



KRANTIGURU SHYAMJI KRISHNA VERMA KACHCHH UNIVERSITY

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To,

**Members of the Board of Research
Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University
Bhuj, Kachchh - 370001**

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Research Meeting held on 25th July 2025

Respected Members,

Please find the attached minutes of the 3rd meeting of Board of Research held on 25th July, 2025 at Conference Room.

Thanking You..

Sincerely,

Dr. Anil Gor
Registrar

Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University



REGISTRAR
K.S.K.V. Kachchh University
Bhuj-Kachchh



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RESEARCH, KRANTIGURU SHYAMJI KRISHNA VERMA KACHCHH UNIVERSITY

The third meeting of the Board of Research at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University was held on July 25, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. onwards in the Conference Hall, Administrative Building, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University. The following members were present.

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee Member	Present/Absent
1.	Dr. Mohan Patel , Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University and Chairperson	Present
2.	Dr. Anil Gor , Registrar, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	Present
3.	Prof. (Dr.) Kalpana Satija , Dean, Faculty of Arts	Present
4.	Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Vyas , Dean, Faculty of Commerce	Present
5.	Prof. (Dr.) Subhash Bhandari , Dean, Faculty of Science	Present
6.	Prof. (Dr.) D. M. Bakrania , Dean, Faculty of Education	Present
7.	Dr. Narendra Hirani , I/C Dean, Faculty of Medicine	Absent
8.	Dr. Jaydipsinh Gohil , I/C Dean, Faculty of Law	Absent
9.	Prof. (Dr.) Kashmira Mehta , I/C Dean, Faculty of Vocational Studies	Present
10.	Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Thakkar , Director, B.S.I.P.- Lucknow	Absent
11.	Dr. Ajaysinh Chauhan , Central University of Gujarat	Absent
12.	Dr. G. S. Gupta , Retired Professor, I. I. M.- Ahmedabad	Absent
13.	Dr. Vijay Kumar , Director, Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology (GUIDE), Bhuj	Present
14.	Dr. Pankaj Thaker , Associate Professor, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	Present
15.	Dr. Mrugesh Trivedi , Associate Professor, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	Present
16.	Dr. C. S. Zala , Principal, Shri R. R. Lalan College, Bhuj	Present (Online)
17.	Dr. Manish Pandya , Principal, Tolani Commerce College, Adipur	Absent
18.	Dr. Gaurav D Chauhan , Member Secretary, Director of Research, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University	Present



The meeting commenced with a welcome note from the Member Secretary, who then invited the Chairperson to begin the discussion of the agenda. The objectives of the meeting were outlined, and an open discussion was encouraged among the Board members.

Agenda 1: To read and confirm the 3rd April 2025 dated published minutes/resolution of the 2nd Meeting of the Board of Research held on 27th March 2025: The Member Secretary presented the agenda with minutes/resolutions of the second meeting for confirmation. The minutes were circulated to all members, and no further comments or suggestions were received. **Resolution 1:** The meeting resolved that the Board of Research unanimously confirmed the minutes/resolutions of the second meeting.

Agenda 2: To circulate the pending Ph.D. synopsis documents to all members of the Board of Research for approval and to establish the future process for this circulation. **Resolution 2:** The Ph.D. synopsis documents of the candidates whose viva procedure has been completed/pending were circulated to all members of the Board of Research and were unanimously approved. Additionally, it was unanimously resolved that, from the date of publication of the minutes of this meeting, candidates must submit a soft copy and five hard copies of their Ph.D. synopsis to the Department of Research and Development for further processing. The circulation of these documents for approval by the Board of Research will be conducted via email.

Agenda 3: To review applications requesting extensions for the Ph.D. program. **Resolution 3:** The Board of Research reviewed applications requesting extensions for the submission of Ph.D. thesis from Ms. Pal Kavita Kumari R., Mr. Vinayak Vasudev Acharya, and Ms. Nakum Mital Jayantilal. After reviewing and discussing this matter, the Board of Research unanimously concluded to grant an extension of one year to all the applicants, on the condition that they again pay the pre-synopsis fees as per university norms.

Agenda 4: To consider and establish the roles of the Research and Recognition Committees (formed by the Board of Deans) for research-related activities and Ph.D. procedures at the university. **Resolution 4:** In accordance with Statute No. 24 (2) (A) (2) of the Gujarat Public Universities Uniform Statutes, 2024, under the Gujarat Public University Act, 2023, the Board of Deans of Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University has formed a Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) for each Board of Studies at the university. The Board of Research has accepted the RRC for each Board of Studies recommended by the Board of Deans. In accordance with the aforementioned statute and act, the key responsibilities of the RRC will include:

- Approving topics of the thesis and dissertations within the subject.
- Recommending to the Vice-Chancellor, a panel of referees for evaluating thesis/dissertations for postgraduate, doctoral, and higher degrees, as per criteria approved by the Academic Council.
- Recommending, through appropriate procedure, the names of eligible postgraduate teachers, research scientists, and research and development professionals (with a minimum of ten years of relevant experience), for recognition as approved research guides.



- Undertaking any additional academic or research-related assignments entrusted by the Board of Deans/Directors of Schools, the concerned Faculty, or the Academic Council.

It was further unanimously resolved that subject experts of the RRC may also be considered as potential Ph.D. thesis reviewers based on their expertise. Additionally, in the case of any process conducted by the RRC, subject experts will be entitled to travel allowance (TA) and daily allowance (DA) as per university norms, along with an honorarium of ₹2,000/- per session.

Agenda 5: To approve the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Personal Interview Process - 2025, the Research Advisory Committee (R.A.C.) Meeting Process - 2025, and the minutes of the Ph.D. Admission Process meeting held with the Heads of Departments and a Member of SC, ST, OBC and Equal Opportunity Cell on 8th July 2025 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Hall, Administrative Building.

Resolution 5: The meeting resolved to approve the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Personal Interview Process - 2025, the Research Advisory Committee (R.A.C.) Meeting Process - 2025, and the minutes of the Ph.D. Admission Process meeting held with the Heads of Departments and a Member of SC, ST, OBC and Equal Opportunity Cell on 8th July 2025 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Hall, Administrative Building. Furthermore, the Board unanimously approved the "Ph.D. Supervisor Selection – Expression of Interest" form, to be filled out and submitted by prospective Ph.D. students (before R.A.C. Process meeting) to the Head of the concerned department, but it is up to the concerned department's discretion to utilize the aforementioned form.

Agenda 6: To consider and recommend the application format for the Research Centre (approved by the Board of Deans).

Resolution 6: The Board of Research unanimously accepted the application format for the Research Centre, as approved by the Board of Deans.

Agenda 7: To approve any IQAC-recommended research centres (if any) at the university-affiliated colleges.

Resolution 7: As of the date and time of the meeting, no Research Centres Applications with IQAC recommendations were received.

Agenda 8: To approve the Ph.D. Guideship recognitions based on the recommendations received from the committee and the 25th April 2025 dated published Minutes/resolutions of the Meeting of the Board of Deans held on 22nd April 2025.

Resolution 8: The Board of Research reviewed the recommendations dated 16th June 2025 from the committee formed by the Honourable Vice Chancellor on 12th May 2025. The committee recommended the approval of Ph. D. guideship for Dr. Vijay N. Jhatiya, Dr. Devendrasinh Jadeja, and Dr. Komal Vaniya. Additionally, the Board accepted Resolution No. 4 from the Meeting of the Board of Deans held on 22nd April 2025, which stated that Ph.D. guideship recognition would be granted to faculty members at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University-affiliated colleges only if the college has a Research centre in the relevant subject for which the guideship is sought. After reviewing all the documents, the Board



unanimously resolved to recommend the Ph.D. guideship, depending upon the recognition of the Research Centre in the respective subject at the concerned affiliated colleges.

Further, In light of the discussions and a review of the Gujarat Public Universities Uniform Statutes, 2024, under the Gujarat Public University Act, 2023, the Board has unanimously resolved the following that, after the formation of the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) for each Board of Studies and subsequent consideration by the Board of Research, the Department of Research and Development will forward new applications for recognition of Ph.D. guideship at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University to the Chairman of the Board of Studies for the relevant subject. The concerned chairman will convene an online/physical/hybrid mode meeting (depending on the convenience of RRC members) with the respective subject's RRC for the scrutiny process of Ph.D. guideship recognition. The RRC will prepare recommendations and the chairman of the respective Board of Studies will submit the recommendations to the Department of Research and Development. The Head/Director of the Department of Research and Development, who serves as an ex-officio member of the Board of Deans, will then submit the recommendations to the Board of Deans. Based on the Board of Deans' recommendations, Ph.D. guideship recognition will be granted to eligible postgraduate teachers, research scientists, and research and development professionals with a minimum of ten years of relevant experience, as stipulated by the aforementioned statutes and act.

Agenda 9: To discuss the progress of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and formats related to the Ph.D. process.

Resolution 9: With Respect to minute no. 5 of this document, the Board has unanimously approved the SOPs for the Ph.D. process prepared by the Committees of "Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and formats of Ph. D. process" formed during the second meeting of the Board of Research. The Board has also requested the committee to prepare the SOPs and formats for the remaining aspects of the Ph.D. process. Furthermore, it was resolved that the same committee will draft the new Ph.D. Ordinance for the Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University, incorporating all the SOPs and formats into this new ordinance. The Board has requested that the committee complete the new Ph.D. ordinance by 30th September 2025, which will facilitate the implementation of these procedures for Ph.D. students registering in 2025 and initiate the Ph.D. Admission Process for 2026.

Agenda 10: To discuss the Ph.D. coursework process for the year 2025.

Resolution 10: The meeting has unanimously resolved that the Ph.D. Coursework in Research Methodology will be conducted by the Department of Research and Development, while the subject-specific coursework will be conducted by the respective Head of the Department/ Ph.D. Process Incharges. The Ph.D. coursework is expected to commence in September 2025. The process will be divided into two phases: the first phase will cover Research Methodology, and the second phase will focus on subject-specific content. The Board unanimously recommended that all Heads of Departments and Ph.D. Process Incharges complete the Research Advisory Committee meeting process and ensure the registration of Ph.D. scholars before 31st August 2025. This will facilitate the initiation of the Ph.D. coursework process starting in September 2025.



Agenda 11: To discuss the process of scrutiny and approval of Ph.D. guideship applications in multidisciplinary, intradisciplinary, and interdisciplinary subjects.

Resolution 11: The Board has unanimously resolved that pending and new applications for Ph.D. guideship in multidisciplinary, intradisciplinary, and interdisciplinary subjects will be scrutinized by the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) of the concerned subject for which the Ph.D. guideship is sought. The scrutiny process will follow the procedures outlined in Resolution No. 8 of this document. Based on the approval from the Board of Deans, the Ph.D. guideship recognition will be granted for multidisciplinary, intradisciplinary, and interdisciplinary subjects.

Agenda 12: To discuss the provision for the consideration of Supernumerary Ph.D. students having research/project fellowship holders, NET-JRF with fellowship approvals, and Civil Service Officials.

Resolution 12: The Board resolved by majority (with Dr. Mohan Patel, Dr. Anil Gor, Prof. Subhash Bhandari, Prof. Vijay Vyas, Prof. Kashmira Mehta, Dr. Mrugesh Trivedi, Dr. Vijay Kumar, and Dr. Gaurav Chauhan in agreement, and Prof. D. M. Bakrania, Prof. Kalpana Satija, and Dr. Pankaj Thaker in disagreement), along with the approval of the Chairperson of this meeting in response to the majority agreement, that the supernumerary category for Ph.D. admission at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University shall include international students (subject to demonstrating sufficient proficiency in the English language); candidates who have qualified for the UGC/CSIR NET-JRF or GATE with national/international fellowships; holders of the INSPIRE Fellowship, RA/SRF/JRF/Project Fellow/Teacher Fellow, or any other fellowship from a state or national agency; as well as gold medalists with fellowship approval/holding. Additionally, a special provision can be made for the horizontally extended family of senior-ranking government officials (IAS, IPS, IFS, Military, and Paramilitary) to include them in the supernumerary category. It was further unanimously resolved that these candidates shall be eligible to register for the Ph.D. program in the relevant subject at any time during the academic year. They shall be exempted from appearing for the Ph.D. Entrance Examination. However, all other admission requirements and procedures applicable to regular Ph.D. applicants shall also apply to candidates in the supernumerary category. Furthermore, it was unanimously resolved that each supervisor can guide a maximum of two scholars on a supernumerary basis, in addition to the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars.

Additional agenda items proposed by the Chairman or Board of Research Members:

After deliberating on all scheduled agenda items, the Board of Research invited any further proposals from the Chairman or its members. In response, the Chairman and members proposed the following on-table agenda items:

Agenda 13 (Additional Agenda by Dr. Gaurav D. Chauhan): To clarify the consideration of Ph.D. applicants who are employed/working at state or central government research institutions and wish to register for the Ph.D. program at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University under the supervision of scientists from their respective research institutions, as part of the Ph.D. admission process.



Resolution 13: In reference to the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the Ph.D. Ordinance – 2023 of Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University, the University has extended Ph.D. guideship recognition to scientists affiliated with state and central government research institutions. Recognized Ph.D. guides from such institutions may recommend eligible candidates—those working in their institutes, research laboratories, or research projects—for Ph.D. registration under their guidance, through the appropriate official channels. However, these candidates must formally apply for the Ph.D. program at Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University and either appear for and qualify in the Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) or obtain an exemption as per university rules. They must also participate in all subsequent admission processes, including Document Verification, Personal Interview, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting process, and any other procedures stipulated by the University for Ph.D. registration. The Board has unanimously clarified and resolved that such candidates are directly registering under respected guides (recognized by Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University) of the respective research institute and are not part of the seats advertised by the Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University. No other candidates applying against the advertised vacant seats shall be eligible for registration under such external scientists of research institutes. Accordingly, these candidates will not be included in the merit list prepared for the advertised Ph.D. vacancies, but will be considered separately for the direct Ph.D. registration process under the scientists of the concerned research institutions. This shall be applicable only if the candidates have either qualified the PET or received an exemption, and have successfully completed the Document Verification and Personal Interview processes. Their registration shall be subject to approval by the Research and Recognition Committee (RRC) during the Research Advisory Committee meeting process.

**Agenda 14 (Additional Agenda by Prof. Subhash Bhandari and Dr. Mrugesh Trivedi):
Drafting of SOP for project implementation (Research/Consultancy):**

Resolution 14: The Board of Research discussed the need to draft an SOP for project implementation and resolved to constitute the following committee for preparing the draft:

1. Dr. Subhash Bhandari (Dean of Science Faculty)
2. Dr. Dharmendra Bakrania (Dean of Education Faculty)
3. Dr. Vijay Vyas (Dean of Commerce Faculty)
4. Dr. Kalpana Satija (Dean of Arts Faculty)
5. Dr. Mrugesh H. Trivedi (Head, Department of Environment and Life Science)
6. Dr. Jyotindra Bhatt (Head, Department of Chemistry)

The committee shall prepare and submit the draft SOP for project implementation by 31st August 2025.

**Agenda 15 (Additional Agenda by Prof. Subhash Bhandari and Dr. Mrugesh Trivedi):
Acceptance of Office Memorandum (Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division, No. F/20/42/2021-PPD dated 05/06/2025) for R&D Projects**

Resolution 15: The Board of Research unanimously approved the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Procurement Policy Division (No.



F/20/42/2021-PPD, dated 05/06/2025) regarding R&D Projects. It was further resolved that this Office Memorandum shall be forwarded to the University's Purchase and Finance Committees for implementation.

Agenda 16 (Additional Agenda by Prof. Subhash Bhandari and Dr. Mrugesh Trivedi): Submission of Patentable Material to IPR Cell for Further Processes, Including Funding Applications

Resolution 16: The Board of Research unanimously resolved that, in order to maintain confidentiality and procedural clarity, all patentable material must be submitted to the Member Secretary of the IPR Cell for further processing, including applications for funding from the University or any external agency.

The meeting concluded with a clear understanding of the next steps and a collective commitment to fostering research and development activities within the university.


Dr. Anil Gor
Registrar

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