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To,

The Chairperson and all the Members of
Academic Programme Committee
Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya,
Sagar (M.P.) 470003

Sub: Minutes of 59th Emergent Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) held on 05 May, 2026.

Respected Sir/Madam,

This is to inform that 59th Emergent Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) was held on 05 May, 2026 in the Gour Samiti Kaksha, New Administrative Building of the Vishwavidyalaya.

The approved copy of the Minutes is enclosed for perusal and necessary action please.

By order,

Director, Academic Affairs

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Director, Academic Affairs

Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)
(A Central University)



**Minutes of the 59th Emergent Meeting of the
Academic Programme Committee (APC)**

- **Date:** 05 May, 2026
- **Time:** 04:30 PM
- **Venue:** Gour Samiti Kaksh, New Administrative Building.

- **Members Present:**

1. Prof. Y.S. Thakur	Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Offg.) and Chairperson, APC
2. Prof. Nagesh Dubey	Dean, HSS
3. Prof. Versha Sharma	Dean, SBS
4. Prof. Asmita Gajbhiye	Dean, EAT
5. Prof. R. K. Gangele	Dean, MPS
6. Prof. Shree Bhagwat	Dean, SCM
7. Prof. Rashmi Singh	Dean, SOL
8. Prof. Vijay Verma	Dean, SCT
9. Prof. Mangalsingh S. Bisen	Dean, SAL (I/c)
10. Dr. Balwant Singh Bhadoria	Dean, AIS & SAS (Nominee of Prof. Devashish Bose)
11. Prof. D. K. Nema	DSW
12. Prof. Ajeet Jaiswal	DoFA & Dean, SES (I/c)
13. Prof. Diwakar Singh Rajput	DoAA
14. Shri Santosh Sohgaure	Joint Registrar, Academic Affairs and Secretary, APC

- **Special Invitees:**

1. Prof. Naveen Kango	Registrar (I/c)
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Prof. Diwakar Singh Rajput, Director, Academic Affairs (DoAA), formally welcomed Prof. Y.S. Thakur, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Academic Programme Committee (APC), and expressed his profound thanks to the esteemed members for convening to address the University's academic priorities.

Thereafter, the Secretary of the APC, Shri Santosh Sohgaure, Joint Registrar (Academic Affairs), placed the scheduled agenda before the Committee. The items were taken up for detailed deliberation and are recorded as follows:

APC:EM:59:01 Matter related to D.Litt. Degree of Prof. Prashant Salwan, Dept. of Business Management.

The Board of Studies (BoS), Department of Business Management, in its emergent meeting held on 18 June 2020, recommended the admission of Prof. Prashant Salwan (Professor, IIM Indore (MP)) to the D.Litt. programme under the advisorship of Prof. Y.S. Thakur, Dept. of Business Management (**Minutes of BoS-Enclosure-1**). This recommendation was subsequently approved by the Academic Program Committee (APC) in its 26th meeting held on 04 August 2020 (**Minutes of APC-Enclosure-2**), and the decision was communicated to the Department by the Director, Academic Affairs (DoAA) on 19 October 2020 (**Letter of DoAA-Enclosure-3**). In pursuance of this

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resolution, the candidate deposited the prescribed admission fee on 07 January 2021. However, due to procedural delay, the formal admission letter could not be issued to the candidate.

When the matter was further pursued by the DoAA Office dated 11 August 2023, then the Departmental file was eventually returned on 05 January 2026. The Head, Department of Business Management, recommended the retrospective issuance of the admission letter effective from the date of fee submission, i.e., 07 January 2021. Following the approval of the Competent Authority on 13 March 2026, the formal admission letter was issued by the Registrar on 31 March 2026, treating 07 January 2021 as the effective date of admission (**Admission Letter-Enclosure-4**).

The Department also submitted the minutes of the BoS meeting held on 11 August 2023, which recorded the candidate's pre-submission presentation conducted on the same day (**Minutes of BoS-Enclosure-5**).

As per Clause 5.2 of Ordinance 23(B), a candidate is required to submit their thesis within a maximum period of five years from the date of admission, otherwise, the candidature stands cancelled (**Clause 5.2 of the Ordinance-Enclosure-6**).

In the present case, since the date of admission is recorded as 07 January 2021, the five-year duration expired on 07 January 2026. Consequently, the prescribed time limit for thesis submission was exhausted prior to the formal issuance of the admission letter.

The matter is now placed before the APC for consideration and further directions.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after detailed deliberations and a comprehensive review of the administrative history of the case, including the candidate's pre-submission presentation to the Board of Studies (BoS) and the formal admission letter issued by the Registrar, resolved to acknowledge the procedural delays which led to the expiry of the five-year submission window under Ordinance 23(B).

In view of these specific circumstances, the Committee resolved to grant a final extension of three (03) months from the date of issuance of these minutes for the submission of the D.Litt. thesis by Prof. Prashant Salwan, subject to the completion of all procedural and mandatory formalities as stipulated in the relevant Ordinance.

It was explicitly clarified that this relaxation is granted as an exceptional, one-time measure due to the unique administrative timeline of the case and shall not be cited as a precedent in any future matters.

(Action: Head, Dept. of Business Management and DoAA)

APC:EM:59:02 Matter related to D.Sc. Degree of Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain, Dept. of Botany.

The Board of Studies (BoS), Department of Botany, in its meeting held on 20 January 2021, recommended the admission of Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain (Head, Environment & Forest Management, Tata Steel Limited, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand) to the D.Sc. programme under the advisorship of Prof. M.L. Khan (presently retired), Dept. of Botany (**Minutes of BoS-Enclosure-7**). This recommendation was subsequently approved by the Academic Program Committee (APC) in its 28th meeting on 02 August 2021 (Item APC:M:28:18) (**Minutes of APC-Enclosure-8**). Following the APC's approval, the file was forwarded to the Department on 05 August 2021 for processing regarding the issuance of the formal admission letter. However, the file remained



with the Department and was returned to the Office of the Director, Academic Affairs (DoAA) on 07 August 2024.

According to the report submitted by the Head, Department of Botany, on 06 August 2024, the candidate deposited the admission fee on 03 March 2022 and successfully delivered his pre-submission seminar on 21 June 2024. The Department has now requested that the candidate be permitted to submit his thesis.

Upon review of the concerned file, it was observed that the formal admission letter was never issued. Furthermore, the mandatory minutes of the BoS meeting regarding the pre-submission seminar are also currently not available in the concerned file.

Under Clause 4.3 of Ordinance 23(B), the Registrar is required to issue the formal admission letter only after the candidate is duly recommended by the BoS and approval is granted by the Vice Chancellor (**Clause no. 4.3 of Ordinance 23(B)-Enclosure-9**).

Given the procedural lapses, including the significant delay in processing of the file and the absence of requisite BoS minutes of Candidate's Pre-submission Seminar, the matter is placed before the APC for consideration and further directions.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after detailed deliberations and consideration of the administrative records, resolved that a formal admission letter be issued by the Registrar to Dr. Hishmi Jamil Husain, with retrospective effect from 03 March 2022, being the date of payment of the admission fee.

The Committee further directed the Department of Botany to submit the official minutes of the Board of Studies (BoS) specifically the recorded agenda item comprising of the pre-submission seminar/presentation which was conducted on 21 June 2024, ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions laid down in the relevant Ordinance of the Vishwavidyalaya.

Upon the completion of all mandatory procedural steps, the candidate is advised to submit his D.Sc. thesis within the stipulated timeframe as prescribed in the concerned Ordinance, following all established academic and administrative norms.

(Action: Head, Dept. of Botany, Registrar and DoAA)

APC:EM:59:03 Framing of Guidelines Regarding the Maximum Duration for Ph.D. Thesis Submission following the Pre-Submission Seminar.

As per Sub-clause No.-17.1 of Clause No.-17 of the Ordinance 23(A) of the Vishwavidyalaya, a research scholar is required to deliver a pre-submission seminar presentation before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) at least two months prior to the intended date of thesis submission (**Ordinance 23(A)-Enclosure-10**). While this clause establishes a minimum waiting period, the existing Ordinance does not prescribe a maximum time limit for the submission of the thesis after the successful completion of the pre-submission seminar. This regulatory gap often leads to unnecessary delays by research scholars, resulting in a loss of academic momentum and administrative challenges in monitoring progress.

In the absence of clear statutory timelines, it is considered essential to establish a structured mechanism to ensure academic accountability and prevent undue delays. It is proposed that a specific maximum time-limit be mandated for the submission of the final thesis post-seminar. Should a candidate fail to submit within this stipulated window, they would be required to re-appear before the RAC for a fresh pre-submission seminar. This is particularly vital in cases where the RAC had originally

suggested specific modifications or improvements that must be verified before final submission.

The matter is placed before the APC for deliberation and framing of necessary guidelines.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberations on the existing regulatory gap in Ordinance 23(A), resolved to establish a structured timeline to ensure academic accountability and momentum. It is resolved that a research scholar, having successfully delivered the pre-submission seminar before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), shall be required to submit the final thesis within the maximum time limit as prescribed in the amended Ordinance 23(A).

In instances where a scholar requires additional time beyond the seminar date but within the maximum period, they shall be mandated to continue submitting periodic semester progress reports until the final submission.

(Action: All Deans and Head of the Departments)

APC:EM:59:04 Matter regarding Re-registration of Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Chetna Mishra of English and OEL Dept., under the APC Resolution on Minimum Residential Period Requirement.

The Academic Programme Committee (APC), in its 57th Emergent Meeting held on 09 October 2025 (Agenda Item No. APC:EM:57:10), resolved to provide relief to Ph.D. scholars who secure regular employment before completing the statutory three-year residential period. The resolution stipulates that scholars who have completed a minimum of two years in residence and subsequently obtain regular/full-time employment in a Government or Semi-Government organization may be permitted to complete the remaining residential requirement, subject to the conditions laid down in the 55th Emergent Meeting of the APC (**Minutes of APC-Enclosure-11**).

In view of this resolution, the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Department of English and OEL, in its meeting held on 18 December 2025, recommended the re-registration of Ms. Chetna Mishra (Registration No. Y19431002, dated 06 August 2019) (**Minutes of DRC- Enclosure-12**). The scholar's record indicates that prior to completing the three-year residential term, she joined Govt. College Bahoriband, Katni (M.P.) as a Guest Faculty on 11 May 2022 (**Joining Letter-Enclosure-13**). Subsequently, she secured a regular appointment as an Assistant Professor at Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi. The candidate has submitted a formal No Objection Certificate (NoC) from her current employer, dated 06 June 2025, to continue and complete her Ph.D. programme (**NoC of College- Enclosure-14**).

The matter is now placed before the APC to consider the DRC's recommendation for the re-registration of Ms. Chetna Mishra, in light of her regular Government employment and the prevailing APC guidelines.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberations and considering the scholar's transition from Guest Faculty to a regular government appointment as Assistant Professor, resolved to approve the recommendations of the DRC, Department of English and OEL, dated 18 December 2025. In alignment with the relief measures adopted in the 55th and 57th Emergent Meetings of the APC (Items APC:EM:55:08 and APC:EM:57:10), Ms. Chetna Mishra is permitted for the re-registration to complete the remaining portion of her mandatory three-year residency period.

Furthermore, the Committee also resolved to grant an extension of two (02) years



for the submission of the Ph.D. thesis. This extension is granted in view of the exhaustion of the initial six-year duration and is subject to the conditions stipulated in the Amended Ordinance 23(A).

(Action: Concerned Dean and Head, Dept. of English & OEL)

APC:EM:59:05 Matter related to research scholar Shri Srijal Singhai, Reg. No. Y22482005, Dept. of Business Management.

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC), Department of Business Management, in its meeting held on 19 September 2025, considered an application dated 4.8.2025 from research scholar Shri Srijal Singhai (Reg. No. Y22482005) requesting to change his current supervisor, due to non-suitability of research topic (**Application of Research Scholar- Enclosure-15**).

Upon deliberation and with the formal consent of the existing supervisor, the DRC resolved that Dr. Suneet Walia, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Business Management would continue to supervise the scholar's research work (**Minutes of DRC- Enclosure-16**).

Subsequently, Dr. Suneet Walia, via a communication dated 23 April 2026, informed the University that the scholar has disregarded the DRC's resolution. Despite the decision to maintain the current supervisory arrangement, the scholar has failed to report to the supervisor or undertake any research work under her guidance since September 2025 (**Letter of Supervisor- Enclosure-17**).

The supervisor has noted that this persistent unauthorized absence constitutes a violation of Clause 29.4 of Ordinance 23(A), which pertains to "Absence without sanctioned leave."

Notably, the research work was originally allotted on 06 March 2024 based on the mutual consent of both parties. However, in light of the continued non-compliance and lack of progress, the supervisor previously requested the Chairman of the DRC on 30 January 2026 to initiate the cancellation of the scholar's registration (**Letter of Supervisor- Enclosure-18**).

On the recommendation of the Head, Department of Business Management, the matter is now placed before the Academic Programme Committee (APC) for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberation on the report concerning the scholar's persistent unauthorized absence and non-compliance with the DRC's supervisory arrangements, resolved to constitute a three-member Fact-Finding Committee.

To ensure an impartial review, the committee shall comprise members from outside the concerned School and Department. This committee is tasked with examining the matter thoroughly and shall submit its report and recommendations within fifteen (15) days to facilitate a final resolution.

(Action: Competent Authority)

APC:EM:59:06 To consider recommendations of BoS/DRC of Dept. of Commerce regarding the change of Research Supervisor.

The BoS/DRC of the Dept. of Commerce in its meetings held on 18.03.2026 (**Minutes**



of BoS- Enclosure-19), recommended to change the Research Supervisor in respect of Research Scholar, as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name of Research Scholar and Registration No.	Existing Supervisor	New Supervisor
1.	Ms. Shashi Pachouri Y24481003	Prof. Manvinder Singh Pahwa, Commerce Dept.	Dr. Pushpa Suryavanshi, Asst. Professor, Commerce

The matter is placed before the APC for consideration in accordance with Clause No. 16 of Ordinance 23(A).

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberation, resolved to approve the agenda item.

(Action: Head, Dept. of Commerce)

APC:EM:59:07 Matter related to cancellation of admission/registration of Ph.D. Scholars Sh. Roshan Singh, Reg. No. Y23409011 of Dept. of Commerce.

The Board of Studies/Departmental Research Committee (BoS/DRC), Department of Commerce, in its meeting held on 18 March 2026 (Agenda Item No. 02), reviewed the status of research scholar Shri Roshan Singh (Registration No. Y23409011) (**Minutes of BoS/DRC- Enclosure-20**). Following a comprehensive assessment of the scholar's conduct and academic progress, the committee unanimously resolved to recommend the cancellation of his registration in accordance with the provisions of Clause 11 and 14 of Ordinance 23(A).

The recommendation for cancellation is based on several instances of serious misconduct and procedural violations reported by the Department and recorded in the BoS/DRC minutes. As per the minutes, it was observed that the scholar was engaged in wrong practices, including signing the attendance register for dates on which he was not physically present. Furthermore, the scholar exerted undue pressure on his supervisor, Dr. Gautam Prasad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce to conduct research on a specific topic of the scholar's choosing, disregarding supervisory guidance etc. The scholar also sought a change of supervisor to Prof. D.K. Nema, Head of the Department; however, Prof. Nema declined the request as it was not in alignment with the prescribed norms of the Ordinance.

The matter is now placed before the APC for deciding the matter of the cancellation of Shri Roshan Singh's Ph.D. registration, as per Clause No. 14.3 in pursuance of Clause no. 14.1.5 of Ordinance 23(A), based on the formal recommendation of the Departmental BoS/DRC.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberation and careful consideration of the recommendations made by the BoS/DRC, Department of Commerce, regarding the alleged misconduct and wrong practices of Shri Roshan Singh, resolved to refer the matter to the Student Grievance Redressal Committee of the Vishwavidyalaya.

The Committee is directed to conduct a detailed examination of the facts, including the reported procedural violations and the scholar's academic conduct, ensuring adherence to the principles of natural justice and to submit its comprehensive report and recommendations within one week to facilitate a final decision on the matter.

(Action: Student's Grievance Redressal Committee, DSW and Head, Dept. of Commerce)

APC:EM:59:08 Matter related to cancellation of admission/registration of Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Sanjana Singh, Reg. No. Y23409012 of Dept. of Commerce.

The Board of Studies/Departmental Research Committee (BoS/DRC), Department of Commerce, in its meeting held on 18 March 2026 (Agenda Item No. 02), reviewed the status of research scholar Ms. Sanjana Singh (Registration No. Y23409012) (**Minutes of BoS/DRC- Enclosure-21**). After a thorough examination of the facts presented, the committee unanimously resolved to recommend the cancellation of her registration under the provisions of Clauses 11 and 14 of Ph.D. Ordinance 23(A).

The recommendation for cancellation is based on several reported instances of professional misconduct and procedural violations. Specifically, the BoS/DRC noted that the scholar is engaged in wrong practices by signing the attendance register during periods of physical absence. Furthermore, the scholar exerted undue pressure on her supervisor, Dr. Bhavana Revadikar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce to pursue a research topic of the scholar's own choosing, disregarding official supervisory guidance etc. The scholar also requested a change of supervisor to Prof. D.K. Nema, Head of the Department; however, Prof. Nema declined the request as it was found to be inconsistent with the requirements of the Ordinance.

The matter is now placed before the APC for deciding the matter of the cancellation of Ms. Sanjana Singh's Ph.D. registration, as per Clause No. 14.3 in pursuance of Clause no. 14.1.5 of Ordinance 23(A), based on the formal recommendation of the Departmental BoS/DRC.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC) deliberated at length on the recommendations of the Board of Studies/Departmental Research Committee (BoS/DRC), Department of Commerce, regarding the proposed cancellation of the Ph.D. registration of Ms. Sanjana Singh (Reg. No. Y23409012) under the provisions of Clauses 11 and 14 of Ordinance 23(A).

The Committee took note of the reported instances of professional misconduct, including false attendance and the exertion of undue pressure on the supervisor. Furthermore, the Committee was apprised by Prof. D.K. Nema (Head, Dept. of Commerce & DSW) of the ongoing proceedings before the Court of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), New Delhi. He further informed the APC that during the hearing held on 30th April 2026, the Hon'ble Commissioner directed the University to refer the scholar's grievances to the Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) for a time-bound resolution.

In view of the directive of the Court, the APC resolved as follows:

1. The matter, encompassing both the BoS/DRC recommendations for cancellation and the scholar's representations, is hereby referred to the Student Grievance Redressal Committee.
2. The SGRC is directed to conduct a comprehensive examination of all facts, procedural violations, and academic conduct, ensuring adherence to the principles of natural justice.
3. The SGRC shall submit its detailed report and formal recommendations to the Competent Authority, within seven (07) days to ensure compliance with the 15-day deadline set by the Chief Commissioner's Court.

(Action: Student Grievance Redressal Committee, DSW and Head, Dept. of Commerce)



APC:EM:59:09 To consider the issue of allocation of New Ph.D. Supervisors for the Research Scholars in the Dept. of Library & Information Science.

The Head, Department of Library & Information Science, via Letter No. DLIS/DoAA/2026/121 dated 16.04.2026 (**Letter of HoD- Enclosure-22**), has reported on the current availability of research supervisors within the Department. Following the recent departure of Dr. Mahendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, who has been relieved to join another university, the Department is facing a shortage of eligible supervisors. Currently, while there are two Assistant Professors in the Department, only Dr. Neelam Thapa is eligible to serve as a Ph.D. supervisor.

As per UGC Regulations 2022 and University Ordinance 23(A), the maximum supervisory load is strictly capped at eight scholars for a Professor, six for an Associate Professor, and four for an Assistant Professor. In this regard, the Head of the Department has confirmed that Dr. Neelam Thapa has already reached her maximum permissible limit of research scholars and cannot accept further allocations under the prevailing norms.

Consequently, two research scholars—**Shri Aman Sahu (Session 2024–25)** and **Ms. Aashi Chaurasiya (Session 2025–26)** are currently without a supervisor. Given the lack of additional eligible faculty within the Department to absorb this load, the matter is placed before the Academic Programme Committee (APC) for consideration and further directions regarding the alternative allocation or regularization of supervision for the affected scholars.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberation and taking note of letter of the Head, Department of Library & Information Science regarding the acute shortage of eligible supervisors in the Department of Library & Information Science following the departure of Dr. Mahendra Kumar, resolved to address the exigency regarding the supervision of research scholars Shri Aman Sahu and Ms. Aashi Chaurasiya.

Acknowledging that no other faculty member in the Department currently possesses the eligibility to serve as a research supervisor, the Committee resolved to authorize the Board of Studies (BoS) to allocate the said scholars to Dr. Neelam Thapa, Assistant Professor, on a provisional basis. This allocation is approved as an exceptional measure, permissible above her prescribed quota of seats, to ensure the continuity of the scholars' research work until alternative arrangements can be made.

(Action: Head, Department of Library & Information Science)

APC:EM:59:10 Matter regarding Re-registration, Change of Supervisor, and Modification of Research Topic for Ph.D. Scholar Ms. Ekta Masih, Department of Commerce.

The Academic Programme Committee (APC), in its 57th Emergent Meeting held on 09 October 2025 (Agenda Item No. APC:EM:57:10), resolved to allow Ph.D. scholars who secure regular/full-time employment in Government or Semi-Government organizations to complete their three-year residential requirement, provided they have already completed a minimum of two years in residence. This provision is subject to the conditions established in the 55th Emergent Meeting of the APC (**Minutes of APC- Enclosure-23**).

In light of this resolution, the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Department of Commerce, in its meeting held on 24 December 2025 (**Minutes of**



DRC- Enclosure-24), reviewed the case of Ms. Ekta Masih (Registration No. Y17481002, dated 01 September 2017) and recommended re-registration for her Ph.D. Programme, so as to complete her remaining residency period. The DRC also recommended to change the supervisor, due to the retirement of the scholar's previous supervisor, Prof. G.L. Puntambekar. With the formal consent of Prof. D.K. Nema, Head of the Department, the DRC has recommended him as the new supervisor.

The records indicate that the scholar joined Government P.G. College, Damoh, as an Assistant Professor under the M.P. Higher Education Department on 14 December 2019. At the time of her appointment, she had completed 2 years and 3 months of her residential period, satisfying the eligibility criteria under the revised APC guidelines. The candidate has submitted a formal No Objection Certificate (NoC) from her current employer, dated 12 December 2025 (**NoC- Enclosure-25**).

Furthermore, in a subsequent BoS/DRC meeting held on 18 March 2026, the committee recommended a modification to the scholar's research topic (**Minutes of BoS/DRC-Enclosure-26**).

The matter is now placed before the Academic Programme Committee (APC) for consideration and approval of the re-registration, change of supervisor, and modification of the research topic for Ph.D. scholar Ms. Ekta Masih.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC), after due deliberations and taking into account the scholar's regular government appointment as Assistant Professor, resolved to approve the recommendations of the DRC, Department of Commerce, dated 24 December 2025, regarding the re-registration of Ms. Ekta Masih.

This approval is granted in accordance with the relief measures for residential requirements adopted in the 55th and 57th Emergent Meetings of the APC (Items APC:EM:55:08 and APC:EM:57:10).

Furthermore, the Committee resolved to approve the change of supervisor to Prof. D.K. Nema, following the retirement of the previous supervisor, and sanctioned the modification of the research topic as recommended by the BoS/DRC in its meeting held on 18 March 2026.

The scholar is advised to ensure the submission of her Ph.D. thesis within the stipulated timeframe as prescribed under the provisions of the Amended Ordinance 23(A).

(Action: Head, Dept. of English & OEL)

APC:EM:59:11 Matter regarding the Re-registration of Ph.D. Scholar Shri Rizwan Ahmed, Department of Economics, beyond the Maximum Permissible Tenure.

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC), Department of Economics, in its meeting held on 30 January 2026, considered the application for re-registration of Ph.D. scholar Shri Rizwan Ahmed (Reg. No. Y19422004, dated 08 November 2019) (**Minutes of DRC-Enclosure-27**).

The scholar completed the maximum prescribed tenure of six years on 08 November 2025. Based on the endorsement of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), the DRC has recommended that the scholar be permitted to re-register under Clause- 4 of the Amended Ordinance 23(A) to continue to complete his research work.

However, a procedural discrepancy has been noted regarding the timing of the



request. As per the DoAA Office Notification dated 20 March 2025—issued in pursuance of the APC's decision in its 54th meeting—all Ph.D. scholars seeking to extend their duration beyond the permissible limit must apply for re-registration prior to the completion of their six-year tenure. In the present case, the scholar has submitted his application to the Head of the Department on 23 January 2026, which is approximately two and a half months after the expiry of the maximum period of 6 Years (**Notification of DoAA Office- Enclosure-28**).

The Head of the Department has further reported that the scholar successfully completed the mandatory three-year residency period on 08 November 2022. Subsequently, he was appointed as an Assistant Professor at Gandhi Faiz-E-Aam College, Shahjahanpur (U.P.) on 10 November 2023.

The matter is now placed before the Academic Programme Committee (APC) to consider the DRC's recommendation for re-registration in light of the delay in application.

Resolution: The Academic Programme Committee (APC) deliberated upon the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC), Department of Economics, concerning the re-registration of Shri Rizwan Ahmed (Reg. No. Y19422004) within the maximum permissible tenure. The Committee took due cognizance of the scholar's academic record, noting the successful completion of his mandatory three-year residency on 08 November 2022 and his subsequent professional appointment as Assistant Professor at Gandhi Faiz-E-Aam College, Shahjahanpur. While the Committee observed a procedural lapse regarding the timing of the application—which was submitted after the expiry of the six-year tenure and contrary to the timeline prescribed in the DoAA Notification dated 20 March 2025 in line with the previous APC resolution in this regard—it was decided, after considering the specific merits of the case and the clarification provided by the Head of the Department, to condone the delay as a special case.

Consequently, the APC resolved to approve the DRC's recommendations dated 30 January 2026, thereby granting Shri Rizwan Ahmed permission to re-register under the provisions of Clause 4 of the Amended Ordinance 23(A). This re-registration shall enable the scholar to complete and submit his remaining research work within an additional duration of two (02) years, effective from the date of expiry of his six year tenure, subject to compliance with all other university norms and statutory requirements.

(Action: HoD, Economics)


13/05/2026
Director, Academic Affairs