

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTY SECOND MEETING  
OF THE  
RESEARCH COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**



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



**MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL (RC) HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 AT 11.30 AM. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI-110068.**

The following attended the Meeting:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU   | Chairperson      |
| 2. Dr MS Meena, PVC  | Special Invitee  |
| 3. Prof. S. S. Sarkar, Former Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata,                              | Member           |
| 4. Prof. Gulab Chand Ram Jaiswal, Dean, Faculty of Commerce, BHU, Varnasi                  | Member           |
| 5. Prof. Ashok Sharma, Professor, Political Science, VMOU, Kota                            | Member           |
| 6. Prof. P.R. Agrawal, Former VC, Purvanchal University                                    | Member           |
| 7. Prof. Devesh Nigam, Institute of Tourism and Management, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi | Member           |
| 8. Prof. M. S. S. Raju, Director, SOMS, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 9. Prof. K. Arul Selvan, Director, SOJNMS, IGNOU   | Member           |
| 10. Prof. Paramita Suklabaidya, Director, SOTHSM, IGNOU                                    | Member           |
| 11. Prof. R. S. P. Singh, Director, SOVET,   | Member           |
| 12. Director, SOSW, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 13. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, SOSS, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 14. Prof. Nawal Kishor, SOMS, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 15. Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA, IGNOU                                      | Member           |
| 16. Dr. Akshay Kumar, SOCIS, IGNOU   | Member           |
| 17. Dr. S. Venkataraman, SOS, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 18. Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, SOL, IGNOU   | Member           |
| 19. Dr. Anand Gupta, SOL, IGNOU  | Member           |
| 20. Dr. M. Chandrasekharan Nair, Additional Director, P&DD, IGNOU                          | Member           |
| 21. Dr. Bijayalaxmi Mishra, Director (I/c), Research Unit, IGNOU                           | Member Secretary |

Prof. Satyakam, PVC, IGNOU could not attend the meeting. Dr Satish Gaikwad, Asst. Director, Research Unit, IGNOU was present to assist in the proceedings of the Research Council.

At the commencement of the meeting, Professor Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor of IGNOU and the Chairperson of the Research Council, extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed



members of the Research Council. He introduced each new member briefly. Additionally, Professor Rao expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members of the Research Council, including the external members; Professor R. R. Kanhare, Prof. Rekha Prasad, Prof. Anil Shukla, Prof Sangeeta Jain, Prof SS Sarkar and Prof PR Agrawal and internal members including directors of various Schools such as SOHS, SOGDS, SOEDS, SOCIS and SOTST, Professor Swaraj Basu, Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Dr. Archana Singh, Dr. Anamika Shukla, Dr. Madhulika Sarkar, Dr. Archana Shukla, and Dr. Amit Chaturvedi, for their valuable contributions during their tenure.

In his initial remarks, the Chairperson provided an overview of the PhD admissions for the July 2022 session. He briefed the committee on the Ph.D. program at the University, emphasizing its strict adherence to the UGC Regulations, subject to periodic amendments. He also informed the members about the IGNOU research fellowship, designed to support full-time meritorious scholars who do not receive financial aid from other sources. This fellowship, serves as an incentive for research work and informed the members about the increasing number of candidates pursuing Research Degree Programs at the University, many of whom are beneficiaries of fellowships provided by different funding agencies such as UGC, ICSSR, ICCR, DST, and others.

Thereafter, the Chairperson requested the Director (I/c), Research Unit and Member Secretary of the Research Council to present the agenda items. The Member Secretary presented the agenda items as under:

| Item No.  | Agenda   |
|-----------|--|
| RC 32.1   | <b>To Consider Confirmation of the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 and the Action Taken thereon.</b>   |
| RC 32.1.1 | The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the committee that the Minutes of the <b>31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> were circulated amongst all the |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | <p>Members of the Research Council. Since no comments were received from the Members on the Minutes, the Minutes were circulated among Schools of Studies for initiating action.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of <b>31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Research Council</b> was placed before the Council. The Member Secretary informed that no action on the Minutes was pending.</p>   |
| <b>RC 32.1.2</b> | <i>The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Research Council and noted the Action Taken thereon.</i>   |
| <b>RC 32.2</b>   | <b>To Consider Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25th Research Council Standing Committee held on 8th May 2023 and the Action Taken thereon</b>   |
| <b>RC 32.2.1</b> | <p>The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the members that the Minutes of the <b>25th Research Council Standing Committee held on 8th May 2023</b> was circulated amongst the Members of the RCSC. Since no comments were received from the Members on the Minutes, the Minutes were circulated among Schools of Studies for initiating action.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the <b>25th Research Council Standing Committee</b> was placed before the Council. The Member Secretary informed that no action on the Minutes was pending.</p> |
| <b>RC 32.2.2</b> | <i>The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the 25th Research Council Standing Committee and noted the Action Taken thereon.</i>  |
| <b>RC 32.3</b>   | <b>To Consider Confirmation of the Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> Research Council Standing Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 and the Action Taken there on</b>   |
| <b>RC 32.3.1</b> | <p>The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the members that the Minutes of the <b>26<sup>th</sup> Research Council</b></p>   |



|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | <p><b>Standing Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2023</b> was circulated amongst the Members of the RCSC. Since no comments were received from the Members on the Minutes, the Minutes were circulated among Schools of Studies for initiating action.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report on the <b>26<sup>th</sup> Research Council Standing Committee</b> was placed before the Council. The Member Secretary informed that no action on the Minutes was pending.</p>  |
| <b>RC 32.3.2</b> | <i>The Research Council confirmed the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Research Council Standing Committee and noted the Action Taken thereon.</i>   |
| <b>RC 32.4</b>   | <b>To Consider approval of Exemption from Entrance Test to all those candidates who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET / UGC- CSIR/ NET/GATE /CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.</b>  |
| <b>RC 32.4.1</b> | <p>The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the members that as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph D Degree) Regulations as amended from time to time, HEIs may admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview and/or HEIs may admit students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the individual HEI. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject-specific. (<a href="#">Annexure 32.4.1</a>)</p> <p>She further apprised the members that the University had discontinued exemption to these categories since 2019, consequent upon an amendment to the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of MPhil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 wherein the weightage system for Entrance test and interview in the selection process of Ph.D. admission was introduced. IGNOU made Entrance</p> |



test compulsory for all irrespective of categories from 2019 onwards. However, the University has provisions in its ordinance for both methods.

Mentioning about an emerging opinion in the University, the Member Secretary said that the University was considering to reintroduce exemption for candidates who qualify for fellowships or scholarships in National-level tests like UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR-NET, GATE, CEED, etc., through interviews for admission to the Ph.D. program. The rationale behind this proposal is to attract qualified and meritorious students who have already demonstrated their academic prowess through these national-level tests.

The Council engaged in a thorough discussion on this matter, and a unanimous consensus emerged. The agreement was that a dual approach, which involves selecting candidates through an Entrance Test while also providing exemptions to those who excel in national-level tests such as UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR-NET, GATE, CEED, and others through interviews, would prove advantageous for the University in attracting highly qualified individuals. Furthermore, in situations where there are vacant seats due to a shortage of qualified applicants via the Entrance Test, Fellowship holders could be considered for admission. The Member Secretary also informed the members that prior to 2019, IGNOU had a practice of granting exemptions to candidates who had successfully passed UGC-NET and similar national-level tests.

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>RC<br/>32.4.2</b> | <b><i>The Research Council resolved that the University will grant Exemption from Entrance Test to all those candidates who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET / UGC- CSIR/ NET/GATE /CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview and this will be made applicable with immediate effect.</i></b> |
|----------------------|--|



|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>RC 32.5</b>   | <b>To Consider approval of Draft PhD Guidelines 2022 in compliance with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022</b>  |
| <b>RC 32.5.1</b> | <p>The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the members that at its 31st Meeting, the Research Council formally adopted the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022. She briefed the members about the IGNOU Research Ordinance and Regulations, which were approved by the President of India in 2019, specifying that the University must offer its Ph.D. programs in compliance with the UGC Regulations, subject to any future amendments. To facilitate the practical aspects of running the University's research programs, Ph.D. Guidelines were created in accordance with the IGNOU Research Ordinance and Regulations.</p> <p>She further informed that a committee tasked with harmonizing the University's Ph.D. Guidelines with the updated UGC provisions was constituted by the Honorable Vice Chancellor. (<a href="#">Annexure 32.5</a>) that prepared a draft of the Guidelines, synchronized with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations for 2022. Once these Guidelines receive approval, they would be referred to as the Ph.D. Guidelines, 2022.</p> <p>She presented before the members the modifications made to the previous Guidelines, documented in a tabular format highlighting changes, additions, and deletions (<a href="#">Annexure RC 32.5.1</a>) and the final draft Guidelines as they would appear following the incorporation of amendments <a href="#">Annexure 32.5.2</a>.</p> |
| <b>RC 32.5.2</b> | The Committee engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding the provisions and commended the University for its diligent efforts in establishing a Standard  |



|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
|                  | Operating Procedure for the administration of research programs. However, the Committee put forward a suggestion that the designated Committee, formed for this specific purpose, should revisit the Guidelines meticulously to ensure the prevention of any inadvertent errors.   |
| <b>RC 32.5.3</b> | <i>The Research Council granted approval for the Ph.D. Guidelines 2022, which will be put into effect for candidates admitted to the Ph.D. Program from the July 2022 session and onwards.</i>   |
| <b>RC 32.6</b>   | <b>To Consider exemption from course work for the July 2022 registered students who had completed their course work during MPhil from IGNOU</b>  |
| <b>RC 32.6.1</b> | <p>The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the members that under the UGC regulations of 2016, research scholars who had successfully completed their coursework during their MPhil were exempted from additional coursework requirements. Accordingly, this exemption was availed by research scholars at IGNOU.</p> <p>However, consequent upon the issuance of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of PhD Degree) Regulations for 2022 which did not include any provision for exempting students from coursework, Given that the coursework structure at IGNOU was the same for both MPhil and Ph.D. programs, the absence of an exemption clause in the UGC Regulations for 2022 had led to numerous queries, especially from candidates admitted to the Ph.D. program for the 2022 session, she mentioned.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council provided guidance suggesting that faculty members should periodically review and update the course content to align it with the current needs and requirements. This ongoing revision process will contribute to enhancing the quality of the course material.</p> |



**RC 32.6.2** *After careful consideration, the Council engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the matter and put forward the recommendation that coursework serves as a fundamental prerequisite for pursuing a Ph.D. Consequently, the Council reached a resolution stating that there would be no exemption granted from coursework for MPhil candidates at IGNOU who had completed their coursework in the past. This requirement is deemed mandatory for all registered Ph.D. students.*

**RC 32.7** **To Consider approval of allocation of Research Topics/Supervisors to the Ph.D. students in various Disciplines**

**RC 32.7.1** The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. She presented the research topics/supervisors of the following Research scholars on successful completion of their course work as recommended by their respective DRCs. The recommendations of the DRCs were approved by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees. The student wise details of the recommended research topics/supervisors in various disciplines are as under:

| S.No. | Name of the Student /Enrollment No. /Programme /School | Topic of Research  | Research Supervisor(s)/CO-Supervisor |
|-------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1.    | Ms. Vaishali Gupta<br>202494135<br>PHDCS, SOCIS        | Identifying features and predicting the risk of developing lifestyle based diseases specifically Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) in Women at an early stage | Prof. P.V. Suresh                    |
| 2.    | Mr. Ravindra<br>210271191<br>PHDCS, SOCIS              | A Deep Learning Model to Analyse and Interpret Medical Images  | Prof. P.V. Suresh                    |



|     |   |  |                         |
|-----|---|--|-------------------------|
| 3.  | Ms. Prity Ladsaria<br>210271532<br>PHDCS, SOCIS | Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning Techniques for Healthcare  | Dr. Akshay Kumar        |
| 4.  | Mr. Ravi Shankar<br>210271217<br>PHDCS, SOCIS   | Design and Analysis of Security Aware Models for 6G-Enabled Cloud-Fog-Edge Ecosystem                                       | Dr. M.P. Mishra         |
| 5.  | Mr. Pankaj Kumar<br>210271200<br>PHDCS, SOCIS   | A Study of Block-Chain Enabled Hybrid Framework for Education System   | Dr. Sudhansh Sharma     |
| 6.  | Mrs. Sibi Riju<br>210271571<br>PHDNS, SOHS      | Assessment of Transformational Leadership Approach on Selected Nursing Outcomes  | Dr. Neerja Sood         |
| 7.  | Mr. Prem Chander<br>210271407<br>PHDNS, SOHS    | To assess the effectiveness of a nurse- led intervention package on quality of life of persons with Paranoid Schizophrenia | Dr. Laxmi               |
| 8.  | Ms. Parveen Kamboj<br>210271399<br>PHDNS, SOHS  | Effectiveness of a Psycho Social support intervention package for Cancer patients and their care givers                    | Dr. Laxmi               |
| 9.  | Ms. Prerna Sharma<br>210271414<br>PHDNS, SOHS   | Effectiveness of a preventive awareness programme for mothers of high risk neonates  | Dr. Laxmi               |
| 10. | Ms. Punyapriya,<br>202493283,<br>PHDPC, SOSS    | Psychological Well-being and Self-esteem in relation to Menstrual Health and Distress among Adolescent Females             | Prof. Suhas Shetgovekar |
| 11. | Shruti Hiremath<br>202493892<br>PHDAN,SOSS      | Jews in India: An Ethnographic Study   | Dr. Mitoo Das           |
| 12. | Omkar Singh<br>202493093<br>PHDAN, SOSS         | Impact of Floods on Human Health: A Study in Uttar Pradesh   | Dr. P. Venkatramana     |
| 13. | Ritwik Banerjee<br>210271374<br>PHDAN, SOSS     | Morphometrics Study of Hand among Indian Populations   | Dr. P. Venkatramana     |



|    |   |  |   |
|----|---|--|---|
| 14 | Jitin Jose<br>210271367<br>PHDAN, SOSS            | Metabolic Risk Factors in Population Groups of Delhi: A Comparative Study  | Dr. P. Venkatramana   |
| 15 | Ms. Renu Bhasin.<br>202492647<br>PHDBC, SOS       | Study on Covid-19 Induced Neurological Complications Among Urban Elderly Human Population.   | Prof. Parvesh Bubber  |
| 16 | Ms. Kumari Arunima<br>202494128<br>PHDGY, SOS     | Geo-environmental study with emphasis on erosional susceptibility in a part of Kolhan Basin, Singhbhum Craton, India                                       | Dr. Kakoli Gogoi Assistant Professor, SOS, IGNOU  |
| 17 | Md. Shazad<br>210270168<br>PHDLS, SOS             | Bioefficacy of <i>Catharanthus roseus</i> on growth, development and reproduction of Red Cotton Bug <i>Dysdercus koenigii</i> (Heteroptera: Pyrrhocoridae) | Prof. Neera Kapoor & Prof. Kamal Kumar Gupta<br>Deshbandhu College, Kalkaji, University of Delhi, New Delhi-110009                            |
| 18 | Pavitra Sharma<br>210270365<br>PHDLS, SOS         | Evaluation of the influence of green tea leaves extract on survival, growth, development and reproduction of <i>Aedes aegypti</i>                          | Prof. Neera Kapoor & Prof. Kamal Kumar Gupta<br>Deshbandhu College, Kalkaji, University of Delhi, New Delhi-110009                            |
| 19 | Abhishek Gupta<br>210270340<br>PHDLS, SOS         | Transcriptomic analysis to understand the effect of interaction of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> with midgut of <i>Anopheles stephensi</i>                  | Prof. Neera Kapoor & Prof. S.K. Sagar<br>Department of Zoology, Swami Shraddhanand College, Alipur Village, University of Delhi, Delhi 110036 |
| 20 | Ms. Sakshi,<br>210271350<br>PHDCOM, SOMS          | “Brand Preference for Foreign vs Domestic Cosmetic & Personal Care Brands: A Study in Delhi & NCR”   | Prof. Nawal Kishor  |
| 21 | Ms. Kanishk Koushik,<br>210271328<br>PHDCOM, SOMS | “Influence of Cause Related Marketing on Purchase Intention: A Study in Delhi & NCR”   | Prof. Madhulika P. Sarkar   |



|    |   |  |                           |
|----|---|--|---------------------------|
| 22 | Ms. Pooja Patel,<br>210271310<br>PHDCOM,<br>SOMS          | A Study of Online Purchase Behaviour with respect to Apparel and Accessories Category in the State of Haryana.             | Prof. Rashmi Bansal       |
| 23 | Ms. Nazia Hasan,<br>210271335,<br>PHDCOM,<br>SOMS         | "Consumer Behaviour Towards Customer Service AI Chatbots: A Study in Delhi & NCR"  | Dr. Anupriya Pandey       |
| 24 | Ms. Akanksha Bhatt Tiwari<br>202493742,<br>PHDFL, SOFL    | "Intégrer le théâtre dans les cours du FLE pour les jeunes adolescents: Étude de cas aux écoles de Delhi/NCR."             | Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava |
| 25 | Vaishali Bheron<br>210271303<br>PHDMGMT,<br>SOMS          | A Study on the Influence of Social Media Marketing Tools on Consumer Buying Behaviour for App-based Food Delivery Services | Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla |
| 26 | Prabhjinder Singh Aulakh<br>210271596<br>PHDMGMT,<br>SOMS | A Study on the Application of Artificial Intelligence based Promotional Strategies on Consumer Decision Making             | Prof. Rajeev Kumar Shukla |
| 27 | Prabhakara S.<br>210271263<br>PHDMGMT,<br>SOMS            | Financial Performance of Select Regional Rural Banks in India: A Comparative Study of Pre and Post - Amalgamation          | Prof. K. Ravi Sankar      |
| 28 | Akshita Garg<br>210271288<br>PHDMGMT,<br>SOMS             | A study on Assessment of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Select Higher Education Institutions in Delhi-NCR              | Prof. Nayantara Padhi     |
| 29 | Preeti Sharma<br>210271295<br>PHDMGMT,<br>SOMS            | A Study on the Determinants of Green Financing Practices   | Prof. Anjali C. Ramteke   |

**RC 32.8 To Consider the approval of change of Supervisor of Mr. Himayoon, (Enrollment no.179342294), a Ph.D. scholar in the discipline of Geography, SOS as recommended by DRC and School Board.**



**RC 32.8.1** The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. She presented that the Doctoral Research Committee in the Discipline of Geography recommended the change of supervisor i.r.o Mr. Himayoon (Enrollment no.179342294) due to superannuation of Prof M.S.Nathawat. The recommendations of the DRC was ratified by the School Board, SOS as detailed under:

| S. No. | Name of the Student<br>/Enrollment No.<br>/Programme | Existing supervisor | Changed Supervisor      |
|--------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.     | Mr. .Himayoon<br>179342294<br>PHDGEOG                | Prof. M.S. Nathawat | Prof.Vijay Kumar Baraik |

**RC 32.8.2** *The Council considered and approved the change of Research supervisor mentioned above as recommended by DRC and SB.*

**RC 32.9** **To Consider approval of Faculty Members as Research Supervisors in various Disciplines to guide Research Scholars.**

**RC 32.9.1** The Member Secretary apprised that the Doctoral Research Committees of various Disciplines had recommended faculty members as research supervisors in compliance with the requirement of UGC for being recognized as a research supervisor. The recommendations of the DRCs were ratified by their respective School Boards. The details are mentioned 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. Shweta Tripathi<br>Asst. Professor<br>Mechanical Engineering,<br>SOET    | Yes                           | 3   |
| 2.      | Dr. Shashank Srivastava, Asst.<br>Professor, Mechanical<br>Engineering, SOET | Yes                           | 4   |



|    |   |     |   |
|----|---|-----|---|
| 3. | Dr. Anuj Kumar Purwar,<br>Asst. Professor, Civil<br>Engineering | Yes | 7   |
| 4. | Prof. Divakar Yadav,<br>Computer Science, SOCIS                 | Yes | Journal :75<br>Books : 03<br>Chapters :13 |
| 5. | Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat,<br>Computer Science, SOCIS           | Yes | 38 (Journals and conferences)             |
| 6. | Prof. Aryadeep Roy<br>Chaudhury<br>Life Sciences, SOS           | Yes | 114                                       |

**RC 32.9.2** *The Research Council took note of the eligibility criteria for recognition of faculty members as research supervisors and approved the names of the above mentioned faculty members to be eligible research supervisors.*

**RC 32.10.** **To Consider approval/ratification of minor/ major changes/modifications in Research Topics of PhD students in Journalism and Mass Communication Discipline**

**RC 32.10.1** The Member Secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committee of the following Discipline recommended Minor/ Major changes/ modifications in research topic of the following research student. The recommendations of the DRC were ratified by their School Board

| S.No. | Name of the Student<br>/Enrollment No./<br>Programme/<br>School | Name of the Supervisor | Existing Title   | Change in the Title and reason of change   |
|-------|---|------------------------|--|--|
|       | Mr. Garvit Garg<br>202493821<br>PHDJMC,<br>SOJNMS               | Dr. Shikha Rai         | Political Communication through Satire and Parody: a study of Videos on Indian Digital Media Platforms | Political Communication through Satire and Parody: a study of Indian Videos on Digital Media Platforms |

**RC** *The Research Council considered and approved the change in the research topic*



| 32.10.2       | <i>of the research scholar as listed in the table above, as recommend by DRC/SB of SOJNMS.</i>   |                        |  |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |
|---------------|--|------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| RC<br>32.11   | <b>To Consider approval of cancellation of registration of PhD scholars as recommended by DRC/School Board of SOJNMS.</b>  |                        |  |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |
| RC<br>32.11.1 | <p>The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The member secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committee of Journalism and Mass Communication Discipline recommended cancellation of registration of the following Research students. The recommendations of the DRC of Journalism and Mass Communication discipline were ratified by their School Board. The details are as under:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="282 850 1502 1144"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="282 850 402 947">S.No.</th> <th data-bbox="402 850 760 947">Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School</th> <th data-bbox="760 850 1094 947">Name of The Supervisor</th> <th data-bbox="1094 850 1502 947">Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="282 947 402 1066">1</td> <td data-bbox="402 947 760 1066">Mr. Sushil Kumar Yati<br/>173101600<br/>PHDJMC, SOJNMS</td> <td data-bbox="760 947 1094 1066">Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan</td> <td data-bbox="1094 947 1502 1066">Progress unsatisfactory</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="282 1066 402 1144">2</td> <td data-bbox="402 1066 760 1144">Mr. Amit Kumar Chauhan,<br/>PHDJMC, SOJNMS</td> <td data-bbox="760 1066 1094 1144">Prof. O.P. Dewal</td> <td data-bbox="1094 1066 1502 1144">Progress unsatisfactory</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | S.No.                  | Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School | Name of The Supervisor | Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation | 1 | Mr. Sushil Kumar Yati<br>173101600<br>PHDJMC, SOJNMS | Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan | Progress unsatisfactory | 2 | Mr. Amit Kumar Chauhan,<br>PHDJMC, SOJNMS | Prof. O.P. Dewal | Progress unsatisfactory |
| S.No.         | Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No. Programme and School   | Name of The Supervisor | Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation                   |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |
| 1             | Mr. Sushil Kumar Yati<br>173101600<br>PHDJMC, SOJNMS   | Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan   | Progress unsatisfactory                                    |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |
| 2             | Mr. Amit Kumar Chauhan,<br>PHDJMC, SOJNMS  | Prof. O.P. Dewal       | Progress unsatisfactory                                    |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |
| RC<br>32.11.2 | <p><i>During deliberations, the Research Council emphasized the importance of exercising caution before recommending the cancellation of a Ph.D. scholar's registration. The Council proposed that communication notifying students of the cancellation of their registration should be sent both through registered post and email to ensure proper notification.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the Research Council reiterated the necessity for a comprehensive examination of all cases of cancellation before issuing the final notification to the student. Furthermore, it stressed that the actions taken in this regard should be included in the agenda submitted to RC/RCSC for decision-making. The Council advised the Research Unit to send a circular to all Schools in this regard.</i></p>  |                        |  |                        |  |   |  |                      |                         |   |   |                  |                         |



|                   | <i>Consequently, the Research Council decided to refer the aforementioned cases of cancellation back to the respective School for compliance of the due procedure.</i>  |  |   |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
|-------------------|---|--|---|-------|---|--|-----------------------|----|---|--|---------------|----|--|--------------|------------------|----|--|--------------|---|
| <b>RC 32.12</b>   | <b>To Consider approval of withdrawal of registration of PhD scholars as recommended by DRC/School Board across various Disciplines.</b>  |  |   |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
| <b>RC 32.12.1</b> | <p>The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The member secretary informed that the Doctoral Research Committees of various Disciplines recommended withdrawal of registration of the following Research students who on their own volition opted to withdraw from pursuing the programme citing personal reasons. The recommendations of the DRCs of respective disciplines were ratified by the respective School Boards / School Board Standing Committees. The details are as under:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No.</th> <th>Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No., Programme and School</th> <th>Title of PhD Thesis and Name of the Supervisor</th> <th>Reason for Withdrawal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Ms. Sudheesh D. N.<br/>Enrol.No.202492994<br/>PHDSW, SOSW</td> <td>Impact of policies and programmes on transgenders: A Study of Kerala</td> <td>Health issues</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Mr. Sandeep Sharma<br/>Enrol. No.188500625,<br/>PHDLIS, SOSS</td> <td>Not allotted</td> <td>Personal reasons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>Ashutosh Verma<br/>Enrol. No.210270358,<br/>PHDLS, SOS</td> <td>Not allotted</td> <td>Taken admission in Ph.D programme at University of Jammu as it is his home town</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |  |   | S.No. | Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No., Programme and School | Title of PhD Thesis and Name of the Supervisor | Reason for Withdrawal | 1. | Ms. Sudheesh D. N.<br>Enrol.No.202492994<br>PHDSW, SOSW | Impact of policies and programmes on transgenders: A Study of Kerala | Health issues | 2. | Mr. Sandeep Sharma<br>Enrol. No.188500625,<br>PHDLIS, SOSS | Not allotted | Personal reasons | 3. | Ashutosh Verma<br>Enrol. No.210270358,<br>PHDLS, SOS | Not allotted | Taken admission in Ph.D programme at University of Jammu as it is his home town |
| S.No.             | Name of the Candidate, Enrollment No., Programme and School   | Title of PhD Thesis and Name of the Supervisor                       | Reason for Withdrawal   |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
| 1.                | Ms. Sudheesh D. N.<br>Enrol.No.202492994<br>PHDSW, SOSW   | Impact of policies and programmes on transgenders: A Study of Kerala | Health issues   |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
| 2.                | Mr. Sandeep Sharma<br>Enrol. No.188500625,<br>PHDLIS, SOSS  | Not allotted   | Personal reasons  |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
| 3.                | Ashutosh Verma<br>Enrol. No.210270358,<br>PHDLS, SOS  | Not allotted   | Taken admission in Ph.D programme at University of Jammu as it is his home town |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |
| <b>RC</b>         | <i>The Research Council considered and approved the withdrawal of registration</i>  |  |   |       |   |  |                       |    |   |  |               |    |  |              |                  |    |  |              |   |



**32.12.2** *of PhD scholars listed in the table above, as recommended by their respective DRC's and SB's.*

**RC 32.13** **To consider the UGC response dated 12.09.2023 in the matter pertaining to extension of PhD students beyond maximum duration.**

**RC 32.13.1** Presenting the agenda, the Member Secretary informed that there were some representations from Research Scholars of IGNOU registered in different disciplines for PhD Programme, requesting extension of duration of PhD beyond the maximum permissible duration. The respective DRCs and SBs had also recommended for extension of registration period except in the case of SI No 10 mentioned in the Table below.

She further informed the Council that the matter regarding extension in case of some research scholars was placed before the RCSC at its 25th and 26th Meetings held on 8th May 2023 and 13th July, 2023 respectively which recommended to refer the cases to the University Grants Commission. She also shared the UGC letter ([Annexure 32.13](#)) which mentioned that *the matter may be regulated as per the Statutes/Ordinances of the IGNOU and the UGC Regulations.*

The Council went through the cases recommended for extension and noted the status of progress i.r.o each research scholar detailed as under:

| Sl. No | Name / Discipline / School                            | Date of registration | Date of expiry of registration | Progress status    | Extension requested up to          |
|--------|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Mr. Pawan Singh,<br>E.No.173100426/Anthropology, SOSS | 24.04.2017           | 23.04.2023                     | Draft thesis ready | Six months from the date of expiry |
| 2.     | Mr. Joy Joseph,<br>E.No.173100780 / English, SOH      | 03.05.2017           | 02.05.2023                     | Draft thesis ready | Six months from the date of expiry |



|     |   |            |            |  |   |
|-----|---|------------|------------|--|---|
| 3.  | Mr. Saugato Sen<br>E.No.173100039,<br>Economics, SOSS                                     | 22.04.2017 | 21.04.2023 | Thesis writing in progress             | One year from the date of expiry              |
| 4.  | Mr. Dharmendra Kumar,<br>E.No.173103421 /<br>Computer Science,<br>SOCIS                   | 03.11.2017 | 02.11.2023 | Thesis writing in progress             | One year from the date of expiry              |
| 5.  | Ms. Nitumika Gogoi,<br>E.No.149500780 /<br>Library and Information Science, SOSS          | 12.10.2015 | 11.10.2022 | Draft thesis ready                     | One year from the date of expiry              |
| 6.  | Ms. Swati Srivastava,<br>E.No.149500812 /<br>Library and Information Science, SOSS        | 12.10.2015 | 11.10.2022 | Draft thesis ready                     | One year from the date of expiry              |
| 7.  | Ms. Jhulik Som,<br>E.No.149500400 /<br>Tourism and Hospitality Service Management, SOTHSM | 11.06.2015 | 10.06.2022 | Draft thesis ready                     | One year three months from the date of expiry |
| 8.  | Mr. Krishna Lal Yadav<br>E.No. 173102365, Law,<br>SOL                                     | 04.05.2017 | 03.05.2023 | Data collection is yet to be completed | Six months from the date of expiry            |
| 9.  | Mr. Rajendra Kumar Joshi<br>E.No. 173101300,<br>Commerce, SOMS                            | 06.05.2017 | 05.05.2023 | Thesis is in progress                  | One year from the date of expiry              |
| 10. | Mr. Umesh Prasad Yadav<br>E.No. 173102437,<br>Computer Science,<br>SOCIS                  | 03.05.2017 | 02.05.2023 | Thesis is in progress                  | Six months from the date of expiry            |

**RC***After a thorough deliberation, the Council resolved as under:***32.13.2**

*Considering the responses from the UGC, requests for extensions be examined individually, with decisions made on a case-by-case basis. The Council delegated the authority to the Vice Chancellor to make the final decisions regarding these extension requests.*



**RC 32.14** To Consider approval of disciplines and projected vacant seats to advertise for admission to the PhD program for the July 2023 session.

**RC 32.14.1** The Member Secretary presented the agenda and informed that as per the directions of the 26<sup>th</sup> RCSC held on 13.07.2023, the Research Unit sought the information about the willingness of the disciplines to advertise for admission to PhD programme for July 2023 session. Further, the RCSC also directed to constitute an Admission Monitoring Committee to oversee the admission activities. Accordingly, the Disciplines willing to advertise projected their existing vacancies/ seats to be advertised mentioned as under:

| Sl No | School | Discipline                                 | Existing vacant seats | Seats to be advertised for session 2023 |
|-------|--------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1.    | SOMS   | Management - PHDMGMT                       | 36                    | 21                                      |
| 2.    |        | Commerce – PHDCOM                          | 11                    | 05                                      |
| 3.    | SOGDS  | Women’s Studies PHDWS                      | 07                    | 04                                      |
| 4.    | SOJNMS | Journalism and Mass Communication - PHDJMC | 08                    | 08                                      |
| 5.    | SOEDS  | Development Studies - PHDDV                | 18                    | 11                                      |
| 6.    | SOL    | Law – PHDLE                                | 11                    | 11                                      |
| 7.    | SOHS   | Nursing - PHDNS                            | 01                    | 01                                      |
| 8.    | SOCE   | Child Development - PHDCD                  | 25                    | 20                                      |
| 9.    |        | Nutritional Science - PHDFN                | 17                    | 06                                      |
| 10.   |        | Home Science - PHDHC                       | 14                    | 08                                      |
| 11.   |        | Rural Development - PHDRD                  | 10                    | 06                                      |
| 12.   | SOCIS  | Computer science - PHDCS                   | 32                    | 17                                      |
| 13.   | SOPVA  | Fine Arts- PHDPVA (F)                      | 06                    | 06                                      |
| 14.   |        | Theatre Arts PHDPVA(T)                     | 06                    | 06                                      |
| 15.   |        | Music – PHDPVA (M)                         | 08                    | 08                                      |



|     |                            |  |                   |     |
|-----|----------------------------|--|-------------------|-----|
| 16. |                            | Dance – PHDPVA(D)  | 03                | 03  |
| 17. | SOS                        | Life Sciences - PHDLS                                      | 20                | 20  |
| 18. |                            | Geology - PHDGY  | 14                | 14  |
| 19. |                            | Geography - PHDGEOG  | 11                | 11  |
| 20. |                            | Statistics - PHDSTAT                                       | 22                | 13  |
| 21. |                            | Bio-Chemistry - PHDBC                                      | 09                | 07  |
| 22. |                            | Mathematics - PHDMT  | 18                | 06  |
| 23. |                            | SOE  | Education – PHDES | 70  |
| 24. | Distance Education – PHDDE |  | 31                | 18  |
| 25. | SOSS                       | Political Science  | 09                | 07  |
| 26. |                            | Sociology – PHDSOC   | 17                | 17  |
| 27. | SOA                        | Dairy Science and Technology – PHDDR                       | 10                | 02  |
| 28. | SOITS                      | Environmental Science – PHDEV                              | 15                | 15  |
| 29. | SOTHSM                     | Tourism and Hospitality Service Management Studies - PHDTS | 19                | 10  |
| 30. | SOSW                       | Social Work - PHDSW  | 28                | 28  |
| 31. | SOVET                      | Vocational Education - PHDVE                               | 20                | 11  |
| 32. | SOH                        | Hindi - PHDHIN   | 13                | 13  |
| 33. |                            | English – PHDENG   | 16                | 16  |
| 34. |                            | Urdu – PHDUL   | 04                | 04  |
| 35. |                            | Sanskrit - PHDSK   | 16                | 09  |
| 36. | SOTST                      | Translation Studies – PHDTT                                | 08                | 08  |
|     |                            | Total Vacant seats   | 583               | 393 |

She further presented the recommendations of Admission Monitoring Committee [Annexed at 32.14](#) which recommended the projected seats and modalities to be adopted for the admission to the PhD programme for July 2023 session.

Taking note of the disciplines and the projected seat numbers, the Research Council made an observation that disciplines that do not offer a Master's program should also refrain from offering a Ph.D. program. Additionally, the Council expressed the

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | opinion that disciplines should exercise caution when projecting the number of vacant seats for advertising Ph.D. program admissions. This caution should be exercised in consideration of the available resources and time, with the primary goal being to ensure the quality of the Ph.D. programme.                      |
| <b>RC 32.14.2</b> | <i>After a thorough deliberation, the Council resolved as under:<br/>The Admission Monitoring Committee constituted by the hon'ble Vice Chancellor shall revisit the agenda in the light of the discussions in the RC meeting. The Revised list shall be placed before the Vice Chancellor for taking a final decision.</i> |
| <b>RC 32.15</b>   | <b>Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair</b>  |

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

  
(Bijayalaxmi Mishra)  
Member Convener