



INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, BHU, VARANASI

MINUTES of the 10th Research Advisory Committee Meeting of IUCTE, BHU, Varanasi held on Monday, the 24th November, 2025 at 10.30 A.M. in the Conference Room, IUCTE, BHU Varanasi in blended mode. Following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Prem Narayan Singh
Director, IUCTE, BHU, Varanasi | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Prithvish Nag
Director, SHEPA | Member |
| 3. Prof. Poonam Agrawal
Former Head, NCERT, New Delhi, Dean, GBPUAT | Member |
| 4. Prof. Harshad A. Patel
Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad | Member |
| 5. Prof. J. V. Madhusudan
Dean & Head, Deptt. of Education Technology,
University of Hyderabad, Telangana | Member |
| 6. Prof. Asheesh Srivastava
Dean (Academic & Research), IUCTE, BHU, Varanasi | Member |
| 7. Dr. S.P. Mathur
Senior Administrative Officer, IUCTE, BHU, Varanasi | Non – Member Secretary |

Prof. Harshad A. Patel and Prof. J.V. Madhusudan attended the meeting online.

Vice - Chancellor, BHU, Prof Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice - Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur and Joint Secretary (IUC), UGC could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset the Chairman Prof. Prem Narayan Singh extended warm welcome to all members. Then the Chairman apprised the members about the activities undertaken by the IUCTE, BHU during the current year.

Agenda 10.1: Considered confirmation of the Minutes of 9th Research Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17th May, 2025.

Resolved that the minutes of the 9th RAC meeting, held on 17th May, 2025, be confirmed.

Agenda 10.2: Considered action taken on the Minutes of the 9th Research Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17th May, 2025.

Resolved that the Action Taken Report be approved.

Agenda 10.3: Considered the Major Project submitted by Dr. Raj Singh, Assistant Professor, IUCTE and others.

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Resolved that the Major Project proposal submitted by Dr. Raj Singh and Co-Investigators be dropped. However, they may submit a fresh proposal which meets the standards of a strong research proposal. The proposal should be a research proposal; focused, duly prepared and in accordance with the prescribed norms and mandate.

Agenda 10.4: The Committee considered the research proposals presented by the following faculty members of IUCTE:

- **Dr. Deepty Gupta**
- **Dr. Gyanendra Singh**
- **Dr. Sunil Kumar Tripathi**
- **Dr. Raj Singh** (joined online)

Dr. Kushagri Singh, being on leave, did not deliver her presentation. Consequently, her proposal was not taken up for consideration.

Proposal wise observations:

1. Title : Adoption and Integration of Digital Pedagogy in Higher Education Institutions of Uttar Pradesh PI: Dr. Deepty Gupta

- Insert 'Eastern' before UP in title and other places as the sample is only from Eastern UP
- Give relevant operational definitions
- Focus on integration of digital pedagogy
- Include students as respondents
- Give specification and calculations about budget
- Dr Deepty Gupta was asked to note down all other suggestions also by herself and incorporate.

The proposal was approved with modification as per given suggestions.

2. Title : A Need Based Assessment of Laboratory Skills and Conceptual Understanding in Physical Science Education for UG/PG PI: Dr. Gyanendra Singh

Modify title as per discussion

- Make it more focused as per suggestions given
- Give specification and calculations about budget
- Dr Gyanendra Singh was asked to note down all other suggestions also by himself and incorporate.

The proposal was approved with modification as per given suggestions.

3. Title : Implementation and Integration of Multi-disciplinarity in Undergraduate Programs of Higher Education Institutions in Kerala under NEP 2020 PI: Dr. Sunil Kumar Tripathi

Modify title, instead of 'under NEP 2020' to 'in pursuance of NEP 2020'

- Explanation given verbally about the rationale for selection of universities should be incorporated in the proposal
- Can do sampling of UG programs to be included in research study
- Give specification and calculations about budget
- Dr. Sunil Kumar was asked to note down all other suggestions also by himself and incorporate.

The proposal was approved with modification as per given suggestions.

4. Title : Enhancing Pedagogical Excellence in STEM Education through Innovative Teaching, Formative Assessment and Curriculum Integration PI : Dr. Raj Singh (Joined online to present the proposal)

Committee observed that the proposal lacked focus, clarity and coherence, and the PI was unable to satisfactorily defend the proposal.

The proposal was not approved in its current form, may resubmit after revision/reformulation in the light of the discussion.

5. Dr. Kushagri Singh

- Did not present the proposal due to being on casual leave.
- **Proposal not considered.**

General Observation of the Committee

The Committee expressed serious concern that, during the presentations of both Major and Minor Research Proposals, some of the faculty members appeared inadequately prepared. Interactions with the Committee also reflected a casual approach, which is inconsistent with the academic standards expected at an Inter-University Centre of national stature.

The Committee emphasised that such a casual and unprepared approach should not be repeated in future. Faculty members must ensure full preparedness, clarity, and academic rigour while presenting research proposals before any statutory committee.

The Committee expressed its clear and explicit advice that the faculty members must prepare **careful, focused, and sharply articulated PowerPoint presentations** for future proposal submissions. Members emphasised that presentations should **not be a mere copy-and-paste** of the written proposals; instead, they should distil the core ideas, demonstrate conceptual clarity, highlight methodology, timelines, and expected outcomes in a **crisp and meaningful manner**.

Further, while preparing the **budget proposals**, the Committee advised that the **heads of expenditure must be planned meticulously**. Every financial component should be justified with precision, ensuring internal consistency, transparency, and alignment with the objectives and scope of the proposed project. Vague, inflated, or unstructured budget heads must be strictly avoided.

The Committee reiterated that **professionalism, preparedness, and clarity** are non-negotiable expectations for all future presentations and budget submissions.

Resolutions:

1. **Resolved that** Dr. Deepty Gupta, Dr. Gyanendra Singh, and Dr. Sunil Kumar Tripathi shall submit revised proposals to the Director, incorporating the suggestions made by the Committee, for further consideration and approval to start the work.
2. **Resolved further that** the proposal submitted by Dr. Raj Singh be not accepted in its present form. He may submit a fresh proposal, duly prepared and aligned with institutional expectations.
3. **Resolved that** the proposal of Dr. Kushagri Singh be not considered owing to her absence during the presentation.

Agenda 10.5: Reporting Items:

Considered reporting of the items.

Resolved that following items be noted:



10.5.1:

The approval of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to conduct following two programs, at IUCTE, BHU, during the financial year 2025-26:

- (i) “The Digital Pedagogy: Educators for Tomorrow”.
- (ii) “The Edtech Connect: Empowering the Global South”.

10.5.2: Publications at IUCTE

Publications of IUCTE is in progress.

10.5.3:

- (i) Details of programs organized in current session from April 2025 to September 2025.
- (ii) Details of plan for organizing programs from October 2025 to March 2026.

10.5.4: Progress regarding PRAMA.

The first issue of PRAMA journal, in progress, was perused by the members and many suggestions were made by the members. A presentation was made by Dr. Gyanendra Singh. It was resolved that IUCTE, BHU may go ahead to publish it.

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Considered engagement of Senior and Young Scholars on short – term basis to strengthen academic functions of IUCTE, BHU.

Resolved that IUCTE, BHU may engage Senior and Young Scholars on short term basis, as contained in the Vision Document of the Centre and in accordance with the decisions taken in the 6th Finance Committee meeting held on 26.05.2022 (Agenda 5), 8th GB meeting held on 27.05.2022 (Agenda 3) and 9th FC meeting held on 24.11.2023 (Agenda 5).

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

