



POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

University of Kashmir, Srinagar-190006

NAAC Accredited Grade "A+"

NOTES

Minutes of the DC meeting held on 23rd October 2026

A Departmental Committee meeting was held on 23rd October 2026 at 2:30PM under the chairmanship of the Head of the Department in his office chamber and following were present.

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| 1. Prof. Javaid Iqbal | Professor & HOD....in the Chair |
| 2. Prof. M. Arif Wani | Professor |
| 3. Prof. Majid Zaman | Professor |
| 4. Dr. Manzoor Ahmad Chachoo | Scientist-D |
| 5. Dr. Faheem S. Masoodi | Sr. Assistant Professor |
| 6. Dr. Abid Sarwar | Sr. Assistant Professor |

The following was discussed: -

ITEM- I: Maintenance Contract (MC) for NVIDIA DGX A100 AI Server

The Committee examined the email correspondence with NVIDIA Corporation regarding the proposed three-year AMC for the NVIDIA DGX A100 Server (8 × 40 GB GPUs) with NVIDIA AI Enterprise (NVAIE). The Committee noted that the original warranty period expired in September 2025 and that the indicative quotation received through Netweb Company amounted to approximately ₹40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty lacs only) for three years.

NVIDIA clarified that, due to support compliance requirements, the renewed support must commence from the September 2025 day following the expiry of the previous warranty/support period, i.e., retrospectively from September 2025, and that the commencement date cannot be effective from the date of signing the new MC.

After deliberations, the Committee resolved that the matter be referred to the Coordinator, RUSA, for obtaining clarification from the Finance Director / Chief Accounts Officer regarding the feasibility and permissibility, under the applicable rules and financial regulations, of entering into a maintenance contract with retrospective effect and making payment for a past period during which maintenance/support services were not availed of by the Department.

The Committee noted that, during a RUSA review meeting, attended by Prof. M. Arif Wani (P.I.), it was indicated that ₹30.00 lakhs (Rupees Thirty lacs only) is available with RUSA and may be used towards the maintenance contract. Accordingly, the Committee is of the opinion that, **subject to the permissibility of retrospective coverage under University rules**, ₹30.00 lakh available with RUSA may be utilized towards the maintenance contract, and the balance amount of ₹10.00 lakhs, plus applicable GST, may be met from the Departmental Local Fund.

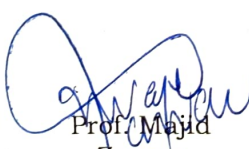
As such, the Committee recommends that the requisite clarification may be obtained from the finance department, and authorization for using ₹30.00 lakh (available with RUSA) and ₹10.00 lakhs plus applicable GST (from the Departmental Local Funds) for the three year maintenance contract may be sought from the Competent Authorities. The Department may be directed for further necessary action, as approved or otherwise.

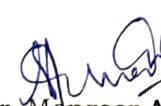
A copy of the email from NVidia is placed at Annexure-I to these minutes.

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


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