

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

**Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> School Board of SOITS held on 08<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS was held on 08<sup>th</sup> October 2021 through online mode. The following members were present:

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| 1.  | Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Chairperson</b>     |
| 2.  | Prof. S.M Patnaik<br>Professor of Anthropology, Delhi University, New Delhi-110007  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 3.  | Prof. R.K. Srivastava<br>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>          |
| 4.  | Prof. P.K. Joshi<br>Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi- 110067   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 5.  | Dr. Pragati Sahni<br>Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Delhi University, New Delhi- 110007   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 6.  | Prof. Subhakanta Mahapatra, Professor, SOS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 7.  | Prof. Pramod Kumar, Professor, SOH, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 8.  | Dr. K.S. Arul Selvan, Associate Professor, SOJNMS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 9.  | Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 10. | Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi   | <b>Member</b>          |
| 11. | Prof. Shubhangi Vaidya, 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>          |
| 14. | Dr. Sushmitha Baskar, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Member</b>          |
| 15. | Prof. Ruchika Kuba, School of Health Science, IGNOU, New Delhi  | <b>Special Invitee</b> |

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| 16. | Dr. Shweta Tripathi, School of Engineering and Technology, IGNOU, New Delhi | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| 17. | Dr. V. Venkat Ramanan, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi         | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| 18. | Dr. Y.S.C. Khuman, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi             | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| 19. | Dr. Deeksha Dave, Assistant Professor, SOITS, IGNOU, New Delhi              | <b>Special Invitee</b> |

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Joint Director, Ministry of Environmental, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi- 110003 could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairperson Prof. Shachi Shah extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the School Board and thanked them for their guidance and constant support to strengthen the school activities.

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.

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| <b>SB. 30.1</b>  | To confirm the minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board of SOITS held on 12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021 and Action Taken Report on the minutes   |
| <b>SB.30.1.1</b> | The chairperson informed that the minutes of the 29 <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 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the School Board may be confirmed. The Action Taken Report of the 29 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was reviewed and the members noted the action taken report. |
| <b>SB.30.1.2</b> | The School Board confirmed the minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> School Board meeting and noted the Action Taken Report.  |
| <b>SB. 30.2</b>  | To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (ODL)   |
| <b>SB.30.2.1</b> | The Programme Coordinators Dr. Y.S.C Khuman and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF), Concept Note and Need Assessment Survey Report (NASR) for the programme Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (ODL). The programme coordinators informed the   |



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|                  | School Board that School is offering the Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Science (PGDSS) in ODL mode since July, 2017. They presented the agenda to upgrade the PGDSS Programme to Master of Arts in Sustainability Science in a modular approach with entry and exit option. The school board discussed in detail the programme proposal, need of the programme and deliberated on the various facets of programme proposal.  |
| <b>SB.30.2.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (ODL)  |
| <b>SB. 30.3</b>  | To consider and approve the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health with multiple entry and exit option  |
| <b>SB.30.3.1</b> | The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. Ruchika Kuba presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health with multiple entry and exit option. The programme coordinators also presented the concept note and Need Assessment Report. The programme coordinators informed the board that Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Occupational health is on offer in ODL mode since January 2019 and emphasized the need of the programme in context of National Education Policy, 2020 with flexible curricular structures and multiple entry and exit options. |
| <b>SB.30.3.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) for Master of Arts in Environmental and Occupational Health   |
| <b>SB. 30.4</b>  | To consider and approve the List of Expert Committee for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science  |
| <b>SB.30.4.1</b> | The Programme Coordinators Dr. Y.S.C Khuman and Dr. Deeksha Dave presented the list of Experts for Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (ODL)  |
| <b>SB.30.4.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts of Master of Arts in Sustainability Science (ODL)   |
| <b>SB. 30.5</b>  | To consider and approve the List of Experts for M.A. in Environmental and Occupational Health  |
| <b>SB.30.5.1</b> | The Programme Coordinators Prof. B. Rupini, Dr. Sushmitha Baskar and Prof. Ruchika Kuba presented the list of Experts for M.A. in Environmental and Occupational Health  |
| <b>SB.30.5.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the list of Experts for M.A. in Environmental and Occupational Health   |

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| <b>SB. 30.6</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Evaluators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)   |
| <b>SB.30.6.1</b> | The Director presented the additional List of Evaluators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS).   |
| <b>SB.30.6.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Evaluators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)  |
| <b>SB.30.7</b>   | To consider and approve the additional List of Paper Setters for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)  |
| <b>SB.30.7.1</b> | The Director presented the additional List of Paper Setters for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)   |
| <b>SB.30.7.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Paper Setters for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)   |
| <b>SB. 30.8</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Moderators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS).  |
| <b>SB.30.8.1</b> | The Director presented the additional List of Moderators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS). School Board suggested to make a moderation Board for the same. |
| <b>SB.30.8.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Moderators for the Courses MFC-001, MFC-002, MFC-003, MFC-004, MFC-006, MFC-007, MFC-008 & MFC-009 of MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)  |
| <b>SB. 30.9</b>  | To consider and approve the List of Additional Course Writers/Editors for MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)  |
| <b>SB.30.9.1</b> | The Director presented the List of Additional Course Writers/Editors for MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)   |
| <b>SB.30.9.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the List of Additional Course  |



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|                   | Writers/Editors for MA in Folklore & Culture Studies (MAFCS)   |
| <b>SB. 30.10</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Evaluators for M.Sc. Environmental Science (MSCENV)   |
| <b>SB.30.10.1</b> | The Director presented the additional List of Evaluators for M.Sc. Environmental Science (MSCENV)  |
| <b>SB.30.10.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Evaluators for M.Sc. Environmental Science (MSCENV)  |
| <b>SB. 30.11</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Evaluators for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.11.1</b> | The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional List of Evaluators for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.11.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Evaluators for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy  |
| <b>SB. 30.12</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Unit Writers and Translators for BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.12.1</b> | The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional List of Unit Writers and Translators for BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.12.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Unit Writers and Translators for BAG Philosophy  |
| <b>SB. 30.13</b>  | To consider and approve the additional List of Evaluators, Project Evaluators and Paper Setters for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.13.1</b> | The Programme Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the additional List of Evaluators, Project Evaluators and Paper Setters for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy   |
| <b>SB.30.13.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the additional List of Evaluators, Project Evaluators and Paper Setters for BPY, MAPY and BAG Philosophy  |
| <b>SB. 30.14</b>  | To consider and approve the request of School of Engineering and Technology, (SOET) for adopting the courses from SOITS for M.Sc. programme in "Renewable Energy and Environment"                                    |
| <b>SB.30.14.1</b> | The programme coordinator Dr. Shweta Tripathi, SOET, informed the school board that in their MSc programme on Renewable Energy and Environment, she intends to adopt the courses 1. Environmental Law and Management |

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|                   | (MEV003) (PGDEOH); 2. Introduction to Climate Change (MEV 021) (PGCCC) and 3. Environmental Impact Assessment for Environmental Health (MEVE 001) (PGDEOH).  |
| <b>SB.30.14.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the request of School of Engineering and Technology, (SOET) for adopting the courses from SOITS for M.Sc. programme in "Renewable Energy and Environment".  |
| <b>SB 30.15</b>   | To report the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course Ethics: Theories and Applications   |
| <b>SB 30.15.1</b> | The Course Coordinator Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the school board about the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course (Ethics: Theories and Applications). 4-credit SWAYAM course was developed from Philosophy Programme – MPYE002 (Ethics).  |
| <b>SB 30.15.2</b> | The School Board noted the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course Ethics: Theories and Applications.   |
| <b>SB 30.16</b>   | To report the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course Introduction to Climate Change MEV-021  |
| <b>SB 30.16.1</b> | The Director informed the school board about the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course Introduction to Climate Change MEV-021.  |
| <b>SB 30.16.2</b> | The School Board noted the launch of SWAYAM MOOC stand-alone course Introduction to Climate Change MEV-021.  |
| <b>SB 30.17</b>   | To report the review of MAPY (M.A. Philosophy) Programme   |
| <b>SB 30.17.1</b> | The programme coordinator Prof. Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur informed the school board about the review of the study material/course content of MAPY (M.A. Philosophy). She informed the board that the study material was reviewed by Prof. Balaganapati Devarakonda (Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi and its former Head) and Prof. D. N. Tiwari (Retd. Department of Philosophy and Religion, BHU). The overall exercise involved restructuring of courses, shifting of courses from first year to second year and proposal for addition of new courses. |
| <b>SB 30.17.2</b> | The School Board noted the review report of MAPY (M.A. Philosophy) Programme.  |
| <b>SB 30.18</b>   | To consider and approve the confidential list of thesis Evaluators for PhD scholar Mr. Sachin Aggarwal, Enrolment No – 188501602, titled- The Study of Seasonal trends and modelling of Air Quality (PM <sub>2.5</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> ) of Bareilly from three monitoring stations: A case study of Bareilly district.   |



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| <b>SB 30.18.1</b>   | Prof. Shachi Shah presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Sachin Aggarwal, Enrolment No – 188501602, thesis titled- The Study of Seasonal trends and modelling of Air Quality (PM2.5, PM10, SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> ) of Bareilly from three monitoring stations: A case study of Bareilly district   |
| <b>SB 30.18.2</b>   | The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Mr. Sachin Aggarwal, Enrolment No – 188501602  |
| <b>SB 30.19</b>     | To consider and approve the Confidential List of Examiners for Ph. D Scholar Ms. Garima Sharma (Enrolment No. 173100956) titled “Acceptability and outreach of social security schemes- PMSBY and PMJJBY: A Study in Delhi” registered in PHDITS Programme   |
| <b>SB 30.19.1</b>   | Prof. Shachi presented to the School Board a list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Garima Sharma (Enrolment No. 173100956) thesis titled “Acceptability and outreach of social security schemes- PMSBY and PMJJBY: A Study in Delhi” registered in PHDITS Programme   |
| <b>SB 30.19.2</b>   | The School Board considered and approved the list of External Examiners for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Garima Sharma (Enrolment No. 173100956)  |
| <b>SB 30.20</b>     | To consider and approve the agenda “Feedback Analysis Report of Subject Experts on the design of the curriculum of SOITS   |
| <b>SB 30.20.1</b>   | The Director presented to the school board, the Feedback analysis report of subject experts on the design of the curriculum of SOITS in detail. She informed the Board that the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), IGNOU, has desired to obtain the Feedback Analysis reports from the Subject Experts who are involved in the curriculum design. Based on the feedback received, as per the format given by CIQA, the report has been prepared and placed for the consideration of the School Board. |
| <b>SB 30.20.2</b>   | The School Board considered and approved the agenda “Feedback Analysis Report of Subject Experts on the design of the curriculum of SOITS  |
| <b>TABLED ITEMS</b> |  |
| <b>SB 30.21</b>     | To consider and approve the 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting Minutes of Ph. D in Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS)   |
| <b>SB 30.21.1</b>   | The Programme Coordinators Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur presented the minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS) to the School Board.  |

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| <b>SB 30.21.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies (PHDITS)                                     |
| <b>SB 30.22</b>   | To consider and approve the 15 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting Minutes of Ph.D in Environmental Science (PHDEV)  |
| <b>SB 30.22.1</b> | The Programme Coordinators Dr. B. Rupini and Dr. Sushmitha Baskar presented the minutes of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee Meeting of Ph.D. in Environmental Science (PHDEV) to the School Board. |
| <b>SB 30.22.2</b> | The School Board considered and approved the Minutes of 15 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Committee of Ph.D. in Environmental Science (PHDEV) Programme.  |

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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