

Minutes of the Twenty First Meeting of Research Council Standing Committee, IGNOU held on 26th August, 2021 at 11.00 AM conducted in Virtual Mode.

**21st RCSC
26th August, 2021**

The Twenty First Meeting of the Research Council Standing Committee was conducted on 26th August 2021, at 11.00 AM in virtual mode through Google Meet. The Meeting was attended by the following members:

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| 1. | Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor | - Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. R. P. Das, Pro Vice- Chancellor | - Member |
| 3. | Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - Member |
| 4. | Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro Vice-Chancellor | - Special Invitee |
| 5. | Prof. Swaraj Basu, SOSS | - Member |
| 6. | Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey, Director, SOTST | - Member |
| 7. | Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS | - Member |
| 8. | Dr. Ashok Sharma, Regional Director, RC Delhi I | - Member |
| 9. | Dr. Madhulika P. Sarkar, SOMS | - Member |
| 10. | Dr. Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Director (I/c), Research Unit | - Member Secretary |

Dr. Satish Gaikwad, Assistant Director, Research Unit was present to assist the RCSC proceedings.

At the outset, the Chairperson acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing members of the Research Council Standing Committee (RCSC) and welcomed the new members of RCSC. The Chairperson informed the committee that routine matters pertaining to the Research Degree Programme are usually placed before the RCSC to avoid delay in the decisions since conduct of meetings of Research Council takes time as it comprises external members. However, many of the routine decisions were taken by the Research Council at its previous Meeting in March 2021 before the lockdown. Appreciating the hard work put by the teachers of the University during Covid-19 Pandemic, he said that the research activities had been uninterrupted necessitating decisions by the Research Council/ Research Council Standing Committee. After his initial remarks, he requested Director I/C Research Unit to present the Agenda Items. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up.

Item	Details and Decision/s
RCSC 21.1	To Consider allocation of Research Topics/Supervisors to the PhD students in various Disciplines.



21.1.1

The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail regarding the allotment of research topics and Supervisors to the Research scholars of various Disciplines as recommended by the respective Doctoral Research Committees of various Disciplines/ School Boards. The student wise details of the recommended research topics / supervisors of various disciplines are as under :

S.No	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)
1.	Kavita 202493885 PHDTT, SOTST	महावीर प्रसाद द्विवेदी का अनुवाद-कर्म (विशेष संदर्भ : बेकन के निबंधों का अनुवाद)	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey
2.	Ms. Riya Banerjee 198570262 PHDES, SOE	A Study of Private Coaching Practices of Higher Secondary Students in the City of Kolkata	Dr. Niradhar Dey
3.	Ms. Pooja 198570112 PHDES, SOE	A Case Study of an Institution offering Private Tuition to Engineering Aspirants: Determining Why and How it Operates	Prof. Sutapa Bose
4.	Ms. Namrata Gunwant 198570420 PHDES, SOE	Reflective Practices in Pre-service Teacher Education Programme: A study	Prof. Vandana Singh
5.	Ms. Madhumita Bhawmik 198570438 PHDES, SOE	Assessment of School Readiness in Tribal Children of West Bengal	Prof. Vandana Singh
6.	Ms. Swati Shukla 198570120 PHDES, SOE	Assessment Literacy and its Practices in Teaching-Learning Process at School Level	Dr.Elizabeth Kuruvilla

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7.	Mr. Goutam Mondal 198570327 PHDES, SOE	Effectiveness of Web based Instructional Strategy on Achievement of Students at Undergraduate Level	Prof. N.K. Dash
8.	Ms. Laxmi Devi, 198570413 PHDES, SOE	Enhancing Professional Capacity: A Study of Curriculum Transactional Modalities and Practices in B.Ed. Programme	Dr. Anjuli Suhane
9.	Ms. Sweta 198570302 PHDES, SOE	माध्यमिकस्तर पर विज्ञान शिक्षण में अवधारणा मानचित्रण का प्रक्रिया कौशलो के विकास तथा शैक्षिक उपलब्धि पर प्रभाव का अध्ययन	Dr. Anjuli Suhane
10.	Monika Vikal 198570040 PHDEV, SOITS	‘Studies on Graphitic Carbon Nitride based nanocomposites for photocatalytic application in water purification.’	Prof. Shachi Shah
11.	Ms. Chetali Arora 202493030 PHDEC, SOSS	Analysis of Green Consumption Behaviour : A Comparative Study of Delhi and Bangalore	Prof. Narayan Prasad
12.	Ms. Sarika Chouksey 198570216 PHDBC	Characterization of senna (Cassia angustifolia Vahl.) germplasm using random (non-genic) and functional (genic) DNA derived SCAR markers	Dr. Maneesha Pandey, IGNOU Dr. Mohd. Ashraf Ashfaq, Dept. of Botany, Jamia Hamdard (External as Co-supervisor)

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	13.	Ms. Huma Khan 188501096 PHDDE, SOE	A Comparative Study of Learner Support Services of Uttarakhand Open University and IGNOU in Changing Scenario of Open and Distance Learning	Dr. Tata Rama Krishna	
	14.	Mr. Dinesh Singh Rana 188501340 PHDPS, SOSS	Military Modernisation in China Since 2003	Prof. S.V. Reddy	
	15.	Mr. Nitish Kumar Singh 202493330 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S.Nathawat	
	16.	Ms. Umesh 202493362 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S.Nathawat	
	17.	Mr. Nayan Das 202493355 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S. Nathawat	
	18.	Mr. Uma Shankar Singh 202493348 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra	
	19.	Ms. Moumita Kundu 202494332 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra	
	20.	Mr. Manendra Kumar 202492608 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. Viajy Kumar Baraik	

		21.	Ms. Anuradha Shankar 202493054 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. Satya Raj	
		22.	Mr. Anurag Singh 202492615 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. K. Nageswara Rao	
		23.	Megha Sharma 202493394 PHDPC, SOSS	Psychosocial Factors as Predictors of Professional Competence among Practicing Psychologists.	Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar	
		24.	Aditi Bansal 202493237 PHDPC, SOSS	Effectiveness of Eclectic Trauma Focused Intervention in Adults with Insecure Attachment and Anxiety Disorders.	Dr. Monika Misra	
RCSC 21.1.2	<p>The Committee discussed and deliberated on the research topics at Sl.No. 2 and 3 in the table above proposed and recommended by School of Education which are focused on practices followed by Private Coaching/Tuition Centres. The Committee observed that the School of Education should have identified more relevant research problems focusing more on teaching-learning, pedagogy, learning outcomes, technological interventions, case studies etc and the type of research problems as have been allocated should be avoided. The Committee referred back the research topics allotted at sl no 2 and 3 to SOE for review and resubmission.</p> <p>The Committee further observed that the research scholars of Geography Discipline, already exempted from coursework from Sl.No. 15 to 22 were allocated Supervisors without being allocated research topics. The committee was of the view that the Doctoral Research Committee should have acted more responsibly by allotting topics and Supervisors at the same time. Taking a view on the allotment of supervisor as per clause 7.1 of IGNOU Research Guidelines that<i>Teachers having less than three years to superannuate may be research co-supervisors and in such cases a research supervisor from among the regular teachers in the discipline shall be allotted to the concerned research student....</i>, the Committee observed that faculty members having less than three years to superannuate had been allotted fresh students. The committee observed that the schools must show greater sensitivity towards compliance of norms in the Ph D programme which is the highest academic qualification. Pointing out the lackadaisical approach on the part of the DRC (s) and School Boards, the Committee asked the Research Unit to communicate the observations of the Committee on the matters pertaining to allotment of research topics and supervisors as an advisory.</p>					

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The Committee approved the Research Topics and Supervisors in case of the following research scholars fulfilling required norms and referred back rest of the proposals as per the details mentioned in the Table as under :

S.No .	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor(s)	Decision
1.	Kavita 202493885 PHDTT, SOTST	महावीर प्रसाद द्विवेदी का अनुवाद-कर्म (विशेष संदर्भ : बेकन के निबंधों का अनुवाद)	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Pandey	Approved
2.	Ms. Riya Banerjee 198570262 PHDES, SOE	A Study of Private Coaching Practices of Higher Secondary Students in the City of Kolkata	Dr. Niradhar Dey	Referred back
3.	Ms. Pooja 198570112 PHDES, SOE	A Case Study of an Institution offering Private Tuition to Engineering Aspirants: Determining Why and How it Operates	Prof. Sutapa Bose	Referred back
4.	Ms. Namrata Gunwant 198570420 PHDES, SOE	Reflective Practices in Pre-service Teacher Education Programme: A study	Prof. Vandana Singh	Approved
5.	Ms. Madhumita Bhawmik 198570438 PHDES, SOE	Assessment of School Readiness in Tribal Children of West Bengal	Prof. Vandana Singh	Approved
6.	Ms. Swati Shukla 198570120 PHDES, SOE	Assessment Literacy and its Practices in Teaching-Learning Process at School Level	Dr.ElizabethK uruvilla	Approved
7.	Mr. Goutam Mondal 198570327 PHDES, SOE	Effectiveness of Web based Instructional Strategy on Achievement of Students at Undergraduate Level	Prof. N.K. Dash	Approved
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	9.	Ms. Sweta 198570302 PHDES, SOE	माध्यमिकस्तरपरविज्ञान शिक्षण में अवधारणामानचित्रण का प्रक्रियाकौशलोकेविकासतथाशै क्षिकउपलब्धिपरप्रभावकाअध्यय न	Dr. Anjuli Suhane	Approved	
	10.	Monika Vikal 198570040 PHDEV, SOITS	'Studies on Graphitic Carbon Nitride based nanocomposites for photocatalytic application in water purification.'	Prof. Shachi Shah	Approved	
	11.	Ms. Chetali Arora 202493030 PHDEC, SOSS	Analysis of Green Consumption Behaviour : A Comparative Study of Delhi and Bangalore	Prof. Narayan Prasad	Approved	
	12.	Ms. Sarika Chouksey 198570216 PHDBC	Characterization of senna (Cassia angustifolia Vahl.) germplasm using random (non-genic) and functional (genic) DNA derived SCAR markers	Dr. Maneesha Pandey, IGNOU Dr. Mohd. Ashraf Ashfaq, Dept. of Botany, Jamia Hamdard (External as Co- supervisor)	Approved	
	13.	Ms. Huma Khan 188501096 PHDDE, SOE	A Comparative Study of Learner Support Services of Uttarakhand Open University and IGNOU in Changing Scenario of Open and Distance Learning	Dr. Tata Rama Krishna	Approved	
	14.	Mr. Dinesh Singh Rana 188501340 PHDPS, SOSS	Military Modernisation in China Since 2003	Prof. S.V. Reddy	Approved	

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15.	Mr. Nitish Kumar Singh 202493330 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S.Nathawat	Referred back	
16.	Ms. Umesh 202493362 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S.Nathawat	Referred back	
17.	Mr. Nayan Das 202493355 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. M.S. Nathawat	Referred back	
18.	Mr. Uma Shankar Singh 202493348 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra	Referred back	
19.	Ms. Moumita Kundu 202494332 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Prof. Subhakanta Mohapatra	Referred back	
20.	Mr. Manendra Kumar 202492608 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. Viajy Kumar Baraik	Referred back	
21.	Ms. Anuradha Shankar 202493054 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. Satya Raj	Referred back	
22.	Mr. Anurag Singh 202492615 Geography, SOS	Topic to be allotted, only Supervisor allotted	Dr. K. Nageswara Rao	Referred back	
23.	Ms. Megha Sharma 202493394 PHDPC, SOSS	Psychosocial Factors as Predictors of Professional Competence among Practicing Psychologists.	Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar	Approved	
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RCSC 21.2	To Consider Cancellation of registration of PhD scholars.			
RCSC 21.2.1	The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The members were apprised about the recommendations of the DRCs of various Disciplines and their respective School Boards regarding cancellation of registration of research scholars along with reasons for cancellation detailed as under:			
	S.No	Name of the Candidate and Enrollment No. and Programme	Title of PhD Thesis	Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation
	1.	Mr. Deepak (173101023) PHDITS, SOITS	Conditions of Industrial Labours in Ludhiana, Punjab: A comparative study of migrant and non-migrant workers	Progress for last three semesters is not satisfactory. Show cause issued by Supervisor is attached with other details.
	2.	Mr. Vinod Kumar Sharma (173100963) PHDITS, SOITS	Impacts of Climate Change on Health and Livelihood Security of Low Income Groups of Delhi	Unsatisfactory Progress and Non-submission of Progress Report for more than three years. No response to Supervisor's email (attached)
	3.	Mr. Jyoti Prakash Verma 173100100 PHDEC, SOSS	Prospects and challenges of Land based bio-energy production	i)Unsatisfactory Progress ii) Non-submission of Progress Report. iii) No response to letters, phone calls and emails
	4.	Mr. Deepak Kumar 179341966 PHDGY, SOS	Petrogenesis and Tectono- magmatic Evolution of Turtuk Granitoids of Ladakh Batholith associated with Indus-Shyok Suture Zone	i) Unsatisfactory Progress ii) No response to letters and emails
RCSC 21.2.2	The Committee noted the reasons for cancellation and approved the cancellation of registration of above Scholars as recommended by their respective Doctoral Research Committees and School Boards.			

RCSC 21.3	To Consider withdrawal of Registration of Ph.D scholars			
RCSC 21.3.1	The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The members were apprised about the recommendations of the DRCs of various Disciplines and their respective School Boards regarding withdrawal of registration of research scholars due to reasons detailed as under:			
	S.No.	Name of the Candidate and Enrollment No. and Programme	Title of PhD Thesis	Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation
	1	Mr. Ashwin Kumar 173100931 PHDITS, SOITS	High skilled migration to South Korea: A Study in to the making of an Indian diaspora	Candidate has voluntarily withdrawn from the programme due to personal reasons
	2	Renju Saini 198570072 PHDEV, SOITS	‘E-Waste Management: A Case Study of Delhi NCR Region’	-do-
	3.	Jasleen Kaur 202492693 PHDPC, SOSS	Not assigned	-do-
	4.	Vandana Misra 188501150 PHDDE, SOE	Not assigned	-do-
RCSC 21.3.2	The Committee approved the request of the above mentioned research scholars for withdrawal of registration from PhD Programme as recommended by their respective DRCs and School Boards .			
RCSC 21.4	To Consider minor/ major changes/modifications in Research Topics of PhD scholars in various Disciplines			
RCSC 21.4.1	The Agenda was presented by the member Secretary in detail about the recommendations of the Doctoral Research Committee of Commerce and School Board, SOMS recommending minor / major changes / modifications in research topics of the following three research scholars:			

		S.No	Name of the Student / Enrollment No.	Existing Title	Name of the Supervisor	Change in the Title
		1.	Rekha Gupta, Enrolment No. 173101284, PHDCOM, SOMS	An Empirical Study of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Entrepreneurs on Financial Literacy Competency Framework and its Impact on Enterprise Performance.	Dr Anupriya Pandey	A Study of Financial Literacy of MSME Entrepreneurs and its Impact on Enterprise Performance
		2.	Syeda Zehra, Enrolment No. 173101450, PHDCOM, SOMS	A Study of Impact of Social Media on Adolescent Consumer Attitude in Hyderabad City.	Dr Subodh Kesharwani	A Study of Impact of Social Media Marketing on Adolescent Consumer Attitude
		3.	Kavita Kamboj, Enrolment No. 188500775, PHDCOM, SOMS	Influence of Customer Perceived Value of Green Purchase Behaviour of Select Products : A Study of Delhi NCR.	Prof. Nawal Kishor	Influence of Customer Perceived Value on Green Purchase Behaviour of Select Products : A Study of Delhi NCR
RCSC 21.4.2	The Committee approved the minor/ major changes/modifications in Research Topics of PhD as recommended by the DRC and the School Board.					
RCSC 21.5	To consider rectification in the research topic of Ms. Karishma Kapoor (EnrollmentNo.173100060) PhD in Economics, SOSS					

RCSC 21.5.1	The member Secretary presented the agenda. The members were apprised about the inadvertent error which had occurred in the Research topic of Ms. Karishma Kapoor (Enrollment No.173100060), PhD scholar in Economics, SOSS. On the basis of the information provided by the school, the error occurred while recording the minutes of the 18 th RCSC wherein the word Employment in the topic was inadvertently mentioned as “Empowerment”. The correct Research Topic of Ms Karishma Kapoor as recommended by the Doctoral Research Committee and the School Board of discipline of Economics, SOSS is “Effect of Innovation on Growth and Employment: A Study of Select Indian Manufacturing Industries” .
RCSC 21.5.2	The Committee approved the rectification of research topic of Ms. Karishma Kapoor (Enrollment No.173100060), PhD in Economics, SOSS as “Effect of Innovation on Growth and Employment: A Study of Select Indian Manufacturing Industries” .
RCSC 21.6	To Consider the eligibility of Dr. Pawan Kumar, Assistant professor as Research Supervisor in the Discipline of Mathematics to guide Research Scholars.
RCSC 21.6.1	<p>The Member Secretary presented the Agenda in detail. The Member secretary apprised the members that the Research Unit had received the proposal of the newly recruited faculty member Dr Pawan Kumar, Assistant Professor in Mathematics for considering him as research supervisor as he fulfills the minimum eligibility criteria to be a Research Supervisor as per cl 6.1 of UGC (Minimum standards and Procedure for award of M Phil/ Ph D Degree) Regulations 2016. The member secretary further apprised the Committee that the Research Unit had received the names of newly joined faculty members in various disciplines from the School of Humanities to be considered as research supervisors.</p> <p>The Committee deliberated on the matter at length whether a newly recruited faculty member could supervise research students during his/ her probation period although he/ she could be involved in assisting research students and engaging classes of coursework. The Committee suggested that the concerned School(s) should be asked by the Research Unit to submit the documents in respect of the faculty members for being considered as research supervisors as per norms. Since Research supervision is an important activity, the procedure should be followed by the schools in compliance with UGC norms.</p>
RCSC 21.6.2	The Committee referred back all the cases and directed the Schools to submit the proposals with recommendations of respective Doctoral Research Committees and School Boards after thorough examination of eligibility. The Committee authorized the Chairperson of the committee to consider and approve such proposals and same may be placed before the subsequent RC/RCSC for ratification.
RCSC 21.7	To Consider the names of the co-supervisors for research students Ms. Sujang Khamniungan and Ms. Fatimah, Ph D scholars in Geology.

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The Member Secretary presented the Agenda in detail. She apprised the Committee about the norms for considering a co-supervisor for a research student as per clause 6.4 of the UGC (Minimum standards and Procedure for award of M Phil/ Ph D Degree) Regulations 2016 which states that *“In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/ Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges.....”*

Accordingly, the School of Sciences had recommended supervisors for the following Research Scholars of Geology as per the details mentioned as under:

S.N o.	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme / School	Topic of Research	Research Supervisor (internal)	Research Co- Supervisor
1	Ms. SujangKhamni ungan 198570753 PHDGY, SOS	Petrological Studies of Ultramafic Rocks and Associated Chromite and Magnetite Ores of the Naga Hill Ophiolite in Parts of Noklak District, Nagaland, India	Dr. Kakoli Gogoi	Dr. Kevilhoutuo Theunuo Sr.Geologist Geological Survey of India(GSI), NER Petrology Division, Old NCERT office Nongrim Hills Shillong-793006.
2	Ms. Fatimah 198570287 PHDGY, SOS	GIS based Soil Erosion Study in a part of Lower Betwa Watershed, Central India	Dr. Kakoli Gogoi	Prof. Saif Said Associate Professor Department of Civil Engineering Z. H. College of Engineering and Technology Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh 202002, U.P., INDIA

RCSC 21.7.2	The Committee considered and approved the proposal of considering supervisors for the above mentioned research scholars in the Discipline of Geology as recommended by the DRC and School Board.		
RCSC 21.8	To consider re-scheduling second year registration fees for scholars admitted to PhD Programmes in 2020 in view of the delay in admission to Ph D programmes for July 2020		
RCSC 21.8.1	The Member secretary presented the Agenda in detail. She apprised the members about the schedule for payment of fees by the Research scholars mentioned as under:		
	Name of the Programme	Programme Fees	When to Pay
	M.Phil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 12,600/- Registration fee Rs. 8400/- Re-registration fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of admission. June of every year
	Ph.D (With course work)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs 16,800/- (1st year) Registration Fee Rs 8,400/- Re-Registration Fee each for every year till submission of thesis or maximum duration whichever is earlier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of admission. June of every year.
	Ph.D (Without course work)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 8,400/- (1st year) Registration Fee Rs. 8,400/- Re-Registration Fee each for every year till submission of thesis or maximum duration whichever is earlier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of admission June of every year.
	She further apprised the members that the admission schedule in the year 2020 got delayed due to the COVID-19 and nationwide lockdown for which the admission process was completed only in March 2021. Therefore a decision needs to be taken regarding the schedule of payment of fees for these scholars.		
RCSC 21.8.2	The Committee after deliberating on the matter resolved that the second year re registration fees be paid by the research scholars after completion of one year of their admission.		
RCSC 21.9	To Consider the list of Evaluators to evaluate the PhD Thesis of Ms. Dawa Doma Sherpa, PhD scholar of SOTHSM		

RCSC 21.9.1	<p>The member Secretary presented the Agenda in detail. She apprised that committee that the thesis of a Ph D scholar, Ms. Dawa Doma Sherpa of SOTHSM was submitted to the Research Unit on 9th March, 2021 along with the list of Evaluators as approved by its School Board wherein the name of Prof. Jaswant Sokhi, a retired Professor of IGNOU in the Discipline of Life Sciences, SOS and currently PVC in Sikkim Professional University was recommended as one of the evaluators in the Panel. She also explained the provision of nominating evaluators to evaluate the Ph D thesis in the PhD Guidelines 2012 that.... <i>the thesis shall be examined by three external experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor from a list of 7 experts submitted by the supervisor (s) through the School Board concerned.</i>"</p>
	<p>The Thesis was submitted to the competent authority for nomination of three Evaluators from the Panel submitted by the school wherein the competent authority observed..... <i>how a Professor of Life Science can evaluate thesis under the title "Eco-Tourism in Sikkim with Special Reference to the Socio-Economic Development of the State"</i>. The Research Unit accordingly sought comments from SOTHSM on the observation. In response, the school submitted a justification that Prof. Jaswan Sokhi was associated as a Unit Writer for some courses in the BTS Programme of SOTHSM and she was an expert in the Expert Committee Meeting held for the revision of the courses. The school further mentioned that Prof. Sokhi was working in the area of Cataloguing and studying the Flora and Fauna. Since she was actively involved in the development of tourism course and currently studying the flora and fauna of Sikkim, her name was recommended by the School Board for evaluation of the Thesis.</p>
RCSC 21.9.2	<p>The Committee expressed its concern over the casual approach of the school in proposing and recommending panel of evaluators for evaluation of thesis. The Committee observed that there is no dearth of subject experts in the field of Tourism and the submission of the School in proposing the name of an evaluator from a different field was not justified. The Committee also observed that the concerned DRCs and Schools should be very cautious and careful in recommending names of the evaluators to the competent authority. While recommending names, regional diversity, subject expertise and variety of institutions should be kept in mind which would eventually ensure quality of research and ethical concerns, the Committee viewed.</p>
RCSC 21.9.3	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Committee resolved that in case of the evaluation of thesis of Ms. Dawa Doma Sherpa, PhD scholar of SOTHSM, the School be asked to resubmit the panel of evaluators to the competent authority as soon as possible so that the student should not face any hardship. The Committee also directed the Research Unit to issue an advisory to all the School of Studies to follow standard operating procedure and quality measures in evaluation process of PhD theses.</p>

RCSC 21.10	To Consider approval of change of Supervisor(s) of Research Scholars.				
RCSC 21.10.1	The Member Secretary presented the Agenda that the Doctoral Research Committees of the following Discipline recommended the change of supervisor of Research students. The recommendations of the DRCs were ratified by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees.				
	S.No.	Name of the Student / Enrollment No. / Programme	Topic	Existing Supervisor / Co-supervisor	Changed Supervisor / Co-supervisor
	1.	Geeta Khulbe 173100465 PHDLIS (SOSS)	Organization and Use of Grey Literature: A study of Select Social Science Libraries in Delhi	Prof.Neena Talwar Kanungo	Dr.Archana Shukla
	2.	Sunita Vyas 173100512 PHDLIS (SOSS)	Role Delhi Public Libraries in Community Building: A Futuristic Journey	Prof.Neena Talwar Kanungo	Dr. Zuchamo Yanthan
RCSC 21.10.2	The Committee approved the change of Supervisor(s) of Research Scholars namely Geeta Khulbe (173100465 ,PHDLIS, SOSS) and Sunita Vyas (173100512, PHDLIS,SOSS) as recommended by the DRC and the School Board.				
RCSC 21.11	Any Other Item				
21.11.1	The Member Secretary invited the attention of the Committee to the issue of uncertainty pertaining to allotment of Research supervisor to Research Scholars whose Supervisors are either about to superannuate or seeking VRS. The Member Secretary also explained the norms as per the Research guidelines cl 7.1.... <i>in case of research students who are already allotted supervisor who are to superannuate in less than three years, the DRC of the concerned Discipline will make arrangements for re-allocating supervisor.</i> However, in certain cases, the students are facing problems due to a delay in allotment of supervisors by the concerned DRC and the School Boards, she apprised.				

21.11.2	The Committee after detailed deliberations resolved that such type of issues must be appropriately addressed at the level of School of Studies and concerned supervisors before their superannuation/ VRS should take the responsibility to transfer their existing PhD students to appropriate eligible research supervisor in the faculty itself as per norms. The Committee asked the research Unit to send advisory to all Schools in this regard.
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The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Bijayalaxmi Mishra)

Member- Convener

