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Minutes

Minutes of the 54th Research Committee Meeting held at the VC Conference Room of The ICFAI University, Dehradun on July 09, 2026, at 3:00 PM in Physical Mode.

Officials Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Vice-Chancellor, IUD	Chairman
2. Prof. (Dr.) Neel Mani, Professor, SRHU, Dehradun	Member (External)
3. Dr. Sudhanshu Joshi, Doon University, Dehradun (Online Through Zoom)	Member (External)
4. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Malaviya, Registrar, IUD	Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) Alka Choudhary, Principal, ISPS	Member
6. Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, ICFAI Tech School	Member
7. Dr. Meena Bhandari, Head, ICFAI Education School	Member
8. Dr. Rishi Dwesar, Dean, IBS	Member
9. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola, Professor, ICFAI Tech School	Invitee
10. Dr. Gaurav Bhandari, Director, IQAC	Invitee
11. Dr. Monica Kharola, Associate Dean, ICFAI Law School	Invitee
12. Dr. Rakhi Shukla, Nucleus Member, RDC	Invitee
13. Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta, Associate Dean-Research, RDC	Member Secretary

The chairperson greeted the members and invitee of the Research Committee, formally commencing the meeting, and asked the Associate Dean – Research to present the agenda items. Subsequently, the meeting deliberated on the following items.

54.01. Grant of leave of absence, if any: Nil

54.02. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Research Committee

The minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Research Committee of the ICFAI University, Dehradun were received and confirmed by all the members of the committee.

54.03. Follow-up action on the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Research Committee

The follow-up actions taken were presented and discussed.



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54.04. Approval of the List of Ph.D. Degree Awardees for the 13th Convocation of The ICFAI University, Dehradun

The committee approved the award of the Ph.D. degree to the following two (02) research scholars:

S. No.	ID. No.	Name of Scholar	Subject	Supervisor(s)	Thesis Title	Date of Final Viva-Voce
1	RSIBS210055	Aatm Prakash Rai	Management	Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta & Dr. Jagannath Patil	A Study of Determinants Influencing Students' Adoption Intention towards Generative AI Chatbots in Higher Education Institutions of Uttarakhand	15-04-2026
2	RSILS190054	Ayushi Mittal	Law	Dr. Ashish Kumar Singhal	Human Right to Water with Emphasis on Water Resource Management in Uttarakhand	13-04-2026

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

The committee reviewed the proposal and granted approval for the cancellation of the enrollment of 02 research scholars namely Raavi Venkat Reddy (ID No.: RSIBS230020) and Deepankar Anand (ID No.: RSIBS220014) from the Ph.D. program, in alignment with the Clause 8.4 (Page No. 04) of the IUD Ph.D. Guidelines, 2023 & 2022 respectively. Further, the committee also reviewed and granted approval for the cancellation of the enrollment of two (02) research scholars namely Sonia Gambhir (ID No.: RSIBS210051) & Nishant Rana (ID No.: RSIBS210049) in alignment with the IUD Modified Ph.D. Guidelines, 2018. The chairperson directed the Research and Development Cell to promptly issue official letters notifying the respective candidates about the cancellation of their enrollment from the Ph.D. program.

54.06. Approval for Offering the Course "Research and Publication Ethics" through the SWAYAM Portal as a Part of the Ph.D. Coursework

The Committee reviewed the proposal and approved offering the course "Research and Publication Ethics" through the SWAYAM Portal as a part of the Ph.D. coursework for the research scholars admitted in the Summer Session 2026-27. The Committee appreciated the initiative taken by the Research and Development Cell towards enhancing the quality of the Ph.D. programme through the integration of SWAYAM-based learning.

54.07. Approval of Institutional Parameters for Identifying and Recognizing High-Quality Journals

The Committee reviewed the proposal and approved the Institutional Parameters for Identifying High-Quality Peer-Reviewed Journals developed by the Research and Development Cell. The Committee recommended that the approved parameters be circulated to all concerned stakeholders for information and compliance.

54.08. Summary of Activities of Ph.D. Program

The committee noted the details of the seventy-eight (78) activities of the Ph.D. program conducted by the Research and Development Cell since 07/11/2025.



54.09. Status of Ph.D. Research Scholars

The committee reviewed the detailed status of one hundred nine (109) Ph.D. research scholars of the University.

54.10. Status of Ph.D. Synopsis Upload on Shodhgangotri

The committee noted that fifteen (15) Ph.D. thesis proposals (synopsis) was successfully uploaded on Shodhgangotri since 07/11/2025.

54.11. End Term Examination Schedule for Research Scholars of Winter Batch, 2025-26

The committee noted that the end-term examinations of Ph.D. course work for research scholars admitted in the Winter Batch (2025–26) will be conducted during 20-23 July, 2026.

54.12. Review of Ph.D. Program Admissions, Summer Session, 2026-27

The Committee noted the status of the Ph.D. Admission process for the Summer Session 2026–27, including the admission schedule and the subject-wise applications received. A total of 57 applications were received across various disciplines. The Chairman directed the Research and Development cell to complete the admission process as per the timeline and report the summary of final admission in the next meeting.

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

A school-wise summary of IUD publications since 07/11/2025 was presented to the committee members. The committee appreciated the faculty members for their Scopus-indexed publications in reputed journals. The Committee appreciated the sustained growth in research output, particularly the achievement of 200 Scopus-indexed publications, and commended the efforts of the Research and Development Cell in promoting quality research across the University. Dr. Neel Mani suggested that future publication reports be presented on a quarter-wise basis to facilitate comparison of research growth across successive Research Committee meetings.

54.14. Summary of UCOST Sponsored National Seminar

The Committee noted the successful organization of the UCOST-sponsored National Seminar by the ICFAI School of Pharmaceutical Sciences on 24 April 2026. The Committee appreciated the efforts of the organizing team in conducting the seminar successfully and acknowledged its contribution towards promoting research, innovation, and academia–industry collaboration in pharmaceutical sciences.

54.15. Summary of 6th International Conference on Intelligent Vision and Computing (ICIVC-2026)

Dr. Gupta presented a detailed summary of ICIVC-2026, held on 12–13 June 2026 at The ICFAI University, Dehradun, to the committee members. The summary highlighted key statistics, including total papers submitted (1866), papers registered and presented (111), and parallel sessions conducted (21). It was also informed that the conference proceedings will be published in different volumes of the Scopus-indexed Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems book series by Springer.

54.16. Summary of Incentive on IUD Publications

The Committee noted the distribution of publication incentives to eighteen (18) faculty members under the IUD Research Incentive Scheme for IUD publications made during the period October 2025 to March 2026. The Committee appreciated the University's continued efforts to encourage and recognize quality research publications among its faculty members.



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54.17. Subscription of Turnitin Software for Plagiarism Checking of Faculty Research Work

The Committee noted the procurement and implementation of the Turnitin plagiarism detection software for faculty members to facilitate originality checks of research manuscripts. The Committee appreciated the initiative of the Research and Development Cell in strengthening the University's research quality and promoting academic integrity.

54.18. Review and Feedback on the Draft AI Plagiarism Policy, 2026

Dr. Gupta presented the Draft AI Plagiarism Policy, 2026 in detail to all the committee members. The Chairperson directed the Research and Development Cell to circulate the draft policy to all members of the Research Committee via email for detailed review. The members were requested to examine the draft policy carefully and submit their comments and suggestions to the Research and Development Cell through email, so that the same may be incorporated, wherever applicable, before placing the policy before the competent authority for further consideration.

54.19. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

The Committee appreciated the progress made by the Research and Development Cell. The following points were suggested:

- Dr. Neel Mani suggested that, wherever feasible, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) such as patents, copyrights, or designs should be generated from the ongoing Seed Money Projects. He also recommended organizing a workshop/training session on writing research project proposals to enhance the faculty members' capability in securing external research funding.
- The Chairperson directed the Research and Development Cell to conduct quarterly reviews of all ongoing Seed Money Projects. The Chairperson further instructed that review presentations be scheduled during October 2026 and January 2027 to monitor the progress of the sanctioned projects.
- Dr. Neel Mani suggested that future reports on publication incentives should also indicate the indexing category (e.g., Scopus, Web of Science, ABDC, etc.) of the publication for which the incentive has been awarded, to provide greater clarity in the reporting.

54.20. 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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