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It is hereby circulated for the information of all concerned that Competent Authority has been pleased to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Institutional Ethical Committee held on 15-05-2026 as per the Agenda items. The Minutes are available on University Website for information and further necessary action in this regard.

Assistant Registrar (R & A)

No. DRS/26/ 2452-2500
Dated: 14/07/2026

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1. Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for the kind information of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor please.
2. Sr. PA to Dean Research Studies for information of DRS please.
3. All concerned Deans of the University of Jammu.
4. All concerned HODs/Directors of the University of Jammu.
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 15.05.2026 AT 11.00 AM IN THE SEMINAR HALL OF THE SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU, JAMMU.

PRESENT

1. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra (Chairperson)
(Dean Research Studies)
2. Prof. Yashpal Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences
3. Dr. Parveen Lone, Principal Govt Dental College, Jammu
4. Prof. Posh Charak, Prof. of English (Retd.)
5. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Department of Law
6. Prof. Bijender Kumar, School of Biotechnology (Member Secretary)
7. Assistant Registrar (Research & Awards)

At the outset, Dean Research Studies welcomed the members and then the cases were presented by concerned applicants as per agenda items.

ITEM NO. 1:

To consider the application submitted by **Dr. Tsering Yangzom**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu for ethical approval of her research project entitled "**Determinants and Constraints of Livelihood Diversification in the Union Territory of Ladakh: A Comparative Study of Leh and Kargil Districts**".

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research project entitled "**Determinants and Constraints of Livelihood Diversification in the Union Territory of Ladakh: A Comparative Study of Leh and Kargil Districts**" is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance.

ITEM NO. 2:

To consider the application submitted by **Dr. Ankit Mahajan**, Assistant Professor, School of Biotechnology, University of Jammu for ethical approval of his research project entitled "**Genetic and Functional Characterization of very rare Genetic Diseases: Pseudohypoparathyroidism and Alkaptonuria in Jammu and Kashmir**".

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Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research project entitled **"Genetic and Functional Characterization of very rare Genetic Diseases: Pseudohypoparathyroidism and Alkaptonuria in Jammu and Kashmir"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance.

ITEM NO. 3:

To consider the application submitted by **Dr. Sourabh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & IT, Kathua Campus University of Jammu for ethical approval of his research project entitled **"Development of Artificial Intelligence Based Framework for Early Detection of Socio-Behavioral Disorder among School Children in Jammu and Kashmir"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research project entitled **"Development of Artificial Intelligence Based Framework for Early Detection of Socio-Behavioral Disorder among School Children in Jammu and Kashmir"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance. However, the committee further recommended that a Clinical Psychologist be mandatorily associated with the project. The details of concerned expert be provided to the office of DRS.

ITEM NO. 4:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Bismah Altaf**, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Commerce for ethical approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Aftermath of business failure and recovery mechanisms of MSMEs in J & K UT"**.

Resolution:

On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Business Studies (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 5:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Divyanshi**, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Commerce, University of Jammu for ethical approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Analysing the Role of Mindful Engagement for Eudaimonic Well-being: A Study of Select Services"**.

Resolution:

On the basis of presentation, the Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Analysing the Role of Mindful Engagement for Eudaimonic Well-being: A Study of Select Services"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance.

ITEM NO. 6:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Monika**, Ph.D. Scholar, Institute of Human Genetics, University of Jammu for ethical approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Integrative Clinical, Biochemical, and Genetic Profiling of Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young (MODY) for its precise diagnosis in the population of Jammu"**

Resolution:

On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Life Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 7:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Suman Kumari**, Ph.D. Scholar, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu for ethical approval of her Ph.D Synopsis titled **"Exploring the Impact of Peer Influence on the Travel Intentions of Adolescents: Social Proof as a Moderator"**.

Resolution:

On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Business Studies (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 8:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Akshay Kumar Sharma**, Ph.D scholar, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Bioactive Potential of Chitosan from Freshwater Crab Species of Jammu Region"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Life Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 9:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Danish Iqbal**, Ph.D scholar, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Direct Methylation Profiling of Circulating Cell-Free DNA and Tumour DNA as Potential Diagnostic Biomarkers in Prostate Cancer"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Life Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 10:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Nitika Sharma** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu for approved of her Ph.D research work entitled **"Economic Analysis of Informal Women Workers: A Case Study of Jammu City "**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research work entitled **"Economic Analysis of Informal Women Workers: A Case Study of Jammu City "** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.11:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Javed Iqbal** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph.D research work entitled **"Impact of Structural Change in Employment on Rural Areas: A Study of Reasi District "**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research work entitled **"Impact of Structural Change in Employment on Rural Areas: A Study of Reasi District "** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.12:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Anjali Bali** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu for approval of her P.hD research work entitled **"Impact of Occupational Diversification on Households in Jammu and Kashmir: A Study of Rajouri District "**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research work entitled **"Impact of Occupational Diversification on Households in Jammu and Kashmir: A Study of Rajouri District "** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.13:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Insha Batool** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Jammu for approval of her P.hD research work entitled **"Comparative Analysis of Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Jammu and Udhampur Districts of Jammu and Kashmir"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research work **"Comparative Analysis of Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural Practices in Jammu and Udhampur Districts of Jammu and Kashmir"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.14:

To consider the application submitted by **Dr. Parvinder Kumar** Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu for approval of his research project

proposal entitled ***"Genetic Characterization of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and its Covariates in the North Indian Population"***.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research project proposal entitled ***"Genetic Characterization of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and its Covariates in the North Indian Population"*** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate. The Committee further resolved that necessary consent from all collaborators be also sought. These documents mentioning the consent be submitted to office of DRS.

ITEM NO.15:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Amanpreet Kour** Ph. D. Scholar, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her P.hD research work and research paper, respectively

1. ***"Investigating the Impact of Product Appearance on Consumer Responses: Role of Anthropomorphism and Empathy" (Ph.D Synopsis)***
2. ***'Is that Cute Dustbin Smiling at Me? Impact of Anthropomorphised Garbage Bins on Binning Intentions of Tourists.'***

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the P.hD research work at '1' and research paper proposal at '2', respectively are approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.16:

To consider the application submitted by **Dr. Komal Nagar**, Professor, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her research paper entitled ***"Does Virtual Influencers' Skin Tone Matter? The Moderating Roles of Conversational Style and Product Type."***

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research paper proposal entitled ***"Does Virtual Influencers' Skin Tone Matter? The Moderating Roles of Conversational Style and Product Type"*** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.17:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Mrighanka Gupta** Ph. D. Scholar, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her proposed research paper entitled ***"When Desire Meets Risk: Gamification and the FOMO-Loss Aversion Paradox in Fantasy Sports."***

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research paper entitled ***"When Desire Meets Risk: Gamification and the FOMO-Loss Aversion Paradox in Fantasy Sports"*** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.18:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Abhileen Kour** Ph. D. Scholar, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her proposed research paper entitled **"Role of Tertius Iungens in Strengthening Ties and Learning: A Qualitative Study of Indian IT Sector."**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the research paper entitled **"Role of Tertius Iungens in Strengthening Ties and Learning: A Qualitative Study of Indian IT Sector"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.19:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Malvika Khajuria**, Ph.D. Research Scholar, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her P.hD research work and proposed research paper as below:

1. **"Effects of Brand Biography on Consumer Response: Moderating Role of Typeface, Spokesperson and Brand Positioning". (Ph.D)**
2. **"The Power and Brand Biographies in Green Advertising: How Celebrity Activist Popularity and Packaging Design Complexity Shape Consumer Evaluation".**

Resolution:

On the basis of presentation, the P.hD research work at '1' and proposed paper at '2' research paper, respectively are approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.20:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Suranshee Gupta**, Ph.D scholar, The Business School, University of Jammu for approval of her research paper entitled **"Generational Behavioral Patterns of Electricity Usage in Indian Households within the Framework of Mindful Consumption".**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the proposed research paper entitled **"Generational Behavioral Patterns of Electricity Usage in Indian Households within the Framework of Mindful Consumption"** is approved for issuance of Ethical Clearance Certificate.

ITEM NO.21:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Vandna Sharma** Ph. D. Scholar, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu for approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Contemporary Paradigms Shaping Female Athlete Embodiments in Jammu and Kashmir".**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Education (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO.22:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Rajan Sharma** Ph. D. Scholar, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Performance Evaluation of 100 metres Sprint Athletes in Jammu and Kashmir: A Psycho-Biomechanical Analysis"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Education (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO.23:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Mansi Vaid** Ph. D. Scholar, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu for approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Use of Authenticated and Adulterated Supplement by athletes in Jammu region: An analytical Study on Performance Parameters, Fatigue and recovery of Athletes"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Education (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO.24:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Jaibharat** Ph. D. Scholar, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Struggle , Success and Legacy of Jagminder Singh: A Case Study of an Indian Wrestler."**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Education (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO.25:

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Unnati Sharma** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu for approval of her Ph. D Synopsis entitled **"Perceived Workplace Incivility and Psychological Distress among Teachers of Higher Educational Institutions in Jammu City: Role of Impostor Syndrome and Emotional Labour"**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO.26:

To consider the application submitted by **Mr. Sunil Singh**, Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu for approval of his Ph. D Synopsis entitled **"Role of Perceived Stress, Resilience and Attention in Predicting Cortisol Response Among Adolescents in Jammu Region"**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued based as per title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 27

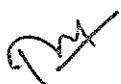
To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Harshita Uppal**, Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu for approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Traditional and Digital Spirituality as Predictors of Self-Esteem and Materialism Among Young Adults in Jammu District"**

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences (Session: March, 2026).

ITEM NO. 28

To consider the application submitted by **Ms. Pyunika Bhasin** Ph. D. Scholar, Department of Psychology, University of Jammu for approval of her Ph.D Synopsis entitled **"Critical Thinking and Self-Efficacy as predictors of Digital Literacy and Digital Citizenship among Adolescents in Jammu District"**.

Resolution: On the basis of presentation, the case in principle approved, however ethical clearance certificate shall be issued as per the title of synopsis approved by Board of Research Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences (Session: March, 2026).



The Committee further resolved that in all the above cases, necessary administrative approvals prior to data collection from respondents be sought mandatorily from concerned authorities/institutions/hospitals and/ or any other concerned.

Meeting terminated with vote of thanks to the chair.

1. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra
(Chairperson)
(Dean Research Studies)

Neelu Rohmetra

2. Prof. Yashpal Sharma,
Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences

Yashpal Sharma

3. Dr. Parveen Lone,
Principal, Govt Dental College, Jammu

4. Prof. Posh Charak, Prof. of English (Retd.)

Posh Charak

5. Prof. Arvind Jasrotia , Department of Law

Arvind Jasrotia

6. Prof. Bijender Kumar, School of Biotechnology
(Member Secretary)

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7. Assistant Registrar (Research & Awards)

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