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- The 42nd Academic Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 6th April, 2026 AT 11.30 A.M. (through blended mode) at Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P.-176215.
- The following members following members were attended the meeting: -

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Dinesh Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal, Gurugram, Haryana.	ONLINE
3.	Dr. Amit Arya, Vice-Chancellor, Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts (DLCSUPVA), Rohtak, Haryana.	ONLINE
4.	Prof. Somnath Sachdeva, Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.	ONLINE
5.	Prof. Raj Nehru, Former Vice-Chancellor, Skill University, Haryana; presently OSD to the Chief Minister of Haryana.	ONLINE
6.	Prof. Himanshu Chaturvedi, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.	ONLINE
7.	Prof. Shiv Kumar Mishra, Department of History, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).	ONLINE
8.	Prof. Virender Negi, University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.	-
9.	Prof. (Dr.) Narkeesh Arumugam, Punjabi University, Patiala.	-

10.	Shri Des 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).	-
11.	Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta, Professor, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu.	ONLINE
12.	Prof. Nitin Vyas, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla	MEMBER
13.	Dean (Prof. Roshan Lal) School of Languages, <i>(also in capacity of Head)</i>	MEMBER
14.	Dean (Prof. Vishal Sood) School of Education	MEMBER
15.	Dean (Prof. Sanjeev Gupta) School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
16.	Dean (Prof. Sunil Kumar) School of Life Sciences, <i>(also in capacity of DSW)</i>	MEMBER
17.	Dean (Prof. Ashish Nag) School of Tourism, Travel & Hospitality Management	MEMBER
18.	Dean (Prof. Rajesh Kumar) School of Physical & Material Sciences	MEMBER
19.	Dean (Prof. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh) School of Social Sciences	ONLINE
20.	Dean (Dr. Ujjwal Suresh Kodode) School of Fine Art & Arts Education	MEMBER
21.	Dean (Prof. Rakesh Kumar) School of Mathematics, Computer & Information Sciences	ONLINE
22.	Dean (Dr. Archana Katoch) School of Journalism, Mass Communication & New Media	MEMBER
23.	Dean (Dr. Sunil Kumar) School of Humanities, <i>(also in capacity of Director)</i>	MEMBER
24.	Dean (Prof. Deepak Pant) School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, <i>(also in capacity of Head)</i>	ONLINE
25.	Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena Proctor, CUHP	MEMBER
26.	Dr. Vikram Sharma Librarian, CUHP	MEMBER
27.	Prof. Vivek Sheel, Head, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences	MEMBER
28.	Dr. Sachin Upmanyu, Head, Department of Plant Science	MEMBER
29.	Prof. K. Shivram Rao, Head, Department of Library and Information Science	MEMBER
30.	Prof. Yogendra Kumar, Head, Department of Sanskrit	MEMBER

31.	Prof. Anil Kumar, Head, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology	MEMBER
32.	Prof. Deepankar Sharma, Head, Department of CUHP Business School	MEMBER
33.	Prof. Naresh Kumar, Head, Department of Punjabi & Dogri	MEMBER
34.	Prof. Ambrish Kumar Mahajan, Head, Department of Geology (also in capacity of Director)	MEMBER
35.	Prof. Sandeep Kulshrestha, Director, Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health & Cultural Tourism	MEMBER
36.	Prof. Malkit Singh, Director, Centre for Kashmir Studies	MEMBER
37.	Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Director, Centre for Ambedkar Studies	MEMBER
38.	Prof. Hum Chand, Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER
39.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Professor, Department of Animal Sciences	MEMBER
40.	Dr. Pawan Heera, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Science	MEMBER
41.	Dr. Rajindra Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Education	MEMBER
42.	Dr. Nimmala Karunakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science	ONLINE
43.	Dr. Inderveer Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	MEMBER
44.	Dr. Jatinder Garg, Controller of Examinations	SPECIAL INVITEE
45.	Prof. Surya Rashmi Rawat, Dean(I/C), School of Legal Studies	SPECIAL INVITEE
46.	Registrar Central University of Himachal Pradesh, VC's Secretariat, Dharamshala	EX-Officio Secretary

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all the esteemed members of the Academic Council.

He informed the Council that, in pursuit of academic excellence, the University has recently entered into and is in the process of finalizing several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following institutions: -

- 2nd IRBN, Sakoh (Dharamshala)
- Valeue Fabtax Private Ltd. Delhi
- Hotel Dhauladhar(HPTDC), Kashmir House, Dharamshala
- Baba Saheb Bhimarao Ambedkar University, Lukhnow

- Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni
- NITTTTR, Chandigarh
- IIT, Mandi
- Sardar Beant Singh State University, Gurdaspur

In addition to this, The University the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (H.P.) has successfully organized the All India Inter-Zonal Kabaddi (Women) Championship Tournament w.e.f. 09th to 12th February, 2026, about 400 participants took part in this championship which was conducted smoothly with enthusiastic participation, promoting sportsmanship and overall development of students. Sh. Deepak Niwas Hooda, Arjuna Awardee, Sh. Jai Ram Thakur, Leader of Opposition & Ex. C.M. of the State and Sh. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Member of Parliament, Chamba Kangra Constituency graced the occasion as the Chief Guest on the various occasions of the Championship, while attended as distinguished guests.

Further, the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (H.P.) has successfully organized its 9th Convocation on 14th

March, 2026. The event, being a prestigious and large-scale academic function of the University, was conducted in a highly smooth, well-coordinated, and dignified manner, with enthusiastic participation of students, faculty members, and distinguished guests, thereby promoting academic excellence and further enhancing the prestige and visibility of the University. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice President of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The Vice Chancellor then, introduced the newly appointed Registrar to the new members of the Executive Council. The Registrar was then invited to proceed with the agenda items.

THEREAFTER, THE AGENDA WAS TAKEN UP AS UNDER:

Item No. 42.1(i): To seek approval of the Academic Council on the Action Taken Report of its 40th meeting held on 18th August, 2025.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions/approvals of the 40th Academic Council meeting held on 18th August, 2025 is placed at **Annexure-42.1(i)[A]**.

DECISION:

After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 40th Academic Council meeting held on 8th August, 2025.

Item No. 42.1(ii): To seek approval of the Academic Council on the Action Taken Report of its 41st Academic Council meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions/approvals of the 41st Academic Council meeting held on 13th March, 2026 is placed at **Annexure-42.1(ii)[A]**.

DECISION:

After deliberations on the Action Taken report, the Academic Council confirmed the ATR of 41st Academic Council meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

Item No. 42.2(i): To seek approval of the Academic Council for the Minutes of its 40th meeting held on 18th August, 2025.

The Minutes of the 40th Academic Council meeting held on 18th August, 2025 are placed at **Annexure-42.2(i)(A)**.

DECISION:

After deliberations at length, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 40th Academic Council meeting held on 18th August, 2025.

Item No. 42.2(ii): To seek approval of the Academic Council for the Minutes of its 41st meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

The Minutes of the 41st Academic Council meeting held on 13th March, 2026 are placed at **Annexure-42.2(ii)(A)**.

DECISION:

After deliberations at length, the Academic Council confirmed the minutes of 41st Academic Council meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL:

Item No. 42.3: To seek approval of the Academic Council for ratification of decision taken on the Memorandum of Understanding(s) (MoUs) by the University with various institutions.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that various proposals from different departments have been received for research and academic collaborations. 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/शै./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	
1.	2 nd IRBN (Indian Reserve Battalion), Sakoh (Dharamshala)	ANNEXURE	42.3A
2.	Valeue Fabtax Private Ltd., Delhi	ANNEXURE	42.3B
3.	Hotel Dhauladhar (HPTDC) Kashmir House, Dharamshala	ANNEXURE	42.3C
4.	Baba Saheb Bhaimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow	ANNEXURE	42.3D
5.	Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni	ANNEXURE	42.3E
6.	IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts), New Delhi	ANNEXURE	42.3F
7.	National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh	ANNEXURE	42.3G
8.	Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi	ANNEXURE	42.3H
9.	Sardar Beant Singh State University, Gurdaspur	ANNEXURE	42.3I

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 MoUs (Signed) are placed before the Academic Council for the ratification of the decision taken by the Vice- Chancellor.

DECISION:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts made by the University and ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor in this regard.

Item No. 42.4: To seek approval of the Academic Council for allotment/re-allotment of Research Supervisor/Administrative (In-charge) Guide in respect of Ph.D. scholars of the Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences (DoCCS).

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the following matters pertaining to allotment / re-allotment of Research Supervisor/Administrative (In-charge) Guide in respect of Ph.D. scholars of the Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences have been received and processed as per recommendations of the Departmental Standing Committee (DSC), Research Degree Committee (RDC), Board of Studies (BoS) and School Board (SB):

(a) Allotment of Administrative/In-charge Guide:

The Ph.D. scholars, Ms. Ishani Saini (CUHP20RDCHEM01) and Ms. Kirna Devi (CUHP20RDCHEM02), enrolled in 2020 under the supervision of Prof. Rajender Kumar, have requested for allotment of an Administrative/In-charge Guide as they have substantially completed their research work. Accordingly, Prof. Vivek Sheel has been assigned as Administrative/In-charge Guide to both the scholars till completion of their Ph.D. degree.

(b) Allotment of new Research Supervisor and Co-Supervisor:

The Ph.D. scholar Ms. Priyanka (CUHP21RDCHEM10), enrolled under the supervision of Prof. Rajender Kumar w.e.f. 25.12.2021, has requested for allotment of a new Supervisor and Co-Supervisor due to non-availability of the earlier Supervisor. Accordingly, Prof. Vivek Sheel (Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences) and Dr. Manish Kumar (Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences) have been assigned as Supervisor and Co-Supervisor, respectively, for continuation of her Ph.D. work.

(c) Allotment of Research Supervisor:

Ms. Deeksha Gautam (CUHP21RDCHEM02), enrolled under the supervision of Prof. Rajender Kumar w.e.f. 23.12.2021, has requested for change of Research Supervisor under highly exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. Accordingly, Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences, has been assigned as her new Research Supervisor.

The above decisions have been taken on the recommendations of the competent academic bodies and in the interest of the students for smooth continuation of their research work.

The summary of the above cases is as under:

Sr. No.	Name & Enrollment No.	Earlier Supervisor	New Supervisor / Guide	Nature of Change
1	Ishani Saini (CUHP20RDCHEM01)	Prof. Rajender Kumar	Prof. Vivek Sheel	Administrative/In-charge Guide
2	Kirna Devi (CUHP20RDCHEM02)	Prof. Rajender Kumar	Prof. Vivek Sheel	Administrative/In-charge Guide
3	Priyanka (CUHP21RDCHEM10)	Prof. Rajender Kumar	Prof. Vivek Sheel (Supervisor) & Dr. Manish Kumar (Co-Supervisor)	Change of Supervisor & Co-Supervisor
4	Deeksha Gautam (CUHP21RDCHEM02)	Prof. Rajender Kumar	Dr. Neeraj Gupta	Change of Supervisor

The matters mentioned at (a) to (c) above are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and ratification of the allotment/re-allotment of Research Supervisor/Administrative (In-charge) Guide in respect of the aforesaid Ph.D. scholars.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved as under:

(a). The Academic Council after deliberation upon the matter concerning to Ms. Ishani Saini and Ms. Kirna Devi constituted a committee consisting of following members: -

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| i. Director Research | - | Chairman |
| ii. Dean, School of Physical & Material Sciences | - | Member |
| iii. Dean Students Welfare | - | Member |
| iv. Legal Advisor of University, Sh. Umesh Dhiman- | | Member |

The committee after discussing the entire matter with the concerned Scholars & keeping in view all the facts and provisions of the rules, regulations and act/statutes / ordinances shall submit its recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor. The Academic Council further authorise the Vice-Chancellor to act upon the recommendations of the committee. The decision so taken by the Vice-Chancellor be placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council.

(b). The Academic Council after deliberation upon the matter considered and approved the request of the student namely, Ms. Pryanka(CUHP21RDCHEM10) and approved that Prof. Vivek Sheel, Dept. of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences be allotted as Research Supervisor to her.

(c). The Academic Council after deliberation upon the matter considered and approved the request of the student namely, Ms. Pryanka(CUHP21RDCHEM10) and approved that Dr. Neeraj Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry & Chemical Sciences be allotted as Research Supervisor to her.

Item No. 42.5: To seek approval/ratification by the Academic Council on the decision taken for discrepancies in question papers and normalization of awards for End Semester Examinations 2025.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that during the End Semester Examinations 2025, question papers for various subjects were prepared by the Office of the Controller of Examinations (CoE) based on the data provided by the respective departments.

Subsequently, it was brought to the notice of the CoE Office that certain discrepancies existed in the question papers of some subjects due to mismatch in the credit structure communicated by the departments. The details are as under:

Curriculum	Received from the department, based on which the question papers were prepared	Required for examination results
ENV 403 (Environmental Chemistry)	2 Credit	4 Credit
HIL 427 (क (आधुनिक काव्यदो-)	2 Credit	4 Credit
Z00 521 (Research Methodology)	2 Credit	4 Credit
TTR 493 (Review of Literature)	4 Credit	(2 Credit Theory + 2 Credit Practical)
TTR 494 (Research Proposal)	4 Credit	(2 Credit Theory + 2 Credit Practical)
MFA 501/502 (Painting/Sculpture)	4 Credit	(2 Credit Theory + 2 Credit Practical)
BTHSC102 (Indian Knowledge System)	2 Credit	4 Credit
BIN 417 (F-Grade) Statistical Methods	2 Credit	4 Credit

It is further submitted that upon examination of the matter, it was observed that the concerned examiners had prepared the question papers strictly in accordance with the information provided by the respective departments. Therefore, the discrepancies primarily arose due to incorrect communication of course credit data by the departments.

In order to address the issue, an online meeting of the Heads of the concerned departments was convened under the chairmanship of the Controller of Examinations on 20th March 2026 at 10:00 A.M. In the meeting, it was unanimously resolved that, in the interest of the students, the awards for the affected subjects may be normalized appropriately to ensure fairness and timely declaration of results. The Minutes of the meeting are placed at **Annexure-42.5(A)**.

Accordingly, the award lists for the concerned subjects were normalized after obtaining approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Dean (Academics), and the results were declared.

Therefore, the above matter was placed before the Academic Council for ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding normalization of awards in the affected subjects of End Semester Examinations 2025.

DECISION:

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

Further, the Academic Council directed that in future, the such cases shall strictly be processed as per the provisions contained in University Ordinance(s).

Apropos, one of the member of the Academic Council, Prof. Dipankar Sharma, Head of the Department, HPKVBS raised the matter pertaining to Ph. D program of the 2024 and 2025 batch where upon the recommendations of the committee during the 5th Board of Studies meeting, the total course credits for Ph.D. coursework were reduced from 22 to 18 credits in accordance with the CUHP Ordinance 42.

As required by the ordinance 42, at least three compulsory courses should be taught in 4 credits each. However, to Ph. D. batch 2024 and 2025, two compulsory courses were taught in 4 credits, while the other was taught as two courses of 2 credits each. Both the courses - Writing Effective Thesis and Qualitative Research are important in nature and were taught as separate subjects.

The scheme of program is given below.

Course Name	Old Course Credits	New Course Credits
Research Methodology (compulsory)	4	4
Discipline-specific course	4	4
Writing an Effective Thesis	4	2
Qualitative Research	4	2
Indian Knowledge System (compulsory)	2	2
Pedagogy of Teaching Learning Process (compulsory)	2	2
Research and Publication Ethics (SWAYAM) (compulsory)	2	2
Total	22	18

The Academic Council deliberated at length on the matter and approved the same.

The Academic Council further directed that it shall be responsibility of the concerned Department to proceed further as per the guidelines in future.

Item No. 42.6: To seek approval/ratification by the Academic Council for extension of Ph.D. duration in respect of two research scholars of the Department of Economics as a special case.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that applications have been received from two research scholars of the Department of Economics, namely Mr. Aman Sharma (CUHP19RDECO01) and Mr. Prem Prakash (CUHP19RDECO02), seeking extension of their Ph.D. duration.

As per the provisions of the University Ordinance governing Ph.D. programme, the maximum duration for completion of Ph.D. is six (06) years. Accordingly, the said duration in respect of both the research scholars was completed in December, 2024.

Thereafter, the research scholars had requested for extension of one year to complete their research work, which was approved by the competent authority, i.e., Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, allowing them to complete their Ph.D. by December, 2025.

It is further submitted that their Ph.D. Supervisor, Prof. Hans Raj Sharma, retired from the University in June, 2020 and has attained the age of 70 years in June, 2025. As per the UGC Regulations, 2025, a supervisor above the age of 70 years is not permitted to continue as Ph.D. supervisor.

Subsequently, the research scholars requested for allotment of a new supervisor within the Department. However, due to non-availability of vacant Ph.D. supervision seats with the existing faculty members, the Research Directorate, citing UGC norms regarding maximum permissible number of Ph.D. scholars under a supervisor, returned the case to the Department.

In view of the above, the research scholars have expressed their inability to complete their Ph.D. work without a supervisor by December, 2025 and have requested for further extension up to December, 2026.

It is also submitted that, as per inputs received from the Department, certain Ph.D. supervision seats are likely to become vacant after December, 2025 (by March, 2026), which may facilitate allotment of supervisors to the above research scholars.

The matter has been examined at the appropriate level. However, the existing provisions of the University Ordinance do not explicitly cover such a situation where the supervisor becomes ineligible due to age and no alternate supervisor is immediately available due to seat limitations.

Therefore, considering the academic interest and future of the research scholars, it is proposed that the case may be treated as a **special case**, without creating a precedent, and extension of Ph.D. duration up to December, 2026 may be considered.

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

DECISION:

The Academic Council after deliberation upon the matter approved to grant extension to the scholar subject to the condition that concerned Research Scholar has to work at least 10 months with the new guide and has to pay the requisite fee as per norms.

Item No. 42.7: To seek approval/ratification of the decision taken for revised Financial Assistance for faculty members of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that University vide Office Order No. 1-1/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड-X/6260-72 dated 02.11.2023, had issued guidelines for grant of Financial Assistance for Travel Grant, Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Symposia/Short Term Training Programmes, Publication Grants and Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) to faculty members of the University.

The University, vide Notification No. 1-1/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड-XIII/5575-81 dated 04.09.2025, constituted a Committee to review and revise the existing Financial Assistance guidelines for the aforesaid academic and professional development activities. The Committee examined the matter in detail and submitted its revised recommendations regarding Financial Assistance for Travel Grant, Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Symposia/Short-Term Training Programmes, Publication Grants and Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs). The recommendations of the Committee, as submitted, are placed below for kind perusal and consideration of the Academic Council:

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अधिष्ठाता (अकादमिक) कार्यालय, प्रमोक्साहा

दिनांक: 12.09.2025

बैठक का कार्यवृत्त दिनांक 12.09.2025 समय 11:30 पूर्वाह्न

कार्यालय आदेश सं. 1-1/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2010/खंड-XIII/5575-81 दिनांक 04.09.2025 के द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में रेगुलर टीचिंग स्टाफ को Travel Grant, Conference/Seminars/Workshop/Symposia/Short Term Training Programmes, Publication Grants and Faculty Development Programme (FDP) में Financial Assistant देने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग पूर्व अन्य सभी रेगुलेशन को ध्यान में रखते हुए UGC से प्राप्त फण्ड (earmarked by UGC) की utilization के लिए detailed guidelines तैयार करने हेतु गठित समिति की बैठक अधिष्ठाता (अकादमिक) कार्यालय, प्रमोक्साहा में दिनांक 12.09.2025 को प्रातः 11:30 को आयोजित की गयी।

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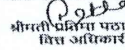
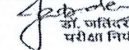
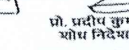
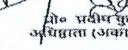
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| 3. डॉ. जतिहर गर्ग, परीक्षा नियंत्रक | सदस्य |
| 4. श्रीमती प्रतिभा पठानिया, विस. अधिकारी | सदस्य |

प्रो. सुनील ठाकुर, अधिष्ठाता छात्र कल्याण व प्रो. सुमन शर्मा, कुलपति के सचिव पूर्व में निर्धारित कार्य से बैठक में उपस्थित नहीं हुए। समिति द्वारा निम्नलिखित विषयों/विन्दुओं पर सर्वसम्मति से अपनी सहमति प्रदान करते हुए अनुमति के लिए संसूति की गयी :

क. हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय में रेगुलर टीचिंग स्टाफ को Travel Grant, Conference/Seminars/Workshop/Symposia/Short Term Training Programmes, Publication Grants and Faculty Development Programme (FDP) में Financial Assistant देने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा जारी "XII Plan Guidelines of General Development Assistance of Scheme" का महान अध्ययन करने के उपरान्त तदनुसार निम्नलिखित अनुसंधान प्रदान की जाती है

1. अंतरराष्ट्रीय (International) कार्यक्रम के लिए कुल अनुमानित देवल बजट (Tentative Travel Budget) का 75% Financial Travel Assistance Grant के रूप में संभंधित शिक्षक को केवल तीन (03) वर्ष में एक (01) बार ही प्रदान किया जा सकता है जिसमें प्रति शिक्षक को पूर्व तीन सालों में Financial Travel Assistance Grant प्राप्त है तो उसके आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
2. राष्ट्रीय (National) कार्यक्रम के लिए कुल अनुमानित देवल बजट (Tentative Travel Budget) का 75% Financial Travel Assistance Grant संभंधित शिक्षक को केवल तीन (03) वर्ष में एक (01) बार ही प्रदान किया जा सकता है जिसमें प्रति शिक्षक को पूर्व तीन सालों में Financial Travel Assistance Grant प्राप्त है तो उसके आवेदन पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।
3. Financial Assistance Grant शिक्षकों को उनके आवेदन पर पहले आओ पहले पाओ (First come first serve) के आधार पर प्राप्त आवेदकों को केवल शिक्षक को प्राथमिकता देते हुए प्रदान किया जाने की संसूति की जाती है।
4. Financial Assistance Grant विश्वविद्यालय के शिक्षकों को 01 FDP और 01 Conference अथवा 02 FDP अथवा 02 Conference के लिए भी प्रदान करने की संसूति प्रदान की जाती है।
5. Financial Assistance Grant केवल बजट की उपलब्धता व वित्तीय स्वीकृति के आधार पर प्रदान करने की संसूति प्रदान की जाती है।
6. उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावित संसूतियों को वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 से लागू करने की संसूति प्रदान की जाती है।
7. समिति द्वारा प्रस्तावित विन्दुओं को अध्ययन कर 48 में अंगीकृत किया जाने की संसूति की जाती है।
8. उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावित संसूतियों/विन्दुओं को अध्यादेश-48 में अंगीकृत होने तक प्रशासनिक एवं वित्तीय विधान्यन की सुविधा के लिए समिति द्वारा संसूत प्रारंभ की लागू किया जाये।

बैठक के अंत में अध्यक्ष महोदय द्वारा सभी सदस्यों को धन्यवाद प्रेषित किया गया।

			
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Based on the recommendations of the Committee, and after approval of the Competent Authority, the revised Financial Assistance guidelines have been approved and issued by the Registrar vide Office Order No. 2-9/हि.प्र.के.वि./शै./2023/6825-37 dated 14.11.2025, with the objective of promoting research, academic exposure, professional competence and overall faculty development, while ensuring adherence to UGC norms, University rules and principles of financial prudence.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval and ratification of decisions taken by the Vice-Chancellor.



DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated upon the matter at length and approved that the financial travel assistance grant shall be given to the University teacher as ones in two years, rest of the other terms & conditions shall be remained same as mentioned in the Office Order dated 14.11.2025.

Further, 100% Publication Grant shall be given to the University teachers ones in two years. The Teacher will have option either to avail foreign travel grant or publication grant ones in two years. The Academic Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take decision on such cases on the basis of genuineness, merit and availability of funds.

Item No. 42.8: To seek approval of the Academic Council on the recommendations of various School Boards for consideration and approval.

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

i. The Minutes of 13th Meeting of School Board of School of Physical & Material Science held on 22nd November, 2025 [**Annexure-42.8(A)**].

The Minutes of the School Board meeting of the above mentioned School is placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved the Minutes of 13th meeting of School Board of the School of Physical Material Sciences.

Item No. 42.9: To seek approval of the Academic Council for implementation of Medical Fitness Certificate and student health check-up mechanism in compliance with Ministry of Education guidelines.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that a D.O. letter No. A.44011/11/2025-E.IV dated 26th December, 2025 has been received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, emphasizing the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 regarding student wellness, including physical fitness, mental health and psycho-social well-being.

The said communication highlights the need for systematic health check-ups of students in Higher Educational Institutions and advises institutions to implement mechanisms for initial and annual health assessment of students, including maintenance of health records and provision of counselling support.

In compliance with the above directions, the Medical Officer of the University has prepared a Medical Fitness Certificate proforma for students seeking admission to Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Ph.D. programmes. The proposed proforma is placed at **Annexure-42.9(A)** for kind perusal.

It is further proposed that, upon approval of the Academic Council:

- the Medical Fitness Certificate may be uploaded along with the University Prospectus; and
- the same may be made mandatory for submission by students at the time of admission confirmation at the respective School/Department/Centre.

This will facilitate systematic maintenance of student health records and support effective implementation of periodic health check-ups in the University, in line with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education.

Therefore, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval of the Medical Fitness Certificate proforma and its implementation in the University from the Academic Year 2026 onwards.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length approved the Medical Fitness Certificate proforma and its implementation in the University from the Academic Year 2026 onwards.

The Academic Council further directed that the students shall submit the said Medical Fitness Certificate issued from the Govt. Hospital at the time of their admission. If, any student who remain unable to provide the said certificate at the time of his /her admission, he/she shall be required to submit the said Medical Fitness Certificate issued from Govt. Hospital within one month from the date of his/her admission. In addition to this, the students seeking admission in the University shall also be required to submit an Undertaking on Affidavit that he / she shall not involve themselves in drugs consumption and promotion of drugs. If, any of the students found guilty in such cases, his/her admission shall be cancelled without any notice and enquiry.

The Academic Council further directed the University to introduce the above mentioned Medical Fitness Certificate and Undertaking/ affidavit in the University Prospectus as well from the academic session 2026.

Item No. 42.10: To seek approval of the Academic Council for adoption/implementation of revised Ph.D. admission regulations as per UGC guidelines.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that certain aspects relating to eligibility criteria and admission process for Ph.D. programmes, including admission through UGC-NET and direct admission after completion of a 4-year Bachelor's Degree with Research, have emerged during deliberations at the level of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

In view of the above, the University proposes to adopt the revised provisions for Ph.D. admission in line with the emerging framework and discussions held at UGC level.

Further, since the proposed changes pertain to Ph.D. admissions, corresponding amendments shall also be required in the relevant provisions of University Ordinance No. 42 governing Ph.D. programmes. Accordingly, the Academic Council may consider constitution of a Committee to examine the required amendments in Ordinance No. 42 and submit its recommendations for approval of the competent authority.

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

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved to adopt the said UGC Guidelines in the University. The Academic Council further constituted a committee consisting of following members to make detailed guidelines to be implemented in the University:

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| i. | Director Research, CUHP | : | Chairman |
| ii. | All Deans of Schools, CUHP | : | Members |

The said committee shall submit its report within fifteen days keeping in view the UGC guidelines. The Academic Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to adopt the recommendations of the aforesaid committee.

Item No. 42.11: To seek approval of the Academic Council for nomination of students for constitution of the Student Council for the Academic Session 2025-26.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that as per the provisions contained It is submitted before the Academic Council that as per the provisions contained under **Ordinance No. 45 (Part II: Procedure for Nomination to the Students' Council)**, Clause 16(a), twenty (20) students are to be nominated to the Students' Council by the Academic Council on the basis of merit in studies, sports and extra-curricular activities.

In this regard, the nominations for constitution of the Students' Council have been compiled as per the prescribed criteria. The list of eligible students recommended for nomination to the Students' Council is placed at Annexure-42.11(A).

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for approval of nomination of twenty (20) students for constitution of the Student Council for the Academic Session 2025-26.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved of nomination of twenty (20) students for constitution of the Student Council for the Academic Session 2025-26.

Item No. 42.12: To seek approval of the Academic Council for ratification of establishment of Department of Law under the School of Legal Studies, introduction of Law programmes and amendment in Statute-40 of the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University Grants Commission (UGC), vide letter No. 54-8/2021/CU.III dated 21.07.2025, accorded approval for creation of one (01) post of Associate Professor and three (03) posts of Assistant Professor in the discipline of Law.

Further, the University constituted a Committee vide Office Order No. 3-4/हि.प्र.के.वि./सा.प्र./2010/खण्ड-1/6353-54 dated 23.10.2025 to examine the feasibility of starting academic programmes in Law and requirements related to registration with the Bar Council of India (BCI). The Committee, in its meeting held on 12.12.2025, recommended establishment of a Department of Law under the School of Legal Studies and introduction of the following programmes:

- Five-Year Integrated B.A. LL.B.
- Five-Year Integrated B.Com. LL.B.
- Two-Year LL.M. (Master of Laws)

The recommendations of the Committee were approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that the UGC and the Ministry have sanctioned the teaching positions in the ratio of 0:1:3 (Professor: Associate Professor: Assistant Professor). However, as per the norms required for starting a Department of Law, the prescribed ratio of teaching positions is 1:2:4. Further, as per the rules of the Bar Council of India (BCI), the availability of at least one Professor is mandatory for starting a Department of Law. The University has send request letter to UGC/MoE for creation of one Professor and one Associate Professor to complete the BCI norms.

It is also submitted that, in order to complete the required registration formalities with the Bar Council of India for starting the Department of Law, the University has assigned the duties and responsibilities of Dean (I/c), School of Legal Studies to Prof. Suryarashmi Rawat as a stop-gap arrangement, considering her requisite teaching experience in Law. However, it is also required that the duties and responsibilities of Director be assigned, as per BCI requirements.

As the University tried to apply for law courses with the Bar Council of India, it was a mandatory requirement to appoint one Director having 15 years of experience in the field of law before the formal approval of the Bar Council of India. Many individual institutions were contacted but it was not possible to engage a person with 15 years of experience. Ultimately a senior person working in the Law Faculty of Maharaja Agarsain University, fulfilling all requisite requirements, was engaged as a resource person, who was then declared as the Director(I/C) for the said purpose with a fixed remuneration of ₹50,000 per month or ₹1,500 per lecture, as the case may be. Since he has to perform other duties apart from teaching, like completing the codal formalities for registration with the concerned regulatory bodies, the University may be permitted to pay him remuneration of ₹50,000 per month along with administrative work he will also look after the teaching load as per requirement, for which he may be allowed to pay remuneration of ₹50,000 per month as a special case. Further, the matter may be placed before the competent authority for approval.

The Academic Council is further apprised that the University has accorded financial approval of ₹21,00,000/- towards registration fee and other miscellaneous charges payable to the Bar Council of India for the Department of Law under the School of Legal Studies. Additional expenditure may also be involved for the said purpose.

Accordingly, the Department of Law under the School of Legal Studies has been notified vide Notification No. 3-4/हि.प्र.के.वि./सा.प्र./खंड-II/301-10 dated 09.01.2026.

Further, as per Statute-40 of the University, the School of Legal Studies and Department of Law are not included in the existing list of Schools/Departments; therefore, amendment in Statute-40 is required.

The proposed amendment is as under:

Sr. No.	Existing Provision	Proposed Amendment
1	Statute-40 provides for various Schools of Studies; however, School of Legal Studies is not included	A new "School of Legal Studies" shall be added in the list of Schools of Studies
2	No provision exists for Department of Law under any School	A new "Department of Law" under the School of Legal Studies shall be added

The matter was placed before the Academic Council for:

- (a) Ratification of the decision taken establishment of Department of Law and introduction of Law programmes in the University.
- (b) Consideration and approval of amendment in Statute-40 and further recommendation to the Executive Council for its approval.

DECISION:

The Academic Council appreciated the efforts the University to start law department in the University. The Academic Council further deliberated at length and approved the matter mentioned at Sr. No. (a) & (b) stated above.

Item No. 42.13: To seek approval of the Academic Council for offering of Online Programmes and revision in Ordinance No. 51 relating to ODL/Online Learning Programmes in the University.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the Online Programme (OL) programmes have been implemented in Central University of Himachal Pradesh under Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) from the session July 2025 onwards as per UGC DEB guidelines. There were 113 students admitted in 05 online programmes in July 2025 session. Presently the admission for February 2026 session to 05 online programmes are being made and the CDOE is going to start Continuous Internal examination(CIA) of 05 online programmes for the students of July 2025 session. For conducting this CIA examination in various courses of 05 OL programmes, certain revision in the existing clauses related to CIA exam and end semester exam are required to be made so that the CIA exam and end semester exam can be conducted in a smooth manner. These revisions in existing clauses of Ordinance 51 have been made after discussion with concerned programme and course coordinators and recommended by the main committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for ODL/OL programmes. The proposed amendments/revisions in Ordinance No. 51 are placed at **Annexure-42.13(A)** for kind perusal.

Hence, the above matter was placed for approval of Academic Council and further recommendation to Executive Council for final approval/ratification.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved for offering of Online Programmes and revision in Ordinance No. 51 relating to ODL/Online Learning Programmes in the University.

Item No. 42.14: To seek approval of the Academic Council for grant of six months' extension for submission of Ph.D. thesis in respect of Mr. Nimmala Karunakar (Roll No. CUHP15RDLIS02), Research Scholar, Department of Library and Information Science.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that Mr. Nimmala Karunakar (Roll No. CUHP15RDLIS02), Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, was admitted to the Ph.D. Programme in the year 2015. As per the provisions of Ordinance No. 42, the scholar has exceeded the prescribed duration for completion of the Ph.D. programme.

The scholar has represented that he was on official deputation as Assistant Controller of Examinations at AIIMS, Bibinagar, during the period from 24.08.2020 to 31.08.2023, during which he remained engaged in full-time administrative responsibilities and could not adequately pursue his research work.

It is further submitted that the scholar has completed all mandatory academic requirements including course work, approval of synopsis, and has substantially progressed in his research work. In this regard, the scholar has requested for grant of six months' extension for submission of his Ph.D. thesis. The representation submitted by the scholar is placed at Annexure-42.14(A).

In view of the above, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

DECISION:

The Academic Council after deliberation upon the matter constituted following committee to look into the entire matter: -

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| i. Prof. Himanshu Chaturvedi, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | - | Chairman |
| ii. Director(Research) | - | Member |
| iii. Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor | - | Member |
| iv. Dean, School of M&CS | - | Member |
| v. Assistant Registrar(Academic) | - | Statistical Support |

The aforesaid committee shall submit its recommendation within 15 days. The Academic Council further authorized Vice-Chancellor to act upon the decision of the Committee.

Item No. 42.1(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding Academic Calendar 2026-27 for consideration and approval.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University vide Notification F.No. 1-5/Acad/2010/Vol. II/1638-48 dated 18th March, 2026, constituted a Committee to prepare the Academic Calendar for the academic session 2026-27 covering various academic activities of the University. The Committee prepared the Academic Calendar 2026-27 as per the details given below and submitted its recommendations to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor has approved the same and directed that the Academic Calendar be placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval.

MONSOON SEMESTER	
Activities	Dates
Commencement of Classes	1 st July, 2026
Mid Term Examination	28 th September to 9 th October, 2026
Sports Activities/ Cultural Activities	14 th October to 16 th October, 2026
End Term Examination	8 th December to 23 rd December, 2026
Winter Vacation	28 th December to 17 th January, 2027
Semester Ends	17 th January, 2027
SPRING SEMESTER	
Activities	Dates
Commencement of Classes	18 th January, 2027
Sports Activities/ Cultural Activities	3 rd March to 5 th March, 2027
Mid Term Examination	8 th March to 19 th March, 2027
End Term Examination	20 th May to 8 th June, 2027
Summer Vacation	9 th June to 30 th June, 2027
Semester Ends	30 th June, 2027

The Academic Calendar for the Academic Session 2026-27 is placed before the Academic Council for its kind consideration and approval.

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

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and approved the Academic Calendar for the Academic Session 2026-27.

Item No. 42.2(S): To place before the Academic Council the matter regarding ambiguity in provisions of Statute 5 (1) para 2 containing provisions of appointment of Deans in University.

The Dean (Academics) of the University apprised the Academic Council that the provision of appointment of Dean of various school of the university is contained under statute 5(1) as contained in second schedule of Central Universities Act, 2009 which is reproduced below:

(1) Every Dean of School shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the School by rotation in order of seniority for a period of three years:

Provided that in case there is only one Professor or no Professor in a School, the Dean shall be appointed, for the time being, from amongst the Professor, if any and the Associate Professors in the School by rotation in the order of seniority:

Provided further that a Dean on attaining the age of sixty-five years shall cease to hold office as such.

(2) When the office of the Dean is Vacant or when the Dean is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by the senior-most Professor or Associate Professor, as the case may be, in the School.

(3) The Dean shall be the Head of the School and shall be responsible for the conduct and maintenance of the standards of teaching and research in the School and shall have such other functions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(4) The Dean shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of the Boards of Studies or Committees of the School, as the case may be, but shall not have the right to vote thereat unless he is a member thereof.

There is ambiguity in para 2 of the Statute 5(1) which leads complications for implementation on the ground. Therefore, necessary amendments in para 2 of the Statute 5(1) of the university are required to be initiated immediately.

DECISION:

The Academic Council deliberated the matter at length and constituted a committee consisting of following members to look into the entire matter and submit its recommendations:

- i. Prof. Pardeep Kumar, Dean (Academics), CUHP - Chairman
- ii. Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan, Registrar, CUHP - Member
- iii. Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena, Provost, CUHP - Member
- iv. Prof. Sunil Kumar, Dean, Students Welfare - Member
- v. Prof. Suman Sharma, Secretary to the VC, CUHP - Member

The committee will submit its recommendations by today i.e. 06.04.2026 so that the recommendation as received from the committee shall be placed before the Executive Council, since the matter has been deliberation before the Academic Council.

Item No. 42.3(S): To seek approval of the Academic Council for extension of PhD duration in respect of one Research Scholar of the Department of Hindi.

It is submitted before the Academic Council that applications has been received from Sonu Kumar Bharti (CUHPRDHINDI12) for seeking extension of his PhD duration. The scholar has represented that he has submitted his resubmission on 21.04.2023 and thereafter he had applied for extension to submit his research thesis on 09.10.2023 and as such he was granted six months' extension for the period from 23.10.2023 to 24.04.2024. The research scholar stating his difficult situation had requested to further extend the PhD period beyond six years.

The department has recommended the case with recommendations for re-registration and delay fees of Rs. 50,000/- keeping in view the academic interest of the Research Scholar.

The matter was placed before the Vice Chancellor and it was ordered to place the matter before the Academic Council.

Accordingly, the aforesaid matter was placed before the Academic Council for kind consideration.

DECISION:

The Academic Council considered the request of Research Scholar and granted extension after paying the requisite fee as per University norms.


(Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan)

Registrar-cum-
Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed


Vice-Chancellor

Central University of Himachal Pradesh



