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- The 41st Academic Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 13th March, 2026 AT 11.00 A.M. (through blended mode) at Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P.-176215.
- The following members following members were attended the meeting:-

S. No.	NAME OF THE MEMBER	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	Chairman of the Council
2.	Prof. Dinesh Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal, Gurugram, Haryana.	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Himanshu Chaturvedi, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.	MEMBER
4.	Prof. Shiv Kumar Mishra, Department of History, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).	MEMBER
5.	Prof. Virender Negi, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Somnath Sachdeva, Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Nitin Vyas, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimal	MEMBER
8.	Dean (Prof. Roshan Lal) School of Languages (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
9.	Dean (Prof. Vishal Sood) School of Education	MEMBER

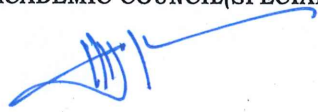
10.	Dean (Prof. Sanjeev Gupta) School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
11.	Dean (Prof. Sunil Kumar) School of Life Sciences (also in capacity of DSW)	MEMBER
12.	Dean (Prof. Ashish Nag) School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management	MEMBER
13.	Dean (Prof. Rajesh Kumar) School of Physical & Material Sciences	MEMBER
14.	Dean (Prof. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh) School of Social Sciences	MEMBER
15.	Dean (Dr. Ujjwal Suresh Kodode) School of Fine Art & Arts Education	MEMBER
16.	Dean (Prof. Rakesh Kumar) School of Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences	MEMBER
17.	Dean (Dr. Archana Katoch) School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	MEMBER
18.	Dean (Dr. Sunil Kumar) School of Humanities (also in capacity of Director)	MEMBER
19.	Dean (Prof. Deepak Pant) School of Earth & Environmental Sciences (also in capacity of Head)	MEMBER
20.	Proctor, (Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena)	MEMBER
21.	Librarian (Dr. Vikram Sharma)	MEMBER
22.	Prof. Vivek Sheel, Head, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences	MEMBER
23.	Dr. Sachin Upmanyu, Head, Department of Plant Science	MEMBER
24.	Prof. K. Shivram Rao, Head, Department of Library and Information Science	MEMBER
25.	Prof. Yogendra Kumar, Head, Department of Sanskrit	MEMBER
26.	Prof. Anil Kumar, Head, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology	MEMBER
27.	Prof. Naresh Kumar, Head, Department of Punjabi & Dogri	MEMBER
28.	Prof. Ambrish Kumar Mahajan, Head, Department of Geology (also in capacity of Director)	MEMBER
29.	Prof. Sandeep Kulshrestha, Director, Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism	MEMBER
30.	Prof. Malkit Singh, Director, Centre for Kashmir Studies	MEMBER



31.	Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Director, Centre for Ambedkar Studies	MEMBER
32.	Prof. Hum Chand, Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
33.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences	MEMBER
34.	Dr. Pawan Heera, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Science	MEMBER
35.	Dr. Rajindra Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Education	MEMBER
36.	Dr. Nimmala Karunakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science	MEMBER
37.	Registrar Central University of Himachal Pradesh VC's Secretariat, Dharamshala	EX-Officio Secretary

3. The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and unavoidable reasons and was granted leave of absence:

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBER	
1.	Dr. Amit Arya, Vice-Chancellor, Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts (DLCSUPVA), Rohtak, Haryana.	Not Present
2.	Shri Desh Raj Sharma, President Awardee for Transforming in Education; Former Chairman, Teacher and Teacher Education Task Force, NEP- 2020, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Former Director, S.D. Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir, Talwara (Punjab).	Not Present
3.	Prof. Raj Nehru, Former Vice-Chancellor, Skill University, Haryana; presently OSD to the Chief Minister of Haryana.	Not Present
4.	Prof. (Dr.) Narkeesh Arumugam, Punjabi University, Patiala.	Not Present
5.	Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta, Professor, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu.	Not Present
6.	Prof. Deepankar Sharma, Head, Department of CUHP Business School	Not Present
7.	Dr. Inderveer Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	Not Present



The Vice-Chancellor introduced all the members of the Academic Council who were present in the meeting as well as those attending the meeting through virtual mode. The Vice-Chancellor also introduced the faculty members of the University who were present during the meeting of the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the Academic Council that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh is going to organize its 9th Convocation of the University. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor further informed the members with pride that Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice-President of India, has very kindly consented to grace the occasion as the Chief Guest of the 9th Convocation of the University.. The presence of such a distinguished dignitary will be a matter of great pride and honour for the University.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed that the Convocation ceremony is one of the most significant academic events of the University wherein degrees and medals are conferred upon the eligible students who have successfully completed their respective programmes. The Academic Council appreciated the efforts being made by the University for the successful organization of the 9th Convocation of the University. Thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor invited the Registrar to take up the Agenda items.

The Registrar welcomed all the members of the Academic Council who were attending the meeting through actual and virtual mode and took up agenda(s) before the Academic Council:

THEREAFTER, THE AGENDA WAS TAKEN UP AS UNDER:

Item No. 41.1: Approval of the Academic Council for the award of Post-Graduate Degrees to the successful candidates of respective academic programmes during the Academic Sessions 2020-2022, 2020-23, 2021-2022 and 2021-2023 in the 9th Convocation of the University.

It is submitted that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh offered the following Programmes of Study for the following Academic Session:

(A) Academic Session 2020-23, 2021-2022, 2021-2023 and 2022-23

Sr. No.	Name of Programme
1.	Master of Business Administration
2.	Master of Science in Environmental Science
3.	Master of Arts in Education
4.	Master of Arts in English
5.	Master of Arts in Hindi
6.	Master of Arts in Sanskrit

7.	Master of Arts in Journalism & Mass Communication
8.	Master of Arts in New Media
9.	Master of Science in Bioinformatics
10.	Master of Science in Plant Sciences (Botany)
11.	Master of Science in Zoology
12.	Master of Science in Mathematics
13.	Master of Computer Applications (3 Years)
14.	Master of Computer Applications (2 Years)
15.	Master of Fine Arts (Painting)
16.	Master of Fine Arts (Sculpture)
17.	Master of Science in Physics
18.	Master of Science in Chemistry
19.	Master of Arts in Economics
20.	Master of Social Work
21.	Master of Arts in Sociology
22.	Master of Arts in History
23.	Master of Arts in Political Science
24.	Master of Business Administration (Specialization in Travel & Tourism)
25.	Master of Arts in Jammu & Kashmir Studies
26.	Master of Library & Information Science (1 Year)

(B) Academic Session 2020-2022

Sr. No.	Name of Programme
1	Master of Arts in Education
2	Master of Arts in Jammu & Kashmir Studies
3	Master of Business Administration
4	Master of Business Administration (Travel & Tourism)
5	Master of Arts in English
6	Master of Arts in New Media
7	Master of Science in Mathematics
8	Master of Arts in Sanskrit

After successful completion of the requirements for the award of PG Degree, the list of the students who are eligible to be awarded PG Degree for the Academic Sessions mentioned above was placed at ANNEXURE-41.1[A].

The Academic Council approved the award of Post-Graduate Degrees to the eligible candidates for the Academic Sessions 2020-2022, 2020-23, 2021-2022 and 2021-2023 who fulfilled the minimum requirements for the award of the Degree.

- Item No. 41.2 Approval of the Academic Council for the award of Under-Graduate Degrees to the successful candidates of respective academic programmes during the Academic Sessions 2019-2022, 2019-2023 ,2020-2023 and 2021-22 in the 9th Convocation of the University.**

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University offered the Under-Graduate Degree in following Programmes of Study:

Sr. No.	Name of Programme	Academic Session
1	B.A. Sanskrit (Honour's)/Shastri	2020-23
2	Bachelor of Library & Information Science	2021-22
3	Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting)	2019-23
4	Bachelor of Fine Arts (Sculpture)	2019-23
5	B.Sc. Physics (Honour's)	2020-23
6	B.A. Economics (Honour's)	2020-23
7	Bachelor of Vocation (Financial and Marketing Services)	2020-23
8	Bachelor of Vocation (Mass Communication)	2020-23
9	B.A. Sanskrit (Honours)	2019-22

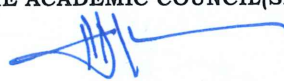
After successful completion of the requirements for the award of Under-Graduate Degree, the list of the students who are eligible to be awarded Under-Graduate Degree was placed at **ANNEXURE-41.2[A]**.

The Academic Council approved the conferment of Under-Graduate Degrees to the eligible candidates for the Academic Sessions 2019-2022, 2019-2023, 2020-2023 and 2021-22 in the 9th Convocation of the University, as per the list placed before the Council.

- Item No. 41.3 Approval of the Academic Council for the award of Gold Medals to the meritorious students of Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate programmes for the respective Academic Sessions in the 9th Convocation of the University.**

It is submitted before the Academic Council that some of the students of various Programmes of Study have stood first in their respective Departments and are eligible for the Award of Gold Medal after successful completion of the minimum requirements prescribed for their respective programmes.

The Gold Medals are proposed to be awarded to the eligible students of the Post-Graduate Degree Programmes for the Academic Sessions 2020-23, 2021-2023 and 2021-2022 and to the eligible students of



the Under-Graduate Degree Programmes for the Academic Sessions 2019–2023, 2020–2023 and 2021–2022.

The list of the UG & PG students of various Programmes of Study who are eligible after successful completion of the requirement for the award of Gold Medal was placed at ANNEXURE–41.3(A).

The Academic Council approved the award of Gold Medals to the eligible meritorious candidates of UG and PG programmes for the concerned batches, who have secured first position in their respective programmes, for conferment during the 9th Convocation of the University.

Item No. 41.4 Approval of the Academic Council for the award of M.Phil. Degrees to the eligible candidates of respective programmes up to the Academic Session 2020–2022 in the 9th Convocation of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University offered the following Programmes of Study:

Sr. No.	Name of Programme
1	M. Phil. (Jammu & Kashmir Studies)
2	M. Phil. (Punjabi & Dogri)
3	M. Phil. (Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies)
4	M. Phil. (Social Work)

After successful completion of the requirement for the award of M.Phil. Degree, the list of the students who are eligible is placed at ANNEXURE–41.4[A].

The Academic Council approved the award of M.Phil Degrees to the eligible candidates who have fulfilled the prescribed requirements for the award of M.Phil, for conferment during the 9th Convocation of the University.

Item No. 41.5 Approval of the Academic Council for the award of Ph.D. Degrees to the eligible research scholars up to December 2023 for conferment in the 9th Convocation of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University offered the following Programmes of Study for Ph.D.:

Sr. No.	Name of Programme
1	Ph.D. (Management)
2	Ph.D. (Environmental Sciences)
3	Ph.D. (Education)

Sr. No.	Name of Programme
4	Ph.D. (English)
5	Ph.D. (Hindi)
6	Ph.D. (Journalism & Mass Communication)
7	Ph.D. (New Media)
8	Ph.D. (Computational Biology & Bioinformatics)
9	Ph.D. (Mathematics)
10	Ph.D. (Library & Information Science)
11	Ph.D. (Physics & Astronomical Sciences)
12	Ph.D. (Social Work)
13	Ph.D. (Sociology and Social Anthropology)
14	Ph.D. (Ambedkar Studies)
15	Ph.D. (Tribal Studies)
16	Ph.D. (Tourism & Travel Management)

After successful completion of the requirement for the award of Ph.D. Degree, the list of the Research Scholars who are eligible is placed at ANNEXURE-41.5[A].

The Academic Council approved the award of Ph.D. Degrees to the eligible candidates who have fulfilled the prescribed requirements for the award of Ph.D., for conferment during the 9th Convocation of the University.

Item No. 41.6: Approval of the Academic Council for the award of PG Diploma and Certificate Courses to the eligible students for the Academic Year 2021-2022 in the 9th Convocation of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University offered the following PG Diploma and Certificate Courses:

Certificate Courses

Sr. No.	Name of Course
1	Certificate Course in Punjabi Language
2	Certificate Course in Indian Culture and Heritage
3	Certificate Course in Vedic Mathematics
4	Certificate Course in Yoga Studies

PG Diploma Courses

Sr. No.	Name of Course
1	Post Graduate Diploma in Deendayal Upadhyay Studies
2	Post Graduate Diploma in Hindu Studies
3	Post Graduate Diploma in Jammu & Kashmir Studies
4	Post Graduate Diploma in Tribal Studies
5	Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga Studies

After successful completion of the requirement, the list of the students who are eligible is placed at ANNEXURE-41.6[A].

The Academic Council approved the award of PG Diploma and Certificate Courses to the eligible candidates for the Academic Year 2021-2022 for conferment during the 9th Convocation of the University, as per the list placed before the Council.

Item No. 41.7: Approval of the Academic Council for amendment in Clause 11 of Ordinance No. 43 relating to Academic Dress for the Convocation of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the Academic Dress for candidates, dignitaries and members of the Academic Procession during the Convocation of the University is prescribed under **Clause 11 of Ordinance No. 43**. The dress code was earlier approved by the **31st Academic Council in its meeting held on 10th June, 2022 vide Item No. 31.3**. Subsequently, certain amendments relating to the dress code of dignitaries and members of the Academic Procession were also approved by the **36th Academic Council (By Circulation) held on 24th April, 2024 vide Item No. 36.4**.

Now, in view of the forthcoming **9th Convocation of the University**, it has been observed that the colour combination of *Shash* prescribed under **Clause 11 of Ordinance No. 43** does not include any specific colour for **M.Phil. Degree recipients**. Therefore, it is proposed to include the colour specification of *Shash* for **M.Phil. Degree recipients** in the Academic Dress.

Further, for the forthcoming Convocation of the University, the **Hon'ble Vice-President of India will attend the Convocation as the Chief Guest**. Therefore, it is also felt necessary to prescribe the **colour code of gown for the Chief Guest** during the Convocation ceremony.

Accordingly, the following amendments in **Clause 11 of Ordinance No. 43** are proposed:

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The Academic Council considered and approved the proposed amendments in Clause 11 of Ordinance No. 43 relating to Academic Dress for the Convocation, including:

- Inclusion of Magenta colour Shash for M.Phil. Degree recipients, and
- Prescription of Maroon Velvet gown for the Chief Guest of the Convocation.



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

Confirmed



Vice-Chancellor
Central University of Himachal Pradesh