

MINUTES

of the

**SECOND MEETING OF THE
RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE**

held on

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH MAY, 2007 AT 2.00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, BLOCK-8, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI – 68.

The following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor | - | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Member, BOM | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. M.Asalam, Director, NCIDE | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. N.V.Narasimham, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Director, ACD | - | Convenor |

Prof. Amitava Raychaudhuri, Director, HRI, Allahabad, Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata and Prof. Gopinath Pradhan, SOSS, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

Shri K.D.Sharma, Section Officer, Academic Coordination Division was present to assist the Committee.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members at the second meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee (RCSC). The RCSC placed on record the contributions made by its outgoing members. The Chairman also welcomed the new members of the RCSC and hoped that their valuable guidance and contribution in the deliberations of the Committee would help the University in its Research Programmes. The Chairman then requested Prof. B.S.Saraswat, Convenor of the Committee to present the agenda items.

The following agenda items were taken up:

ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 2006.

RCSC 2.1.1 The Convenor informed that the Minutes (Annexure-1) of the First Meeting of the Research Council's Standing Committee held on 27th April, 2006 were circulated to the members of the Standing Committee for their comments. No comments had been received from any of the members. The Action taken report on the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting is placed at Annexure-2 for information. The Minutes had been approved by the Research Council at its Eighth Meeting held on 21st November, 2006.

RCSC 2.1.2 The RCSC confirmed the Minutes (**Annexure-1 without Annexure**) of its First Meeting and noted the Action Taken thereon.

ITEM NO. 2 TO NOTE FOR INFORMATION LAUNCHING OF M.PHIL. PROGRAMMES IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS/DISCIPLINES OF STUDIES OF IGNOU

RCSC 2.2.1 The Convenor informed that IGNOU has a strong faculty of teachers with excellent research capabilities in almost all the conventional disciplines of the university system in the country. There is a strong need of basic research methodology training for the large number of post graduates coming out of the university system. Recently, UGC had also exempted M.Phil. degree holders from the requirement of NET for appointment as teachers in colleges. There is a great demand for M.Phil. programmes from the teachers in colleges as well. In this regard many Disciplines/Schools of Studies of IGNOU had expressed their desire to launch M.Phil. programme (**Annexure-2**). The item was placed before the ACSC at its 22nd Meeting held on 21.2.2007 and the proposal for starting M.Phil. programme in various Disciplines/Schools of Studies of IGNOU was approved.

RCSC 2.2.2 The RCSC discussed the matter in detail and the view emerged that IGNOU being the premier institution in Open and Distance Learning should have flexibility in its Research Degree Programmes also. On the basis of experience of the persons, the university should consider to give relaxations for registration in the Ph.D. programme. It may also consider for awarding the Ph.D. on the basis of case studies. It was also suggested that the outstanding work should be looked into objectively and individually. The candidates of this category may be offered abridged course work as per their requirements.

RCSC 2.2.3 With the above suggestions, the RCSC noted the comments of the Schools of Studies for launching of M.Phil. programme in various Disciplines / Schools of Studies of IGNOU.

ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MS. ARTI KAUSHIK FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. PROGRAMME IN MATHEMATICS.

RCSC 2.3.1 The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Sciences at its 34th Meeting held on 26.2.2007 considered the application of Ms. Arti Kaushik for admission to Ph.D. programme in Mathematics and bio-data of Dr. D.K. Khattar, Reader, Department of Mathematics, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi for recognition as external supervisor. The School Board recommended the admission of Ms. Arti Kaushik for Ph.D. programme in Mathematics on the subject **“Some problems in Bubble Dynamics and Stability Problems in Fluid Dynamics”** and recognition of Dr. D.K.Khattar, Reader, Department of Mathematics, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi as External Supervisor and Dr. Poornima Mital, Reader in Mathematics, School of Sciences as Internal supervisor.

RCSC 2.3.2 The RCSC while considering the application, proposed that there should be a Doctoral Committee in each Discipline consisting of Director of the School concerned, supervisor(s), one-two teacher(s) of the Discipline concerned and one-two outside expert(s) to consider and examine the proposals of research received from the students in detail and the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee be placed before the School Board. Once, the proposal is approved by the School Board, then it should be placed before the Research Council or its Standing Committee for approval.

RCSC 2.3.3 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-3**) of Ms. Arti Kaushik for admission in Ph.D. Programme in Mathematics, Dr. D.K.Khattar, Reader, Department of Mathematics, Kirori Mal Collge, Delhi University as External Supervisor and Dr. Poornima Mital, Reader in Mathematics, SOS, IGNOU as Internal Supervisor of the candidate.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF SH. UMAPATI PATTAR FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. PROGRAMME IN PHYSICS.

RCSC 2.4.1 The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Sciences at its 34th Meeting held on 26.2.2007 recommended the application of Sh. Umapati Pattar for admission in Ph.D. programme in Physics and bio-data of Dr. Vijay Hanumantrao Raybagkar, Reader, Department of Physics, N.Wadia College, Pune as External Supervisor and Prof. S.C. Garg, Professor of Physics, School of Sciences, as Internal Supervisor of the candidate.

RCSC 2.4.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-4**) of Sh. Umapati Pattar for admission in Ph.D. Programme in Physics, Dr. Vijay Hanumantrao Raybagkar, Reader Department of Physics, N. Wadia College, Pune as External Supervisor and Prof. S.C. Garg, Professor of Physics, School of Sciences, as Internal Supervisor of the candidate.

ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF MS. ARUNDHATI MISHRA AND MR. DEVENDER KUMAR BUDAKOTI ENROLLED IN PH.D. (PHYSICS) AND PH. D. (SOCIOLOGY) RESPECTIVELY.

RCSC 2.5.1 The Convenor informed that the progress reports of Ms. Arundhati Mishra (July 2006 to December 2006) and Mr. Devender Kumar Budakoti (January 2006 to December 2006) enrolled in Ph.D. in Physics and Sociology, respectively had been considered by the School Boards of SOS and SOSS, and had been recommended for placing before the RCSC.

RCSC 2.5.2 The RCSC considered and took note of the progress reports of Ms. Arundhati Mishra (062220275) and Mr. Devender Kumar Budakoti (044950412) for the period from July 2006 to December 2006 and January 2006 to December 2006, respectively.

ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL WORK, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (SOCE).

RCSC 2.6.1 The Director, SOCE who was invited to the meeting explained the salient features/requirements of Ph.D. programme in Social Work through ODL system. She also informed that the University had signed an MoU with Florida State University which would provide facilities for exposure programmes to IGNOU's Social Work research students. At present, most of the existing schools of social work are located in Maharashtra and four South Indian States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala and two social work departments in the whole of North-East to cater to the needs of social work. The launching of Ph.D. by IGNOU will enable the candidates from far flung areas and States/Union Territories where there are no Schools of Social Work to pursue their research work leading to Ph.D.

The proposal had been approved by the School Board of SOCE at its 31st Meeting held on 7.3.2007.

RCSC 2.6.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-5**) for launching of Ph.D. programme in Social Work.

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. PROGRAMME IN WOMEN'S STUDIES, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (SOCE).

RCSC 2.7.1 The Director, SOCE informed the members the salient features/requirements of Ph.D. programme in Women's Studies through ODL system. The Government of India is actively encouraging academic programmes for women, especially those which promote the welfare of women and help in improving their status in society. Many learners, while pursuing degrees and specializations in a variety of disciplines develop scholarly interests in issues specifically concerned with women, and desire to continue their academic pursuits through specialized research in this area. A Ph.D. programme in Women's Studies provides such students the perfect opportunity to pursue their research interests within their area of specialization. In view of the above, the School of Continuing Education has proposed for launching of Ph.D.

programme in Women's Studies, which would be in keeping with the objectives of the University as well as national objectives. It would also help to create a pool of specialized experts in the field of Women's Studies, who may be later employed in teaching at the university level, in public service, non-governmental organizations, or a variety of other fields where specialized research on women or women's issues is called for. The proposal had been approved by the School Board of SOCE at its 31st Meeting held on 7.3.2007.

RCSC 2.7.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-6**) for launching of Ph.D. programme in Women Studies.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. PROGRAMME IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (SOCE).

RCSC 2.8.1 Prof. M.Asam, Programme Coordinator explained the requirements and the salient features of the Ph.D. Programme in Rural Development. He informed that the proposal stipulates the eligibility for admission as follows:

- ◆ MARD students of IGNOU with minimum "B" grade
- ◆ Candidate with 55% and above marks in any discipline could be considered provided they successfully complete three courses in Rural Development, namely:

- (a) MRD-101 Rural Development-Indian Context
- (b) MRD-103 Rural Development-Planning and Management
- (c) MRD-004 Research Methods in Rural Development

They may have to qualify/complete these three courses within one year and before undertaking any field study. Candidates having five years experience in Rural Development/ Development Sectors could be given preference. Candidates from Social Sciences background may also get preference. Similarly, university/college teachers may also be given priority. The proposal had been approved by the School Board of SOCE at its 31st Meeting held on 7.3.2007.

RCSC 2.8.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-7**) for launching of Ph.D. programme in Rural Development with the above eligibility.

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF PH.D. PROGRAMME IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (SOCE).

RCSC 2.9.1 The Convenor informed the RCSC that the School of Continuing Education had forwarded the proposal for launching of Ph.D. programme in Child Development. The proposed Ph.D. programme in Child Development would provide opportunities for research from a multi-disciplinary perspective and would be of great value to professionals and scholars from fields such as Child Development/Human Development and Family Studies, Education, Special Education, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work.

The proposal had been approved by the School Board of SOCE at its 31st Meeting held on 7.3.2007.

RCSC 2.9.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-8**) for launching of the Ph.D. Programme in Child Development.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON “THE ROOTS OF ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS’ VIOLENCE: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INDIA AND JAPAN”, SUBMITTED BY MR. HARSHAVARDHAN RAJU, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROF. DARVESH GOPAL AND PROF. PUSHPESH PANT, DEAN SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI.

RCSC 2.10.1 The Convenor informed that the Ph.D. proposal on “The Roots of Organised Criminal Groups’ Violence: A Comparative Study of India and Japan”, submitted by Mr. Harshavardhan Raju, under the supervision of Prof. Darvesh Gopal and Prof. Pushpesh Pant, Dean School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was considered by a Sub-Committee of the School Board of SOSS to screen the Ph.D. applications at its meeting held on April 20, 2007. The Committee recommended the above proposal for consideration by the School Board. The School Board of SOSS at its 40th Meeting approved the proposal and recommended the name of Prof. Pushpesh K.Pant, Dean, SIS, JNU as co-supervisor with Prof. Darvesh Gopal for consideration of the RCSC.

RCSC 2.10.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-9**).

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON “SOCIETY IN THE 15TH TO 17TH CENTURIES AS DEPICTED IN THE INDIAN PAINTINGS”, SUBMITTED BY MS. NEETA SINGHAL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. ABHA SINGH.

RCSC 2.11.1 The Convenor informed that the Ph.D. proposal on “Society in the 15th to 17th Centuries as depicted in the Indian Paintings”, submitted by Ms. Neeta Singhal under the supervision of Dr. Abha Singh was considered by a Sub-Committee of the School Board of SOSS at its meeting held on April 20, 2007. The Committee recommended the above proposal for consideration by the School Board. The School Board of SOSS at its 40th Meeting held on April 27, 2007 considered the proposal and recommended the same for consideration of the RCSC.

RCSC 2.11.2 The RCSC considered and approved the Ph.D. proposal on “Society in the 15th to 17th Centuries as depicted in the Indian Paintings”, (**Annexure-10**) submitted by Ms. Neeta Singhal under the supervision of Dr. Abha Singh.

ITEM NO. 12 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR EVALUATING THE THESIS OF MS. PRITI SHARMA.

RCSC 2.12.1 The Convenor informed that Ms. Priti Sharma, (Enrol. No. 024957784) registered for Ph.D. Programme in Political Science on 7.8.2002 submitted her thesis entitled “Bharat Mein Samajwadi Chintan: Jawaharlal Nehru Evam Mahatma Gandhi ke Vishesh Sandarb Mein” to the University on 10th October, 2006. The Vice-Chancellor had appointed examiners for evaluation of her thesis from a panel recommended by the supervisor through the Director, SOSS. The thesis is under evaluation.

RCSC 2.12.2 The RCSC ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing examiners for evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis of Ms. Priti Sharma.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NAME OF DR. NANDINI SAHU, READER EDITORIAL UNIT, SOH AS SUPERVISOR FOR M.PHIL. & PH.D. IN ENGLISH.

RCSC 2.13.1 The Convenor informed that the School Board of Humanities has recommended the name of Dr. Nandini Sahu, Reader, Editorial Unit, SOH as Research Supervisor for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programme in English. In terms of provisions of clause 4.3 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes all the Professors and the Readers of IGNOU shall be eligible to be research supervisors of the University, therefore she may be approved as a supervisor for the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programme in English.

RCSC 2.13.2 The RCSC approved the name of Dr. Nandini Sahu, Reader, Editorial Unit, SOH as a Research Supervisor for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in English.

ITEM NO. 14 TO NOTE FOR INFORMATION THE GUIDELINES FOR IGNOU - DEC RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS (RTA).

RCSC 2.14.1 The Convenor informed that the Board of Management and Planning Board approved in principle the research policy of the University and a scheme to institute 10 Research Fellowships and 05 Research Associateships each during the Eighth Plan for implementation from the year 1995-96 onwards for a period of five years. Further, the Board of Management at its 36th Meeting held on 24-2-1994 approved the procedure to be followed for selection of candidates for Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) in the University. Subsequently the Research Council of the University while considering the proposal for reviving the research activities in the University constituted a Sub-Committee with certain specific terms of references. The Committee at its meeting held on 30.4.2001 made recommendations for offering three Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs) by each discipline in a School. The Research Council at its 8th Meeting held on 21.11.2006 resolved that JRFs be awarded on specific requests from disciplines. A committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for framing guidelines for the award of JRFs and SRFs. The Committee, however, recommended award of Research and Teaching Assistantships and framed the guidelines for the same. The draft guidelines prepared by the Committee were considered and approved by the Board of Management at its 89th Meeting held on February 26, 2007 and the Academic Council at its 39th Meeting held on March 17, 2007, respectively. The Research and Teaching Assistantships have already been advertised and have received enormous response.

RCSC 2.14.2 The RCSC appreciated the initiative taken by the University in launching the scheme and noted the guidelines for IGNOU-DEC Research and Teaching Assistantships (RTA).

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON ‘A HOLISTIC VIEW OF MAHATMA GANDHI’S POLITICS IN THEORETICAL REALMS’, SUBMITTED BY MR. ALOK BAJPAI UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. SALIL MISHRA.

RCSC 2.15.1 The Convenor informed that the Ph.D. proposal on “A Holistic View of Mahatma Gandhi’s Politics in Theoretical Realms”, submitted by Mr. Alok Bajpai under the supervision of Dr. Salil Mishra was considered by a Sub-Committee constituted by the School Board of SOSS to screen the Ph.D. applications. The Sub-Committee at its meeting held on April 20, 2007 approved the proposal with the following:

- ◆ The candidate does not possess an M.Phil degree. Therefore, the additional eligibility clause proposed by the Research Council and Academic Council becomes operational in this case. The reading of the clause is **“Only such candidates are exempted from the requirement of course work in Ph.D. who have 5 years of teaching/ industrial/ administration/ professional experience at senior level and have demonstrable contribution in the area of study.** Mr. Alok Bajpai is working as a Clerk in the Department of Consolidation in U.P. Government and, as reported by the proposed supervisor, has been actively engaged in research. The candidate has also produced two research papers since completing his Post-Graduation. The proposed supervisor has also informed that Prof. Bipin Chandra has agreed to be the co-supervisor of the candidate in case admission was granted to the candidate.
- ◆ The School Board at its 40th Meeting held on April 27, 2007 approved the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and recommended that the proposal along with the observations of the Sub-Committee forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action.

RCSC 2.15.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal (**Annexure-11**) for registration of the candidate under the supervision of Dr. Salil Mishra and Prof. Bipin Chandra.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SCHOOL OF SCIENCES REGARDING THE COURSEWORK FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN MATHEMATICS.

RCSC 2.16.1 The Convenor informed that the School of Sciences had constituted an Expert Committee for finalizing the coursework for Ph.D. programme in Mathematics. The Committee at its meeting held on January 25, 2007 made the following recommendations:

- 1) i) Regarding the decision taken in the 8th Meeting of the Research Council, the **coursework** for the Ph.D. Programme in Mathematics should be as given in Appendices – A, B and C.
 - ii) The Mathematics Expert Committee considered the suggestions of the Sub-committee of the Research Council that the Mathematics Research Methodology course should have a component of history and philosophy of Science, and **rejected it**. The Research Methodology course approved by the Expert Committee, and the School Board, is as given in Appendix A.
 - iii) The course on computing, given in Appendix C, should be audited, and not formally examined, since the various components would necessarily be used and tested by the learners they are studying for their Ph.D.
- 2) Regarding the relaxation of coursework for persons having a Master's degree in a relevant discipline with at least 55 per cent marks (50 per cent 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, the members recommended that any such candidate must successfully complete the coursework. Therefore, **no relaxation should be allowed** for such persons who enroll for a Ph.D. in Mathematics.
- 3) The **format for research proposals** given in the prospectus for applicants to the Ph.D. programme in Mathematics/Statistics should be replaced by the one given in Appendix D.

RCSC 2.16.2 The RCSC considered and approved the recommendations of the School Board regarding course work for the Ph.D. programme in Mathematics.

ITEM NO. 17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MR. S.C.B. SAMUEL ANBU SELVAN FOR ADMISSION IN THE PH.D. PROGRAMME IN COMMERCE.

RCSC 2.17.1 The Director, School of Management Studies informed that the School Board of School of Management Studies at its 19th Meeting held on 30.3.2007 had recommended the application of Mr. S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan for admission in the Ph.D. programme in Commerce on the topic "Production and Marketing of Handmade Bricks in Madurai and Theni Districts of Tamil Nadu" under the supervision of Dr. M.S.S.Raju, Reader in Commerce, SOMS. The detailed proposal submitted by Mr. Samuel is placed at **Annexure-12.**

RCSC 2.17.2 The RCSC considered and approved the recommendations of the School Board of SOMS for registration of Mr. Samuel for admission in the Ph.D. programme in Commerce under the supervision of Dr. M.S.S.Raju, Reader in Commerce, SOMS.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR TO FINALISE MODALITIES FOR OFFERING PH.D. PROGRAMME FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS.

RCSC 2.18.1 The Convenor informed that the University had been receiving request from number of persons living outside India for admission in to the Ph.D. Programme of the University. The Vice-Chancellor had constituted a Committee to frame Guidelines for registration of the overseas Students in the Research Degree Programmes of the University.

The Committee at its 1st Meeting held on April 9, 2007 considered the matters relating to eligibility, application fee, process relating to admission/registration, criteria for recognition as supervisors, fees, sharing of fees with Partner Institutions and payment norms for provision of administrative services to the students, monitoring the progress of the students, role of the International Division/SRED in bridging the communication between IGNOU faculty and Student/Partner Institution and supervision charges to the external supervisors.

RCSC 2.18.2 The RCSC considered and approved the Minutes of the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for offering Ph.D. programme for overseas students (**Annexure-13**).

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR OFFERING PH.D. PROGRAMME IN COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

RCSC 2.19.1 The Convenor informed that in response to the letter dated February 14, 2007 from the Director, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), seeking collaboration with IGNOU in offering Ph.D. programme, the faculty of Economics took initiatives to explore the possible options. The faculty visited IEG and discussed the proposal with the Director, IEG and their faculty members. Since the IEG's proposal pertains to Ph.D. in Economics and Sociology, the viewpoint of the Sociology faculty was also sought.

Based on the discussion held with IEG and Sociology Faculty of IGNOU, the following points are submitted for consideration and approval of the Research Council's Standing Committee/Research Council:

1. The proposal related to 'IGNOU-IEG Ph.D. Programme' may be accepted. It will be a subset of the overall Ph.D. Programme in the Social Sciences, IGNOU.
2. The programme may be overseen by a 'Committee of Direction' consisting of representatives of both IGNOU and IEG co-chaired by Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU or a person nominated by the VC, and Director IEG.
3. To begin with, an intake of 10-12 Ph.D. students from Economics and Sociology (preferably with equal number from both the disciplines) may be enrolled for Ph.D. programme. The admission of students to the programme would be in accordance with the provisions of the IGNOU Ordinance on M.Phil./ Ph.D. programme.

4. Within the provisions of the IGNOU Ordinance on M.Phil./ Ph.D. programme, there will be joint supervision of students, involving faculty members from both IGNOU and IEG.
5. The content, evaluation and delivery of the proposed coursework to be offered by IEG may be within the overall framework of the course work of IGNOU's M. Phil./ Ph.D. programme.
6. The course work shall be overseen by the Committee of Direction.
7. The coursework shall be conducted at IEG and IEG will provide the infrastructure for carrying out the course work.
8. IGNOU-IEG Ph.D. programme may have a different fee structure and there may be fee-sharing between both the institutions.
9. The degree shall be awarded by IGNOU but shall indicate clearly that the course was co-planned and executed with IEG.

Since IEG is a reputed autonomous multi-disciplinary centre for advanced research and has faculty of repute, the M.Phil / Ph.D. programme of IGNOU is expected to gain strength from the proposed research collaboration.

RCSC 2.19.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for offering the Ph.D. programme in collaboration with the Institute of Economic Growth.

ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CHANGE OF SUPERVISOR OF MR. PRADEEP RAI, REGISTERED FOR PH.D. IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES.

RCSC 2.20.1 The Convenor informed that the School Board of School of Social Sciences in its 40th Meeting held on April 27, 2007 was informed by the Chairman of the School Board that Mr. Pradeep Rai was registered for Ph.D. in Library & Information Sciences under the supervision of Dr. Pravakar Rath in 2002. He further informed that

Dr. Pravakar Rath proceeded on lien on August 9, 2005 to join Mizoram University as Professor.

It was placed before the School Board that while considering the Programme Report of Mr. Pradeep Rai for the period July 2003 to December 2004 in the 36th Meeting of the School Board held on May 27, 2005, it was decided that the student may be asked to reframe the questionnaire and make changes in the chapters accordingly. The decision of the School Board was intimated to the student and the supervisor. In response to it, Dr. Pravakar Rath expressed his inability to continue as a supervisor and requested the faculty to make necessary arrangements for an alternate supervisor. Likewise, while considering the Progress Report of the candidate for the period from January to June 2005 in the 37th Meeting of the School Board held on November 25, 2005, it was recommended that the observations of the School Board made in its 36th Meeting should be forwarded to the Research Council for further necessary action. The observations of the 37th School Board along with the request of Dr. Pravakar Rath to relieve him from the supervision of Mr. Pradeep Rai were placed in the 7th Meeting of the Research Council held on December 30, 2005. The Research Council decided that Dr. Pravakar Rath should be advised to continue as supervisor of the candidate. Dr. Rath was accordingly informed about the decision of the Research Council. The Faculty did not receive any response from Dr. Rath on the advice of the Research Council.

Dr. Pravakar Rath resigned from IGNOU on August 9, 2006 and at present there is no supervisor to guide Mr. Pradeep Rai. In the interest of the student, the faculty in its meeting held on January 10, 2007 decided that Dr. Jaideep Sharma will supervise the candidate. **Dr. Jaideep Sharma, however, has agreed to supervise the candidate with the request that he may be allowed to guide Mr. Pradeep Rai in addition to the stipulated quota of two candidates per supervisor.**

The School Board approved the arrangement proposed by the faculty to have Dr. Jaideep Sharma as the supervisor for Mr. Pradeep Rai. The Board also recommended to the Research Council to consider the request of Dr. Jaideep Sharma to have Mr. Pradeep Rai as a Ph.D. student in addition to the stipulated norms of two candidates per supervisor (Extract of the Minutes of the 40th School Board Meeting held on April 27, 2007).

The Board also recommended that as there was none to supervise the candidate from July 18, 2005 (Copies of Letters dated July 18, 2005 and September 19, 2005 from Dr. Pravakar Rath enclosed in Annexure-2, for ready reference, please.) till the Research Council approved the change of supervisor, the maximum duration of five years for completing Ph.D. be extended for the said period, under Rule 2.5 of the Ph.D. Information Brochure & Application Form, whereby the Vice-Chancellor may allow curtailment or extension of the period.

The following recommendations of the School Board were placed before the RCSC for consideration and approval:

- 1) Change of supervisor of Sh. Pardeep Rai.
- 2) To consider the request of Dr. Jaideep Sharma to have Sh. Pardeep Rai as a Ph.D. student in addition to the stipulated norm of two candidates per supervisor.
- 3) The maximum duration of five years for completing the Ph.D. as per clause 2.5 of Ordinance may be by the period from July 18, 2005 till the Research Council approved the change of supervisor, when there was none to supervise Mr. Pardeep Rai.

RCSC 2.20.2 The RCSC considered and approved the above recommendations made by the School Board of SOSS keeping in view the special circumstances of the case.

ITEM NO. 21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PH.D. PROPOSAL ON "HARYANA MEIN PANCHAYATI RAJ KI KARYAPRANALI MEIN MAHILAYON KI BHUMIKA (ZILA ROHTAK & JHAJJAR ED ADHYAYAN)" SUBMITTED BY MS. RAJESH, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROF. A.S.NARANG.

RCSC 2.21.1 The Convenor informed the RCSC that the School Board of the School of Social Sciences in its 40th Meeting held on April 27, 2007 considered the proposal on **Haryana Mein Panchayati Raj ki Karyapranali mein Mahilayon ki Bhumika (Zila Rohtak & Jhajjar ek Adhyayan)** submitted by Ms. Rajesh, for Ph.D. registration under the supervision of Prof. A.S. Narang, Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences. The School Board had recommended the proposal for consideration and approval of the Research Council.

RCSC 2.21.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal on **Haryana Mein Panchayati Raj ki Karyapranali mein Mahilayon ki Bhumika (Zila Rohtak & Jhajjar ek Adhyayan)**” (Annexure-14) submitted by Ms. Rajesh, for Ph.D. registration under the supervision of Prof. A.S. Narang, Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences.

**TABLE D
ITEMS**

ITEM NO. 22 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF LAUNCHING IGNOU-IHD PH.D. PROGRAMME IN ECONOMICS IN THE AREA OF LABOUR ECONOMICS AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

RCSC 2.22.1 The Convenor informed that a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) (Annexure-1) between IGNOU and Institute of Human Development (IHD) was signed on 31st May, 2006. One of the objectives of the MoC was to design and develop academic programmes at the post-graduate and doctoral levels under joint collaboration. In pursuance of the same, Director, IHD vide letter dated 13th March, 2007, had expressed the desire to take up M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in Economics, in the areas of Labour Economics and Human Development. In order to explore the possibility of activation of the proposal, the faculty of Economics discussed the issue with the Director, IHD and their faculty. Based on the discussion, a proposal for launching M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes under joint collaboration was placed before the VC and the same was approved in principle. As a follow up action to work out the modalities, the faculty contacted IHD and based on the Director, IHD’s letter dated April 27, 2007 (Annexure-2), the faculty had fine-tuned the modalities, details of which are placed below:

1. The proposal related to ‘IGNOU – IHD Ph.D. programme’ may be accepted. It will be a subset of the overall Ph.D. programme in Economics, IGNOU.
2. The programme may be coordinated and monitored by a duly constituted committee (to be called as Monitoring and Implementation Committee) consisting of representatives from both IGNOU and IHD chaired by the VC, IGNOU or his nominee and co-chaired by the Director, IHD.

3. The number of candidates to be enrolled in the programme will be decided by the Monitoring and Implementation Committee.
4. The IHD will invite applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme under the nomenclature 'IGNOU-IHD Ph.D. programme' through an advertisement. The eligibility criteria for admission to the programme will be as per the provisions of IGNOU's Ordinance on M.Phil./Ph.D. programme(s).
5. The candidates will be registered for Ph.D. programme of IGNOU in accordance with the provisions of its Ordinance on M.Phil./Ph.D. programme(s).
6. The IHD will send the names of the supervisors to IGNOU in due course for approval by the School Board. The candidates will be supervised jointly by the faculty of IGNOU and IHD.
7. The IHD will conduct a course work of 6-8 weeks for the candidates registered for Ph.D. under this programme. The content, evaluation and delivery of the course work will be finalized jointly by the IGNOU and IHD keeping in view the provisions of the Ordinance on M.Phil./Ph.D. programme(s).

Since, IHD is a reputed autonomous multidisciplinary centre for advanced research and has Visiting Faculty of repute, the M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes of IGNOU are expected to gain strength from the proposed research collaboration.

Operational Steps to be Taken:

1. Director, (AC)/Registrar (Admn) will issue notification recognizing IHD as IGNOU's affiliate Institute for the purpose of offering M.Phil./Ph.D. programme(s).
2. The proposal for the constitution of the Monitoring and Implementation Committee comprising IGNOU and IHD representatives will be submitted by the Economics faculty to the VC for approval.

3. An advertisement inviting applications for admission to the Ph.D. programme under IGNOU-IHD Ph.D. Programme will be issued by IHD.
4. The IHD will select the candidates with the help of a Selection Committee, which will consist of a representative of Economics Discipline of IGNOU.

RCSC 2.22.2 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for launching M.Phil./Ph.D. programme(s) under joint collaboration with IHD.

ITEM NO. 23 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR LAUNCHING OF RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN DISTANCE EDUCATION (STRIDE).

RCSC 2.23.1 The Convenor informed that the Area Committee of the Research Council at its 2nd meeting held on 14th May, 2007 considered the proposal for launching of M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in Distance Education and decided as follows:

- a) guidelines as per the Ordinance on Research Degree Programme would be followed,
- b) eligibility under category “A” would be “a P.G. degree in Distance Education/Educational Technology/Instructional Design/Education with specialization in Educational Technology/Computers in Education with 55% marks or an equivalent grade (50% marks or an equivalent grade for SC/ST/PH candidates) from any university or a recognized institution of higher learning,
- c) category “C” students would be exempted from course work,

- d) contents of proposed Courses-5, 6 and 7 may be incorporated in Course-1, 2 and 3, and there should be more weightage for current trends and specialized areas in Distance Education,
- e) there would be Doctoral Committee for every student as decided in case of students of NCDA,
- f) to begin with the Ph.D. programme can be offered on the pattern of other Schools.

RCSC 2.23.2 The STRIDE has submitted the revised proposal after incorporating the changes suggested by the Area Committee **(Annexure-15)**.

RCSC 2.23.3 The RCSC considered and approved the proposal for launching of Research Degree Programmes in Distance Education through STRIDE.

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

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Chairman