Central University of Punjab Bathinda

MINUTES

32nd Meeting

of the

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

23rd September 2025

Minutes of
32nd Meeting of the Academic Council

The 32nd Meeting of the Academic Council of the Central University of Punjab, was held on 23.09.2025 at 10:30 AM through hybrid mode.

Venue: Seminar Hall, Aryabhata Academic Block, 3rd Floor

The list of the members present during the meeting is annexed.

The Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed all the members present in the meeting, for making it possible to attend this meeting and spared time out of their extremely busy schedule to attend the meeting in online mode.

A brief report was presented by the Chairman on the progress of the university in respect of academics, research and infrastructural developments witnessed by the university since its previous 31st meeting held on 30th May 2025. The members applauded the progress made by the University in the intervening period.

Items for Confirmation	
Item.No:AC:32:2025:1 **To confirm the minutes of the 31st meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th May, 2025.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The meeting of 31st Academic Council was held on 30th May, 2025 in hybrid mode. The draft minutes were circulated through email to the members of the Committee and they have approved these minutes. Subsequently, the approved minutes were circulated to all the members. The minutes of 31st Meeting of Council is placed for confirmation.
RESOLVE	**The Council unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of 31st Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th May 2025.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:2 **To note the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of 31st meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th May 2025.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** Subsequent to the circulation of approved minutes of 31st meeting of the Council, the concerned Departments/ Officers/Officials/Sections/Branch/Cells implemented the decisions taken thereby.

	The details of the actions taken are placed at **(Annexure-32.1)**
	The ATR on the resolution of 31ˢᵗ Meeting of Council is placed for perusal of the Council.
RESOLVE	**The Council after taking perusal, unanimously resolved to note the ATR on the resolutions of the 31ˢᵗ meeting of the Academic Council and expressed satisfaction on timely actions thereon.**

Items for Information

| **Item.No:AC:32:2025:3**

To note the sanction of new Departments/ Centres/ Programmes and teaching & non-teaching posts. | **AGENDA NOTE**

The Ministry of Education vide letter F.NO. 50-4/2023-CU.IV/CU.III dated 21.07.2023 has conveyed the approval of the Department of Expenditure regarding sanction of new Departments/Centres/Programme, and teaching & non-teaching posts as per ***Annexure –32.2.***

Details of newly sanctioned Departments/Centres are as under:

1. Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics
2. Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
3. Department of Community Medicine and Health
4. Department of Public Policy and Governance
5. Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management
6. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Centre of Studies in Indic Civilization and Religious Traditions.
7. Centre for Partition and Atrocities Studies

Details of posts sanctioned, departments/centres, programmes are placed at **Annexure- 32.3.**

The matter is placed before the Council for information. |
| **RESOLVE** | **The Council noted the sanction of new Departments/ Centres/ Programmes and teaching & non-teaching posts.** |

Items from IQAC for Ratification

| **Item.No:AC:32:2025:4**

a. **Minutes of 27ᵗʰ Meeting of IQAC held on 23.07.2025.**
b. **Approval from AIU to establish Academic** | **AGENDA NOTE:**

a. The IQAC has submitted the Minutes of 27ᵗʰ Meeting of IQAC held on 23ʳᵈ July, 2025 for ratification of the Academic Council. The recommendations are placed at ***Annexure-32.4***
b. Approval from AIU to establish Academic and Administrative Developmental Centre (AADC) of AIU. |

and Administrative Development Center (AADC) of AIU. MoU has to be signed with AIU. c. Collaborative activities with Wadhwani Foundation (Detailed plan submitted by the committee constituted). d. Report on Workshops of Bloom's Taxonomy and its recommendations. e. Recommendations submitted for consideration.	MoU has to be signed with AIU **(Annexure-32.5 & 32.6)**. c. Collaborative activities with Wadhwani Foundation (Detailed plan submitted by the committee constituted) **(Annexure-32.7)**. d. Report of Bloom's Taxonomy workshops and its recommendations **(Annexure-32.8)**. Four workshops on Effective Question Paper Setting and Assessment of CLOs using Bloom's Taxonomy" were organized on 24th, 31st July, 8th and 22nd August 2025. Prof. V.K. Garg and Dr. Sesadeba Pany were the Resource Persons and Prof. S. L. Bika, Dr. S. S. Dhillon and Dr. Jaswinder Singh were the experts to analyse the questions papers. After the successful workshops, the participants have learnt the following: • To write clear learning objectives. • Use of the action verbs during setting the question paper. • Aligning the CLOs with the Bloom's Taxonomy's cognitive levels from remembering to creating. • Setting up the question paper as per cognitive levels of Bloom's Taxonomy. e. Recommendations submitted for consideration: • Committee constitution and preparation of AI Policy (Detailed policy prepared and submitted by the committee) [placed as separate agenda] • Committee constitution for preparing the SoPs for Co-instructor model Policy (Detailed policy prepared and submitted by the committee) [placed as separate agenda] • Minutes of IIC-7 meeting held on 18th July, 2025 **(Annexure-32.9)**. The matters are placed before the Council for ratification.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to ratify the following:** **a. Minutes of 27th Meeting of IQAC held on 23.07.2025.** **b. Approval from AIU to establish Academic and Administrative Development Center (AADC) of AIU. MoU has to be signed with AIU.** **c. Collaborative activities with Wadhwani Foundation (Detailed plan submitted by the committee constituted).** **d. Report on Workshops of Bloom's Taxonomy and its**

	recommendations. Further, as regards point No. (e) of the agenda note, the Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of IIC-7 meeting held on 18th July, 2025. The agenda items *(1)*. Student Co-instructor Model and *(2)*. AI Policy are being taken up separately vide Item.No: AC:32:2025:10 and Item.No:AC:32:2025:11 respectively.
Other Agenda Items from IQAC:	
e. <u>For Information</u>	1. NIRF-2025: University has secured 77th rank in the University category, 20th rank in the Pharmacy category, 40th rank in the Law Category and is in Band 11-50 in SDG category in NIRF 2025 (Annexure-I). 2. ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management System is renewed (Annexure-II). 3. New ISO 14001:2015 for Environment Management System has been granted (Annexure-III). 4. MoU has been signed with Rekhi Foundation. Department of Psychology will coordinate to establish the Centre for Happiness **(_Annexure-32.10_)**. 5.
<u>RESOLVE</u>	**The Council after discussions, unanimously resolved to note the following:** 1. **77th rank in the University category, 20th rank in the Pharmacy category, 40th rank in the Law Category and SDG category in Band 11-50 as per NIRF Rankings 2025.** 2. **Renewal of ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management System.** 3. **Grant of new ISO 14001:2015 for Environment Management System.** 4. **Signing of MoU with Rekhi Foundation.** **In this regard, the Council noted that the Centre for Happiness will be sponsored by Rekhi Foundation and the Department of Psychology, CU Punjab will coordinate to establish this Centre. The Council further noted that Dr. Satinder Singh Rekhi (founder of Rekhi Foundation) will be appointed as unpaid Adjunct Faculty Member.**
f. <u>For Consideration</u>	1. **National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISP) to be adopted with modification.**

	A Dean's level Committee was constituted to look into the modalities to adopt NISP at University level to promote the culture of Innovation and Entrepreneurship among teaching fraternity and students. The same was discussed in various Innovation Council meetings. While discussing the NISP Policy, it was observed that there are challenges/queries which are to be resolved before its adoption at an academic institution: 1. Academic break 2. Impact on regular teaching 3. Share of equity 4. IP sharing The Innovation/Entrepreneurship Policy of some other Central or State universities can be taken into consideration and after getting some necessary modifications NISP policy can adopted in the University ***(Annexure-32.11)***. 2. **Ideation and Prototype leading to Start-up:** The Department of Applied Agriculture (Food Science & Technology) and Computer Science and Technology have submitted a proposal that the students of these departments need to be motivated to run their own start-ups. In these disciplines, if student(s) has some business idea or Proof of Concept that which has potential to become prototype leading to start-up, such student(s) may be allowed to opt this *in lieu* of Dissertation in PG Programs. The Incubation Centre of the University and respective faculty supervisor jointly may mentor such students. The stakes or claim of ownership in intellectual property developed during this time will be as per the National Innovation and Start-up Policy of the University. Upon in-principle approval of the Council, detailed modalities would be presented in the next meeting. The matters are placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after thorough discussions, unanimously resolved to approve the following proposals:** 1. **Adoption of National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISP) with modification(s).** 2. **Ideation and Prototype leading to Start-up.** **The Council resolved unanimously that a Committee**

	be constituted by the Vice Chancellor to formulate the modalities and guidelines in this regard.
Items for Consideration	
<u>Item.No:AC:32:2025:5</u> **To consider the recommendations of the Committee regarding revision of rates of Honorarium/Remuneration for outside experts for evaluation of Ph.D. thesis and conducting of viva voce.**	<u>AGENDA NOTE:</u> A Committee was constituted to recommend revised rates of honorarium/remuneration for external experts evaluating Ph.D. theses and conducting viva-voce. It is important to mention that since its inception, the University has been paying Rs. 2500/- as honorarium to external experts within India and US $130 for experts from abroad. The Committee reviewed the honorarium paid to external experts for thesis evaluation in other Central Universities. After due deliberations, it recommended that the honorarium payable to external experts in India for thesis evaluation may be increased to Rs. 4,000/-, while the honorarium for experts from abroad shall remain unchanged at US $130. Further, the Committee recommends that the honorarium for conducting Ph.D. viva-voce examination may be enhanced to Rs. 3,000/-. The recommendation of the Committee is placed at ***(Annexure-32.12).*** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
<u>RESOLVE</u>	**The Council after detailed deliberations unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee that:** a. **For thesis evaluation, an honorarium payable to external experts within the country be increased to Rs. 4,000/-** b. **An honorarium for conducting Ph.D. viva-voce examination be enhanced to Rs. 3,000/-** c. **For thesis evaluation, an honorarium for experts from abroad be enhanced to US $150.**
<u>Item.No:AC:32:2025:6</u> **To consider the recommendations of the Committee w.r.t. reorganization of Schools and Departments.**	<u>AGENDA NOTE:</u> The following Committee was constituted by the Competent Authority for reorganization of Schools and Departments: 1. Prof. Ramakrishna Wusirika, DIA, Chairperson 2. Prof. Anjana Munshi, Director, R&D 3. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC

	4. Prof. P.K. Mishra, HoD, Dept. Economic Studies 5. Prof. Bawa Singh, Dept. SCAS 6. Prof. Vinod Pathania, Dept. Chemistry The recommendations of the Committee are placed at **(_Annexure-32.13_)** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee regarding reorganization of Schools and Departments of the University.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:7 **To consider the recommendation of the committee regarding the transfer of two faculty members from Dept. of Computational Sciences to Dept. of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The Department of Computational Sciences currently offers programs in M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Bioinformatics. The specialization of two faculty members namely Prof. Saraboji Kadhirvel, Professor and Dr. Arti Sharma, Assistant Professor, is Bioinformatics and they have also been teaching and guiding doctoral thesis in Bioinformatics in the Department of Computational Sciences. The newly sanctioned Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics will offer M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes in both Biotechnology and in Bioinformatics from the academic session 2026-27. A Committee constituted on the matter recommended to transfer Prof. Saraboji Kadhirvel and Dr. Arti Sharma _from the Department of Computational Sciences_ to the _Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics._ Also, one Associate Professor position and one Assistant Professor position (out of three) that are sanctioned to the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics may be advertised under the Department of Computational Sciences. The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee regarding the transfer of two faculty members namely Prof. Saraboji Kadhirvel, Professor and Dr. Arti Sharma, Assistant Professor, from Dept. of Computational Sciences to the Dept. of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics. The Council noted that the University has obtained written consent from the concerned faculty members.**

Item.No:AC:32:2025:8	AGENDA NOTE:
To consider the recommendations of the Department of Education regarding approval of the syllabus of UG Programs i.e. B.Sc.B.Ed. & B.A.B.Ed.	The HoD & Dean, Dept. of Education, School of Education has submitted the minutes of Curriculum Development Committee, online approval from the members of Board of Studies and School Board of Education in respect of modified syllabi of UG programmes in B.Sc. B.Ed. and B.A. B.Ed. and copy of latest NCTE corrigendum dated 25th July 2025. Following is the proposal for consideration: • Modified syllabi of B.Sc. B.Ed. program (2024-2028) and (2025-2029) as recommended by School Board in light of latest NCTE corrigendum dated 25th July, 2025. • Syllabi of B.A. B.Ed. programme (2024-2028) and (2025-2029) as recommended by School Board in light of latest NCTE corrigendum dated 25th July, 2025. The recommendations are placed at **(Annexure-32.14)** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the following recommendations of the Department of Education, Board of Studies and School Board of Education:** • **Modified syllabi of B.Sc. B.Ed. program (2024-2028) and (2025-2029) as per latest NCTE corrigendum dated 25th July, 2025.** • **Syllabi of B.A. B.Ed. programme (2024-2028) and (2025-2029) as per latest NCTE corrigendum dated 25th July, 2025.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:9 **To consider the recommendation of the Department of Environmental Science & Technology regarding the integration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), into the academic**	AGENDA NOTE: The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes sustainable development and also in accordance with national and global commitments regarding sustainability, it is proposed to integrate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the University's Academic research, administrative, and operational frameworks of the Central University of Punjab. The objectives of this integration are to: • Integrate sustainability principles into the academic, administrative, and operational functions of the

research, administrative, and operational frameworks of the Central University of Punjab.	University. • Promote interdisciplinary teaching and research initiatives that correspond with one or more of the 17 SDGs. • Raise awareness and to develop a sense of responsibility among students, faculty, and staff towards pressing global sustainability challenges. The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Department of Environmental Science & Technology regarding the integration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), into the academic research, administrative, and operational frameworks of the Central University of Punjab.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:10 **To consider the implementation of Student Co-instructor Model and SoP thereon.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** A Committee was constituted vide letter No. CUPB/Estt/ Notification/2025/68 for preparing Student Co-instructor Model and its SoP. The recommendation of the same is attached as **(Annexure-32.15)** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee regarding the implementation of Student Co-instructor Model for PG Programs only, and also approved its SoP.** **The Council further resolved unanimously that this model will be implemented from 2nd semester onwards of the PG Programs.** **Further, the Council also resolved that the departments can customize their SoPs based on the class strength and discipline.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:11 **To consider the recommendations of Committee for AI-Policy of CU Punjab.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** A Committee was constituted by the University vide notification no: CUPB/Estt./Notification/2025/51 dated 15/07/2025 to prepare the AI Policy for CUPB **(Annexure-32.16)**

	The Committee had several meetings, online survey of faculty and inputs from other faculty members and students and drafted the AI-Policy for CUPB.
	The final copy of AI-Policy is attached herewith for n/a, please. **(Annexure-32.17)**
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to finalize the AI-Policy through consultation with concerned department(s).**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:12 **To consider the allied and relevant disciplines of the newly sanctioned departments/ centres/ programs for the purpose of recruitment of teachers.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The following Departments/Centers have been sanctioned to the Central University of Punjab: 1. Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics 2. Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning 3. Department of Community Medicine and Health 4. Department of Public Policy and Governance 5. Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management 6. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Centre of Studies in Indic Civilization and Religious Traditions 7. Centre for Partition and Atrocities Studies A Committee was constituted for preparing eligibility criteria for faculty positions in newly sanctioned Departments/ Centres. The Committee recommends concerned, relevant and allied subjects for the purpose of recruitment of faculty in the five Departments and two Centres. The recommendations are attached at **Annexure-32.18.** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved that the external experts be included in the Committee to finalize the allied and relevant disciplines of the newly sanctioned departments/centres/programs for the purpose of recruitment of teachers.** **Further, the Council unanimously resolved to authorize the Vice Chancellor to approve the recommendation of the committee.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:13 **To consider the Detailed Project Report (DPR) regarding the**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The School of Legal Studies has proposed to establish the Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning in the University.

establishment of Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning in the University.	**1. Mission of the Department:** i. Offer flexible, multicultural academic and outreach programs in Indian philosophy, languages, ethical values, cultural studies, arts, skill development, accessible to all age groups and communities. ii. Preserve, document, and promote India's tangible and intangible cultural heritage by integrating traditional wisdom with modern societal needs. iii. Foster social empowerment, inclusivity, and equity by providing learning pathways for women, rural populations, marginalized groups, and senior citizens. iv. Build strategic collaborations with national and international organizations to enhance research, cultural exchange, and policy dialogue. v. Align curriculum and skill development with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to create a sustainable, impactful, and globally relevant education model. **2. Thrust Areas of the Department/Centre:** Promotion and Preservation of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Cultural Literacy and Heritage Conservation, Lifelong Learning and Inclusive Education, Skill Development, Facilitating interdisciplinary research and Policy development, Community Engagement and Outreach. **The Main Objectives of the Proposed Programmes under the Centre:** • To design • and deliver certificate, diploma, and short-term academic programs in areas such as Indian philosophy, ethical values, cultural studies, and regional as well as classical languages. • To promote lifelong learning opportunities that are accessible to learners across different age groups, genders, and regions through flexible, modular, and multi-format course delivery including offline, online, and blended modes. • To facilitate sustained cultural and social outreach activities, with a special focus on rural and underserved communities ensuring equitable access through community learning hubs and courses in multiple languages.

	• To develop curricula that are firmly grounded in Indian traditions while maintaining strong relevance to contemporary societal and professional needs. • To promote cultural preservation and heritage conservation by combining academic learning with practical application ensuring experiential learning and the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. • To establish and strengthen collaborations with leading academic and cultural organizations, including the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, the National Council of Educational Research and Training, the Central Institute of Indian Languages, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, and the University Grants Commission. The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the proposal of School of Legal Studies to establish the Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning with the following amendments:** 1. **Certificate and Diploma Programs to be offered under this Centre will be as per UGC Guidelines.** 2. **The Short-term/Skill-based Courses to be offered under this Centre will be as per the guidelines of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, as the CU Punjab has been recognized as Awarding Body (Dual category) for imparting and certifying skill training courses.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:14 **To consider the recommendations of the committee regarding the Proposal to establish Academic Chair in the name of Adi Shankaracharya Ji and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at CU Punjab.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** In 30th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 2.5.2025 vide Item.No:AC:30:2025:12(V), the matter regarding proposal for the establishment of an Academic Chair in the name of Adi Shankaracharya Ji and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at CU Punjab was placed for consideration. The Council resolved the following: *"The Council after considering the proposal, unanimously resolved to constitute a committee with one external member to study the proposal to establish an Academic Chair in the name of Adi Shankaracharya and Sri Guru Nanak Dev, and make recommendations for consideration of the Council."* In this regard, a committee constituted to examine the

	proposal and make recommendations to establish the Chair in the name of Adi Shakaracharya Ji and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was held on 19.06.2025. The Committee thoroughly examined and frame the proposal **(Annexure-32.19)** for establishment of Adi Shankaracharya Ji and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Chair Ji Chair under the ambit of the School of Social Sciences, Central University of Punjab. The recommendation and proposal of the Committee is placed at **(Annexure-32.20)** The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee w.r.t. the proposal to establish Adi Shankaracharya Ji and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chair at CU Punjab.** **Further, the Council resolved that a proposal in this regard be sent to UGC/MoE for consideration.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:15 **To adopt the Guidelines/ Policies/Regulations etc. notified by UGC.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** **The following guidelines/policies/regulations etc. have been notified by the UGC, for implementation and adoption by the Universities:** 1. Partial modification of the UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programs Simultaneously. 2. UGC letter regarding: Dissemination and Promotion of UGC's Handbook on "Basics of Cyber Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions" & Cyber Security Session during Deeksharambh (Student Induction Programme) 3. UGC letter regarding: Implementation of "Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities". 4. Corrigendum to the UGC (Corrigendum to the UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025. 5. UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions in order to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging. The Regulations/Guidelines/Policies are placed before the

	Council for adoption/implementation by the University.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions, unanimously resolved to adopt the UGC Guidelines/Regulations etc.** **The Council further resolved that these guidelines/ regulations etc. be forwarded to the Schools/ Departments/ concerned sections, for their information and necessary action.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:16:SA:1 **To consider the recommendations of the committee regarding proposal for establishment of new Departments/Centres.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The Committee was constituted for future expansion and preparing proposal for creation of new Departments/ Centres. The Committee deliberated upon the list of departments recommended by the Dean's committee in emerging fields. The Committee prepared a list of departments and Centres for which the task of preparing summary sheets and detailed project reports (DPRs) was assigned to faculty members as follows: **Departments:** 1. Data Science & Analytics 2. Quantum Technologies and Computing 3. Climate Science & Sustainability Studies 4. Integrative Medicine and Ayurgenomics 5. Foreign Languages 6. Digital Humanities 7. Sustainable Management & ESG 8. National Security Studies *Note: 1 Prof. 2 Assoc. Prof. & 4 Asst. Prof. are proposed for each of the above departments.* **Centres:** 1. Centre for Indian Knowledge System 2. Centre for Global Media Monitoring & Narrative Studies 3. Centre for Geoinformatics 4. Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning *[placed as separate agenda]* *Note:1 Prof., 1 Assoc. Prof., & 2 Asst. Prof. are proposed for each of the above Centres.* DPR for the establishment of the Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning (CICLL) was prepared and submitted by the committee constituted by the competent authority vide ref no. CUPB/Estt./Notification/2025/49 dated

	14.07.2025. *[placed as separate agenda]*
	The proposal for bifurcation of Department of Applied Agriculture *(Existing strength: Prof.-1, Assoc.Prof.-1, Asst. Prof - 2), Proposed: Assoc.Prof.-1, Asst. Prof - 2)* into the parent department, and the Department of Food Science and Technology *(Existing strength: Prof.-0, Assoc. Prof. - 1 & Asst. Prof. - 2, Proposed: Prof.-1, Assoc. Prof. – 1& Asst. Prof.-2)* is also recommended. Other departments recommended by the Deans committee may be considered in the future.
	The information sheets of these departments/centres are placed at **(Annexure:32.21)**
	The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council, after detailed deliberations, unanimously resolved to approve the proposal for establishment of following new Departments/Centres and bifurcation of one Department in the University:** **A. Proposed Departments:**

S.No.	Name of Proposed Department	Proposed Faculty
1.	Data Science & Analytics	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
2.	Quantum Technologies and Computing	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
3.	Climate Science & Sustainability Studies	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
4.	Integrative Medicine and Ayurgenomics	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
5.	Foreign Languages	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor – 04*
6.	Digital Humanities	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
7.	Sustainable Management & ESG	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*
8.	National Security Studies	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -02* *Assistant Professor - 04*

B. Proposed Centres:

S.No.	Name of Proposed Centre	Proposed Faculty
1.	Centre for Indian Knowledge System	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -01* *Assistant Professor – 02*
2.	Centre for Global Media Monitoring & Narrative Studies	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -01* *Assistant Professor – 02*
3.	Centre for Geoinformatics	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -01* *Assistant Professor – 02*
4.	Centre for Indian Culture and Lifelong Learning	*Professor-01* *Associate Professor -01* *Assistant Professor – 02*

C. Proposed Bifurcation of Department of Applied Agriculture

into

1. **Department of Applied Agriculture, and**
2. **Department of Food Science and Technology**

S.No.	Proposed Bifurcation	Existing faculty Strength	Proposed Faculty
1.	Department of Applied Agriculture	*Professor - 1,* *Associate Professor - 1* *Assistant Professor - 2*	*Associate Professor - 1* *Assistant Professor - 2*
2.	Department of Food Science and Technology	*Professor - 0,* *Associate Professor - 1* *Assistant Professor - 2*	*Professor - 1* *Associate Professor - 1* *Assistant Professor - 2*

Item.No:AC:32:2025:16:SA:2 **To consider and approve the Policy for Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisor**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The IQAC has submitted the draft Policy for Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisor. A well-structured system of lab rotations/faculty interactions during the PhD coursework at the University can provide significant academic and professional benefits to both newly inducted scholars and the institution. By allowing students to interact with faculty of the department before finalizing their PhD host lab/supervisor enables them to gain first-hand exposure to diverse research areas, experimental techniques, and faculty expertise. This Policy help scholar make informed decisions about selecting a lab/supervisor aligned with their research interests, skillsets, and long-term career goals, thereby reducing the risk of mismatch or dissatisfaction later in their doctoral journey.

	The draft policy for Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisor is placed at *(Annexure-32.22)* The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**After detailed deliberations, the Council unanimously resolved that the Policy on Laboratory Rotation/Faculty Interaction for allotment of Ph.D. Supervisors be approved in principle.** **Further, the Council also resolved unanimously that a Committee be constituted to finalize the guidelines for policy implementation and the Vice Chancellor is authorized to approve the guidelines.**
Item.No:AC:32:2025:16:SA:3 **To consider the draft regulation for BS-MS Programmme.**	**AGENDA NOTE:** The University has introduced BS-MS Program in Biological Sciences from the academic session 2025-26. The draft Regulation for BS-MS Programme is placed at *(Annexure-32.23).* The matter is placed before the Council for consideration.
RESOLVE	**The Council after detailed discussions unanimously resolved to approve the Regulation for BS-MS Programmme offered by the University from the academic session 2025-26.**

The meeting of the Academic Council concluded with thanks from and to the Chair.

Sd/-
(Dr. Vijay Sharma)
Registrar &
Secretary, Academic Council

Minutes Approved

Sd/-
(Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari)
Vice-Chancellor &
Chairman, Academic Council