



OFFICE OF DEAN RESEARCH STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RESEARCH STUDIES IN THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR THE SESSION MARCH 2026 HELD ON 09.06.2026 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE DEAN RESEARCH STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU.

P R E S E N T

1. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra *(In the Chair)*
Dean Research Studies;
2. Prof. Sangita Gupta
Department of Library and Information Sciences;
3. Prof. Jasbir Singh
Department of Economics;
4. Prof. Suman Jamwal
Department of History;
5. Prof. Dipankar Sengupta
Department of Economics;
6. Prof. Baljit Singh Mann
Department of Political Science;
7. Prof. Parkash Chand
Department of Economics;
8. Prof. Kavita Suri
Department of Lifelong Learning;
9. Prof. Vishav Raksha
Department of Sociology;
10. Prof. Sunita Devi
Department of Economics;
11. Prof. Priyanka Sharma
Department of Lifelong Learning;
12. Prof. Manoj Bhatt
Department of Economics;
13. Prof. Seema Rohmetra
The Law School;
14. Prof. Vivek Sharma
Department of Lifelong Learning;


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15. Prof. Shallu Sehgal
Department of Economics

16. Prof. Suneel Kumar
Department of Political Science;

In the introductory remarks, the Dean Research Studies welcomed the members of BORS (Social Sciences) and thereafter, Assistant Registrar (R&A) took up the Agenda for the deliberations on the items:

ITEM NO. 1:

Considered the confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies in *Social Sciences* held on 18.12.2025, as already circulated.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of *Social Sciences* held on 18.12.2025, as already circulated are confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2:

Considered the Progress Reports of the Research Scholars pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the *Faculty of Social Sciences*.

RESOLVED that the Progress Reports of all the whole-time/part-time Research Scholars pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of *Social Sciences* be placed on record.

Further, resolved that, "The HOD concerned shall initiate the **process for cancellation** of registration of those scholars under rules, whose **three** consecutive progress reports have not been received by the Department after giving an opportunity to the candidate with the consent of the Supervisor. The cases for cancellation of Registration which are pending due to non-submission of NOC by the scholar concerned, the HOD to obtain the NOC from the concerned offices/libraries through E-mail and send the cases complete in all respect to the office of DRS for further course of action in the matter.

Other Observations:-

Department of Sociology: For candidates at S. No. 04 (Ms. Anju Devi): The DRC to examine the case in light of amendments in the Ph.D Statutes w.r.t Supervisor status (Prof. Abha Chauhan) who have superannuated.

Department of Economics: For candidates at S. No. 01 (Sundeep Kumar), S. No. 2 (Neha Kumari Pandey), S. No. 4 (Kameshwar Singh), S. No. 18 (Vishal Babu): HOD to send all NOCs of the concerned candidates for cancellation within one month of the issuance of these Minutes.

DSRS :

For candidates at S. No. 05 (Ms. Shiwani Sharma), S. No. 06 (Ms Yashorajya Gauri: HoD to deliberate cases in the DRC for allocation of Co-supervisor in light of amendments in the Ph.D Statutes as the Supervisor Dr. Surinder Mohan has proceeded on lien.


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ITEM NO. 3:

Considered the recommendations made by the Departmental Research Committee of the respective Departments and confirmed the action taken for grant of extension in favour of the following Ph.D scholars w.e.f. the dates/s as shown against each in below table for two years beyond three years in the period for submission of Ph.D. thesis in the Faculty of Social Sciences:

S. No	Name of the Candidate	Subject	Supervisor	Date of Registration	Extension granted	w.e.f.
1.	Neekita Choudhary	Political Science	Prof. Baljit Singh Mann	01.06.2023	2 years	01.06.2026 to 31.05.2028
2.	Mohd Haroon Rather	Political Science	Prof. Baljit Singh Mann	02.06.2023	2 years	02.06.2026 to 01.06.2028
3.	Mohd Arfan	Political Science	Dr. Harjit Singh	02.06.2023	2 years	02.06.2026 to 01.06.2028
4.	Nisar Ahmad Malik	Political Science	Dr. Ellora Puri	06.06.2023	2 years	06.06.2026 to 05.06.2028
5.	Diksha	Library & Information Science	Dr. Meghna Dhar	19.07.2023	2 years	19.07.2026 to 18.07.2028
6.	Gurdarshan	Library & Information Science	Prof. Sangita Gupta	16.08.2023	2 years	16.08.2026 to 15.08.2028
7.	Vikas Bhagat	Economics	Dr. Tsering Yangzom	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
8.	Rohit Singh Majdiall	Economics	Dr. Tsering Yangzom	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
9.	Mohammad Younis	Economics	Prof. Falendra K Sudan	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
10.	Nazma Tayub	Economics	Dr. Tsering Yangzom	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
11.	Rakhmat Jhan	Economics	Prof. Sunita Devi	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028


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12.	Sameer Mohd	Economics	Prof. Virender Koundal	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
13.	Anil Kumar	Economics	Prof. Falendra K Sudan	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
14.	Fiza Mir	Economics	Prof. Virender Koundal	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
15.	Monica Bougal	Economics	Dr. Neelam Choudhary	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
16.	Deep Kumar	Economics	Prof. Manoj Bhatt	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
17.	Swarti Rani	Economics	Prof. Sunita Devi	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
18.	Mehak Wazir	Economics	Prof. Prakash C Antahal	08.06.2023	2 years	08.06.2026 to 07.06.2028
19.	Reena Sharma (action taken confirmation)	Economics	Prof. Jasbir Singh	06.06.2022	2 years	06.06.2025 to 05.06.2027

RESOLVED that in accordance with Ph.D Statutes 2019, based on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committees of the respective Departments at S. No 1 to S. No. 18 for grant of extension in favour of these research scholars w.e.f. the date/s as mentioned against each for two years beyond three years in the period for submission of Ph.D theses in the Faculty of Social Sciences are approved. Further action taken in having granted extension in the period of submission of thesis by 2 years for candidate at S.No. 19 is confirmed.

ITEM NO. 4:

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the respective Departments and action taken confirmation regarding extension beyond 5 years in favour of following scholars for pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences:

S. No	Name of the Candidate	Subject	Supervisor	Date of Registration	Extension granted	w.e.f.
1.	Paramjeet Singh	Economics	Prof. Prakash C Antahal	25.03.2021	1 year	25.03.2026 to 24.03.2027
2.	Zakir Hussain	Economics	Prof. Dipankar Sengupta	24.03.2021	1 year	24.03.2026 to 23.03.2027


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3.	Anchal Kumar	Economics	Prof. Manoj Bhatt	24.03.2021	1 year	24.03.2026 to 23.03.2027
4.	Harleen Kour	Economics	Prof. Sunita Devi	06.08.2021	3 years	06.08.2026 to 05.08.2029
5.	Narender	Political Science	Dr. Ellora Puri	20.10.2020	1 year	20.10.2025 to 19.10.2026
6.	Vinay Lata	Psychology	Dr. Sarita Sood	20.08.2020	3 Year	20.08.2025 to 19.08.2028
7.	Nidhi Vij	Psychology	Dr. Sarita Sood	14.07.2020	3 Year	14.07.2025 to 13.07.2028
8.	Anju Devi	Sociology	Prof. Abha Chauhan (Retd. Supervisor) & Dr. Sapna Sharma (Co-supervisor)	04.08.2021	3 years	04.08.2026 to 03.08.2029
9.	Qurat Ul Ain Batool (action taken confirmation)	Sociology	Prof. Abha Chauhan (Retd. Supervisor) & Prof. Vishav Raksha (Co-supervisor)	08.01.2021	3 years	08.01.2026 to 07.01.2029
10.	Snehin Gupta (action taken confirmation)	Economics	Prof. Jasbir Singh	24.03.2021	1 year	24.03.2026 to 23.03.2027

RESOLVED that in accordance with Ph.D Statutes 2019, based on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committees of the respective Departments w.r.t above mentioned scholars from S. No 1 to S. No. 8 regarding extension beyond five years for pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences are approved. Further, action taken in having granted extension in the period for award of thesis for candidates at S. No. 9 and 10 is confirmed.

ITEM NO. 5

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the respective Departments for conversion from whole-time to part-time registration in favour of the following scholars for pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences:


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S. No	Name of the Candidate	Subject	Supervisor	Date of Registration	Date of joining employment/ Conversion to part time
1.	Narender	Political Science	Dr. Ellora Puri	20.10.2020	03.09.2025
2.	Arvind Kumar	Political Science	Prof. Karuna Thakur (Retd. Supervisor) & Prof. Suneel Kumar (Co-Supervisor)	24.05.2019	03.09.2025
3.	Maheshwari Sharma	Economics	Prof. Virender Koundal	04.11.2022	19.01.2026
4.	Tanvi Gupta	Sociology	Prof. Vishav Raksha	17.10.2023	07.11.2025
5.	Kumar Chitraketu	Library & Information Science	Prof. Sangita Gupta	01.05.2024	30.03.2026

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the respective Departments for conversion of Status from whole-time to part-time registration in favour of above mentioned scholars for pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences are approved, in accordance with the Ph.D Statutes, 2019.

However, in case of candidate at S. No 5, the conversion is not approved and the Department /HOD shall have to initiate the process of cancellation of admission following the established procedure. Further, resolved that since the said candidate is admitted in 2024 and is governed by Ph.D Statutes 2024, the candidate may later be considered by the Department under clause 6 (11) of the Statutes, 2024.

ITEM NO. 6:

Confirmed the action taken by the Competent Authority in having approved the New Supervisor in favour of Mr. Suman Kumar Verma, Ph.D scholar in the Department of History.

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Competent Authority on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the Department of History in having approved the New Supervisor, Prof. Poonam Chaudhary in favour of Mr. Suman Kumar Verma, Ph.D scholar in the Department of History is confirmed.

ITEM NO. 7:

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee for cancellation of Ph.D. registration of Mr. Rajan Singh, Ph.D research scholars in the Department of History in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the Department of History regarding cancellation of Ph.D registration of Mr. Rajan Singh in the Faculty of Social Sciences is approved.



ITEM NO. 8:

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee for cancellation of Ph.D. registration of Ms. Poonam Sharma, Ph.D research scholars in the Centre for Studies in Museology.

Resolved that the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the Centre for Studies in Museology regarding cancellation of Ph.D registration of Ms. Poonam Sharma, Ph.D scholars in the Faculty of Social Sciences is approved, in accordance with the Ph.D Statutes, 2019.

ITEM NO. 9:

Considered the recommendations of the respective Departmental Research Committee of the Department of History regarding constitution of Research Advisory Committees (RACs) & action taken confirmation by the Competent Authority in having approved the constitution of Research Advisory Committees (RACs) of the scholars from S. No. 2 to S. No. 8 for the session 2025-2026 for pursuing research leading to the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Faculty of Social Sciences:

S. No	Name of the Candidates/ Date of Admission	Departments	Research Advisory Committee
1.	Suman Kumar Verma 01.02.2024	History	1. Prof. Poonam Chaudhary (Convener) 2. Prof. Dipankar Sengupta 3. Prof. Dushyant Kumar Rai
2.	Unnati Sharma 28.05.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Psychology	1. Dr. Sarita Sood (Convener) 2. Dr. Priyanka Sharma 3. Dr. Isha Sharma
3.	Harshita Uppal 02.06.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Psychology	1. Dr. Priyanka Sharma (Convener) 2. Dr. Sarita Sood 3. Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva
4.	Sunil Singh 02.09.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Psychology	1. Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva (Convener) 2. Dr. Sarita Sood 3. Dr. Priyanka Sharma
5.	Pyunika Bhasin 02.09.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Psychology	1. Dr. Priyanka Sharma (Convener) 2. Dr. Shashi Manhas 3. Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva
6.	Yashorajya Gauri 25.11.2024 (action taken confirmation)	DSRS	1. Dr. Surinder Mohan (Convener) 2. Prof. Suneel Kumar 3. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam
7.	Nazima Choudhary 26.05.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Museology	1. Prof. Poonam Chaudhary (Convener) 2. Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta 3. Dr. Malay Dey
8.	Biraja Barik 04.08.2025 (action taken confirmation)	Museology	1. Prof. Poonam Chaudhary (Convener) 2. Dr. Malay Dey 3. Dr. Madhulika Singh



RESOLVED that the recommendations of the respective Departmental Research Committees for constitution of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for above mentioned scholars admitted in Session 2025-2026 are approved, except in case of candidate at S. No 06, wherein it is resolved that concerned DRC shall take up the matter w.r.t allotment of Supervisor as discussed in BORS and accordingly submit fresh RAC proposal to the office of Dean Research Studies.

ITEM NO. 10:

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee regarding appointment of Dr. Kajal Kalsi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu as Research Supervisor to guide Ph.D students.

BORS members noted that as one of the eligibility conditions for Assistant Professor three paper publications in peer reviewed or referred journals are required for recognition as research Supervisor. BORS observed that in case of Dr. Kajal Kalsi, out of 03 publications submitted, 02 are research papers whereas one is commentary. BORS members thus **Resolved that** the concerned faculty be given an opportunity to submit one additional research paper as a requirement. Further, resolved that research papers be examined by I/c Librarian to verify that the paper publications are in peer reviewed and/or referred Journals. The case be placed accordingly in next BORS in Social Sciences.

ITEM NO. 11:

Considered the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee regarding appointment of Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, Bhaderwah Campus as Research Supervisor to guide Ph.D students.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of Departmental Research Committee of Department of Sociology, for recognition of Dr. Kuljit Singh, Academic Coordinator, Bhaderwah Campus, as research Supervisor is approved in reference to the details articulated in the agenda item. Necessary notification/order shall be issued in this regard accordingly.

ITEM No.12:

Confirmed the action taken by the Competent Authority on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of Department of Political Science as Special case in favour of Mr. Arvind Kumar for a period of 3 months for submission of Abstract and Ph.D Thesis.

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Supervisor	Date of Registration	w.e.f
1.	Arvind Kumar (action taken confirmation)	Prof. Karuna Thakur (Supervisor) & Prof. Suneel Kumar (Co- Supervisor)	24.05.2019	24.05.2026 to 23.08.2026

Resolved that the action taken by the Competent Authority on the recommendations of the Departmental Research Committee of the Department of Political Science regarding special extension for a period of 3 months beyond seven years in favour Mr. Arvind Kumar, Ph.D scholar in the Faculty of Social Sciences is confirmed. The matter shall be reported in the Academic Council. No further extension shall be given in any circumstances.



ITEM NO.13 :

CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE FOR Ph.D REGISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES IN THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR THE SESSION MARCH 2026:

S. No.	NAME OF THE SCHOLAR & STATUS Mr/Ms	ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION/S	UNIVERSITY	TOPIC OF RESEARCH	SUPERVISOR/ CO-SUPERVISOR	DOR	Remarks, if any
I)	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY						
1.	Nagma Tabassum D/o Mohd Mushtaq 3231WDCGN16 Whole time	M.A Sociology-2021 B.Ed-2023 NET JRF-2025 Course work pass	University of Jammu Cluster University of Jammu	Identity Assertion and Negotiation among Pahari Speaking People of Rajouri District: A Sociological Study	Dr. Hema Gandotra	02.06.2025	Approved
2.	Shabnam Tabassum D/o Mushtaq Ahmed Shah 34PGDCSOC18 Whole time	M.A Sociology-2020 NET JRF-2025 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Social Exclusion and Muslim Caste: An Ethnographic Study of Sheikh (Watal) Community of Kashmir Region	Dr. Hema Gandotra	02.06.2025	The synopsis is referred back to DRC to revisit the title and content in light of change of title. The DRS is authorized to approve revised synopsis on the recommendations of DRC & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.
3.	Punchok Angmo D/o Tashi Paldan 84PG-SOC-21 Whole time	M.A Sociology-2023 NET JRF-2024 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership in Leh District: A Sociological Study of Women-led Homestays	Dr. Sapna K. Sangra	02.06.2025	Title Approved Fresh copy of synopsis with replacement of page No. 2 & 4 as per discussion in BORS to be submitted in the office of Dean Research Studies.

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4.	Priya Sharma D/o Ashwani Sharma 208-M-10 Whole time	M.A Sociology- 2016 NET JRF-2018 M.Phil-2022 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Socio-Cultural Profile and Emerging Patterns of Change: An Ethnographic Study of Jain Community in Jammu District	Prof. Vishav Raksha	02.06.2025	Approved
5.	Sonika Sen D/o Ashok Kumar 44105-M-04 Part time	M.A Sociology-2010 M.Phil-2013 NET JRF-2010 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Social Structure and Cultural Identity of Bot Tribe in Padder region of Jammu and Kashmir: An Ethnographic Study	Prof. Vishav Raksha	02.06.2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members
II) DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY							
6.	Sunil Singh S/o Pritam Singh 1007GDCREPSY20 Whole time	M.A Psychology- 2025 UGC NET-2025 Entrance test-2025 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Role of Perceived Stress, Resilience and Attention in Predicting Cortisol Response among Adolescents in Jammu Region	Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva	02.09.2025	Title Approved in principle The synopsis is referred back to DRC for deliberations in view of the requirement of association of an Expert with medical background in the proposed area of research.
7.	Unnati Sharma D/o Raj Shekhar 06-PGD-PSY-22 Whole time	M.A Psychology- 2024 UGC NET -2025 Course work pass	University of Jammu	Perceived Workplace Incivility and Psychological Distress among Teachers of Higher Educational Institutions in Jammu City: Role of Impostor Syndrome and Emotional Labour	Dr. Sarita Sood	28.05.2025	Approved



8.	Harshita Uppal D/o Vijay Uppal Whole time	M.A (Hons) Psychology-2024 UGC NET-2025 Course work pass	Amity University, Punjab	Traditional and Digital Modes of Spirituality as Predictors of Self-Esteem and Materialism among Young Adults in Jammu District	Prof. Priyanka Sharma	02.06.2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members. Migration Certificate is to be submitted to Registration Section.
9.	Pyunika Bhasin D/o Subash Bhasin Whole time	M.A Psychology- 2023 Entrance test-2025 Course Work pass	IGNOU	Critical Thinking and Self- Efficacy as Determinants of Digital Literacy and Digital Citizenship among Adolescents in Jammu District	Prof. Priyanka Sharma	02.09 2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members. Migration Certificate is to be submitted to Registration Section.
III) CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN MUSEOLOGY							
10.	Nazima Choudhary D/o Jafar Ali Choudhary Whole time	M.Sc- Fabric & Apparel Sc.-2019 NET-JRF 2025 Course work pass	University of Delhi South Campus, New Delhi	Costumes as Cultural Heritage: A Study of Dogras of Jammu Division	Prof. Poonam Chaudhary	26.05.2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members. Migration Certificate is to be submitted to Registration Section.
11.	Biraja Barik D/o Dilip Kumar Barik Whole time	M.A Museology- 2020 M.A Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology-2022 UGC NET- 2024 Course work pass	Rabindra Bharati University Kolkata Panjab University	A Study of Cultural Mapping of Wall Paintings in Jammu and Kashmir	Prof. Poonam Chaudhary	04.08.2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members. Migration Certificate is to be submitted to



							Registration Section
IV)	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS						
12.	Han-Nwe-Soe D/o U Myint Soe Whole time	M.Sc-2019 Course work pass	University of Philippines Los Banos	Market Access, Institutional Support and Livelihood Transformation: A Comparative Study of Smallholder Farmers in India and Myanmar	Prof. Shallu Sehgal	11.08.2025	Title Modified and Approved Title page to be re- submitted duly signed by RAC and DRC members. US \$11280 fees pending Migration Certificate is to be submitted to Registration Section.

Note:

1. The above mentioned candidates from S. No. 1 to 12 shall submit an affidavit duly attested by the First Class Magistrate to the effect that he/she has /has not joined/engaged in any type of regular/private/adhoc/contractual job from the date of his/her enrollment as and when they join such job, they may intimate the Department for further necessary action.
2. The candidates at S. No. 1 to 12 are governed by the Statutes Governing the Degree of Philosophy, 2024.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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No. RA/MTS/BORS/26/ 2663-82
Dated: 17/07/2026

Copy to:-

1. Special Secretary to the Vice- Chancellor for kind information of worthy Vice-Chancellor.
2. Dean Research Studies for kind information.
3. Prof. _____, Head of the Department of _____ *with the request to circulate the minutes among all the Supervisors concerned and also to initiate follow up action.*
4. Prof. _____, Department of _____, member of BORS, University of Jammu.
5. Department of _____ *for office record and further follow up action.*
6. Director, Centre for IT with the request to upload the cases on the University Website.

Assistant Registrar (R&A)