D. PROPOSAL ON “USERS PERCEPTION ABOUT SERVICE QUALITY IN SELECT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OF HYDERABAD : A LIBQUAL+TM APPROACH, SUBMITTED BY MR. S. SHYAM SUNDER RAO, STUDENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROF. UMA KANJILAL.</p>
RC.8.8.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that Mr. S. Shyam Sunder Rao has submitted a research proposal on “Users Perception about Service Quality in Select University Libraries of Hyderabad: A Libqual+TM Approach” for Ph.D. in Library and Information Science, under the supervision of Prof. R.Satyanarana (Retd.).</p> <p>The School Board, SOSS in its 38th Meeting held on March 24, 2006 considered the proposal and referred it to the Sub-Committee constituted by it vide Resolution No. SB 38.3.4. The sub-committee at its meeting held on 13.9.2006 considered the proposal subject to the revision of the proposal referring to the scope of the study separately and not including it under the sub-heading of “Methodology”. The sub-committee also advised that the faculty should propose another supervisor since Prof. Satyanarayna had already retired. Accordingly, the faculty has recommended the name of Prof. Uma Kanjilal and the candidate had submitted the revised proposal which had been approved by the School Board of SOSS at its 39th Meeting held on October 13, 2006.</p>

RC.8.8.2	It was clarified that there was no restriction on recognition of retired teachers as supervisors. However, in the instant case the School Board had already recommended another professor who had agreed to supervise the candidate, the proposal may be approved.
RC.8.8.3	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the revised Ph.D. proposal (Annexure-8) entitled “Users Perception about Service Quality in Select University Libraries of Hyderabad: A Libqual+TM Approach” submitted by S. Syam Sunder Rao for admission to Ph.D. in Library and Information Science under the supervisor of Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS.
ITEM NO.9	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED PH.D. PROPOSAL ON “ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCIES OF SCIENCE RESEARCHERS OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES OF DELHI AND INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, DELHI”, SUBMITTED BY MS. TARUNA JOSHI, STUDENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. JAIDEEP SHARMA.
RC 8.9.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that Ms. Taruna Joshi has submitted a Research Proposal on “Assessment of Information Literacy Competencies of Science Researchers of Central Universities of Delhi and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi” under the supervision of Dr. Jaideep

	Sharma, Reader in Library & Inf. Science, SOSS. He informed that the proposal had been examined by the School of Social Sciences and approved by the School Board, SOSS in its 39 th Meeting held on October 13, 2006. Dr. Jaideep Sharma was present to answer the questions of the members, if any.
RC.8.9.2	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the revised Ph.D. proposal (Annexure-9) on “Assessment of Information Literacy Competencies of Science Researchers of Central Universities of Delhi and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi” submitted by Ms. Taruna Joshi for admission to Ph.D. in Library and Information Sciences under the supervision of Dr. Jaideep Sharma, Reader in Library & Inf. Science, SOSS.
ITEM NO.10	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON, “FRANCE AS A TOURIST GENERATING MARKET FOR INDIA: A CASE STUDY OF TOURIST PROFILES AND PROMOTIONAL STRATEGIES (1987-2007)”, SUBMITTED BY MS. DEEPANWITA SRIVASTAVA, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROF. KAPIL KUMAR.
RC 8.10.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that Ms. Deepanwita Srivastava has submitted the research proposal on “France as a Tourist Generating Market for India: A Case Study of Tourist Profiles and Promotional Strategies (1987-2007)” , under the supervision of Prof. Kapil Kumar. The

	proposal has been examined by the School of Social Sciences and the School Board, SOSS in its 39 th Meeting held on October 13, 2006. Prof. Kapil Kumar, the supervisor of the candidate was present to answer the queries of the members, if any.
RC.8.10.2	Prof. Kapil Kumar informed the Council that the candidate has submitted the revised proposal was placed before the School Board and it was approved in its 39 th Meeting held on October 13, 2006.
RC.8.10.3	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the revised Ph.D. proposal (Annexure-10) on “France as a Tourist Generating Market for India: A Case Study of Tourist Profiles and Promotional Strategies (1987-2007)” submitted by Ms. Deepanwita Srivastava for admission to Ph.D. in Tourism Studies under the supervision of Prof. Kapil Kumar.
ITEM NO.11	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING PH.D. PROGRAMME IN SOSS FOR STUDENTS HAVING WORK EXPERIENCE.
RC.8.11.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that in line with the decision of the Research Council at its Seventh Meeting held on December 30, 2005, the School Board of School of Social Sciences at its 39 th Meeting held on October 13, 2006 had recommended “that students who have passed Masters degree in

	<p>the related subject with 55% marks or an equivalent grade (50% for SC, ST & PH) from a recognized University or Institution of higher learning, having 5 years of teaching/industry/ administration/professional experience at senior level and having demonstrable contribution may be exempted from the requirement of course work” for pursuing the Ph.D. programme in Economics, History, Library & Information Sciences, Political Sciences, Public Administration, Sociology and Tourism Studies.</p>
RC.8.11.2	<p>The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the proposal as recommended by the School Board of SOSS.</p>
ITEM NO.12	<p>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAME OF DR. SUBHALAKSHMI LAMBA, LECTURER IN PHYSICS AS RESEARCH SUPERVISOR FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN PHYSICS OF IGNOU.</p>
RC.8.12.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that the School Board of School of Sciences at its 33rd Meeting held on 29.8.2006 recommended the name of Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba, Lecturer in Physics, School of Sciences as Research Supervisor for the Ph.D. Programme in Physics of IGNOU. The curriculum vitae of Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba is placed at Annexure- 11.</p>

	<p>In terms of the provisions of clause 4.3 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes</p> <p>“an academic (includes teachers and other academic staff) with a Ph.D. Degree and with at least 5 years post-doctoral research and/or teaching experience shall be eligible to be recognized as a Research Supervisor”.</p> <p>In terms of the above provisions of the Ordinance, Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba fulfills the eligibility for recognition as Research Supervisor for Ph.D. in Physics.</p>
RC.8.12.2	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the name of Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba, Lecturer in Physics, School of Sciences as Research Supervisor for the Ph.D. Programme in Physics of IGNOU.
ITEM NO.13	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR INVITING THE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR IN THE MEETINGS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES TO CLEAR DOUBTS/ OBSERVATIONS, IF ANY.
RC.8.13.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that the School Board, SOSS in its 38 th Meeting held on March 24, 2006 constituted a Sub-Committee to screen the Ph.D. applications in SOSS.

	<p>In a meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on September 13, 2006, it was recommended that the Research Supervisor of the candidate whose proposal is considered by the School Board or its Sub-Committee/Research Council or its Standing Committee may be invited to clear doubts/observations, if any.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Sub-Committee were approved by the School Board in its 39th Meeting held on October 13, 2006.</p>
RC.8.13.2	The Research Council considered and resolved to approve the proposal for inviting Research Supervisors in the meetings to clear doubts/observations.
ITEM NO.14	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORT OF MRS. PRITI SHARMA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY-JULY 2006.
RC.8.14.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that the Ph.D. Progress Report of Mrs. Priti Sharma, registered for Ph.D. in Political Science, for the period February-July 2006 was considered by the School Board in its 39 th Meeting held on 13 th October 2006 and recommended for placing it before the Research Council for consideration.
RC.8.14.2	The Research Council considered and noted the progress report of Mrs. Preeti Sharma for the period February-July, 2006. It was also decided that the

	progress reports of all the candidates should be placed before it in one consolidated item instead of placing as individual items.
ITEM NO.15	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF DR. SUBRATA CHAKRABARTI IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY-JUNE 2005 AND JULY-DECEMBER 2005.
RC.8.15.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that the Ph.D. Progress Reports of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti, registered for Ph.D. in Public Administration, for the periods January-June 2005 & July-December 2005, were considered by the School Board in its 39 th Meeting held on 13 th October 2006 and recommended for placing the same before the Research Council for consideration.
RC.8.15.2	The Research Council considered and noted the Progress Reports of Dr. Subrata Chakrabarti, registered for Ph.D. in Public Administration for the periods January-June 2005 & July-December 2005.
ITEM NO. 16	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRESS REPORT OF MS. RENU ARORA, IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH-SEPTEMBER 2006.
RC.8.16.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that the Ph.D. Progress Report of Ms. Renu Arora, registered for Ph.D. in Library & Information Science, for

	the period March-September 2006 was considered by the School Board in its 39 th Meeting held on 13 th October 2006 and recommended for placing it before the Research Council for consideration.
RC.8.16.2	The Research Council considered and noted the progress report of Ms. Renu Arora, registered for Ph.D. in Library & Information Science, for the period March-September 2006.
ITEM NO. 17	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRESS REPORT OF MR. P. VIJAYAKUMAR, IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY-JUNE 2006.
RC.8.17.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that the Ph.D. Progress Report of Mr. P. Vijayakumar, registered for Ph.D. in Library & Information Science, for the period January-June 2006, was considered by the School Board in its 39 th Meeting held on 13 th October 2006 and recommended for placing it before the Research Council for consideration.
RC.8.17.2	The Research Council considered and noted the Progress Reports of Mr. P. Vijayakumar, registered for Ph.D. in Library & Information Science, for the period January-June 2006.

ITEM NO. 18	TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO THE RELAXATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. PROGRAMME OF THE UNIVERSITY.
RC.8.18.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that the University had been receiving the requests for relaxation in the eligibility (of 55% marks) for admission to Ph.D. Programme from IGNOU. The minimum eligibility for admission to the Ph.D. Programme of the University is as follows:</p> <p>An M.Phil. Degree and a Post-Graduate degree in a relevant discipline with 55 percent marks (50 percent marks for SC/ST and PH candidates) or an equivalent grade from a University or a recognized institution of higher learning;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Master's degree in a relevant discipline with at least 55 percent marks (50 percent marks for SC/ST/PH candidates) or an equivalent grade from any University or a recognized institution of higher learning and five years of teaching/industry/ administration/professional experience at senior level.</p>
RC.8.18.2	<p>During the discussions it was informed that eligibility for admission to Ph.D. Programme was decided by the Academic Council and it was fixed as per the eligibility required as per the rules of UGC/AIU/ Conventional System so that the Ph.D. awarded by the University should be recognized. However, in view of the openness of the system if any decision for relaxing eligibility</p>

	<p>qualification is to be taken, it should be first considered by the Academic Council of the University through all the School Boards keeping in view the recognition of the degree awarded.</p>
RC.8.18.3	<p>The Research Council resolved that the matter requires greater deliberations before any relaxation is given in eligibility for admission to Ph.D. Programme and hence it should be considered by the School Boards of the University and Academic Council at the first instance.</p>
ITEM NO. 19	<p>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REVISED RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MS. SAMEE BANSAL FOR ADMISSION TO THE PH.D. IN EDUCATION.</p>
RC.8.19.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the members that Ms. Samee Bansal had presented her research proposal on “A Study of Verbal Behaviour Patterns of Science Teachers Having Different Creativity and Intelligence Levels” at the seminar organized by the School of Education on 1.12.2005 and it suggested a few changes/modifications to her proposal. The Minutes of the Seminar were approved by the School Board of School of Education at its 22nd Meeting held on 30.3.2006 vide resolution no. 22.6.1. Ms. Bansal had resubmitted the revised research proposal after incorporating the changes/modifications.</p>

RC.8.19.2	During the discussions Prof. M.C. Sharma, Director, School of Education pointed out that it seems the proposal had not been revised as per the directions of the Seminar held on 1.12.2005 and hence the proposal requires consideration by the School once again.
RC.8.19.3	The Research Council considered and resolved that the proposal should be placed before it only after it had been approved by the School Board of School of Education.
ITEM NO. 20	TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROGRESS REPORT OF MS. ARUNDHATI MISHRA IN PHYSICS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY-JUNE 2006.
RC.8.20.1	The Member Secretary informed the members that Ph.D. Progress Report of Ms Arundhati Mishra, registered for Ph.D. in Physics, for the period January-June 2006, was considered by the School Board in its 33 rd Meeting held on 23 rd August, 2006 and recommended for placing it before the Research Council for consideration.
RC.8.20.2	The Research Council considered and noted the progress report of Ms Arundhati Mishra, registered for Ph.D. in Physics, for the period January-June 2006.

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

(V.N.R.PILLAI)

Chairman

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members to the 8th Meeting of the Research Council. He requested the members about their views and steps require to be taken for improving the research in IGNOU/Open Distance Learning.

Prof. C.L.Anand explained the initial status of the research programme, its developments i.e. preparation of policy document on research strategies in ODL System, Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes during his tenure as the Pro Vice-Chancellor in IGNOU and development of the programme proposals on distance education and other areas. He also stressed upon the relevance of research in distance education and impressed upon that the research projects to the faculty should be encouraged from the government and other agencies in the system. The Chairman informed that a status paper on the research has been prepared by the Member-Secretary and the same is being circulated to the members. The other broad thrust areas is to be identified and the person to the supported logistically, financially etc. The thrust areas committees should be formed.

Prof. Pardeep Sahni told the members about the action taken by the School of Social Sciences on research programmes.

Prof. Madhulika Kaushik emphasized for regular Ph.D./Minor/Major project programmes in the Management through ODL system. The main focus of the research should be on ODL system regarding cost factors, evaluation pedagogy and other research.

Dr. C.K.Ghosh emphasized for creation of knowledge by research by the ground staff working at regional services.

Prof. M.C.Sharma focused for feedback etc. on the research and the mind set regarding the creditability of the ODL system and steps should be taken to enhance the same.

Dr. N.S.Ramegowda pointed out that the Ph.D. in ODL system and its acceptance and introduction of fellowships to be made available on virtual system and advocacy should be created for the system through research. The loose ends of the system should be tightened by involving other institutes/agencies in the research programmes. Mechanism should be involved through the Regional Centres for the purpose and the norms be developed for the career advancement of the researchers.

Dr. Renu Bhardwaj emphasized on stimulating in the outlook of the course development, examination of papers as research papers, norms should be developed so that in-built mechanism should be there for feedback collaborated effects.

Dr. S.K.Panda emphasized on profiles which are not comparable in world. He emphasized on Indian Journal on Open Learning, Establishment of Doctoral Research and discussions in the STRIDE should be through the school concerned.

The Chairman informed that the Project Facilitation Unit has been created and Dr. C.G.Naidu, Dy. Director is the Head of the Unit and he has been requested to conduct the meeting of the

expert of the Research Council and workout the system so that systematic research should be given importance. Discipline based research be taken up. Referral Journals some kind of steps should be taken for appreciation of the research work done.

The Chairman thanked the members for the discussion on the research and stated that committees should be constituted, brain-storming sessions with the peers of the fields will be taken up.