




**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
**School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS)**

**Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 through online mode. The following members were present:

1.	Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Chairperson</b>
2.	Prof. S.M Patnaik Professor of Anthropology, Delhi University, New Delhi-110007.	<b>Member</b>
3.	Dr. Pragati Sahni Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi- 110007.	<b>Member</b>
4.	Prof. P.K. Joshi Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067.	<b>Member</b>
5.	Prof. R.K. Srivastava Chairman, SEAC- Uttarakhand Govt., Professor & Head Department of Environmental Sciences, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand- 263145.	<b>Member</b>
6.	Dr. Ashish Kumar Joint Director (CS.II, CPW, RE, NNRMS, TTZ and SSBM), Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Level V, Vayu Wing, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.	<b>Member</b>
7.	Prof. Subhakanta Mahapatra, Professor, SOS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
8.	Prof. Pramod Kumar, Professor, SOH, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
9.	Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
10.	Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
11.	Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
12.	Prof. Boyina Rupini, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
13.	Dr. Sadananda Sahoo, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>

  
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14.	Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
15.	Prof. Nandini Sahu, Director, SOFL, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
16.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Associate Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
17.	Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
18.	Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
19.	Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their guidance, deep insight and unwavering support to strengthen the school activities.

She extended a very warm welcome to the new members of School Board- Prof. S.M Patnaik (Delhi University, New Delhi), Dr. Pragati Sahni (Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi), Prof. P.K. Joshi (School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Prof. R.K. Srivastava (Chairman, SEAC- Uttarakhand Govt., Professor & Head Department of Environmental Sciences, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pant Nagar, Uttarakhand) and Dr. Ashish Kumar (Joint Director (CS.II, CPW, RE, NNRMS, TTZ and SSBM), Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi).

She extended a gracious thanks to the former members of School Board- Prof. Deepak Pathania (Head, Department of Environmental Science, Central University of Jammu & Kashmir), Prof. (Mrs.) Avinash Kaur Nagpal (Department of Botanical & Environmental Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar), Prof. R.K. Sharma (Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi), Prof. Nilika Mehrotra (Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) and Prof. P.C. Jain (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) for their continuous support and valuable guidance.

The chairperson apprised the School Board about the achievements and activities of the School since the last School Board meeting. The external School Board members appreciated the activities carried out by the school and suggested strategies to popularize the programmes and identifying new areas to strengthen the activities of the School.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration and approval of the School Board.



<b>SB. 29.1</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and to note the action taken thereon.</b>
<b>SB.29.1.1</b>	The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS were circulated to all School Board members. She informed that no comments have been received and hence the minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 28 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report.
<b>SB.29.1.2</b>	The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.
<b>SB. 29.2</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)</b>
<b>SB.29.2.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sahu presented the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for M.A. in Folklore and Culture Studies. The programme coordinator informed the School Board that the 60 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee Meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021 approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS). Further, the Committee recommended launching of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme in a modular way from January 2021 session as first year SLMs are ready. An Expert Committee Meeting for MAFCS was held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and a detailed programme structure and syllabus was prepared. School Board members emphasized the need of the programme and deliberated on the various facets of folklore and culture studies.
<b>SB.29.2.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB. 29.3</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form for MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)</b>
<b>SB.29.3.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sahu presented the Programme Launch Form for MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS).
<b>SB.29.3.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Launch Form for MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB. 29.4</b>	<b>To consider and approve the Minutes of the Experts Committee Meeting (along with the list of prospective Course Writers and Editors) for the design and development of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)</b>
<b>SB.29.4.1</b>	The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sahu informed the School Board that an Expert Committee Meeting for MAFCS was held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021. In the expert committee meeting, a detailed programme structure was prepared and finalized with credit structure and evaluation methodology. Further, a list of Course writers and Editors were prepared for designing and development of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies. The programme coordinator also presented a work plan for course development.



<b>SB.29.4.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of the Experts Committee Meeting (along with the list of prospective Course Writers and Editors) for the design and development of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS).
<b>SB. 29.5</b>	To consider and approve the evaluation methodology of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB.29.5.1</b>	The programme coordinator Prof. Nandini Sahu presented evaluation methodology of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS). The members opined that the evaluation methodology must be in accordance with the IGNOU norms.
<b>SB.29.5.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the evaluation methodology of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB. 29.6</b>	To consider and approve the ratification of launch of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB.29.6.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sahu informed the School Board that the 60 <sup>th</sup> Academic Programme Committee Meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021 recommended launching of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme in a modular way from January 2021 session. Accordingly, the MA in Folklore and Culture Studies (MAFCS) programme was launched in a modular way from January 2021 session.
<b>SB.29.6.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the ratification of launch of MA in Folklore and Culture Studies Programme (MAFCS)
<b>SB.29.7</b>	To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form and Programme Project Report (PPR) and Programme Launch Form for PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Programme (PGDMIDI)
<b>SB.29.7.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur and Dr. Sadananda Sahoo informed the School Board that the Phase 1 form for the PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora was approved in the 46 <sup>th</sup> APC held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2015. Subsequently, the Phase 2 form was approved by 65 <sup>th</sup> AC dated 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2016. However, as per the University norms, the new Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form (PDF and PPR) and Programme Launch Form are placed for kind consideration and approval of the School Board. The programme is proposed to be launched in July, 2021 session.
<b>SB.29.7.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Programme Development Form and Programme Project Report (PPR) and Programme Launch Form for PG Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Programme (PGDMIDI)
<b>SB. 29.8</b>	To consider and approve the proposal of offering existing Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH) through online mode
<b>SB.29.8.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented their proposal to offer existing Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH) through



	online mode. The PGDEOH Programme is on offer through ODL since January 2019. They proposed to offer this programme through online mode along with the ODL mode.
<b>SB.29.8.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the proposal of offering existing Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH) through online mode
<b>SB. 29.9</b>	To consider and approve the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health programme (PGDEOH)
<b>SB.29.9.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health programme (PGDEOH).
<b>SB.29.9.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health programme (PGDEOH)
<b>SB. 29.10</b>	To consider and approve an additional list of Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for MEV-005 & MEVE 002 courses of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH)
<b>SB.29.10.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Prof. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented an additional list of Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for MEV-005 & MEVE 002 courses of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH)
<b>SB.29.10.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved an additional list of Paper setters, Evaluators and Moderators for MEV-005 & MEVE 002 courses of Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health Programme (PGDEOH)
<b>SB. 29.11</b>	To consider and approve the proposal of offering existing Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science Programme (PGDSS) through online mode
<b>SB.29.11.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented their proposal to offer existing Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science Programme (PGDSS )through online mode. The PGDSS Programme is on offer through ODL since 2017. The programme coordinators emphasized the importance of sustainability science education in India. The School Board members deliberated on the growing need of education for sustainable development.
<b>SB.29.11.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the proposal of offering existing Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science Programme (PGDSS) through online mode.
<b>SB. 29.12</b>	To consider and approve the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS)
<b>SB.29.12.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Dr. Y.S.C Khuman and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS). The School Board members suggested to include renowned experts from Indian and



	International Organizations like IIT, Chennai for reviewing the video recording of the courses in the PGDSS.
<b>SB.29.12.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts and Reviewers for video recording of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS).
<b>SB. 29.13</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of 14 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. in Environmental Science (PHDEV) Programme
<b>SB.29.13.1</b>	The Programme Coordinators Dr. B. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented the minutes of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. in Environmental Science (PHDEV) to the School Board.
<b>SB.29.13.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 14 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. in Environmental Science (PHDEV) Programme.
<b>SB. 29.14</b>	To consider and approve the Minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph. D. in Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS)
<b>SB.29.14.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Dr. Sadananda Sahoo presented the minutes of the 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Committee Meeting of Ph.D in Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (PHDITS) to the School Board.
<b>SB.29.14.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph. D. in Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS).
<b>SB 29.15</b>	To consider and approve the List of Evaluators, Paper Setters, Project Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy (CBCS) and MAPY
<b>SB 29.15.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the List of Evaluators, Paper Setters, Project Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy (CBCS) and MAPY.
<b>SB 29.15.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the List of Evaluators, Paper Setters, Project Evaluators and Moderators for BAG Philosophy (CBCS) and MAPY.
<b>SB 29.16</b>	To consider and approve the additional list of Unit Writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy (CBCS)
<b>SB 29.16.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented to the School Board the additional list of Unit Writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy under CBCS.
<b>SB 29.16.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the additional list of Unit Writers and Editors for BAG Philosophy under CBCS.
<b>SB 29.17</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential List of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Vijay Soni (Enrolment No. 173100917) registered in PHDITS Programme
<b>SB 29.17.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Sadananda Sahoo as per the procedure followed in the School, presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Vijay Soni (Enrolment No. 173100917) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 29.17.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Vijay Soni (Enrolment No. 173100917) registered in PHDITS Programme

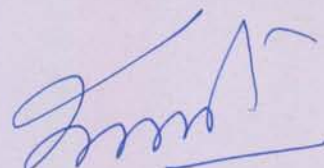


<b>SB 29.18</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential List of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Surindar Nath (Enrolment No. 173100988) registered in PHDITS Programme
<b>SB 29.18.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator, Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapuras per the procedure followed in the School, presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar, Mr. Surindar Nath (Enrolment No. 173100988) registered in PHDITS Programme
<b>SB 29.18.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Mr. Surindar Nath (Enrolment No. 173100988) registered in PHDITS Programme
<b>SB 29.19</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential List of External Examiners for Ph. D. Scholar Ms. Lakhvinder Kaur (Enrolment No. 173100970) registered in PHDITS programme
<b>SB29.19.1</b>	The Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shahas per the procedure followed in the School, presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar, Ms.Lakhvinder Kaur(Enrolment No.173100970) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB29.19.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar, Ms.Lakhvinder Kaur(Enrolment No.173100970) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 29.20</b>	To consider and approve the Confidential List of External Examiners for Ph. D. Scholar Mr. Dinesh Chandra Srivastava (Enrolment No. 173100995) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 29.20.1</b>	The Director, SOITS, Prof. Shachi Shah as per the procedure followed in the School, presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar, Mr. Dinesh Chandra Srivastava (Enrolment No.173100995) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 29.20.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar, Mr. Dinesh Chandra Srivastava (Enrolment No.173100995) registered in PHDITS Programme.
<b>SB 29.21</b>	To consider and approve the revised eligibility criteria for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme
<b>SB 29.21.1</b>	The Programme Coordinator Prof. Shachi Shah informed the School Board about the launch of M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme from January, 2021. She informed the Board that at present, the eligibility criterion for admission is graduation (Bachelor's degree) in Science from any recognized University. However, Universities like University of Delhi, Central University of Jharkhand, Central University of Rajasthan, Central University of Kerala, etc. are offering M.Sc. (Environmental Science) with eligibility criteria as graduation in any discipline of Science/Engineering/Agricultural sciences from any recognized University. In line with the criteria adopted by various universities in India, the programme coordinator proposed to revise the eligibility criteria for admission into M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme. Members deliberated on the eligibility criteria and suggested to include forestry, veterinary Sciences also in the eligibility criteria.

<b>SB 29.21.2</b>	The School Board considered and approved the revised eligibility criteria for M.Sc. (Environmental Science) Programme
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The Chairperson thanked all the members for their valuable suggestions.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



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