# MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2024



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

MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE (RCSC) HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 2.30 PM. IN THE BOARD 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.	Prof Satyakam, PVC	Special invitee
3.	Dr MS Meena, PVC	Member
4.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, COE	Member
5.	Prof Suhas Shetgovekar, Director, SOSS	Member
6.	Dr OP Sharma, Director, NCIDE	Member
7.	Dr. Anand Gupta, SOL, IGNOU	Member
8.	Dr. Bijavalaxmi Mishra, Director (I/c), Research Unit, IGNOU	Member Secretary

Prof. Nawal Kishore and Dr Kanan Sharma could not attend the Meeting. Dr Satish Gaikwad, Asst. Director, Research Unit, IGNOU was present to assist in the proceedings of the Research Council Standing Committee.

At the commencement of the meeting, Professor Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor of IGNOU and the Chairperson of the RCSC extended a warm welcome to the members of the RCSC and 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	Agenda
No.	
	To inform the Action Taken on the Minutes of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on
27.1	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
RCSC	The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the
27.1.1	The agenda was presented by the Member Secretary in detail. The Member Secretary informed the
27.1.1	committee that the Minutes of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council held on 18 <sup>th</sup> September
	2023 were circulated amongst all the 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.
	The Member Secretary informed that no action on the Minutes was pending. The Action Taken Report
	on the Minutes of 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Research Council was discussed regarding the important



decisions taken there in such as exemption of JRF holders from appearing Entrance test, admission for 2023 session and the Disciplines advertised for the same, Entrance Examination and the time schedule for PhD result declaration. The Member Secretary also apprised the RCSC about the action taken pertaining to the cancellation of registration by the schools ensuring that the due opportunity to be heard was given to the students before processing the cancellation of PhD registration. The RCSC viewed that the result declaration should be expedited for bridging the gap created due to COVID related delay which would pave the way for admission process for 2024.

### RCSC 27.1.2

The RCSC discussed about the decisions taken by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Research Council and noted the Action Taken thereon.

#### **RCSC** 27.2

To Consider the allocation of Research Topics/Supervisors to the PhD students in various Disciplines.

#### RCSC 27.2.1

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.N	Name of the	Topic of Research	Research	Date of DRC / SB /
0.	Student /		Supervisor(s)	SBSC approval (details
	Enrollment No. /			of annexures)
	Programme /			
	School			
1.	Ms. Neelam	'Construction Of	Prof. Rekha Sharma	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2023
	Sharma	Privacy in Parent-	Sen	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023
	210271160	Adolescent		
	PhD in Child	Relationships in		
	Development,	Different Socio-		
	SOCE	Economic Settings'		
2.	Ms. Shikha Sharma	Role of Teaching	Prof. Vandana Singh	24 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023
	Enrolment No.	Presence and Learner		18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023
	202494357	Engagement in		
	PhD in Education,	Developing Learning		
	SOE	Community:		
		An Exploratory Study		
		of Online Learning		
3.	Ms. Anjali	Interface of Law and	Dr. D. Ananda	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
	210270040	Society: A Study of		25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
	PhD in Political	the Prohibition of		
	Science, SOSS	Child Marriage Act,		
		2006 among the		



		Santhals of East Singhbhum District, Jharkhand		
4.	Ms. Richa 210270064 PhD in Political Science, SOSS	Role of State in Women Empowerment: A Study of Self-Help Groups Under Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (JEEVIKA) In Darbhanga District	Dr. D. Ananda	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
5.	Ms. Shatakshi 210270071 PhD in Political Science, SOSS	Urban Environmental Activism: Exclusion of Migrants in Delhi	Prof. Anurag Joshi	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
6.	Mr. Vikas Kumar 210270301 PhD in Political Science, SOSS	Populist Politics in India and HumanDevelopment: A Study of NCT of Delhi(2013–2023)	Prof. Satish Kumar	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
7.	Mr. Koyyana Mahesh 210270451 PhD in Political Science, SOSS	Impact Of 'Look West' Policy On India –Saudi Arabia Energy Relations	Prof. Satish Kumar	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
8.	Ms. Rubina 210270469 PhD in Political Science, SOSS	Representation of Women In Lok Sabha (2009 -2024)	Dr. Madan Kumar Yadav	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
9.	Mr. Somesh Patni 210270784 PhD Political Science, SOSS	Public Action and Environmental Conservation: A Study of Van Panchayats in Dharchula and Munsiyari Regions of Uttarakhand	Dr. D. Ananda	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
10.	Ms. Pooja Sharma 202494260 Ph D Social Work, SOSW	Understanding Green Menstruation from Social Work Perspective: A Study in Himachal Pradesh	Prof Rose Nembiakkim	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022



11	Mr. Jofin Joseph	Davalonina Cosial	Da M Domyo	15th Index 2022
11.	Mr. Jefin Joseph 202494095	Developing Social Work Intervention	Dr. N Ramya	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
				9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
		for Caregivers of Diabetes Mellitus		
	Work, SOSW			
		and Hypertension: A		
		Study of		
		Government		
		Hospital Karaikal,		
10	M- V-:-1	Puducherry	D. V. V.	15th I1 2022
12.	Ms. Kajal	Impact of COVID-	Dr V Kannappa	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
	202493591	19 on Transgenders	Setty	9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
	Ph D Social	in Delhi and NCR –		
	Work, SOSW	A Psycho-Social		
13.	Ms. Hrishika	Perspective Child	Dr Binod Kumar	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
13.	202493774	Abandonment: A	Di Billou Kulliai	9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
	Ph D Social			9 September, 2022
	Work, SOSW	Study of Children Living in Child Care		
	WOIK, SOS W	Institutions in Delhi		
		Institutions in Denn		
14.	Mr. Aneesh	The role of NGOs	Dr. Konde	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
1	Joseph	and Parents in Care	Lingaswamy	9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022
	202494239	of Children with	2 mgus wumiy	5 September, 2022
	Ph D Social	Intellectual		
	Work, SOSW	Developmental		
	Work, BOBW	Disorders (IDD) – A		
		Comparative Study		
		of Kerala &		
		Maharashtra.		
15.	Mr. Vikram	An evaluative study	Dr Tangjakhombi	DRC-25.9.2023
	210270129		Akoijam	SB- January 2024
	Ph.D Tourism	development in	-	through circulation
	Studies,	Lahaul, an emerging		
	SOTHSM	tourism destination		
		in Himachal Pradesh		
16.	Mr. Pankaj Kumar	Evaluating Guest	Dr Jatashankar R	-do-
	Pandey	and Owner	Tewari	
	210270136	Satisfaction at Select		
	Ph.D Tourism	Homestays in		
	Studies,	Kumaon Region of		
	SOTHSM	Uttarakhand		
17.	Arena Gulia	Changing Career	Dr Tangjakhombi	-do-
	210270222	Landscape of Hotel	Akoijam	
	Ph.D Tourism	Management		

	Studies, SOTHSM	Graduates: A Case Study of Delhi NCR		
18.	Sherilla Chauhan 210270627 Ph.D Tourism Studies, SOTHSM	Weekend Tourism and Rural Development: A Case Study of Shimla City and Adjoining Rural Areas, Himachal Pradesh	Dr Arvind Kumar Dubey	-do-
19.	Mr. Yamin Khan Siddiqui 210270641 Ph.D Tourism Studies, SOTHSM	Quality and Customer Satisfaction: An Analytical Study of Speciality Restaurants in Kolkata, India.	Dr Jatashankar R Tewari	-do-
20.	Smriti Rana 210270143 Ph.D Chemistry, SOS	Synthesis and Applications of MOF-Based Materials	Prof. Lalita S. Kumar, SoS, IGNOU and	DRC-29.5.2023 SB-11.9.2023
21.	Pragya Kumar (210271589) Ph.D Chemistry, SOS	Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Electrolytes for Application in Supercapacitors.	Prof. Kamalika Banerjee, SOS, IGNOU, and Dr Yogesh Kumar, Asst. Prof. ARSD College, University of Delhi, New Delhi- 110021	-do-
22.	Ashy (210271668) Ph.D Chemistry, SOS	Design, Synthesis, Characterisation and Applications of Visible Light- Responsive Liquid Crystals	Prof. Kamalika Banerjee, SOS, IGNOU, and Dr Monika Gupta, Ramanujan Fellow, IIT Ropar, Rupnagar, Punjab - 140001	-do-
23.	Annepu Nagabhushan Rao (210271708)	Synthesis of Environment Friendly	Prof. Kamalika Banerjee, SOS, IGNOU,	-do-



	Chemistry	Electrolytes for Supercapacitor Applications	and Dr Narbir Singh, Asst. Prof, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, New Delhi - 110036	
24.	Anjali (210270380) PhD Mathematics, SOS	Quality Metrics for Community Structure Evaluation in Real-world Complex Networks	Dr. Pawan Kumar, SOS, IGNOU	DRC- 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 SB- 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
25.	Arushi Garg (210270208) PhD Mathematics SOS	Some Mathematical Models on Fuzzy Inventory Control Systems	Prof. Deepika (Supervisor), SOS, IGNOU Dr. Suvankar Biswas (Co- supervisor), SOS, IGNOU	DRC- 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 SB- 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
26.	Shashank Dwivedi (210271604) PhD Mathematics SOS	Integral Bases of Some Families of Algebraic Number Fields	Dr. S.	DRC- 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023 SB- 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
27.	Mr Faisal Imam Umrani, 210270150 PhD Geology, SOS	Sediment connectivity and its spatio-temporal patterns in parts of Ganga River Basin	Prof Benidhar Deshmukh, SOS, IGNOU	DRC-24.8.2923 SB-11.9 2023

The RCSC considered and approved the research topics and supervisors of all the above listed twenty seven Research Scholars of various Disciplines as recommended by their concerned DRCs and School Boards.

RCSC 27.3

To Consider the approval of the change of Supervisor(s) of Research Scholars in the Discipline of Economics as recommended by DRC and School Board.

RCSC

The member secretary presented that the Doctoral Research Committee of Economics recommended the change of supervisor of two Research scholars and the same was ratified by the School Board Standing Committees as per the details mentioned as under:

S. No	Name of . the Student /Enrollment No. /Programme	Title	Existing Supervisor	Reason	Changed Supervisor	Details of DRC /SB/SBSC (Details of annexures)
1	202493047 Economics, SOSS	Economic participation of Women in Bihar: AMicro Level study	Prof Kaustuva Barik and Prof B S Prakash	Superannua- tion	Prof. Kaustuva Barik	DRC- 13.12.2023 SBSC - 5.1.2024
2	Meena 173100118 Economics , SOSS	Financing of Higher educationin Rajasthan: Implications of Marginalized Groups	Prof B S Prakash	Superannua- tion	Dr. Vijeta Banwari	DRC- 13.12.2023 SBSC - 5.1.2024

Deliberating on the change of supervisor in case of the above two research scholars of Economics on account of the superannuation of Prof BS Prakash, the RCSC observed that in case of Ms Meenakshi Meena, change of supervisor after a period of six years could not be justified as it was expected that the scholar must have in an advanced stage of her research work. The RCSC sought the exact status of her research work/progress/remaining work to be completed and expected date /time for submission.

RCSC 27.3.2

The RCSC approved the change of supervisor i.r.o Ms Rinki Sharma as recommended by DRC and SBSC, SOSS. However, the case of Ms Meenakshi Meena was refereed back to the School for reconsideration of allocation of supervisor.

RCSC 27.4 To Consider withdrawal of supervision by the Co-Supervisor of Research Scholar Mr. Varanasi Mallikarjun Sarma (Enrol No. 202492962) in the Discipline of Chemistry as recommended by DRC and School Board

RCSC 27.4.1

The Member secretary presenting the agenda in detail apprised that the DRC of Chemistry Discipline considered the letter of withdrawal from Prof. N.V.S. Venugopal, Co supervisor, of one of the research scholars of Chemistry (Mr. Varanasi Mallikarjun Sarma (Enrol No. 202492962)). Prof. Lalita S. Kumar is the internal supervisor of the research scholar. Prof. Venugopal had requested to withdraw from the responsibilities of co-supervision of the scholar. The DRC considered this request and recommended the discontinuation of Prof. N.V.S. Venugopal as the co-supervisor of Mr. Varanasi Mallikarjun Sarma. Consequently, Mr. Varanasi Mallikarjun Sarma will work under the sole supervision of Prof. Lalita S. Kumar.



The 74<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 approved the recommendations of the DRC as per the particulars detailed as under:

S. No.	Name of the Student /EnrollmentNo. /Programme		Existing Supervisor	Reason	Changed Supervisor
1.	Mallikarjun Sarma (Enrol No. 202492962)	Mediated Degradation Studies on Pesticide Residues in	Kumar. Prof. Venugopal-	1	Prof Lalita Kumar (sole supervisor)

RCSC 27.4.2 The Council considered and approved the withdrawal of Prof. Venugopal as Co supervisor i.r.o Mr. Varanasi Mallikarjun Sarma and Prof Lalita Kumar as the sole supervisor as recommended by the DRC and SB.

RCSC To Consider approval/ratification of minor/major changes/modifications in Research Topics of PhD student in the Discipline of Statistic

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 was ratified by the respective School Board.

	Supervisor		and reason of change	Details of DRC / SB/ SBSC
	Garg	using Calibration Approach		DRC-10.8.23 SB- 11.9.23

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RCSC 27.6		ider approval of Faculty Men 1 Scholars.	nbers as Researc	ch Supervisors in various Disciplin	nes to guide
	Research	i Benolars.			
The Member Secretary apprised that the Doctoral Research Committees of various Discretarion recommended faculty members as research supervisors in compliance with the requirement being recognized as a research supervisor. The recommendations of the DRCs were rational respective School Boards. The details are mentioned as under:					of UGC for
	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 Shashank Yadav, Asst Professor, Sociology, SOSS	yes	3	
	2.	Dr Alok Kumar Upadhyay, Associate Professor in Child Development, SOCE	Yes	5	
	3.	Dr Veeramalla Sreesailam, Asst. Professor, PHDITS, SOITS	yes	5	
	4.	Dr Abhishek Mishra, Asst Professor, PHDITS, SOITS	Yes	9	
RCSC 27.6.2	research	•	names of the a	iteria for recognition of faculty i bove-mentioned faculty members to ve DRCs and School Boards	



S.No.	Name of the Candidate and Enrollment No. and Programme	Title of PhD Thesis Name of the Supervisor	Reason for Deregistration / Cancellation	Details of DRC /S SBSC (details of annexures)	
1.	Mr Angari Ramakrishna PhD. Political Science,SOSS	Not allotted	Personal reason Pursuing Ph D in another University	DRC-12.10.2023 SB- 25.10.202	
2.	Aswathy R.S. 210270738 Ph.D Chemistry, SOS	Not allotted	Personal reasons Letter from the student attached	DRC-9.3.22 SB-11.9.23	
3.	Ms. Astha Dangwal 202492726 PhD in Geology, SOS	Not Assigned	Scholar was unable to continue due to personal reasons	DRC 24.08.2023 SB11.09.2023	

27.8 RCSC 27.8.1

The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The Doctoral Research Committee of various Disciplines recommended cancellation of registration of the following Research students. The recommendations of the DRCs were ratified by their School Board. The details are as under:

S.No.	Name of the Candidate and Enrollment No. and Programme	Name of the Supervisor		for Details of DRC //SB/SBSC (details of annexures)
1.	Mr. Manish Kumar 210270634 PHDTS, SOTHSM		Did not complete the Course work	DRC 8.8.2023 &25.9.2023 SB – 5.1.2024



	Mr. Chandan Kumar 210270659 PHDTS, SOTHSM		Did not complete the Course work	DRC 8.8.2023 &25.9.2023 SB – 5.1.2024
	Mr. Pintu Goutam, 179342058, PhD Chemistry, SOS	Not Allocated	Non-satisfactory progress of research work	DRC-29.5.2023 10.7.2023 SB-11.9.2023
	173102562,	Removal of Toxic Metals from Water Using Low Cost Bio absorbents	Non-satisfactory progress of research work	-do-
	19870792 MPhil Chemistry	perception of atomic	Non-satisfactory progress of research work	-do-
		Not allocated	Coursework not completed	-do
	Ms. Preeti; 188500481 PhD Chemistry, SOS	Not allocated	Coursework not completed	-do-
	Ms. Preeti; 202494070 PhD Chemistry, SOS	Not allocated	Coursework not completed	Do
	Annie Sumithri Bangera 202492701 PhD in Statistics, SOS	Not Approved	Coursework not completed	DRC 10.08.2023 SB 11.09.2023
10.		Not Approved	Coursework not completed	-do-
	Abhishek Singla 202492916 PhD in Statistics, SOS	Not Approved	Coursework not completed	-do-
12.	Mr. Rajesh Kumar 179342019 PhD in Geology, SOS	Landslide investigation along the Rajouri-budhal road, Jammu and Kashmir, India	Work of the scholar was not satisfactory	DRC 25.08.2022 SB 11.09.2023
	Sudhir Kumar Sharma 173101102 PhD in	Funding Strategies of cooperatives in India: A study	Validity of the registration expired on may 2 2023. Unsatisfactory progress	DRC 09.08.2023 SB 25.08.2023

14.	SOMS	challenges and their impact on work place happiness and work life balance with respect to banking staff in regional rural banks of uttar Pradesh	DRC 24.08.2023 SB 25.08.2023
15.	Rajesh Mohan 188501293 PhD in Management, SOMS	Prof. Srilatha A Study of Corporate social responsibility (CSR) practical's in the state of Jharkhand with special reference to the trible development Prof. Srilatha	DRC 24.08.2023 SB 25.08.2023

RCSC 27.8.2

The RCSC approved the cancellation of the above mentioned six research scholars as recommended by their respective DRCs and School Boards.

#### RCSC 27.9

To Consider extension of registration beyond the Existing validity i.r.o Mr. Ravi Kumar (Enrolment No. 173103328) a research scholars in the Discipline of Education, SOE.

The Member Secretary presented the agenda in detail. The School of Education has recommended the extension of registration in respect of its Research scholar, Mr Ravi Kumar (Enrolment No. 173103328). As per UGC Regulations, 2016, the maximum validity for completion of Ph D for male students was six years. Mr Ravi Kumar was registered in August 2017 and his maximum duration for completion of Ph D was up to August 30, 2023. However, as cited by the student and also endorsed by his Supervisor, Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu, Mr Ravi Kumar could not complete his work due to COVID-19 related disruptions hampering collection of data. On the request of the student for an extension of six months beyond the validity period, the DRC of Education considered the recommendation of Prof. Venkateshwarlu for extension of registration i.r.o Mr. Ravi Kumar by six months in its meeting dated 24. 8.2023. The School Board, SOE approved the recommendation of the DRC on 18th September, 2023.

Regarding the extension of registration beyond the validity period, the Research Council at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 resolved that *the extension cases as per the UGC directions* be dealt on case to case basis .........



	Accordingly, the Research Unit had written to the School to apprise about the exact status of the research work of the student. In response, Prof. Venkateswaralu has informed through mail dated 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024, that the student Mr Ravi Kumar had submitted the draft chapters and was ready for submission.
	The RCSC discussed the matter in detail and observed that the research scholar had only submitted the draft chapters which was not an assurance that the scholar would be able to submit the thesis within the stipulated time as recommended by the DRC.
	The RCSC directed Research Unit to seek details of time frame for the research scholar to submit thesis and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take a final decision regarding the matter.
RCSC 27. 10	To Consider extension of registration beyond the Existing validity i.r.o Mr. Iqbal Ahmad (Enrolment No. 173103249)) a research scholar in the Discipline of Education, SOE.
RCSC	The Member Secretary briefed that the School of Education has recommended the extension of registration in respect of its Research scholar, Mr Iqbal (Enrolment No. 173103249). As per UGC Regulations 2016, the maximum validity for completion of PhD for male students was six years. Mr. Iqbal Ahmad was registered on 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017 and his maximum duration for completion of Ph D was up to 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023. However, the student could not complete his work and he has cited delay in allotment of supervisor and COVID related disruptions as the major reasons for the non-completion of his research work as per stipulated time. His Supervisor Dr Laxmi Reddy considered his request of extension on the ground that the student's work was at an advanced stage and subsequently the DRC of Education considered the request in its meeting dated 24th August, 2023. The School Board, SOE approved the recommendation of the DRC on 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
	Regarding the extension of registration beyond the validity period, the Research Council at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 resolved that <i>the extension cases as per the UGC directions be dealt on case to case basis</i>
	Accordingly, the Research Unit had written to the School to apprise about the exact status of the research work of the student. In response, Dr Laxmi Reddy, the supervisor of Mr Iqbal Ahmad had informed that the student had already submitted the <b>draft thesis on 10-01-2024 and by the second week of February, 2024</b> the Scholar would be ready for the pre submission seminar.
	The Research Council approved the extension of registration i.r.o Mr Iqbal Ahmad for a period of six months w.e.f. 31 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 (the date of his expiry of the validity of registration) up to 29 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
RCSC 27.11	To consider extension of registration i.r.o Mr Raju Marripelly a Ph D scholar in the Discipline of Chemistry, SOS
	The Member Secretary briefed the committee that one of the Research Scholars in the Discipline of Chemistry under the supervision of Prof Kamalika Bannerjee was registered in July 2017. The maximum validity of his registration was up to $27^{th}$ December 2023. However, the scholar could not complete his work and in his letter had cited closure of the educational institutions in Hyderabad disrupting teaching and research work during COVID period as the main reason affecting his research work. Apart from this, he had also cited his health problems arising from typhoid and malaria. He had requested for extension of his registration at least by one year to complete his work.



	The Doctoral Research Committee in Chemistry considered the request of Sh Raju Marripelly (Enrol. No. 179342595) for extension of his registration in order to complete his research work for <b>a period of one year w.e.f., 27th Dec 2023</b> taking into account the quantum of work yet to be carried out. The School Board has recommended his extension on 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.
	The RCSC deliberated on the matter and observed that neither supervisor nor the student had
27.11.2	specifically defined the quantum of work pending and time frame required for submission of PhD thesis. The RCSC granted an extension of six months from the date of expiry of the validity of registration of the scholar i.e., up to 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 for final submission of the PhD thesis.
RCSC 27.12	Any Other Item with the permission of the Chair
RCSC 27.12.1	With the permission of the Chair, the Member Secretary briefed the issue of Mr. Dinesh Pal, a PhD student of SOPVA bearing enrolment no. 149500307. Mr. Dinesh Pal was permitted to submit thesis based on the recommendations of Grievance Committee and decision of 31 <sup>st</sup> Research Councilheld on 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022. He was granted an extension of six months by the competent authority w.e.f from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 for submission of thesis.
	However, Mr. Dinesh Pal's Thesis was submitted to the Research Unit after a gap of three months, i.e in September 2023. On enquiry, the school stated that Mr Dinesh Pal had submitted the thesis in the School within the time and his submission was within the stipulated period and as per norms. In this case, since the total period granted to Mr Dinesh Pal was six months including completion of all formalities, and he was expected to submit his thesis latest by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. It may be submitted that Mr Dinesh Pal was categorically informed that no further extension would be given.
RCSC 27.12.2	The RCSC after discussing the matter condoned the delay by Mr Dinesh Pal in submitting the thesis and permitted him to submit the thesis to the Research Unit without any further delay

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



