

**Minutes of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) held on 19th March, 2025
at 11:00 a.m. in the Department of English, Languages Building, MANUU.**

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Kottacheruvu Nagendra, Chairperson
2. Prof. Pradeep Kumar External, Member
3. Prof. Syed Mohammed Haseebuddin Quadri, Member
4. Prof. Gulfishaan Habeeb, Member
5. Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, Member
6. Prof. Somapalyam Omprakash, Member
7. Dr. Govindaiah Godavarthi, Member
8. Dr. Khairunnisa Nakathorige, Member
9. Dr. Muhammed Aslam Kunnathil, Member
10. Dr. Geeta, Member
11. Prof. Huma Yaqub, Lucknow Campus, Member (online)
12. Dr. S. Mohammad Fayez, Lucknow Campus, Member (online)
13. Dr. Srinivas Bandameedi, Lucknow Campus, Member (online)
14. Dr. Hina Tahir, Srinagar Campus, Member (online)

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members to the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meeting and the agenda items were taken up for discussion, resolution, and approval.

Item No. 1

Synopsis Presentation by PhD Scholars: *English & Comparative Literature* (2024 Batch).

The Committee reviewed the synopsis presentations of PhD scholars from the 2024 batch. The proposed research topics were approved, subject to suggested modifications in the titles, where applicable. In the case of Ms. Khatija Asra, the Committee recommended a change in the research topic.

Item No. 2

Constitution of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for PhD Scholars in *English & Comparative Literature* (2024 Batch).

The DRC ratified the same.

Item No. 3

Request for Cancellation of PhD Admission: Ms. Bushra and Towfeeq Farooq.

The Committee considered the requests for cancellation of PhD admission submitted by Ms. Bushra and Mr. Towfeeq Farooq. After due deliberation, the Committee approved the requests.

Item No. 4**Request for Online Completion of Doctoral Dissertation by Ms. Shirin Akbarian.**

The Committee noted that the request submitted by Ms. Shirin Akbarian for online completion of her doctoral dissertation could not be accepted, as her admission had already been cancelled in accordance with the decision made in the 10th DRC Meeting and approved in the 20th Board of Studies (BoS). It was decided that she be formally informed of the cancellation.

Item No. 5**Request for Change of Supervisor submitted by Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan.**

The Committee considered the request submitted by Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan for a change of supervisor and recommended the constitution of a Review Committee to evaluate the three chapters submitted by the scholar. If the Review Committee finds the evaluation satisfactory and approves, it is recommended that the Head of the Department of English, Prof. Kottacheruvu Nagendra, be assigned to supervise the scholar.

Item No. 6**Request for Conversion of Full-Time PhD to Part-Time: Mr. Mizanur Rahaman and Mr. Mohammed Ishaq Ahmed.**

The DRC considered and approved the requests.

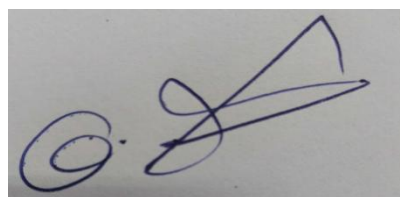
Item No. 7**Renewal of the Non-NET Fellowship of Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan (21PHEN001SR), 2021-22 Batch, Srinagar Campus.**

The Committee resolved to constitute a review committee to assess the academic progress of Mr. Waseem Ahmad Khan, in light of his request for a change of supervisor. It was further decided that the request for renewal of the Non-NET Fellowship may be approved and forwarded, subject to a favourable recommendation by the Review Committee.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Change of PhD Program Name from “Comparative Studies” to “Comparative Literature”.

The Committee discussed and approved the change of the program name from “Comparative Studies” to “Comparative Literature,” in accordance with the approval of the 45th Academic Council Meeting held on 23.06.2022, which confirmed the program name as “PhD in Comparative Literature.”



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