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Minutes

Minutes of the 53rd Research Committee Meeting held at the Board Room of The ICFAI University, Dehradun on November 07, 2025, at 11:30 AM in Physical Mode.

Officials Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar, IUD	Representative, Chairman
2. Dr. Neel Mani, Associate Professor, DSVV, Haridwar	Member (External)
3. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Associate Professor, Doon University, Dehradun	Member (External)
4. Prof. (Dr.) Alka Chaudhary, Principal, ISPS	Member
5. Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean, IBS	Member
6. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Associate Dean, ICFAI Tech School	Member
7. Dr. Meena Bhandari, Head, ICFAI Education School	Member
8. Dr. Rakhi Shukla, Nucleus Member, RDC	Invitee
9. Dr. Sugandha Sharma, Nucleus Member, RDC	Invitee
10. Dr. Swati Raturi, Nucleus Member, RDC	Invitee
11. Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta, Associate Dean-Research, IUD	Member Secretary

In the absence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Chairman, Research Committee, the 53rd Meeting of the Research Committee was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar, The ICFAI University, Dehradun. Prof. (Dr.) Ramola welcomed the members and the invitee, formally commencing the meeting, and requested the Associate Dean (Research) to present the agenda items. The meeting then proceeded with discussions on the following items.

53.01. Grant of leave of absence, if any

Dr. Monica Kharola, Dean I/C, ILS and Prof. Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Director IQAC was granted leave of absence due to their official engagement in other university activity.

53.02. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Research Committee

The minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Research Committee of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were received and confirmed by all the members of the committee.

53.03. Follow-up action on the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Research Committee

The follow-up action taken were presented, noted and approved.

53.04. Approval of Cancellation of Enrollment from Ph.D. Program

The committee granted approval for the cancellation of the enrollment of Ms. Madhuri Pundir (Enroll. ID: RSILS230004) from the Ph.D. program, in alignment with the Clause 8.4 (Page No. 04) of the IUD Guidelines, 2023. The Chairperson directed the Research and Development Cell (RDC) to promptly issue official letter notifying the respective candidate about the cancellation of their enrollment form the Ph.D. program.

53.05. Summary of Activities of Ph.D. Program

The committee noted the details of the fifty (50) activities of the Ph.D. program conducted by the Research and Development Cell since 08 August, 2025.

53.06 Status of Ph.D. Research Scholars

The committee reviewed the detailed status of one hundred six (106) Ph.D. research scholars of the University.

53.07 Status of Ph.D. Thesis Upload on Shodhganga

The committee noted and appraised that the six (06) Ph.D. thesis was successfully uploaded on Shodhganga.

53.08 Status of Ph.D. Synopsis Upload on Shodhgangotri

The committee noted that the one (01) Ph.D. synopsis was successfully uploaded on Shodhgangotri.

53.09. Status of Seed Money Projects

The Committee reviewed the progress of the three ongoing Seed Money Projects and noted that all are advancing as per schedule, with data analysis and publication activities underway and expected completion by their respective timelines. It also noted the sanctioning of five new Seed Money Projects across various Schools, reflecting the University's continued emphasis on promoting interdisciplinary and impactful research initiatives.

53.10. Summary of IUD Publications by Students, Research Scholars, and Faculty Members

The Committee noted the summary of publications by students, research scholars, and faculty members across all Schools since 08 August 2025, appreciating the consistent growth in quality research output. It also commended the achievement of crossing 150 Scopus-indexed publications, with 84% aligned to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reflecting the University's commitment to impactful and socially relevant research.

53.11. Summary of Research Seminar Series

The Committee appreciated the successful conduct of six sessions under the IUD Research Seminar Series initiated by the Research and Development Cell to foster a vibrant research culture and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange across the University. It commended the initiative for providing a meaningful platform for faculty members and research scholars to engage in scholarly discussions on diverse and emerging research areas.

53.12. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- The external members suggested that upon completion of the Seed Money Projects, the findings should be further developed into proposals for submission to external funding agencies on a larger scale.
- The Associate Dean (Research) requested the external members to extend their support in guiding the University' faculty members in preparing research proposals for external funding.
- It was suggested that purchasing/publishing Theses through Lambert Academic Publishing (LAP) are expensive and suggested that research scholars may consider publishing their Theses with an ISBN number instead, as such publications are also recognized for NAAC /NIRF etc. assessments.



53.13. Next Meeting

The chairman expressed gratitude to all the members for their active involvement and valuable suggestions during the meeting. It was agreed that the scheduling of the next meeting would be coordinated in consultation with the chairman.

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Representative, Chairperson,
Research Committee
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Dehradun