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HELD ON 7th OCTOBER, 2025 AT
11:30 A.M at VICE CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT, DHARAMSHALA**

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- The 81st Executive Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 7th October, 2025 at 11:30 A.M.
- The following members attended the meeting in blended mode: -

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Rajeshwar Chandel, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry nauni, Solani	MEMBER
3.	Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR- NIScPR), New Delhi	MEMBER
4.	Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University Jammu	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Neelima Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, MP	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Shashi Kant Sharma Department of Journalism & Mass communication, HPU Shimla	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Niranjan Kumar, Department of Hindi, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi-110007	MEMBER
8.	Prof. Prashant Kumar Gautam, University Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management, Panjab University, Chandigarh	MEMBER
9.	Prof. Nirupama Singh, Dean, School of Performing and Visual Arts.	MEMBER
10.	Prof. Sunil Kumar Dean Students' Welfare, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
11.	Dr. Aditi Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKVBS	MEMBER
12.	Prof. Suman Sharma Dean, School of Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Management	MEMBER
13.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena, Dean, School of Education	MEMBER
14.	Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Dean, School of Social Sciences	MEMBER
15.	Dr. R. P. Rai, Associate Professor, Department of New Media	MEMBER
16.	Prof. Pardeep Nair, Professor, Department of New Media	MEMBER
17.	Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Academic), Central University of Himachal Pradesh	SPECIAL INVITEE
18.	Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan, Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER SECRETARY

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended his warm welcome to all the esteemed members of the Executive Council. He then informed the Council that, in its pursuit of academic excellence, the university has recently entered into several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following institutions:

- 2nd Indian Reserve Police Battalion, Dharamshala
- Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan
- Jammu Kashmir Study Centre, New Delhi
- Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
- Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE)

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor proudly announced that approximately 150 university students recently qualified for the National Eligibility Test (NET). He highlighted that this is probably the highest number of successful candidates among all recently established universities. Regarding research achievements, the university has secured three major projects.

- ₹1.48 crore project for medical tourism, sanctioned to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and his team.
- ₹10.46 crore project sanctioned Under ANRF grant.

In another key development, the University has successfully promoted and integrated the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). Under this initiative, 25 books in Hindi are now ready for publication.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor announced that the university has voluntarily contributed one-day salary with a total amount of ₹7,07,010/- to the CM Aapda Rahat Kosh to support the victims of the recent natural disaster in Mandi District, Himachal Pradesh, which caused significant loss of life and property.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor first introduced the newly appointed Registrar to the members of the Executive Council. The Registrar was then invited to proceed with the agenda items.

Item No. 81.1(i): To place before the Executive Council the Action Taken Report on the decisions of 79th Executive Council Meeting held on 22nd May, 2025.

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 79th Executive Council meeting held 22nd May, 2025, was placed as Annexure-81.1(i)(A) for the Council's Information and approval.

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed and approved the Action Taken Report of 79th Executive Council Meeting held on 22nd May, 2025.

Item No. 81.1(ii): To place before the Executive Council the Action Taken Report on the decisions of 80th Executive Council Meeting held on 3rd July, 2025.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions of 80th Executive Council Meeting held on 3rd July, 2025 was placed as Annexure-81.1(ii)(A) for information/approval.

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed and approved the Action Taken Report of 80th Executive Council Meeting held on 3rd July, 2025.

Item No. 81.2(i): To place the Minutes of the 79th Executive Council meeting held on 22nd May, 2025 before the Executive Council for confirmation.

The Minutes of the 79th Executive Council meeting, held on 22nd May, 2025, attached as Annexure-81.2(i)(A) were presented for confirmation by the Executive Council.

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of its 79th meeting, held on May 22, 2025.

Item No. 81.2(ii): To place the Minutes of the 80th Executive Council meeting held on 3rd July, 2025 before the Executive Council for confirmation.

The Minutes of the 80th Executive Council Meeting held on 3rd July, 2025 attached as Annexure-81.2(ii)(A) are presented for confirmation by the Executive Council.

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of its 80th Meeting held on 3rd July, 2025.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Item No. 81.3: To place before the Executive Council a report on the status of vacant teaching and non-teaching positions and a proposed action plan for filling these vacancies.

The Executive Council was informed that, as directed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Government of India during a review meeting with university Vice-Chancellors on September 30, 2025, a detailed list of vacant positions was provided in Annexure-81.3(A).

The action plan for filling up of these vacant positions was placed at **Annexure-81.3(B).**

Following due deliberation on the matter, the Executive Council acknowledged and commended the efforts of the university. After detailed discussion(s), it is also decided to complete the ongoing process of recruitment of all Non-Teaching posts at the earliest and the vacant positions if any may be advertised soon.

The advertisement of the vacant Teaching positions including newly sanctioned positions of Hotel management (course has already started from the session 2025) in the 1st phase and positions for the department of Law and Disaster Management(courses which will be started from the session 2026) may be advertised in the 2nd Phase.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL:

Item No. 81.4: To place before the Executive Council a voluntary, one-day salary contribution from university employees and officers towards the CM's 'Aapda Rahat Kosh' to support the victims of the recent natural disaster in Mandi District, Himachal Pradesh.

The Executive Council was briefed on the devastating impact of the recent natural calamity in District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, which led to extensive loss of life and property. To provide financial assistance to those affected, the University issued Office Order No. 1-6/CUHP/GA/2010/4976-93 on 30.07.2025. This order invited employees to voluntarily contribute one day's salary towards the relief efforts. This successfully raised a total of ₹7,07,010/- from university employees. Subsequently, a demand draft for the full amount, payable to the 'AAPDA

RAAHAT KOSH-2025' (No. 139638, dated 22.08.2025), was formally presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

This matter was placed before the Executive Council for approval and ratification of decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Executive Council lauded the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor and formally ratified/approved the action taken.

Item No. 81.5: To apprise the Executive Council of a disciplinary matter concerning Sh. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant.

The Executive Council was apprised that Sh. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant was transferred from Office of the Controller of Examinations, Dharamshala to the office of (1) Dean Student Welfare and (2) Proctor Office at Shahpur with the approval of Vice-Chancellor vide Office Order No. 4-10/CUHP/Estt./2017/4488-95 dated 30.07.2021. In pursuance to the said office order, Sh. Neeraj Sharma joined the Office of the Dean Student Welfare at Shahpur on 9th August 2021 vide Office Order No. 4-10/CUHP/Estt./2017/5765-71 dated 18.08.2021.

2. In the light of the above transfer, Sh. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant submitted a claim for Transfer Travelling Allowance (TTA) in the Finance Department and informed that he is residing at the following address in Shahpur:

(SudeshKumari)
Village 39 Mile, PO & Tehsil Shahpur
District Kangra, HP-176206
AADHAR No. 5569-2380-6656

3. The university vide letter No. 7-11/CUHP/Estt./2011/3138 dated 16.05.2024 sought the information from the concerned landlord that "हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में सहायक के पद पर कार्यरत श्री नीरज शर्मा ने यात्रा भत्ता प्रदान करने के संबंध में विश्वविद्यालय पर माननीय हिमाचल प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय, शिमला में वाद दायर किया है तथा उन्होंने विश्वविद्यालय को यह अवगत कराया है कि वह शाहपुर में आपके मकान में निवासरत हैं जिसके संबंध में उन्होंने आपके द्वारा जारी प्रमाण-पत्र दिनांक 08.08.2021 प्रस्तुत किया है जो आपके अवलोकन के लिए 'अनुलग्नक-1' पर संलग्न है। कृपया आपसे उक्त निवास प्रमाण-पत्र को सत्यापित करने का अनुरोध है साथ ही यह भी अवगत करायें कि श्री नीरज शर्मा आपके यहां कब से निवासरत हैं एवं वर्तमान में निवासरत हैं अथवा नहीं।"

4. The said letter issued by the University was returned by the Postal Department with the comment "Insufficient Address" ('Annexure-5'). Subsequently, the University vide letter No. 7-11/CUHP/Estt./2011/3500 dated 13.06.2024 ('Annexure-6') sought the information from Nagar Panchayat Secretary, Shahpur, District Kangra that "हिमाचल प्रदेश केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में सहायक के पद पर कार्यरत श्री नीरज शर्मा ने यात्रा भत्ता प्रदान करने के संबंध में विश्वविद्यालय पर माननीय हिमाचल प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय, शिमला में वाद दायर किया है तथा उन्होंने विश्वविद्यालय को यह अवगत कराया है कि वह शाहपुर में सुश्री सुदेश कुमारी, गांव 39

मील, पोस्ट ऑफिस एवं तहसील शाहपुर, जिला कांगड़ा (हि.प्र.)-176206 के मकान में निवासरत हैं जिसके संबंध में उन्होंने प्रमाण-पत्र दिनांक 08.08.2021 प्रस्तुत किया है जो आपके अवलोकन के लिए 'अनुलग्नक-1' पर संलग्न है। विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा उक्त पते के सत्यापन के लिए संबंधित मकान मालिक को पत्र जारी किया गया था जो कि डाक विभाग की टिप्पणी "Insufficient Address" के साथ वापस आ गया है। अतः आपसे संबंधित मकान मालिक के संबंध में विश्वविद्यालय को यह जानकारी प्रदान करने का अनुरोध है कि क्या इस नाम से कोई आपकी पंचायत में कोई निवासरत है अथवा नहीं?"

5. In response to the above letter of the University, the Nagar Panchayat Secretary, Shahpur vide his letter No. न0एन0शाहपुर/2024-151 dated 18.06.2024 informed as under:-

महोदय,

उपरोक्त निम्न वार आपके कार्यालय पत्र संख्या न0 फार.7- 11 / हि.प्र.के वि./संस्थापना/2011/3500 दिनांक 13 जून 2024 वार अनुसंधान है कि:-

1. यह कि आपके द्वारा पत्र के साथ संलग्न प्रमाणपत्र वार जांच से पाया कि उपरोक्त पत्र सही है व जिराकी सत्यता गवन मालिक श्री मति सुरेश कुमारी के पुत्र श्री शिवान भारद्वाज द्वारा कार्यालय में आकर की गयी।
2. यह कि वर्तमान में श्री नीरज शर्मा पुत्र श्री कमल देव शर्मा उपरोक्त पते पर व नगर पंचायत शहरी क्षेत्र में निवास नहीं करता व पुरुखाळ से पाया कि वर्तमान में वह गांव सुकड़ में निवास कर रहा है।

6. Further, the son of landlord Mr. Shivan Bhardwaj vide his email dated 19.06.2024 informed the university as under:-

My name is Shivan Bhardwaj, s/o late Shri Shanti Sarup, I want to let you know about Mr. Neeraj Sharma s/o Shri Kamal Dev Sharma is not our tenant and he was never our tenant in the past as well, also we never had any signed contract with him and we have no idea about anything about him, I don't know why he involved my name or my family name in his matter. I have already informed to my nagarpanchayat Shahpur about this matter and told them the truth.

7. The entire matter mentioned above was placed before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor constituted a committee for Preliminary Inquiry and Detailed Investigation under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 on the matter.

8. The said committee met on 24.06.2024 and the committee, prima facie found in the matter that:-

- क. श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक ने विश्वविद्यालय को दिनांक 27.02.2023 को अपने शाहपुर आवास का गलत पता उपलब्ध करवाया था।
- ख. श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक द्वारा प्रस्तुत किये गये शाहपुर आवास के पते के संबंध में स्वयं मकान मालिक ने यह टिप्पणी की है कि वह (श्री नीरज शर्मा) कभी भी उनके आवास पर किरायेदार के रूप में नहीं रहा है और न ही इस संबंध में उन्होंने कोई दस्तावेज श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक को कभी भी हस्ताक्षर करके दिए हैं।
- ग. नगर पंचायत सचिव, शाहपुर ने भी कुलसचिव कार्यालय को इस संबंध में प्रेषित अपनी सत्यापन रिपोर्ट दिनांक 18.06.2024 में यह उल्लेख किया है कि श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक न तो उक्त पते पर व न ही नगर पंचायत शहरी क्षेत्र में निवास करता है व उन्होंने पुरुखाळ से पाया कि वर्तमान में वह गांव सुकड़ में निवास कर रहा है।
- घ. दस्तावेजों के अवलोकन पर प्रथम दृष्टया यह प्रतीत हो रहा है कि श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक ने विश्वविद्यालय को गलत दस्तावेज जमा किये हैं तथा उसके द्वारा विश्वविद्यालय को Misteard किया गया है। परंतु, इस संबंध में श्री नीरज शर्मा, सहायक का भी लिखित में पक्ष लिया जाना आवश्यक है।

9. As per above recommendations of the committee, the university issued Show Cause Notice to Sh. Neeraj Sharma Vide F.No. 7-11/CUHP/Estt./2011/3744 dated 25.06.2024 with a direction to submit his reply with in the 05 days from the

issuance of this Show Cause Notice. Further, Sh. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant submitted his reply vide letter dated 27.06.2024.

10. Further, the entire matter was again placed before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (who is appointing authority) through the Registrar (who is disciplinary authority) and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor directed to seek First Stage Advice from Ministry of Education, Government of India in the matter.

11. In view of above directions of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the university sought First Stage Advice from Ministry of Education, Government of India and the Ministry of Education vide letter No. C.33011/12/2024-Vig. dated 06.06.2025 has directed the university as under:

Sir,

Please refer to CUHP's letter No.: 7-11/CUHP/Estt/2011/4082 dated 10.07.2024 & reminder dated 16.05.2025 in the above mentioned subject matter.

2. The matter has been examined in Vigilance Branch, MoE and a reply was already sent. It is reiterated that Shri Neeraj Sharma is a Group B employee and matters of Group B employees do not need to be sent to CVC or Ministry for First Stage Advice. The Executive Council of University, being competent to take further action, is requested to proceed in this matter further as per extant Act and statute of the University.

Yours faithfully,


(Murari Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

12. In view of above directions of the Ministry and as per approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the university served Charge sheet upon Sh. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant under CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 (Rule No. 14) vide memo No.7-11/CUHP/Estt/2011/4219 dated 01.07.2025. Further, as per the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the Inquiry Officer was appointed to inquire in to the matter and presently the inquiry is in progress.

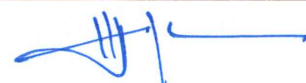
Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for consideration, approval and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this matter.

After due consideration of the matter, the Executive Council ratified and approved the Vice-Chancellor's decision. The Council also expressed its concern and directed that the inquiry be concluded promptly within the prescribed guidelines, citing the seriousness of the issue.

Item No. 81.6:

To place before the Executive Council the No Objection Certificate (NOC) granted to Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Assistant Professor, Centre for Yoga Studies, for pursuing a Ph.D. at the University.

The Executive Council was appraised that on 01.09.2025, Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Yoga Studies, requested a No Objection Certificate (NOC). The NOC is required to enable him to pursue a Ph.D. programme at the same Centre within the University.



2. The above faculty member began his service at the University on 17.02.2023. If admitted to the Ph.D. programme, he will require study leave to complete the mandatory coursework. The granting of such leave is governed by Clause 8.2 (iii) & (iv) of the UGC Regulations, 2018, which states the following:

- iii. The study leave shall be granted to an entry-level appointee as Assistant Professor/Assistant Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sport/College DPE&S (other than as Associate Professor or Professor of a University/College/Institution, who is otherwise eligible for sabbatical leave) after a minimum of three years of continuous service, to pursue a special line of study or research directly related to his/her work in the University/College/Institution or to make a special study of the various aspects of University organisation and methods of education, giving full plan of the work.
- iv. The study leave shall be granted by the Executive Council/Syndicate on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned. The leave shall not be granted for more than three years in one spell, save in exceptional cases, in which the Executive Council/Syndicate is satisfied that such extension is unavoidable on academic grounds and necessary in the interest of the University/College/Institution.

3. The matter was presented to the Vice-Chancellor for a decision. The Vice-Chancellor directed that the No Objection Certificate (NOC) be issued, noting that the faculty member is nearing the completion of the three-year service requirement. However, because the applicant has not yet met the three-year service minimum for study leave under UGC Regulations, 2018, the Vice-Chancellor directed that this specific matter be placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval

The Executive Council ratified and approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding issue of NOC to Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Assistant Professor for pursuing Ph.D. from Central University of Himachal Pradesh as internal candidate.

After deliberations, the Executive Council addressed the issue of internal candidates pursuing Ph.D. programmes and noted that mandatory Ph.D. coursework (as per UGC Regulations) leads to faculty and staff requesting study leave. This practice affects academic and administrative workloads.

Therefore, the Executive Council decided that the internal employee (Teaching or non Teaching) pursuing PhD at CUHP are required to complete the coursework concurrently alongwith their regular official assignment(s)/duty so that Teaching / Office work may not suffer.

Item No. 81.7 :

To consider the request of Dr. KBS Krishna for Extraordinary Leave (EOL) on medical grounds

The Executive Council was appraised that Prof. KBS Krishna, Assistant Professor, Department of English has recently been sanctioned with 60 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical Ground for the period from 05.08.2025 to 03.10.2025 in continuity. The said requests of the teacher had duly been recommended by the Head of the department due to the teacher is suffering from chronic kidney disease from August, 2020 and he is not in the condition to attend the office regularly.

2. Keeping in view the serious illness of the university teacher, the Vice-Chancellor took a decision to sanction 60 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical Ground (Without Pay) in favour of Dr. KBS Krishna from 05.08.2025 to 03.10.2025, as per clause 8.4(VI)(i)&(ii)(a) which provides following:

VI. Extraordinary Leave

- (i) A permanent teacher may be granted extraordinary leave when:
 - (a) No other leave is admissible; or
 - (b) Other leave is admissible and the teacher applies in writing for the grant of extraordinary leave.
- (ii) The extraordinary leave shall always be without pay and allowances. It shall not count for an increment except in the following cases:
 - (a) Leave taken on the basis of medical certificates;
 - (b) Cases where the Vice-Chancellor/Principal is satisfied that the leave was taken due to causes beyond the control of the teacher, such as inability to join or rejoin duty due to civil commotion or a natural calamity, and the teacher has no other kind of leave to his credit;
 - (c) Leave taken for pursuing higher studies; and
 - (d) Leave granted to accept an invitation to a teaching post or fellowship or research-cum- teaching post or on assignment for technical or academic work of importance.

3. It was also apprised to the Executive Council that till date the teacher concerned has availed total 1488 days Extra Ordinary Leave on Medical Ground (Without Pay) from 03.04.2021 to 17.05.2022 (408 days), 13.08.2022 to 08.02.2023 (180 days), 09.02.2023 to 07.08.2023 (180 days), and 08.08.2023 to 07.02.2024(180 days), 08.08.2024 to 05.08.2024 (180 days) and 06.08.2024 to 05.02.2025 (180 days), 06.02.2025 to 04.08.2025 (180 days).

The matter is placed before the Executive Council for its approval and ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

The Executive Council ratified/approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 81.8:

To place before the Executive Council regarding issue of work order letters for e-SLM writing, review of e-SLM, Video Lecture Recording, e-SLM assessment questions etc. to concerned Faculty members of CUHP, Faculty members of other institutions and NITTTR Chandigarh for Online Learning Programmes under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University for approval/ratification and further permission thereof.

1. The University has established Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) for running 05 online learning programmes from the session July 2025 and/or onwards. For smooth running of these programmes, work orders related to e-SLM writing, review of e-SLM, Video Lecture Recording, assessment questions quadrant development had been issued to concerned Faculty of CUHP, Faculty of other institutions and NITTTR Chandigarh by Director, CDOE after taking approval from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Hence, the above matter was placed before the Executive Council to ratify the decision/approval of Vice Chancellor regarding these work orders issued by Director, CDOE and to accord approval to all these work orders that had been issued earlier by Director, CDOE to concerned Faculty members of CUHP, Faculty members of other institutions and NITTTR Chandigarh for the purpose of e-SLM writing, review of e-SLM, Video Lecture Recording and development of e-SLM assessment questions as per four quadrant approach of SWAYAM. The Executive Council is also requested to grant

permission for issuing of work orders in future by Director, CDOE (after seeking approval from vice chancellor) for various academic and administrative purposes including above mentioned four purposes from time to time on need basis and requirements of CDOE for smooth functioning and running of online learning programme of CDOE in future.

The Executive Council ratified/approved the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:

Item No. 81.9: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding confirmation of minutes of 40th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 18.08.2025.

The Minutes of 40th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 18.08.2025 are placed at **Annexure-80.9(A)** for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

Therefore, matter was placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

The Executive Council approved the minutes of 40th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 18th August, 2025.

The Executive Council whilst deliberations upon the minutes of the 40th Meeting of Academic Council held on 18.08.2025 in specific on item no 40.25 observed that the request of the department is genuine and in larger academic interest approved to transfer the vacant post of Assistant Professor (UR- Lien Vacancy) from Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences to the Department of Commerce and fill this vacancy as such. The Executive Council further directed the university upon receipt of regular positions from UGC/MoE in the department of Commerce, the one Post of Assistant Professor so transferred from the Chemistry and Chemical Sciences be reverted to the original department.

Item No. 81.10: To place before the Executive Council the recommendations of the 45th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 24th September, 2025.

The 45th Meeting of Finance Committee was held on 24th September, 2025 at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P. The recommendations made by the Finance Committee are being placed at **ANNEXURE 81.10(A)** for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

The Minutes of 45th Finance Committee Meeting held on 24th September, 2025 were placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval, please.

After detailed deliberations on every Agenda item(s) of Finance Committee , the Executive Council approved the minutes of 45th Meeting of Finance Committee held on 24th September, 2025.

Item No. 81.11: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding nomination of the Dean of Schools and Head/Director of Departments/Centres in the University Court.

The Executive Council was appraised that the provision of constitution of the University Court is provided in the Statute 10(5) (xii) & (xiii) as contained under Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009 which provides as under:-

“(xii) Deans of Schools of Studies as may be decided by the Executive council for appointment as members of Court through election.

(xiii) HoDs/Directors of Departments/Centres as may be decided by the Executive Council for appointment as members of Court through elections”.

It was further submitted that the term of members of University Court as per the provisions contained in the Statute 10(5) (xii) & (xiii) has expired on 20th February, 2025. The Statutes 10(5) (xii) & (xiii) provides that “the member(s) of the University Court to be nominated by the Executive Council”.

In pursuance to the said provisions, the University completed the process for the election of Court Member in the capacity of Dean and Head by appointing the Returning Officer to conduct the election from Deans and Heads in the University vide Office Order F.No. 1-9/CUHP/ Estt./2012/1838-52 dated 21st March, 2025. The Returning Officers so appointed by the University submitted their recommendations/result **Annexure-81.11(A)** as per the details given below:-

Sr. No.	Statutes	Provisions contained in Statutes	Name of elected member
1	Statute 10(5) (xii)	Deans of Schools of Studies as may be decided by the Executive council for appointment as members of Court through election.	Prof. Deepak Pant, Dean, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences
2	Statute 10(5) (xiii)	HoDs/Directors of Departments/Centres as may be decided by the Executive Council for appointment as members of Court through elections.	Prof. Yogendra Kumar, Head, Department of Sanskrit

Therefore, the matter regarding nomination of one Dean and one Head in the University Court as per the provisions contained in the Statute 10(5) (xii) & (xiii) was submitted before the Executive Council for consideration and approval/nomination of the members as stated above.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter and approved the aforesaid matter and further authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make such nominations as per result of the election under reporting/ratification of the Executive Council.

Item No. 81.12: To place before the Executive Council the proposal for nomination of one member on Executive Council in terms of Statute 11(1)(viii).

The Executive Council was appraised that the provision of Composition, Term of Office and Quorum of Executive Council is provided in the Statute 11(1) (viii) as



contained under Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009 which provides as under:-

“Statute 11(1) (viii): Two eminent academicians, not in the service of the University, to be nominated by the Executive Council from amongst a panel recommended by the Vice-Chancellor.”

In view of the above, the Executive Council was appraised that the term of Prof. Nagesh Thakur, Professor, Department of Physics, HPU Shimla nominated as per aforesaid provisions by the Executive Council vide Item No. 55.13 in its 55th Meeting held on 29.07.2022 had expired on 01.09.2025.

In consonance with the provision of Statute mentioned above, the matter was submitted before the Executive Council for consideration and nomination of member for the Executive Council of the University.

The Council proposed the name of Prof Nagesh Thakur, Professor, Department of Physics, HPU Shimla and Executive Council member of NAAC as per University Ordinance. Further, the council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make such nominations under reporting/ratification of the Executive Council.

Item No. 81.13:

To place before the Executive Council the proposal for nomination of one member for the Finance Committee in terms of Statute 17(1)(iv).

The Executive Council was appraised that the provision of Composition, Term of Office and Quorum of Finance Committee is provided in the Statute 17(1)(iv) as contained under Second Schedule of the Central Universities Act, 2009 which provides as under:-

Statute 17(1)(iv) provides that the Finance Committee Shall consists of “three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council”. At present the following members are on the Finance Committee as per details given against each:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Member	Capacity	Membership valid upto
1.	Prof. Nagesh Thakur, Professor, Department of Physics, H.P. University Shimla	Nominee of the Executive Council as Member of the Executive Council	The membership of EC has been expired on 28 th July, 2025
2.	Prof. Gyan Chand Raiya, Retd. Finance Officer, HPU Shimla(EC nominee)	Nominee of the Executive Council	24.11.2025
3.	Dr. Deen Dayal Verma, Retd. Assistant Registrar, HPU Shimla(EC nominee)		

In consonance with the above provision of Statute mentioned above, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for consideration and nomination of members in place of member mentioned above.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter, authorized the Vice-Chancellor to make such nominations under reporting/ratification of the Executive Council.

Item No. 81.14: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding request of Sh. Kartar Chand, Assistant Professor, Centre for Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies for pursuing PhD.

The Executive Council was appraised that Sh. Kartar Chand, Assistant Professor, Centre for Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies vide his application dated 06.06.2025 has requested the university that he intends to pursue Ph.D. in Public Administration from DeshBhagat University. Therefore, he may be granted NOC for the purpose.

2. In view of above, it is appraised that the teacher has joined this university on 11.03.2022. In case of selection in the said PhD programme, the teacher shall require study leave to complete the mandatory Course Work. The clause 8.2(iii) & (iv) of the UGC Regulations, 2018 contains following provisions regarding grant of study leave:

- iii. The study leave shall be granted to an entry-level appointee as Assistant Professor/Assistant Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sport/College DPE&S (other than as Associate Professor or Professor of a University/College/Institution, who is otherwise eligible for sabbatical leave) after a minimum of three years of continuous service, to pursue a special line of study or research directly related to his/her work in the University/College/Institution or to make a special study of the various aspects of University organisation and methods of education, giving full plan of the work.
- iv. The study leave shall be granted by the Executive Council/Syndicate on the recommendation of the Head of the Department concerned. The leave shall not be granted for more than three years in one spell, save in exceptional cases, in which the Executive Council/Syndicate is satisfied that such extension is unavoidable on academic grounds and necessary in the interest of the University/College/Institution.

2. It was appraised that the teacher has completed three years of services as required under UGC Regulations 2018 for sanction of Study Leave to the teachers.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for considerations and approval, please.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter and approved the aforesaid matter.

Item No. 81.15: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding resignation tendered by Ms. Renu Bhandari from the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Education.

The Executive Council is apprised that Ms. Renu Bhandari, Assistant Professor, Department of Education vide her letter dated 31.07.2025 has tendered resignation due to personal reasons and requested to accept the same.

2. In view of above, it is submitted that the provision of dealing with resignations tendered by the employees of the university is contained under clause 25(6)(a) of the Central Universities Act, 2009 which is reproduced below:

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of the Statute, a teacher, member of the academic staff or other employee may resign:-

(a) If he is permanent employee, only after giving three months' notice in writing to the Executive Council or the appointing authority, as the case may be, or by paying three months' salary in lieu thereof;

3. Further, it is submitted that as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 74.10 in its 74th meeting held on 18.12.2024, the concerned female teacher has been sanctioned with following leaves upto 31.08.2025 vide office order No. 6-65/CUHP/Estt/2013/209-13 dated 13.01.2025.:

Sr.	Type of Leave	Days	Period		Remarks
1.	Earned Leave	79 days	20.05.2023	06.08.2023	On ex-post-facto basis
2.	Half Pay Leave	230 days	07.08.2023	23.03.2024	On ex-post-facto basis
3.	Extra Ordinary Leave (Without Pay)	269 days	24.03.2024	18.12.2024	On ex-post-facto basis
4.	Extra Ordinary Leave (Without Pay)	256 days	18.12.2024	31.08.2025	-

4. It is pertinent to mention here that the female teacher under reference has not turned up to resume her duties in Central University of Himachal Pradesh till date after expiry of Extra Ordinary Leave sanctioned in her favour till 31.08.2025. Furthermore, the teacher has tendered her resignation on 31.07.2025 and if we consider it as notice period up to 31.08.2025 then also she is shortfall of two months of notice period as required from a regular employee. In such condition it is proposed that we may accept the resignation of the teacher w.e.f. 01.09.2025 by deducting two months' salary (in lieu of two months shortfall of notice period) from the terminal benefits/dues to the incumbent in order to save the public exchequer.

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

The Executive Council after deliberations approved the aforesaid matter.

Item No. 81.16:

To place before the Executive Council, the matter regarding recommendations of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee(s) for upward movement under CAS.

The University conducted following meeting of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for Upward Movement under CAS of Teacher:

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Department	Due date of Promotion/ Upward Movement
Promotion/Upward Movement under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-11 (Assistant Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-12 (Assistant Professor)			

1.	Dr. Bhawana Bhardwaj	HPKV Business School	22.08.2020
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2. Hence, all the above recommendations of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee(s) for placement was submitted to Executive Council for approval/decision alongwith the following matter which wereplaced before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in the matter:-

- (a) Decision of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for placement of teachers under CAS.
- (b) Approval to issue Placement Orders to the selected concerned teacher by the Registrar.

The Executive Council approved the following:-

- (a) **Decision of the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for placement of teachers under CAS.**
- (b) **Approved to issue Placement Orders to the selected concerned teacher by the Registrar.**

Item No. 81.17: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding completion of probation and confirmation of services of university teachers.

Consequent upon appointment on regular basis in this University, following University teacher joined the University during the year 2024 as per details mentioned below. As per terms and condition of the appointment letter, the appointment of teachers was on probation for a period of one year in the first instance from the date of his joining which may further be extended for another period.

2. The matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor and it was directed to place the matter before the Executive Council for confirmation/approval of the services of following teachers as per university rules:

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Designation & Department/ Centre	Date of Joining	Date of Completion of Probation	Date of Confirmation
1.	Dr. Naresh Kumar	Associate Professor, Department of Punjabi & Dogri	15.07.2024	14.07.2025	15.07.2025
2.	Dr. Prativa Shree	Associate Professor, Centre for Yoga Studies	22.07.2024	21.07.2025	22.07.2025
3.	Sh. Mayank Chopra	Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Informatics	18.10.2024	17.10.2025	18.10.2025
4.	Dr. Rakesh Sharma	Assistant Professor, Physics & Astronomical Science	18.10.2024	17.10.2025	18.10.2025
5.	Dr. Ajay Kumar	Assistant Professor, Centre for Kashmir Studies	28.10.2024	27.10.2025	28.10.2025

3. There is nothing on records wherein disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated or initiated against the above mentioned teachers.



4. The clause (09) and (10) of the ordinance No. 14 of the university provides following provisions for confirmation of services of the teachers:

Probation:

9. Teachers shall be appointed on probation ordinarily for a period of twelve months, but in no case the total period of probation shall exceed 24 months. Provided that the condition of probation shall not apply in the case of teachers appointed by the Executive Council under the provisions of Statute 19.

Confirmation:

10. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to place before the Executive Council the case of Confirmation of a teacher on probation, not later than forty days before the end of the period of probation.
11. The Executive Council shall have the power to confirm the teacher or decide not to confirm him, or extend the period of probation by a maximum of twenty-four months in all. Provided that the decision not to confirm a teacher shall require a two-third majority of the members of the Executive Council present and voting.
12. In case the Executive Council decides not to confirm a teacher, whether before the end of twenty-four months' period of his / her probation, or before the end of the extended period of probation, as the case may be, the teacher shall be informed in writing to that effect, not later than thirty days before the expiration of that period.

5. The work and conduct of the above teachers during their probation period has been obtained from the Head/Dean concerned and it has been recommended therein for clearance of probation of the above Teachers.



Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval regarding confirmation of services of above mentioned teachers as per tabulated above.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the confirmation of the aforesaid teachers from the due date subject to completion of all the codal formalities.

Item No. 81.18: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding appointment of Md. Suaib Khan to the post of Upper Division Clerk.

The Executive Council was appraised that the university has received a letter No. M/HP/103/00004 dated 18.07.2025 vide which a representation from Md. Suaib Khan made to the Minority Commission has been forwarded to this university wherein it has been aggrieved that he has not been promoted to the post of Assistant and Section Officer soon after he become eligible. The contents of his representation are as under:-

2. Apropos to the above, the following points were placed for appraise the Executive Council chronologically:-

- i. Subsequent to establishment of university by joining of first Vice-Chancellor of the university, the services of Md. Suaib Khan were engaged/hired as Upper Division Clerk on contract basis (without following the due procedure of appointment) with fixed remuneration and the period of contract was extended from time to time. It is pertinent to mention here that when UGC specifically withdraw all the contractual posts by sanctioning regular positions, the pay to the incumbent was released against the regular sanction position. The university thereafter advertised the regular positions including that of Upper Division Clerk vide Employment Notice No. 001/2012 dated 13.02.2012 wherein the required qualification in terms of education and experience was as under:-

“A minimum of 3 years’ experience as LDC in the pay band of Rs. 5200-20200 + Grade Pay Rs.1,900/- in the Central / State Governments, Universities or autonomous organisations.”

- ii. Md. Suaib Khan was also the applicant for the post of Upper Division Clerk advertised by the University for Recruitment on regular basis. During the screening process, the committee after going through the application of Md. Suaib Khan who was working in this university as UDC on purely short-term contract basis from 1st November, 2010 to the till date, found that he lacks minimum eligibility experience. However, as, he was working in CUHP since, its early days, the committee was of the opinion that consideration form relaxation in experience may be sought by submitting the facts before Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor. From the record, it has been observed that the relaxation so sought by the screening committee was never accorded by the then Vice-Chancellor. He was shortlisted and subsequently called for interview. The then Registrar has also mentioned this matter in detail in Note No. 49(3) **Annexure-81.18(A)** of F. No. 7-30/CUHP/Estt/ 2014.
- iii. Further, the University has clearly stated in the affidavit filed in CWP No. 575/2015 and CWP No. 580/2015 in the Hon’ble Himachal Pradesh High Court, Shimla that the appointment of the employees (including Md. Suaib Khan) on

contract basis was not done as per the procedure prescribed in the rules, due to which his experience on the said post cannot be considered for regular appointment. The then Registrar has also mentioned this matter in detail in Note No. 49(9) and Note No. 52 **Annexure-81.18(B)** of F. No. 7-30/CUHP/Estt/2014.

- iv. Md. Suaib Khan was appointed to the post of Upper Division Clerk vide Appointment Letter No. 1-4/CUHP/Recruitment/2010/3794-97 dated 20.05.2014 in reference to which he joined on 05.06.2014 vide Office Order No. 7-30/CUHP/Establishment/2014/4195-99 dated 06.06.2014. In the meanwhile, the university received a detailed RTI on the entire matter in the year 2014 and the office and the then Registrar has processed the complete fact before the Competent Authority.
- v. The Competent Authority constituted a committee to examine the case pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Suaib Khan. The said committee in its recommendations dated 21.12.2017 has not made any comment regarding the minimum experience qualification required for the post of Upper Division Clerk w.r.t. Md. Suaib Khan. Since, the entire matter was in progress, the confirmation of the incumbent in the university services was done only during 2020 vide office order No. 7-30/CUHP/Estt./2013/669-73 dated 29.01.2020. Since, the regular employees are to be considered for promotion, not the probationers, as such, the DPC could be convened only after the confirmation of the incumbent and as such the incumbent was promoted to the post of Assistant w.e.f. 07.02.2020. Being the matter of fact and record that the incumbent were initially appointed as Upper Division Clerk on the basis of relaxation in experience which was never accorded by the Appointing Authority.
- vi. It is also submitted that the incumbent was considered for promotion to the Post of Section Officer by the university during the process of promotion in the year 2025 but he could not qualify the prescribed departmental promotion test for the post of Section Officer as per provisions contained under recruitment rules adopted by the university in the form of Ordinance No. 24. It is incumbent upon any government employee to adhere and follow the rules set over him for promotion and when the employee was considered for promotion but failed to qualify the departmental promotion test, as envisaged under the rules, he started making representations before one or the other platform. Despite the fact that his initial appointment to the post of Upper Division Clerk is in contradiction to the rules.

3. The entire matter was placed before the Appointing Authority i.e. Vice-Chancellor and it was ordered to place the matter with all the facts before the Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute an inquiry committee to inquire into the entire matter regarding appointment of Md. Suaib Khan to the post of Upper Division Clerk in this university and submit the report and also authorized the Vice-Chancellor to approve the recommendations of the committee so constituted and take further decision in the matter accordingly under reporting/ratification of the Executive Council.

Item No. 81.19: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding requirement of teaching posts in Department of Animal Science.

The Executive Council is apprised that as per decision of the Executive Council vide item No. 53.35 in its 53rd meeting held on 21.03.2022 one unreserved vacant post of Assistant Professor in Department of Animal Science was transferred to Centre for

Ambedkar Studies to kick start this new Centre. The said post of Assistant Professor has now been filled in Centre for Ambedkar Studies on regular basis.

2. In view of above, it is appraised that now Head, Department of Animal Science vide his letter No. Animal Sciences/2-5/(Head File)/CUHP/2025/ 756 dated 26.09.2025 has requested that teaching workload in the department has considerably increased. Therefore, one post of Assistant Professor so transferred as per above decision of the Executive Council of the university be provided to the department so that teaching and other academic activities of the department may not suffer.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter observed that the request of the department is genuine and in larger academic interest approved to transfer the vacant post of Assistant Professor (UR) from Department of Disaster Management to the Department of Animal Science and fill this vacancy as such. The Executive Council further directed the university that upon receipt of regular positions from UGC/MoE in the Centre for Ambedkar Studies to where the instant vacancy of Department of Animal Science was transferred be reverted to the Department of Disaster Management.

Item No. 81.20:

To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding requirement of teaching posts in Department of Computer Engineering & Robotics.

The Executive Council is respectfully informed that the University has commenced the B.Tech. programme under the Department of Computer Engineering & Robotics in pursuance of the decision taken by the Executive Council vide item no. 79.14 in its 79th meeting held on 22nd May, 2025. It is submitted that all the 33 seats sanctioned in the B.Tech. programme have been duly filled.

2. At present, the academic sessions are being conducted with the assistance of resource persons. However, it is submitted that this arrangement is not sufficient to the academic rigor demanded by a specialised technical programme such as B.Tech., which requires faculty with high expertise and commitment.

3. In light of the above, it is most humbly requested that regular faculty appointments be made in the Department of Computer Engineering and Robotics to ensure the smooth and effective conduct of academic activities pertaining to the B.Tech. programme.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council after deliberations observed that the request of the department is genuine and in larger academic interest approved to transfer the vacant post of Assistant Professor (UR- Lien Vacancy) from Department of English to the Department of Computer Engineering and Robotics and fill this vacancy as such. The Executive Council further directed the university upon receipt of regular positions from UGC/MoE in the department of Computer Engineering and Robotics, the one Post of Assistant Professor so transferred from the English be reverted to the original department.

Item No. 81.21: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding requirement of posts of Professor in Department of Social Work.

The Executive Council is appraised that as per decision of the Executive Council vide item No. 79.13 in its 79th meeting held on 22.05.2025 one unreserved vacant post of Professor in Department of Social Work was transferred to Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences. The said post of Professor is still vacant.

2. In view of above, it is appraised that now Head, Department of Social Work vide his letter No. SSP/Dehra/SW/1-1/CUHP/20/411 dated 25.09.2025 has requested that teaching workload in the department has considerably increased. Therefore, one post of Professor so transferred as per above decision of the Executive Council of the university be provided to the department so that teaching and other academic activities of the department may not suffer.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for further decision/directions in the matter.

The Executive Council deferred matter.

Item No. 81.22: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding termination of lien of Dr. Ankit Tandon, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and issuance of regular appointment to the incumbent appointed against lien vacancy.

Consequent upon his appointment to the post of Assistant Professor at Central University of Jammu, Dr. Ankit Tandon, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences was relieved from the university services on 29.11.2023(A/N) by retaining lien at Central University of Himachal Pradesh as per the decision of Executive Council vide item No. 52.8 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021. The services of the teacher has been confirmed in the Central University of Jammu w.e.f. 15.09.2025 vide office order No. CUJ/Estab.T/2025/1094 dated 15.09.2025. Accordingly, the university has terminated the lien of teacher in this university against the permanent post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences w.e.f. 15.09.2025 vide office order No. 6-35/CUHP/Estt./2012/6059-64 dated 29.09.2025.

2. Further, as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 72.3 in its 72nd meeting held on 27.09.2024, Dr. Arun Kumar was appointed against this lien vacancy on contract basis. Consequent upon his appointment to the post, the teacher joined the university on 28.01.2025 (FN). It is pertinent to mention here that as per clause (i) of the appointment letter issued to the teacher, ***“the appointment is against LIEN VACANCY on contract basis till the time the lien is maintained/terminated by the incumbent as the case may be. This appointment is likely to be regularized subject to termination of lien by the incumbent. In case of termination of lien, your case for regularization of services or otherwise shall be processed separately as per prevailing rules at that time. As such, this shall not be construed as automatic permission/right for regularization of your services.”***

3. In view of the above, now the lien of Dr. AnkitTandon has been terminated and the services of Dr. Arun Kumar to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences are required to be regularised.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for:-

- (a) Ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor w.r.t. termination of lien of Dr. Ankit Tandon to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.
- (b) Approval to issue appointment letter on regular basis to Dr. Arun Kumar to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

The Executive Council approved the following:

- (a) Decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor w.r.t. termination of lien of Dr. Ankit Tandon to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.
- (b) Approve to issue appointment letter on regular basis to Dr. Arun Kumar to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Item No. 81.23: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding establishment of Botanical Garden at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra of the university.

The Executive Council is appraised that the construction of the permanent campus of the university at Dehra is in its full swing with an tentative target to start its activities from next academic session onwards. It is fact that the School of Life Sciences is integral part of the Dehra campus and provisioning of Botanical Garden for the academic purposes of the students is of the utmost requirement. Keeping in view the larger academic interest and requirement of the students, the university intends to establish botanical garden at Dehra campus of the University for which Five Acares of land out of the land allotted to the university by the state government at Dehra has been identified for the establishment of the botanical garden. For the nomenclature of this botanical garden the university has decided its name as “अटल वनस्पति उद्यान” “Atal Botanical Garden”. This botanical garden shall be developed by the university in phased manner and shall include different kinds of flora to facilitate the students for their study and research.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration, ratification of the decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard and approval, please.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter and approved the aforesaid matter.

Item No. 81.24: To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding change of nomenclature of the post of Nurse.

The Executive Council is appraised that as per approval of the University Grants Commission vide letter No. 63-1/2010(CU) dated 07.06.2023 one post of Nurse was created by the university in Pay Matrix Level-7 (Originally in the PB of Rs. 9300-34900 + GP Rs. 4600 as per 6thCPC) after due approvals from Finance Committee and Executive Council of the university. The very post was advertised by the university as such vide employment notice no 001/2017 dated 27.05.2017 and an incumbent namely Sh. Ramesh Bishnoi was appointed as Nurse in the university.

2. The incumbent of the post of Nurse namely Sh. Ramesh Bishnoi has represented that the nomenclature of the Nurse be changed from Nurse to Nursing Officer, since,

the same has also been directed by the UGC vide its letter No. 6-7/97(JCRC) Part File dated 29.11.2017 **Annexure-81.24(A)**. This will not have any financial implication on the incumbent on the change of nomenclature of post under reference. The entire matter was placed before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor has directed to place the matter before the Executive Council.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval, please.

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor and approved the aforesaid matter.

Item No. 81.25: To place before the Executive council the matter regarding Proposal for Exemption of University Examination Fee for F-Grade Students in SWAYAM Courses.

The Department of Sanskrit, Pali, & Prakrit and the Department of Hindi have raised concerns through their communications dated 19.09.2025 and 22.09.2025 regarding the imposition of dual examination fees on students who have received an 'F' grade (reappear) in SWAYAM courses. It has been reported that such students are paying the requisite examination fee on the SWAYAM portal and are also required to pay an additional examination fee to the University for F-grade form submission, resulting in a duplication of charges. This has been perceived as financially burdensome to the students.

2. As per the decision taken in the 66th meeting of the Executive Council held on January 11, 2024, and the subsequent letter issued by the Office of the Dean (Academics) (Reference No. AA/1-1/CUHP/22 dated January 25, 2024), it is mandatory from the academic session 2023-24 onwards for all students and research scholars (UG, PG, and PhD) to register for at least one SWAYAM course of a minimum of 2 credits.

3. In cases where students fail in the SWAYAM course and receive an 'F' grade, they are required to retake the examination by depositing the applicable fee directly on the SWAYAM portal. However, as per the prevailing University practice, these students are also required to pay an additional examination fee to the University for the purpose of updating their results, despite the University not conducting or administering the examination itself.

4. Since the University is not directly involved in conducting the examination for SWAYAM courses and incurs no expenditure. It is proposed that these students who have already paid the examination fee for F-grade SWAYAM courses on the

SWAYAM platform be exempted from paying a separate examination fee to the University for the said courses.

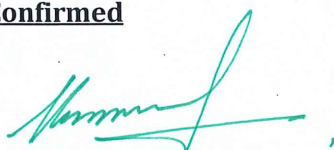
The above matter was placed before the Executive Council for deliberation and appropriate decision, please.

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



(Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan)
Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed



(Prof. S.P. Bansal)
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor