

# हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय

## CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



### Minutes

**40TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
18th AUGUST, 2025 AT 11.30 A.M.  
THROUGH BLENDED MODE**

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### 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M

#### MINUTES

1. The 40<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 11:30 A.M through blended mode.
2. The following members attended the meeting through blended mode:

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Chairman of the Council
2.	Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Gurugram University, Gurugram, Haryana	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal (Management), Vice Chancellor, Ch. Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani, Haryana	MEMBER
4.	Prof. J. P. Yadav, (Life Sciences), Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi University, Mirpur, Rewari, Haryana.	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Gurgaon-121102	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Pawan Kumar (History), Former Controller of Examinations, Punjabi University Patiala, Former State Information Commissioner, Punjab and Former Vice Chancellor Bahara University, Wagnaghat H.P.	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Jyoti Prakash (Mathematics), Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla H.P.	MEMBER
8.	Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta, Professor School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu	MEMBER
9.	Prof. Ravindra Kumar Gupta, Principal,	MEMBER



	PGDAV College (Evening), University of Delhi, Delhi.	
10.	<b>Prof. Nitin Vyas,</b> Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla .....(Court Nominee)	MEMBER
11.	<b>Prof. Sonia,</b> Department of Physics, J. C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad, Haryana.	MEMBER
12.	<b>Prof. Prashant Kumar Gautam</b> Director (Sports), Panjab University, Chandigarh and former Director, Tourism and Hospitality, Panjab University Chandigarh.	MEMBER
13.	<b>Librarian</b> (Dr. Vikram Sharma)	MEMBER
14.	<b>Dean (Prof. Roshan Lal)</b> School of Languages	MEMBER
15.	<b>Dean (Prof. Manoj Kumar)</b> School of Education (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
16.	<b>Dean (Prof. Sanjeev Gupta)</b> School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
17.	<b>Dean (Prof. Sunil Kumar)</b> School of Life Sciences (also in capacity of DSW)	MEMBER
18.	<b>Dean (Prof. Suman Sharma)</b> School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management	MEMBER
19.	<b>Dean (Prof. Rajesh Kumar)</b> School of Physical & Material Sciences (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
20.	<b>Dean (Prof. Sanjeet Singh)</b> School of Social Sciences (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
21.	<b>Dean (Prof. Nirupama Singh)</b> School of Fine Art & Arts Education (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
22.	<b>Dean (Prof. Rakesh Kumar)</b> School of Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
23.	<b>Dean (Dr. Archana Katoch)</b> School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	MEMBER
24.	<b>Dean (Dr. Sunil Kumar)</b> School of Humanities (also in capacity of Director)	MEMBER
25.	<b>Dean (Prof. Deepak Pant)</b> School of Earth & Environmental Sciences	MEMBER
26.	<b>Prof. Pradeep Chouksey,</b> Head, Department of Computer Science & Informatics Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
27.	<b>Prof. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh,</b> Head, Department of History, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER

28.	<b>Dr. Malkiyat Singh,</b> Head, Department of Hindi, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
29.	<b>Prof. Ashish Nag,</b> Head, Department of Tourism & Travel Management Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
30.	<b>Prof. Jagmeet Bava,</b> Head, Department of Political Science	MEMBER
31.	<b>Prof. Vivek Sheel,</b> Head, Department of Chemistry & Chemical Science	MEMBER
32.	<b>Prof. Sandeep Kulshrestha,</b> Director, Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism	MEMBER
33.	<b>Prof. Mahesh Kulharia,</b> Director, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
34.	<b>Prof. Inder Singh Thakur,</b> Director, Centre for Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies	MEMBER
35.	<b>Prof. Malkit Singh,</b> Director, Centre for Kashmir Studies	MEMBER
36.	<b>Prof. Hum Chand,</b> Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
37.	<b>Prof. Vishal Sood,</b> Professor, Department of Education	MEMBER
38.	<b>Dr. Surinder Paul,</b> Associate Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Science Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
39.	<b>Dr. Dalip Singh Verma.</b> Associate Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Science	MEMBER
40.	<b>Dr. Bhawna Bhardwaj,</b> Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
41.	<b>Dr. Vikram Singh,</b> Assistant Professor, Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
42.	<b>Prof. Pradeep Kumar,</b> Dean(Academics), Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Special Invitee
43.	<b>Dr. Jitender Garg,</b> COE, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Special Invitee
44.	<b>Mrs. Partima Pathania,</b> Finance Officer, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Special Invitee
45.	<b>Registrar</b> Central University of Himachal Pradesh VC's Secretariat, Dharamshala	Secretary

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members of the Academic Council, including those attending through virtual mode, and apprised them of the recent achievements and initiatives of the University. He informed the Council with satisfaction that the University has successfully filled the permanent positions of Registrar, Finance Officer and Controller of Examinations, thereby strengthening the administrative framework of the University. He



further highlighted with pride that the University has attained the 8<sup>th</sup> position in the IIRF Survey 2025 conducted across the country, a remarkable improvement from its earlier 49<sup>th</sup> rank. The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Council that 141 students of the University have qualified NET/JRF examinations during the year, reflecting the quality of teaching and learning being imparted in the University.

The Council was further informed that the University has established the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and commenced online programmes in MBA, MA Political Science, MA History, MCA and MA Economics. The University is also in the process of establishing five new Centres, namely Bhartya Gyan Parampara Adhyayan Kendra (Indian Knowledge System – IKS), Centre for Skill Courses & Skill Enhancement, Innovation & Incubation Centre, Centre for Malaviya Mission Teacher Training (MMTTC) and Centre for Distance & Online Education (CDOE). The Vice-Chancellor also apprised the members about his participation in the Vice-Chancellors' Conference held at Kewadia, Gujarat on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, wherein he was entrusted with the responsibility to present a paper on "Internationalisation of Higher Education including Study in India" and CUHP was designated as the Coordinating University on this theme, along with JNU, University of Allahabad and EFLU Hyderabad.

It was further informed that the University has resolved to launch skill-based courses in every Department and Centre and has also expanded its international linkages by signing three MoUs with the University of Wolverhampton (UK), Moscow University for Industry and Finance (Synergy), Dubai (UAE) and Turan University, Almaty (Kazakhstan). The Vice-Chancellor concluded his address by stating that, as a mark of homage to the martyrs of the nation, the University has created supernumerary seats in its programmes of study for the wards of martyrs in military operations.

Thereafter the Vice-Chancellor invited the Registrar to take up the agenda items.

**Item No. 40.1(i): To place before the Academic Council the Report about the Action Taken on the decision of its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**

The report about the action taken on the decisions/approvals of 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 was annexed at Annexure-40.1(i)[A].

After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 38<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

**Item No. 40.1(ii): To place before the Academic Council the Report about the Action Taken on the decision of its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting (By Circulation) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024.**

The report about the action taken on the decisions/approvals of 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council (By Circulation) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 was annexed at Annexure-40.1(ii)[A].





**After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 38<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**

**Item No. 40.2(i):** To place before the Academic Council the confirmation of Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

The Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council held 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at **Annexure-40.2(i)(A)** were placed before the Academic Council for its confirmation.

**After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 38<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**

**Item No. 40.2(ii):** To place before the Academic Council the confirmation of Minutes of 39<sup>th</sup> Academic Council (By Circulation) meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024.

The Minutes of 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council(Special) held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 at **Annexure-40.2(ii)(A)** were placed before the Academic Council for its confirmation.

**After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 39<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024.**

**Item No. 40.3:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding approval of following Memorandum of Understanding(s)(MoU).

It is submitted before the Academic Council that various proposals from different departments have been received for research and academic collaboration with different institutions. The University has constituted a standing committee as per Ordinance No. 27, which deals with the procedure for cooperation and collaboration with other universities, institutions, and other agencies, including learned bodies or associations, vide Notification 1-8/हिप्रकेवि.सौ.2015/ MoUs/खंड-II/5307-11 dated August 23, 2021.

After examining the proposals received from various institutions/Departments, the committee submitted its recommendations to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following institutions. Accordingly, the University has entered into MoUs with these institutions:

**National MoUs (Signed):**

Sr. No.	Name of the University/Organization	ANNEXURES	
		ANNEXURE	
1.	Department of Education, Panjab University, Chandigarh	ANNEXURE	40.3A



2.	Tri-Parties MoU (Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, and UGC)	ANNEXURE	40.3B
3.	Dev Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya (DSVV), Haridwar, Uttarakhand, India	ANNEXURE	40.3C
4.	Central University of Punjab	ANNEXURE	40.3D
5.	National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur (NIT) HP	ANNEXURE	40.3E
6.	National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh	ANNEXURE	40.3F
7.	Tally Education and Distribution Service Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru	ANNEXURE	40.3G
8.	Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (SJVN) Shimla (HP)	ANNEXURE	40.3H
9.	Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRAD), New Delhi.	ANNEXURE	40.3I
10.	Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, (IGNCA) New Delhi	ANNEXURE	40.3J
11.	NIIT Foundation, New Delhi	ANNEXURE	40.3K
12.	Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE)	ANNEXURE	40.3L

#### International MoUs (Signed):

Sr. No.	Name of the University/Organization	ANNEXURES	
1.	University of Wolverhampton, UK	ANNEXURE	40.3M
2.	Moscow University for Industry and Finance (Synergy), Dubai, UAE	ANNEXURE	40.3N
4.	Turan University, Almaty, Kazakhstan	ANNEXURE	40.3O

These collaborative initiatives are expected to significantly contribute to the advancement of knowledge, promote academic excellence, and prepare students to meet global challenges. The University is committed to fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation, and these MoUs are a testament to that commitment.

The above National and International MoUs (Signed) were placed before the Academic Council for the ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Academic Council praises the efforts and ratified/approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

**Item No. 40.4:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding publication of University Prospectus 2025-2026 for admission to Certificate/Under-Graduate/ Post-Graduate Programmes.

In order to initiate the admission process for various approved Certificate, Under-Graduate, and Post-Graduate Programmes, the University Prospectus 2025-26 was drafted by a committee consisting of the following members:

Sr. No	Name and Designation	
1.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Dean Academics	Chairman
2.	Prof. Sunil Kumar, Dean Students' Welfare	Member
3.	Prof. Pardeep Nair, Provost	Member
4.	Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Dean, School of Social Sciences	Member
5.	Prof. Nirupama Singh, Dean, School of Performing & Visual Arts	Member
6.	Prof. Surya Rashmi Rawat, Professor, HP Kendriya Vishwavidyalaya Business School	Member
7.	Dr. Ashok Kumar, Associate Professor, Deptt of Commerce	Member
8.	Finance Officer, CUHP	Member
9.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Director (Official Language)	Member
10.	Dr. Pooja Awasthi, Public Relation Officer	Member
11.	Controller of Examination	Member Secretary

The copy of the University Prospectus 2025-26 is placed at ANNEXURE-40.4 (A) for kind perusal of the Academic Council.

As per Statute 14(d) the power to frame such regulations and rules consistent with the Statutes and Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, discipline, residence, admission, award of fellowship and studentships, fees, concessions, corporate life and attendance is vested with the Academic Council of the University. As such, the Prospectus of the University for the Academic Year 2025-26 for admission to various Certificate/Under Graduate/Post-Graduate Programmes was required to be considered and approved by the Academic Council.



Keeping in view the fact that the admission process could not commence until the prospectus was approved by the competent authority, i.e., the Academic Council, and it was not feasible to convene a meeting of the Academic Council promptly, the Vice-Chancellor approved the University Prospectus 2024-25 by exercising the powers vested in him under sub-section (3) of Section 11 of the Central Universities Act, 2009. This approval was granted in anticipation of the Academic Council's subsequent ratification.

Therefore, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for approval/ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the matter.

**The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.**

**Item No. 40.5:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding grant of full fee concession to Mr. Rishav Naik, 4th Semester student of M.Sc. Chemistry under the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that a proposal has been received from the Dean, Students' Welfare with the request of Mr. Rishav Naik, 4th Semester student of M.Sc. Chemistry (Self-Finance category), for waiver of his tuition fee of ₹50,000 for the 4th Semester on account of acute financial hardship.

The student also informed that his father is suffering from blood cancer and the family has already incurred medical expenditure exceeding to ₹8,00,000/-. He is a meritorious student and has cleared the Combined Defence Services (CDS) examination twice. However, there is no explicit provision under the existing Ordinances for granting full fee concession to students admitted under the Self-Finance category.


In view of the above and considering the exceptional academic merit of the student along with the medical and financial hardship faced by the family, the Vice-Chancellor approved the grant of full fee concession to Mr. Rishav Naik for the 4th Semester of the M.Sc. Chemistry programme, as a special case on compassionate grounds.

The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding full fee concession in favour of Mr. Rishav Naik student of 4th semester, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences.

**The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.**

**Item No. 40.6:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding change of Ph.D Supervisor of Mr. Devanshu Monga, Research Scholar of the Department of HPKVBS.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that Mr. Devanshu Monga, Research Scholar of the Department of Himachal Pradesh Kendriya Vishvidalaya Business School (HPKVBS) has requested to change of his Supervisee, Prof. Sanjeev Gupta





due to conflict of interest between them. Prof. Sanjeev Gupta has also requested to change the role of his Ph.D Supervisor allotted to him. The above matter was placed before the Departmental Grievance Committee of the Department of HPKVBS in its meeting dated 03.05.2025. The committee recommended that it is a mutual request from both sides and in the interest of Ph. D Supervisor and Ph.D Scholar, the request may be considered in accordance with the provisions of the University Ordinance No. 42(12.1) after due approval from the Competent Authority.

Keeping in view of the facts, the matter was reported to the Dean (Academic) through Director(Research), The Dean(Academics) after discussion held with Head, Supervisor-cum-Dean and Research Scholar recommended that there is a conflict of interests between Supervisor & RD Scholar. For maintaining the academic atmosphere in the Department and keeping in view the interests of the students, the request of the student may be allowed to change the supervisor. The Head of the Department may ensure that all formalities as per Ordinance No. 42 be completed. Further, the whole matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor as per the provisions contained in University Ordinance No. 42 accorded its approval to change the Supervisor in the interest of the student.

Therefore, the above matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

**The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.**

**Item No. 40.7:** To place before the Academic Council the matter for granting permission to Mr. Sujay Kapil for submission of his Ph.D. thesis and clearance of his pending semester fees.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that Mr. Sujay Kapil, a Ph.D. research scholar of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication(admitted in academic session 2013-16), vide his email dated 18th December, 2024, has requested the University to allow for submission of his Ph.D. thesis and to permit him for the payment of pending semester fees, citing reasons for delay Mr. Sujay Kapil was enrolled as a regular Ph.D. scholar in the Department w.e.f. 08.01.2014 to 21.07.2015.

Consequent upon the selection of Mr. Sujay Kapil as Assistant Professor in the State Govt. of Himchal Pradesh, subsequently, he joined Government College, Rampur (Shimla) on 22.07.2015. As per Ordinance 42, Clause 4(i) of the University applicable at that time, a minimum residential requirement of three years was mandatory for Ph.D. scholars. The Scholar had submitted a request for conversion of his status from full-time to part-time research scholar. The same was placed before the 8th Board of Studies meeting of the Department held on 28.05.2020, and based on its recommendations, approval was granted for conversion to part-time status vide file No. 1-10/CUHP/Acad/2014/3131 dated 01.06.2020.

Further, as per the decision of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Studies of the Department held on 15.06.2023, Mr. Sujay Kapil was required to submit his Ph.D. thesis by



31.12.2023 as a time bound manner). However, the scholar has submitted the draft of thesis to his supervisor on 19.10.2024. The Head of Department sought a written explanation from the said scholar regarding the delay in submission of thesis and fee payment, to which the scholar submitted his justification, accordingly.

Therefore, the above matter was placed before the Academic Council for its kind consideration, approval and further necessary directions in the matter.

The matter was discussed at length by the Academic Council and during the course of discussions, the Dean, School of Journalism and Mass Communication informed the Academic Council that the RD Student under reference has failed to submit his PhD thesis in the prescribed time limit under the rules. The Academic Council after perusal of entire facts of the cases and in the light of the appraisal of the Dean concerned, the Academic Council rejected the aforesaid proposal as the same is not permissible under the rules.

**Item No. 40.8:** To place before the Academic Council the matter related to proposal of various Online Learning Programmes under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University.

The University has established Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) for running online learning programme from the session July 2025 and/or onwards. For this purpose, University has applied to UGC-Distance Education Bureau (DEB) for grant of approval to Five proposed online programmes. In this context, certain approvals have been taken from Vice-chancellor in anticipation for applying to UGC-DEB for which last date was 15.04.2025. In addition, certain documents/guidelines have also been accorded approval by Vice Chancellor for the requisite purpose. Hence, these approvals, decisions and documents/guidelines are hereby submitted to Academic Council for approval/ratification:

1. Revised Programme Project Reports (PPRs) of proposed Five online learning programmes as submitted by concerned Head/Dean of Concerned Department/School.
2. Revised e-SLM content pages in respect of all courses of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semesters of Five proposed online learning programmes as submitted by concerned Head/Dean of Concerned Department/School.
3. Programme Coordinators and Course coordinators for each course of 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Semesters of Five proposed online programmes as submitted by concerned Head/Dean of Concerned Department/School.
4. Composition of programme development teams, course development teams, course review teams along with internal faculty and external experts(as members) appointed in these teams for all courses of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of proposed five online learning programmes as submitted by concerned Head/Dean of Concerned Department/School.
5. Structure of e-SLM chapters/modules to be followed in online learning programmes.
6. Programme structure and course distribution in each semester of Five proposed online learning programmes.





7. Terminology/nomenclature to be used in proposed online learning programmes by CDOE.
8. Assessment pattern (70% external and 30% CIA), question papers pattern(for 2 credit and 4 Credit Courses) and assessment pattern in project/dissertation work, viva-voce examination, practical/Lab based courses, Internship/OJT course and such other activity/experiential Learning and research-related courses prescribed in Five proposed online learning programmes as per UGC-DEB guidelines and as submitted by concerned Head/Dean of Concerned Department/School.
9. Various guidelines for e-SLM development, assessment question quadrant development, and video lecture development in Five proposed online programmes by CDOE.
10. Grievance redressal guidelines and mechanism, learner support services cell guidelines, frequently asked questions list (FAQ) and CIQA guidelines in respect of Five online learning programmes of CDOE.
11. Programme guides in respect of Five proposed online learning programmes by CDOE.
12. Programme structure and Semester-wise course structure and credit distribution in Five proposed online learning programmes.
13. Admission criteria, admission procedure and eligibility conditions for Admission to Five proposed online learning programmes in CDOE.
14. Using SWAYAM platform as learning management system (LMS) for offering online learning programmes by CDOE.
15. The seats for online programme of studies under CDOE as per UGC -DEB guidelines

Apart from this, it is submitted before the Academic Council that permission/approval may be granted to conduct proctored examinations through online/physical/remote mode as per requirements of ODL/OL programmes in accordance with UGC-DEB guidelines issued from time to time for offering ODL/OL programmes. Permission be also accorded to hire a software/examination management system for the said purpose.

Hence the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for approval/ratification of these approvals and decisions taken by Vice-Chancellor in respect of Sr. No.1 to 14 and matter mentioned at Para above is placed before Academic Council for approval and grant of permission. Also permission be also granted to nominate Director, CDOE as ex-officio member in Both Board of Studies and School Board of concerned departments/school, where ODL/OL programmes shall be offered, in case any agenda pertaining to ODL/OL programmes like; change in programme structure, course structure, syllabi, assessment pattern etc. is to be placed in BOS/School Board Meetings.

The Vice Chancellor apprised the Academic Council that UGC-DEB has accorded approval to Central University of Himachal Pradesh for starting five academic programmes through Online Learning (OL) mode from July 2025 session and onwards. These five programmes are MA in History, Political Science and Economics with unlimited seats and MBA and MCA programmes with 500 seats and 200 seats respectively. It was apprised to



AC that the above approvals/documents / guidelines etc. from sr. no. 1 to 15 were necessary for applying to OL programmes to UGC-DEB and hence, these documents/guidelines/decisions were accorded approval / permission by the Vice Chancellor. The Academic Council discussed on the matter at length and placed on record its appreciation for establishing Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) in CUHP and making it operational under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor in a short span of 7-8 months after receiving necessary approvals from University Grants Commission – Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB – Regulatory Body for ODL and Online Learning Programmes). The Academic Council congratulated Prof. Vishal Sood, Director, CDOE and his entire team of CDOE for its concerted efforts for establishing and launching OL programmes under CDOE, CUHP. The Academic Council accorded its approval as well as ratified the decision of the Vice Chancellor for constituting various committees (from time to time) including its composition for different purposes on emergent need basis and for granting approval/permission to above documents / guidelines/decisions etc. mentioned above from sr. no. 1 to 15. The Academic Council also ratified the decision of Vice Chancellor to appoint / accord additional charge of Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Director (CIQA), Incharge (Admissions and Examinations) and other Administrative and technical staff in CDOE as per UGC-DEB guidelines. The Academic Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to take any decision with regard to any matter of CDOE and appointing / according additional charges to any employee of the University for smooth functioning of online learning programmes in CDOE, CUHP in future. The Academic Council also granted permission / approval to conduct proctored examinations through online/ remote proctored mode as per emerging requirements of OL programmes in accordance with UGC-DEB guidelines issued from time to time for offering OL programmes. The Academic Council also granted permission to hire or seek services / purchase / deploy a software/examination management system for online/ remote proctored examinations in OL programmes of CDOE. The Academic Council also accorded approval to appoint Director, CDOE as ex-officio member in both Board of Studies and School Board of concerned departments/school, where ODL/OL programmes shall be offered in future, in case any agenda pertaining to ODL/OL programmes like; change in programme structure, course structure, syllabi, assessment pattern etc. is to be placed in BoS/School Board Meetings. The Academic Council further recommended that all these approvals by AC along with expenditure made by CUHP for all above purposes/matters / activities / tasks / documents / services etc (as the case may be) be placed before Executive Council of CUHP for final approval in its next meeting.

**Item No. 40.9:** To place before the Academic Council following matters/documents related to Online Learning Programmes under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University.

It is apprised to the Academic Council that the University has established Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) for running online learning (OL) programmes from session July 2025 and/or onwards. For this purpose, University has applied to UGC-Distance Education Bureau (DEB) for grant of approval to Five



proposed online programmes. In this regard, it is apprised to Academic Council that UGC-DEB has accorded approval to CDOE, CUHP for running five proposed OL programmes from July 2025 session with unlimited seats in MA (History, Political Science and Economics) and 500 and 200 seats in MBA and MCA programmes, respectively. In this context, certain approvals were taken from Vice-chancellor in anticipation for applying to UGC-DEB for which last date was 15.04.2025. In addition, certain other approvals and certain documents have also been accorded approval by Vice Chancellor for smooth implementation and running of these 5 OL programmes in CDOE. Hence, these approvals, decisions and documents etc. are hereby submitted to Academic Council for approval/ratification:

1. Detailed e-Self- Learning Material (e-SLM) of various prescribed courses of 5 OL programmes including Assessment Questions, Lists of Weblinks and e-sources etc.
2. Handbook of Information (Admission Prospectus-July 2025) for Admission to OL programmes of CDOE for July 2025 session.
3. Creation and Start of Exclusive Website of CDOE, CUHP ([www.cdof.cuhimachal.ac.in](http://www.cdof.cuhimachal.ac.in)) for support to OL learners
4. Creating and Using separate Samarth Portal exclusively for CDOE, CUHP for making admissions to 5 OL programmes
5. Deputing Dedicated faculty (2 from each department where OL programme is launched) for OL programmes from existing faculty of regular departments for smooth running of OL programmes of CDOE, CUHP.
6. Appointing Dr. Hemraj Bansal as Incharge, Admissions and Examinations, CDOE, CUHP and Dr. Vimal Kumar Kashyap as Programme Coordinator, MA (Pol Sci.) in CDOE, CUHP.
7. Logo and Organogram of CDOE, CUHP.
8. Development of e-SLM (including assessment questions and weblinks and e-sources) in certain courses of five OL programmes as per guidelines of UGC-DEB from NITTTR, Chandigarh for timely completion and launch of OL programmes in CDOE, CUHP.
9. Providing online and offline training to faculty members in near future by experts from NPTEL, IIT, Madras (Nodal Agencies for Swayam) and other relevant agency on need basis for using Swayam platform and other LMS / software / e-application for effective implementation of OL programmes of CDOE, CUHP.

Therefore, the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for approval/ratification of these approvals/decisions taken by Vice-Chancellor in respect of Sr. No.1 to 8 and matter mentioned at Sr. No. 9 is placed before Academic Council for approval and grant of permission.

It was apprised to the Academic Council that the above approvals/documents / decisions / guidelines etc. from sr. no. 1 to 8 were necessary for appropriate implementation of OL programmes in CDOE.



CUHP as per UGC-DEB guidelines and hence, these documents/guidelines/decisions were accorded approval / permission by the Vice Chancellor. The Academic Council discussed on the matter at length and accorded its approval as well as ratified the approvals/decisions of the Vice Chancellor for constituting various committees including its composition for different purposes on emergent need basis from time to time and for granting approval/permission to above documents / guidelines/decisions etc. mentioned above from sr. no. 1 to 8. The Academic Council also accorded permission / approval for providing online and offline training to faculty members and non-teaching staff of CUHP/CDOE in near future by experts from NPTEL, IIT, Madras (Nodal Agency for Swayam) and any such other relevant agency on need basis for using Swayam platform and/or other LMS / software / e-application platforms for effective implementation of OL programmes of CDOE, CUHP. The Academic Council further recommended that all these approvals by AC alongwith expenditure made by CUHP for all above purposes/matters / activities / tasks / documents / services etc (as the case may be) be placed before Executive Council of CUHP for final approval in its next meeting.

The Academic Council also accorded approval and ratified the decision of the Vice Chancellor to constitute a Committee for making changes / modifications in marksheets / degree certificates of ODL/OL programmes of CDOE as per requirements and guidelines of UGC-DEB.

**Item No. 40.10:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding establishment of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) in the University under the prestigious Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP).

The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide. D.O. No. F.5-1/2024 (MMTTP Guidelines) dated 05.08.2025 (**Annexure-40.10(A)**), has conveyed that the **Project Approval Board** has accorded its approval on 08.07.2025 for the establishment of the MMTTC in the Central University of Himachal Pradesh. This achievement will place the University in a select group of higher education institutions nationwide that have been entrusted with the responsibility to design, organise and deliver high-quality training programmes for faculty members, thereby contributing to the realization of the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

In pursuance to the directions/Guidelines issued by the University Grant Commission, the Vice-Chancellor has nominated **Prof. Sandeep Kulshrestha**, Director, Centre for Ecological, Adventure, Health and Cultural Tourism, as the **Programme Director** of MMTTC for smooth functioning of the Centre in the University.

The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for information and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the matter.



The Academic Council extended its appreciation and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for setting up of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) from the UGC and desired, ensure to make it functional immediately without waiting for funds from the university.

The Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to hire the requisite staff as per UGC norms and to give additional responsibility to existing faculty for the smooth functioning of the Centre.

**Item No. 40.11:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding Academic Calendar for the year 2025-26.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the Academic Calendar for the year 2025-26 has been prepared and notified vide Notification No. 3.3.1 - 2/हि.प्र.के.वि./22/1468-1478 dated 25.02.2025 (**Annexure-40.11(A)**), as approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The Academic Calendar for 2025-26 is as under:

**Academic Calendar 2025-26:**

**Monsoon Semester**

Academic Activities	Dates
Commencement of Classes	21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025
Mid Term Examination	22 <sup>nd</sup> September to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025
Sports Activities	1 <sup>st</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2025
End Term Examination	19 <sup>th</sup> December to 28 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025
Winter Vacation	29 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025 to 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026
Semester Ends	18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**Spring Semester**

Academic Activities	Dates
Commencement of Classes	19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026
Cultural Activities (Annual Function)	4 <sup>th</sup> March to 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
Mid Term Examination	9 <sup>th</sup> March to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2026
End Term Examination	26 <sup>th</sup> May to 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
Summer Vacation	10 <sup>th</sup> June to 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026
Semester Ends	30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026

The Academic Calendar 2025-26 was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and further recommendation to the Executive Council for its approval.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.



**Item No. 40.12: To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding starting of new Centre(s) in the University.**

It is submitted before the Academic Council that in order to enhance the academic atmosphere in the university and contribute it at the national and international level, the University proposes to start the following new Centres in the interest of students and the public:

Sr. No.	Name of Centre(s)
1.	Bhartya Gyan Prampra Adhyayan Kendra (Indian Knowledge System – IKS)
2.	Centre for Skill Courses & Skill Enhancement
3.	Innovation & Incubation Centre
4.	Centre for Malaviya Mission Teacher Training (MMTTC)
5.	Centre for Distance & Online Education (CDOE)

**(i). Bhartya Gyan Prampra Adhyayan Kendra (IKS):**

Bharat possesses a vast and rich repository of traditional knowledge across disciplines such as philosophy, sciences, technology, medicine, arts, architecture, environment, linguistics, and education systems. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes integrating Indian Knowledge Systems into higher education to promote interdisciplinary research, innovation, and cultural pride. The proposed Centre will:

- Establish a Research & Documentation Wing for compiling and translating ancient manuscripts, inscriptions, and folk narratives.
- Create a Knowledge Resource Center with digital archives and multimedia content.
- Organize annual conferences, workshops, and lecture series on IKS themes.
- Develop academic programmes in Ayurveda & Yoga, Vedic Mathematics, Ancient Metallurgy, Linguistics, Indian Astronomy, Environmental Ethics, and Himalayan Folk Traditions.
- Initiate collaborative projects with local artisans, healers, scholars, and monastic institutions.

Books on IKS on different aspects will be written and published by the University and the expenditure on account of writing these books will be borne by the University.

**(ii). Centre for Skill Courses & Skill Enhancement:**

In view of the emerging need to equip students with industry-relevant skills and enhance their employability in line with NEP 2020, the proposed Centre will offer short-term, certificate, and diploma programmes in various vocational and skill-based domains to supplement academic learning with practical and job-oriented training.

In the campaign of the skill development in the university the students will be having an option to complete skill courses of ten credits for one semester and all

twenty credits for two semesters and the students will have to choose at least one skill course of his/her department and for the very purpose and no fee will be charged for this purpose. The students will be at liberty to select skill course of their department from the other department also. The motive behind is that whenever a student completes a degree from this university he must have atleast one skill course with him.

**(iii). Innovation & Incubation Centre:**

To promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-up culture in line with the National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISIP) and NEP 2020, the proposed Centre will provide mentorship, infrastructure, funding facilitation, and skill development opportunities to students, research scholars, and faculty.

**(iv). Centre for Malaviya Mission Teacher Training (MMTTC):**

The University Grants Commission vide D.O. No. F. 5-1/2024 (MMTTP Guidelines) dated 5th August, 2025 launched the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) on 5th September, 2023, aiming to build competencies in faculty for better teaching, learning, research, and academic leadership. The UGC has conveyed its approval for establishing the MMTTC at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. The University vide Office Order F.No. 3-1.CUHP/GA/2015/Vol.II/5021-31 dated 8th August, 2025 has established the MMTTC, and Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshth, Director, Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism, has been nominated as Programme Director.

**(v). Centre for Distance & Online Education:**

The Centre will be responsible for developing and delivering online academic programmes and courses, expanding the reach of the University to learners beyond the campus in line with the Digital Education initiatives under NEP 2020.

**Academic Impact:**

With the establishment of these Centres, the University will:

- i. Strengthen research, documentation, and preservation of traditional knowledge systems.
- ii. Promote culturally and ecologically significant Himalayan studies and sustainable living practices.
- iii. Develop interdisciplinary academic and skill-based programmes. Enhance quality teaching, learning, and training of faculty.
- iv. Foster industry linkages, entrepreneurship, and innovation.
- v. Expand access through online education platforms.

It is pertinent to mention here that the above Centres are presently not included in Statute 40 of the University. Therefore, the necessary approval to initiate the action for inclusion in Statute 40 will be initiated as per the provisions of the Central Universities Act, 2009 and the Statutes of the University.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration, ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor, and



further approval for establishment of the above Centres and initiate the action for the inclusion in the Statute-40 of the University.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. To ensure the quality education, the Academic Council desired that the university should hire more buildings on rent in the vicinity of the university campus at Shahpur and Dharamshala.

**Item No. 40.13:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding granting of permission to Mr. Aryan Sarswat, MBA student of HPKV Business School, to appear in the missed Mid-Term Examinations of 1st Semester (2023) on medical grounds.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that a communication was received from the Department of HPKV Business School with a request of Mr. Aryan Sarswat (Roll No. CUHP23MBA023), a student of MBA programme, who could not appear in the Mid-Term Examinations of the following courses during his 1st Semester (2023) as he was suffering from chickenpox and was under medical isolation:

S. No.	Course Code	Course Name
1	MGT 104	Business Legislations
2	MGT 111	Accounting for Managerial Decision
3	MGT 115	Marketing Management
4	ECM 401	Microeconomics
5	MGT 103	Business Statistics

The student has submitted the medical certificate in the subsequent academic year (2024-25) and has requested to permit him to appear in the missed Mid-Term Examinations. The above matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor, keeping in view of the student's future and genuine medical grounds, the Vice-Chancellor accorded his approval for conducting the Mid-Term Examinations of the said courses. The examinations were subsequently conducted, and the result was submitted to the Office of the Controller of Examinations.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor and approval for declaration of the result.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

**Item No. 40.14:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding the Fee Structure, Honorarium, and Remuneration Rates for Online Programmes under the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), CUHP.

The Academic Council is apprised that the university had constituted a committee vide Office Order No. 4-9/CUHP/ACAD/2025/480-82 dated 28th January 2025 (Annexure-40.14(A)) to recommend the fee structure, honorarium, remuneration rates, and other related charges for the proposed online programmes (for Indian & International students) under the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), CUHP.



The committee evaluated various aspects related to the financial structure of the online programmes, including the followings:

1. Head-wise Fee Structure and Semester-wise Fee Structure for proposed Online PG Programmes.
2. Remuneration Rates for Development of Study Material (SLM/e-SLM) and Video Lectures and Honorarium and Remuneration for Examination-related Work.
3. Honorarium and Remuneration for Administrative, Academic, and Technical Officials/Staff involved in the online programmes.

After thorough deliberations on the matter, the committee submitted its report and subsequently approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The fee structure, honorarium, and remuneration rates recommended by the committee have now been implemented with effect from July 2025 onwards.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the matter.

The Vice Chancellor apprised the Academic Council that the above Fee structure, Remuneration rates for various purposes and Honorarium and Remuneration Rates mentioned above from sr. no. 1 to 3 respectively were highly necessary for implementing online learning programmes of CDOE as per UGC-DEB guidelines. Hence, on the recommendations of committee constituted for this purpose by the vice chancellor, the Vice Chancellor accorded approval to Fee structure, Remuneration rates for various purposes and Honorarium and Remuneration Rates for various matters related to CDOE and its OL / ODL programmes. The Academic Council perused the above notifications in detail including recommendations of the committee and taking into consideration the urgent requirements of CUHP for implementing OL programmes under CDOE, accorded its approval as well as ratified the decision of the Vice Chancellor to constitute a committee for this purpose. The Academic Council approved / ratified the constitution as well as recommendations of the committee and also approved Fee structure, Remuneration rates for various purposes and Honorarium and Remuneration Rates mentioned above from sr. no. 1 to 3 respectively for various matters of CDOE and its OL/ODL programmes. The Academic Council also approved / ratified the decision of Vice Chancellor to implement the Fee structure and all other remuneration and honorarium rates from July 2025 session. The Academic Council also ratified and accorded approval to the Budget earmarked for various academic, technical and infrastructural matters and activities of CDOE and ratified / approved the expenditures made for CDOE, CUHP in the recent past for various such academic and administrative matters/activities. The Academic Council approved all the expenses made by University for carrying out different activities / preparing different documents / website / providing faculty and staff training and all such matters as mentioned in Agenda Item No. 40.3 and 40.4 which are highly essential for establishment and appropriate functioning of CDOE, CUHP. The Academic Council also ratified the decision of Vice Chancellor to assign the work of e-SLM development to NITTTR, Chandigarh as per their proposal which was duly recommended by the committee constituted by the





University for Matters related to OL programmes. The AC also ratified the decision of Vice Chancellor to make payment to NITTTR, Chandigarh for the purpose of e-SLM Development as per their approved proposal and also accorded approval to make payments to CUHP faculty for different tasks related to e-SLM development (as per 4 quadrant approach of Swayam), video lecture development, honorarium to CDOE officials and staff including programme and course coordinators in accordance with the rates approved by AC under this agenda.

During the discussion in the Academic Council on Fee structure of online learning (OL) programmes of CDOE, the Registrar (Member Secretary of Academic Council) of the university placed before the AC, the requests received from two regular non-teaching employees of the university for providing relaxation to them in Fee of OL programmes of CDOE which were forwarded by the Director, CDOE. It was apprised to AC that these two employees have been given NOC by the University to enroll in OL programmes of CDOE, CUHP as per their eligibility. After a thorough discussion the matter, the Academic Council decided that total of 25% exemption / relaxation in overall fee of OL / ODL programmes shall be given to the regular employees of CUHP and their spouse (wife or husband as the case may be) as well as their children and also to the internal students of this University. The Academic Council further approved that this exemption / relaxation in overall fee shall be given proportionately in each semester of OL programme in which regular employee or his/her spouse or his/her children shall be enrolled in future.

The Academic Council further recommended that the Fee structure, Remuneration rates for various purposes and Honorarium and Remuneration Rates mentioned above from sr. no. 1 to 3 respectively for various matters of CDOE and its OL programmes and all above decisions / approvals/ratifications by the Academic Council be placed before Executive Council of CUHP for final approval in its next meeting.

**Item No. 40.15:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding increase of Self-Finance seats in the Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences under the School of Physical & Material Sciences and Department of Commerce under School of Commerce & Management Studies from 5 to 10 seats.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that (i) Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences under School of Physics & Material Sciences and (ii) Department of Commerce under the School of Commerce & Management Studies have proposed to increase the number of Self- Financed seats in its postgraduate programme(s) in view of the consistently high demand from applicants and the availability of adequate faculty strength and infrastructure to cater to additional students.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor, exercising the powers vested in him under Clause 11(3) of the Central Universities Act 2009 of the University, in larger academic interest approved the increase in the number of financed seats in the Department of Chemistry &



Chemical Sciences and Department of Commerce from 5 to 10 in each department from the Academic Session 2025-26 onward.

The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for information and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard. The Academic Council advised the Vice Chancellor for need based increase decrease in the number of seats in the aforesaid programme.

**Item No. 40.16:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding conversion of marks from 2-credit format to 4-credit format in End-Semester Examination of June 2025 for courses JMC 502 and TTM 467.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that for the End-Semester Examination of June 2025, the question papers for Course Code JMC 502 and Course Code TTM 467 were required to be prepared in 4-credit format as per the prescribed departmental format. However, the external examiners inadvertently prepared the question papers in 2-credit format

Due to paucity of time, the question papers could not be revised into the 4-credit format, and the examinations were conducted using the 2-credit question papers. Subsequently, the evaluation of answer scripts was also carried out as per the 2-credit format, and the award lists were received accordingly

Since the instant matter pertains to the End-Semester Examination and has a direct impact on the final results of the students' and future academic prospects, it is essential to convert the awarded marks to the 4-credit equivalent.

Accordingly, keeping in view of **academic interest of the students**, the Vice-Chancellor has approved that the marks obtained by the students be multiplied by a factor of two (2×) to bring them to the 4-credit equivalent.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

**Item No. 40.17:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding change of seat category from Self-Finance to Subsidised in MBA programme on compassionate grounds.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that a proposal has been received from the Head of Department, HPKVBS with a request that Mr. Arpan Sharma (Enrolment No. CUHP23MBA101), a student of 3rd Semester of MBA programme, to change his admission from self finance to subsidized seat.



The student has informed that due to his father's ill health (heart-related issues) and the resultant adverse financial condition of his family, he is unable to pay the fee under the Self-Finance category and has requested to change of Self-Finance seat to Subsidised seat.

The above case was placed before the Vice-Chancellor. Keeping in view the medical and financial hardship faced by the family of the student, the Vice-Chancellor approved to change the Self Finance seat to Subsidised seat.

The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification of the decision taken by Vice-Chancellor.

**The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.**

**Item No. 40.18:** To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of the Committee constituted to examine the proposal for starting a one-year M.Sc. Physics programme under NEP-2020.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that in compliance with the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, a Committee was constituted vide Notification No. 3-4/हि.प्र.के.वि.सा.प्र./2010/4545-50 dated 24.07.2025 (Annexure-40.18(A)) to examine the proposal received from the Department of Physics regarding the introduction of one-year M.Sc. Physics programme for the students of four-year B.Sc. (Honours/Research) Physics programme commenced under NEP-2020.

The Committee was entrusted with the task of examining the matter in detail with reference to programme recognition, legal validity, regulatory/government guidelines, admission eligibility, total intake, admission fee, and draft curriculum.

The Committee after detailed deliberations made the following key observations and recommendations:

- **Curriculum & Seat Matrix:** The course curriculum and seat matrix will be prepared by the Department of Physics, along with the draft reservation roster.
- **Proposal Submission:** The seat matrix and course structure will be forwarded by the Department to the Committee.
- **Roster Verification:** The reservation roster prepared by the Department will be verified and finalized by the Committee.
- **Eligibility & Admission Criteria:** The minimum eligibility criteria and admission process will be prepared by the Department.
- **Fee Structure:** The fee for the proposed programme will be decided by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.
- **Admission Process:** After completion of all formalities and obtaining administrative approval, admission will be advertised by the University.
- **Degree Distinction:** The proposed one-year M.Sc. Physics programme will be distinct from the existing one-year M.Sc. Physics programme currently in operation.



After detailed discussions, the Committee unanimously recommended that the University Administration may approve the commencement of the one-year M.Sc. Physics programme for eligible students from four-year B.Sc. (Honours/Research) Physics programme under NEP-2020, subject to fulfillment of the above requirements. The recommendations of the Committee are at Annexure-40.20(B)

The recommendations of the Committee to start a One year MSc. Physics programme were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The Academic Council appreciated that the university has played a key note as pioneer university due to implementation of NEP-2020 and the university is included in very few universities of the country where the first batch of UG programme is passed out under NEP-2020. The Academic Council congratulated and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

**Item No. 40.19:** To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of various School Boards for consideration and approval.

The minutes of the following School Boards are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval. The Minutes of these School Boards have been examined and the recommendations therein are in consonance with the University Ordinances:

- i. The Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Physical & Material Science held on 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 [Annexure-40.19(A)].
- ii. The Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Humanities held on 06<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 [Annexure-40.19(B)].
- iii. The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Languages held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 [Annexure-40.19(C)].
- iv. The Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Life Sciences held on 04.06.2025 [Annexure-40.19(D)].
- v. The Minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Management held on 16.06.2025 [Annexure-40.19 (E)].
- vi. The Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Commerce and Management Studies held on 23.05.2023 [Annexure-40.19 (F)].
- vii. The Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences held on 23.06.2025 [Annexure-40. 9(G)].
- viii. The Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Social Sciences held on 03.01.2025 [Annexure-40.19(H)].
- ix. The Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Social Sciences held on 03.01.2025 [Annexure-40.19(I)].
- x. The Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of School Board of School of Commerce and Management Studies held on 11.03.2025 [Annexure-40.19(J)].

The Minutes of the School Board(s) of the above mentioned Schools were placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.



**Item No. 40.20:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding approval of Institutional Development Plan for the Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University has received D.O.F. No. 1-14/2021(NEP) dated 06.02.2025 from the University Grants Commission (UGC), whereby guidelines for preparation of the *Institutional Development Plan (IDP)* for Higher Education Institutions in alignment with the *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020* have been issued. In pursuance to the these guidelines, the University vide Notification No. 3-4/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै. 2020/(NEP)/1799-1810 dated 08.03.2024, constituted following Committee to prepare a framework for the Institutional Development:

1. Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Dean (Academic Affairs) – Chairperson
2. Prof. Suman Sharma, Registrar – Member (Online)
3. Prof. Sunil Kumar, Dean Students' Welfare – Member (Online)
4. Shri Narendra Kumar, Finance Officer – Member
5. Dr. Vikram Sharma, University Librarian – Member
6. Prof. Mohinder Singh, Director, IQAC – Member
7. Prof. Pradeep Nair, Provost – Member
8. Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Assistant Director (Rajbhasha) – Member
9. Shri Hind Bhushan Kutlehadia – Special Invitee

The Committee has submitted a draft of Institutional Development Plan in line with the guidelines of the UGC issued vide the letter dated 06.02.2025 as stated above which is placed at Annexure 40.20(A).

**Therefore, the Draft Institutional Development Plan was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and further recommendation to the Executive Council for its approval.**

**The Academic Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.**

**Item No. 40.21:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding amendments made in the University Ordinance No. 33 and preparation of Draft of new Ordinance No. 51.

- A. In pursuance to the decision taken by the Executive Council in its 75<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 06.01.2025 vide Item No. 75.3(4), and further approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the University vide Office Order No. 3-3/हि.प्र.के. व.सा.प्र.2010/खंड-VI/1371-73 dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Dean (Academics) for preparing a new Ordinance for Online Programmes to be offered under the Centre for Distance & Online Education (CDOE) from July, 2025 or the ensuing academic sessions.

Further, the Committee vide letter. अ.अ.1-1/हि.प्र.के. व.22/1563 dated 02.04.2025 (Annexure-40.21(A)) has submitted a Draft Ordinance No. 51



titled as "Ordinances Related to Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes and Online Learning (OL) Programmes in the University". The draft has been prepared in compliance with the provisions contained in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University Grants Commission - Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB) Regulations (as amended from time to time), and other guidelines issued by UGC and other regulatory bodies for the award of Degree/PG Diploma/Diploma/Certificate through ODL and OL modes.

- B. In addition to this, the Committee also submitted its recommendations along with certain necessary amendments in the University Ordinance No. 33 (deals with Transfer of Credit) as per [Annexure-40.21(A)].

Therefore, the Draft of new Ordinance No. 51 and certain amendments made in the University Ordinance No. 33 were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and further recommendation to the Executive Council for its approval.

The Academic Council intensively perused the newly prepared Ordinance No. 51 for running ODL and OL programmes in the University and after extensive discussion on various provisions made in the Ordinance No. 51, approved it with all proposed provisions including schedules and recommended it for further approval from the Executive Council of the University. The Academic Council also deliberated at length on the amendments recommended for Ordinance No. 33 in the light of ODL and OL programmes started in CUHP under the provisions of Ordinance No. 51 and in the light of NEP-2020 stipulations. After detailed discussion, the Academic Council accorded its approval for all suggested amendments in Ordinance No. 33 for successful running of ODL and OL programmes in CDOE, CUHP and easy transition from ODL/OL to regular mode and vice versa. The Academic Council also approved/ratified the constitution of committee constituted by the vice chancellor for preparing new Ordinance No. 51 and amending existing Ordinance No. 33 and recommended to place amended Ordinance No. 33 before Executive Council of the University for approval.

- Item No. 40.22: To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding deposit of pending fee for 2nd, 4th, and 6th semester(s) along with late fee in respect of Research Scholar from Department of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that a proposal has been received from the Director, Centre for Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies for permission to deposit the pending fees for the 2nd, 4th, and 6th semesters of Mr. Pretesh Desai, RD Scholar, Roll No. CUHP21RDDDU02, which has not been deposited by him during the prescribed period.

It was informed by the Director that the instant matter was placed before the Board of Studies of the Centre in its 9th meeting held on 13.03.2025, wherein it was recommended that this case be submitted to the Academic Council for consideration and approval. The instant case was thereafter placed before the Vice-Chancellor, who, keeping in view the interest and future of the student, has



directed to place the matter before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

Therefore, the above matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and further directions in the matter.

The Academic Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the aforesaid proposal keeping in view the larger academic interest of the student.

**Item No. 40.23:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding establishment of a Centre for Skill Courses and Skill Enhancement in the University – reg.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that in view of the emerging need to equip students with industry-relevant skills and enhance their employability, in line with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University proposes to establish a Centre for Skill Courses and Skill Enhancement. The Centre will offer short-term, certificate, and diploma programmes in various vocational and skill-based domains to supplement academic learning with practical and job-oriented training. The proposed Centre aims to:

- Provide value-added skill training across disciplines.
- Promote industry-academia linkage through practical exposure.
- Collaborate with agencies like NSDC, AICTE, MSME Ministry, etc.
- Align with the NEP 2020 vision of integrating vocational education within higher education institutions.

It is pertinent to mention here that the proposed Skill Centre is not presently included in the list of Centres as specified under Statute 40 of the University. However, considering its academic importance and societal relevance, it is proposed that the Centre may initially be established with the approval of the Competent Authorities, and subsequently, necessary action for its inclusion in the Statute may be initiated as per rules.

Therefore, matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation for the establishment of the proposed Skill Centre in the University.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal. The Academic Council also approved that it will be mandatory for the students pursuing UG/PG degree from the University to complete a skill course of minimum 10 credits. The student who completes a skill course of 10 credits will be awarded a certificate and the student who completes a certificate course of 20 credits will be awarded a diploma. The degree will be awarded to all the students only after completion of the prescribed skill course. The Academic Council further approved that no fee will be charged from internal students of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh for the skill enhancement course and to determine the fees of outside students, the



Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee and to adopt the recommendation given by the committee.

**Item No. 40.24:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding lateral entry admissions in Under-Graduate and Post Graduate programmes and provision of bridge courses.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that in order to promote flexibility, academic mobility, and multiple entry-multiple exit options as envisaged under the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, the University proposes to allow **lateral entry admissions** in various Undergraduate (UG) and (PG) programmes, subject to availability of seats in the concerned programme.

For such lateral entry admissions, the **Equivalency Committee** constituted by the University which shall examine the academic credentials and prior learning of the candidates to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria and equivalence of courses already studied with those of the University curriculum.

In case where candidates are seeking lateral entry have completed a **Diploma or equivalent qualification** but their earned credits are found to be deficient as per the University's programme structure, the Equivalency Committee shall recommend the requirement of **bridge course(s)** to enable the student to meet the credit requirements for the respective semester/year.

The proposed mechanism will ensure academic parity, maintain programme quality, and provide an opportunity for diploma holders and other eligible candidates to integrate into the University's UG programmes without compromising academic standards.

The matter regarding lateral entry admissions in UG and PG programmes and provision of bridge courses was placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal.

**Item No. 40.25:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding Requisition of various teaching and non-teaching posts in the Department of Commerce for consideration and recommendation to the UGC/MoE.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the Department of Commerce under the School of Commerce and Management Studies was established in the University pursuant to the approval of the Executive Council in its 63rd meeting held on 11th September, 2023 vide Item No. 63.6(S). Initially, M.Com and Ph.D. programmes were started in the said Department, and for its smooth functioning, seven faculty members from the Department of Management (01 Professor, 02





Associate Professors, and 04 Assistant Professors) were transferred to the newly established Department of Commerce.

In the year 2024, the University further introduced the B.Com (Honours/Research) programme in the Department. At present, the Department is fully functional, offering B.Com (1st and 2nd Year), M.Com (1st and 2nd Year), and Ph.D. courses.

For the smooth functioning of the Department in view of its expanding academic activities, it is proposed to place requisition for the following permanent posts:

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Number of Posts
1.	Professor	02
2.	Associate Professor	04
3.	Assistant Professor	08
4.	Non-Teaching	01
	MTS	01

The Vice-Chancellor has directed that the matter of requisition of the above posts be placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation to the University Grants Commission (UGC)/Ministry of Education (MoE) through the Academic Committee for necessary action.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval for submitting the proposal for creation of the above posts to the UGC/MoE.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal and directed the university to forward the requisition of aforesaid post to the UGC/Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the meanwhile the department may workout to engage resource persons to run its academic affairs smoothly.

**Item No. 40.26:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding establishment of Astronomical Observatory in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and payment of Net Present Value (NPV) for diversion of forest land.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University, in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), is in the process of establishing an Astronomical Observatory at the University's permanent campus, Jadrangal, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. This project, with an investment commitment involving an amount of ₹42 Crores by ISRO, is of national prestige and holds strategic importance as the only major astronomical facility in North India under ISRO's Space Situational Awareness Programme. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has, on various occasions, emphasised the significance of advancing India's space capabilities and promoting scientific research in alignment with the vision of *Viksit Bharat@2047*.



For the establishment of this observatory, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has conveyed its readiness to allot 0.5 hectare (approximately 16-17 kanal) of forest land in favour of CUHP. As per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and CAMPA guidelines, the University is required to deposit an amount of ₹13,47,615/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen only) towards Net Present Value (NPV) for the diversion of the said forest land.

It is proposed that the said payment amounting to ₹13,47,615/- be made from the overhead charges of the ISRO project, with the understanding that the amount will be reimbursed once the project funds are fully received. Completion of the land diversion process at the earliest is essential to enable ISRO to commence infrastructure development for the observatory without delay.

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts of the university in this regard. To see the academic importance and sensitivity of the matter, the Academic Council after deliberation decided to deposit the aforesaid amount. The Council further directed the Finance Officer to examine and necessary action be initiated.

**Item No. 40.27:** To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of the committee constituted for various programme of courses under distance and online learning.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the university has constituted a committee vide office order no. 1-1/CUHP/Acad/2010/Vol.XII/4522-34 dated 06.08.2024 for various programmes of courses under distance and online learning mode. The meeting of the committee was convened on 12.08.2025 at 02:00PM and the recommendations of the committee are attached at Annexure 40.27(A).

The aforesaid recommendations of the committee were placed before the Academic Council for kind perusal and further decision in the matter.

The Academic Council discussed in detail on the recommendations of the committee constituted vide above said office order. The AC ratified and accorded its approval to the decision of the vice chancellor regarding constitution of the said committee for various programmes under ODL and OL mode. The AC accorded its approval to the constitution of the committee as well as the recommendations made by this committee in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The vice chancellor apprised the AC that online programmes are being started by CUHP for the first time and it is very necessary for publicizing and advertising these programmes on various print, electronic and social media to attract students towards these OL programmes. It was also brought to the notice of AC that the prospective learners for these OL programmes may be from across India and across globe and hence, advertisements and publicity is highly needed. After detailed discussion on the matter, the AC accorded its approval to publish the advertisements in leading national newspapers (both Hindi and English



as per requirements) on DAVP rates or on commercial rates, if DAVP rates are not available for certain newspapers as has been recommended by the committee. The AC also accorded its approval to publicize these OL programmes on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.), Google Ad Words, Doordarshan, FM Radio, Radio, Aakashvani, etc. and the AC also granted permission to make expenditure on this publicity and advertisements as per existing commercial rates or applicable market rates by keeping in view the urgent requirements of the university for wide spread publicity of these OL programmes of CDOE. The AC also authorized the Vice Chancellor to take any decision in this context in future keeping in view the urgent needs of OL programmes under CDOE.

**Item No. 40.28:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding provision of supernumerary seat(s) in course of studies for the wards of martyr Ms. Anamika .

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the university celebrated the 79th Independence Day on 15.08.2025 under the able chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor of the university wherein the father and children of martyrs of Sub Maj. Pawan Kumar martyrs during the military operation were the Chief Guest. Entire Central University of Himachal Pradesh fraternity paid homage to the martyred Sub Maj Pawan Kumar and his family for his highest sacrifices towards the nation during military operation.

In order to pay homage to the highest sacrifices of the martyr and his family, the university proposes to provide free education to the daughter of the said martyrs Ms. Anamika in this university by way of creating supernumerary seat(s) in course in the department(s)/centre(s) of their interest as per their eligibility with full fee concession.

The aforesaid matter was placed before the Academic Council for kind perusal and consideration please.

The Academic Council appreciated the initiative of the university to pay homage to the highest sacrifice of the martyr and his family and approved the aforesaid proposal of the university.

**Item No. 40.29:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding Engagement of Finance and Academic Consultant.

1. The Academic Council is appraised that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh aims to strengthen its academic planning, institutional research output, and financial management practices in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and other regulatory frameworks.

2. In this context, the University proposes to engage external experts as 'Finance & Academic Consultant' – to provide strategic support in areas such as curriculum design, accreditation (NAAC/NIRF), faculty development, academic audits, management of outside consultant and Research Project, further to assist with improving financial planning, UGC funding utilization, statutory compliances, and capacity building of finance personnel.



3. The consultants would be engaged purely on contract basis initially for a period of six months which may further be extended on performance basis.
4. It is submitted that the Academic Council may consider and recommend to the Finance Committee for further approval:
  - a. Approval for engagement of one 'Finance & Academic\_Consultant' purely on contract basis initially for a period of six months which may further be extended on performance basis.
  - b. Authorization to the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee for identification and recommendation of suitable personnel for engagement as 'Finance & Academic\_Consultant'.
  - c. Finalization of remuneration and contractual terms.

The aforesaid matter was placed before the Academic Council for kind perusal and consideration please.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal and desired to take up the matter in the Finance Committee.

**Item No. 40.30:** To place before the Academic Council, the matter regarding opening of Department of Physiotherapy.

1. The Academic Council is appraised that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh intends to start Department of Physiotherapy, since, in recent years, there has been a significant increase in the demand for physical rehabilitation and non-invasive treatment methods due to changes in lifestyle, an aging population, and a rise in chronic and lifestyle-related diseases. Conditions such as stroke, arthritis, back pain, sports injuries, and post-operative complications have created a growing need for comprehensive physiotherapy services.
2. Physiotherapy plays a vital role in promoting mobility, reducing pain, restoring function, and improving quality of life. It supports recovery from illness and injury while also contributing to preventive healthcare by reducing the risk of future complications. In both hospital and community settings, physiotherapy is recognized as a key component of multidisciplinary healthcare.
3. Despite its importance, access to quality physiotherapy services and trained professionals remains limited in many regions. Establishing a Department of Physiotherapy in the university will address this gap by offering structured clinical services, academic training, and research opportunities in the field of rehabilitation science.
4. This department will not only enhance the institution's ability to provide holistic and patient-centered care but also serve as a center for education, innovation, and community outreach. It aligns with global healthcare trends and national health priorities that emphasize preventive care, rehabilitation, and improved patient outcomes.
5. The proposed Department of Physiotherapy will be instrumental in:
  - i. Delivering high-quality rehabilitation services.



- ii. Training competent physiotherapists through academic programs.
- iii. Conducting clinical research to advance the field.
- iv. Promoting awareness of physical health and injury prevention among the public.

6. Given these considerations, the establishment of a dedicated Department of Physiotherapy is both timely and essential to meet current and future healthcare needs.

Therefore, the aforesaid matter was placed before the Academic Council for kind perusal and consideration please.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal and directed to constituted a committee in this regard. The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to adopt the recommendations of the committee. The requisition of desired posts may be forwarded to the UGC/Ministry of Education, Government of India.

**Item No. 40.31:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding writing of original textbooks of UG level in Dogri language.

The University Grant Commission and Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti, New Delhi has accorded the responsibility to Central University of Himachal Pradesh as nodal institution/University to develop original textbooks in Dogri Language for UG level. Prof. S.P.Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh was appointed as Nodal representative by University Grant Commission. The Central University of Himachal Pradesh constituted Bhartiya Bhasha Samvardhan Samiti (BBSS) comprising of 11 neighbouring Central/State universities including IIM, Jammu which was duly approved and notified by University Grant Commission. The Central University of Himachal Pradesh identified 50 authors of Dogri Language in the disciplines of Science, Commerce and Arts and provided them training in Book writing through offline and online means. The training was provided in Central University of Himachal Pradesh and IIM, Jammu for which financial support was given by University Grant Commission and Bhartiya Bhasha Samvardhan Samiti, New Delhi. As a result of such continuous efforts of Central University of Himachal Pradesh, a total of 29 original textbooks in Dogri language at UG level were selected for development in three disciplines. Out of these 29 textbooks, first draft of 16 textbooks in Dogri language have been developed and submitted to University Grant Commission and Bhartiya Bhasha Samvardhan Samiti, New Delhi for review. Remaining of 13 textbooks are in the stage of development.

The matter was place before the Academic Council for kind perusal, further direction if any in the matter.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal.



**Item No. 40.32:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding closer of Diploma/Certificate from the academic session 2025-26 onwards and reduction of self finance seats in various programmes.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that in order to improve the admission demand ratio and admission ratio, the University is going to close the following Programmes of Studies from the academic session 2025-26 onwards:

Sr. No.	Name of Course	Department / Centre
1.	Post Graduate Diploma in Bioinformatics	Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics
2.	Certificate Course in Applied Machine Learning in Biological Sciences	
3.	Certificate Course in Emerging Areas of Social Work	Department of Social Work
4.	Certificate Course in Biomaterial Chemistry	Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences
5.	Certificate Course in Data Journalism	Department of Journalism & Mass Communication
6.	Certificate Course in New Anchoring	Department of New Media
7.	PG Diploma in Anuvad	Department of Hindi
8.	Certificate Course कांगड़ी बोली का लोक साहित्य	
9.	Certificate on Electrical Circuits & Electronics Devices	Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences
10.	Certificate Course in Artificial Intelligence with Quantitative Aptitude	Srinivasa Ramanujan Department of Mathematics
11.	PG Diploma in India Foreign Policy	Department of Political Sciences
12.	Certificate Course in Content Management Systems & Applications (Theory & Practice)	Department of Library & Information Science
13.	Certificate Course in Gujar History	Department of History
14.	Certificate Course in India Cultural & Heritage	
15.	Certificate Course in Business Analytics	



16.	Certificate Course in Digital Marketing	Department of Himachal Pradesh Kendriya Vishwavidyalaya Business School /MBA
17.	Certificate Course in Capital Market	
18.	MBA Executive	

Further, in order to improve the academic ratio and teaching learning process, the University is going to reduce the Seats from 33 to 15 of the following Centre from the academic session 2025-26 onwards:

- a) PG Diploma in Ambedkar Studies
- b) PG Diploma in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies
- c) Centre for Buddhist Studies
- d) Tibetan Studies
- e) Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Advneture, Health & Cultural Tourism
- f) Centre for Bhartiya Panth, Matt, Sapradaaya & Semetic Religions
- g) Centre for Yoga Studies
- h) Centre for Tribal Literature of America
- i) Centre for Remote Sensing & GIS
- j) Centre for Vedic Mathematical Studies
- k) Centre for S.R. Rangnathan Library Studies
- l) Centre for Kashmir Studies
- m) Centre for Tribal Studies

The above matter regarding closer of the Programmes of Studies and reduce of Seats from 33 to 15 in the Centre as stated above were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The Academic Council during course of deliberation was appraised that the best suitable courses under skill centre have already been substituted against the aforesaid course of studies. Apart from this, the Academic Council also considered the proposal regarding reduction of self-finance seats in various programmes of study. After due deliberation, the Academic Council approved the following revised intake of self-finance seats from the academic session 2025-26 onwards:

School / Department / Centre	Programme	Present Self-Finance Intake	New intake
School of Commerce & Management Studies	MBA	15	15
	M.Com	5	0
	B.Com (Honours/Research)	5	10
School of Physical & Material Sciences	B.Sc. Physics (Research/Honours)	5	5
	M.Sc. Physics	5	5
	M.Sc. Chemistry	5	5
School of Life Sciences	M.Sc. Bioinformatics	5	5
	M.Sc. Zoology	5	0
	M.Sc. Plant Science (Botany)	5	5
School of Earth & Environmental Sciences	M.Sc. Environmental Sciences	5	5
	M.Sc. Mathematics	5	5
	MCA	5	5



School / Department / Centre	Programme	Present Self-Finance Intake	New intake
School of Mathematics, Computers & Information Sciences	B.Lib.I.Sc.	5	0
	M.Lib.I.Sc.	5	0
School of Languages	M.A. English	5	3
	B.A. Sanskrit (Honours)	5	0
	Shastri (B.A.)	5	0
	M.A. Sanskrit	5	0
	M.A. Hindi	5	3
	M.A. Punjabi	5	0
School of Social Sciences	M.A. Economics	5	2
	Master of Social Work (MSW)	5	0
	M.A. Sociology	5	0
	M.A. Political Science	5	3
	M.A. History	5	2
	M.A. Jammu & Kashmir Studies	5	0
School of Education	M.A. Education	5	0
School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	M.A. Journalism & Mass Communication	5	2
	M.A. New Media Communication	5	2
School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management	MBA (Specialisation in Travel & Tourism)	5	5
School of Performing & Visual Arts	BFA (Painting)	5	0
	BFA (Sculpture)	5	0
	MFA (Painting)	5	0
	MFA (Sculpture)	5	0
School of Humanities	M.A. Yoga	5	0
	M.A. Hindu Studies	5	0
Non-CUET (PG) 2025	M.Tech. (Science & Technology of Nanomaterials)	5	5

**The Academic Council also approved the reduction of seats in BFA (Sculpture) and MFA (Sculpture) wherein the regular intake shall be 22 seats instead of 33, with effect from the academic session 2025-26 onwards.**

**Item No. 40.33:** To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding kick start of Centre for Buddhist Studies in Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

The academic Council is apprised that the Centre for Buddhist Studies in Central University of Himachal Pradesh was established vide decision of the Academic Council vide Item No 39.2 in its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23.10.2024 which was further approved by the Executive Council in 73<sup>rd</sup> its meeting held on 04.11.2024. The University has forwarded the entire matter to the Ministry of Education for necessary assent of the Visitor vide letter no 3-4/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol-II/7121-23 dated 13.12.2024. The response regarding assent is awaited. In the meanwhile the



Centre has requested to permit them to engage resource persons for starting the academic activities in the department for approval please.

The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal. The Centre may start its activities from the Academic Session 2025 and may engage the requisite staff as per requirement.

**Item No. 40.34:** To place before the Academic Council the recommendations of the Committee constitute for the Fee Structure for joint MBA/IUP MBA Pathway Programme Degree for International Students.

The University has started Joint MBA Degree programme/ IUP MBA Pathway Programme in Collaboration with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA and in order to decide the fee structure for this programme, has constituted a committee vide Notification No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/Vol.XX/5152 dated 12.08.2025. The meeting of the said committee was convened on 14.08.2025 and as per recommendations of the committee, the fee for the Joint MBA degree programme was recommended as follows:

(To be effective from July 2025 onwards)		
A. Fee/ Cost of Attendance for One Calendar year (Mid-August to Early August) for Joint MBA Degree/IUP MBA Pathway Programme:		
1. Tuition Fee	-	\$ 11,950.00
2. Mandatory Fee (Including One Time Orientation Fee)	-	\$ 5,705.00
3. Housing and Meals (Optional)	-	\$ 18,750.00
4. Incidentals (Books, Personal etc.) (Optional)	-	\$ 5000.00
Total Estimated Cost		\$ 41,405.00*
(To be paid to IUP)		
5. CUHP Fee (To be Paid to CUHP in INR) Rs. 1,00,000.00 (Rs. 50,000/- per semester)		

Note \*1: As on Dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Rate of US Dollar is Rs. 87.485 and the above total fee to be paid to IUP as on 14.08.2025 comes out to be Rs. 36,22,317.00 which does not include CUHP Fee as mentioned above.

B. Fee/ Cost of Attendance for One Semester (04 Months) for CUHP-IUP Training Programme in Joint MBA Degree:		
1. Tuition Fee	-	\$ 6,825.00
2. Mandatory Fee (Including One Time Orientation Fee)	-	\$ 3,175.00
3. Housing and Meals (Optional)	-	\$ 6250.00
4. Incidentals (Books, Personal etc.) (Optional)	-	\$ 2,000.00
Total Estimated Cost		\$ 18,250.00**
(To be paid to IUP)		
5. CUHP Fee (To be Paid to CUHP in INR) Rs. 50,000.00		

Note \*\*2: As on Dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Rate of US Dollar is Rs. 87.485 and the above total fee to be paid to IUP as on 14.08.2025 comes out to be Rs. 15,96,601.00 which does not include CUHP Fee as mentioned above.

The above proposed fee structure at Note1 & 2 are subject to change in the light of change in rate of US Dollar. The proposed fee structure under A & B shall be subject to change if any change under any sub-head is made by IUP at any later stage or any new sub-head is added by IUP at any later stage without any notice to CUHP as per intimation by IUP. Apart from this VISA Registration charges and other related expenses in this context shall be extra as per existing Govt. of India rates as applicable from time to time.

The Central University of Himachal Pradesh fee shall be submitted by the candidate to CUHP directly in INR and the other fee shall be paid to IUP by the candidate directly.

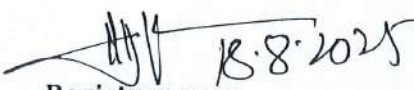
The above matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.



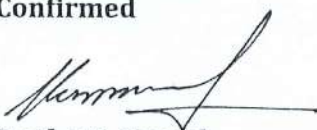
The Academic Council discussed on the matter in detail and congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team for making CUHP a pioneer institution in India to initiate international academic collaboration by starting Joint MBA degree programme as per recommendations of NEP-2020. After thorough discussion on the matter and considering all academic, administrative and financial aspects involved in starting joint degree programme with international collaboration, the Academic Council accorded its approval to the fee structure recommended by the committee for starting Joint MBA Degree programme/ IUP MBA Pathway Programme in Collaboration with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA from July 2025 session. The Academic Council also approved the constitution of committee for this purpose by the vice chancellor and recommended that the matter be also placed before Executive Council of the University for approval.

The Vice Chancellor apprised the Academic Council that other Codal formalities for operationalizing Joint MBA Degree programme with IUP / Pathway MBA programme of IUP like: admission criteria, eligibility and admission requirements, credit equivalence and transfer, facilitating non-CUHP candidates, admission process etc. shall be finalized soon so as to implement this joint international academic venture can be started from July 2025 session itself. After detailed discussion on the matter, the AC accorded its approval and ratified all such decisions / approvals given by vice chancellor till date for implementing Joint MBA Degree programme with IUP / Pathway MBA programme of IUP. The AC further authorized the vice chancellor to accord approvals to all such related matters on need basis in future for smooth functioning and appropriate implementation of Joint MBA Degree programme with IUP / Pathway MBA programme of IUP. The AC also authorized the vice chancellor to constitute a Credit Equivalence Committee for ensuring objectivity in credit equivalence and credit transfer needed for appropriate implementation of Joint MBA Degree programme with IUP / Pathway MBA programme of IUP.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
Registrar-cum  
Secretary

Confirmed

  
Prof. S.P. Bansal  
Vice-Chancellor