POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

University of Kashmir, Srinagar-190006
NAAC Accredited Grade "A+"

NOTES

Minutes of the DRC meeting held on 29th July, 2025

A Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meeting was held on 29th July, 2025 at 11:30 am under the chairmanship of the Head of the Department in his office chamber and following were present.

1.	Prof. Javaid Iqbal	HOD	....in the Chair
2.	Prof. M. Arif Wani	Professor	
3.	Prof. M. Tariq Banday	V.C's Nominee	
4.	Prof. Majid Zaman	Professor	
5.	Dr. Sajad M Khan	Scientist-B	
6.	Dr. Sajid Yousuf Bhat	Sr. Assistant Professor	

The following issues were discussed: -

Item-I:

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) reviewed a letter addressed to the Head of the Department, vide No. F(discipline-change)Res/Ku/25 dated 17th July 2025, concerning the request of Ms. Nahida Shafi, Ph.D. scholar, for reflecting the discipline of Computer Science instead of Computer Application in her Academic Clearance. The matter was considered in light of the recommendation made at Item-V of the Departmental Committee meeting held on 11th July, 2025.

DRC is the most appropriate body to interpret the statute quoted by the office of Dean Research office:

"The Departmental Research Committee shall decide which of the subject/s is/are allied to the subject concerned but the Degree will be awarded to the candidate in the subject/discipline in which he/she has completed his/her Master's Degree".

The Master's degree of Ms. Nahida Shafi is awarded in Computer Applications which falls under the discipline of Computer Science. DRC confirms that Computer Application falls under the discipline of Computer Science. Therefore, as per the statute, Ph.D. degree should be awarded in Computer Science as Master's degree of Ms. Nahida Shafi falls under the discipline of Computer Science. Computer Science discipline covers both theoretical and computer application topics, Ms. Nahida Shafi has carried out research on a theoretical topic and not computer application topic. Therefore, it will be inappropriate decision to award Ph.D. in Computer Application to Ms. Nahida Shafi. Further Beyond the above statutory position, there are a number of strong reasons as to why Ph.D. of Ms. Nahida Shafi should be awarded in Computer Science which are listed below:

- The advertisement for admission to Ph.D. programme was issued in the discipline of Computer Science (copy attached).
- Admission of the said Ph.D. scholar has been offered in the discipline of Computer Science (copy attached).
- The registration of said Ph.D.scholar, as approved by her respective Board of Research Studies (BORS), has been granted in the discipline of Computer Science (copy attached).
- The Ph.D. statute (stipulated in Section 38, Clauses I & II) in vogue governing the award of the Ph.D. degree states: *"(I) The evaluation report of the course work, copies of three reports of the examiners and Viva-Voce report of Ph.D/Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D shall be communicated by the Chairman DRC through Dean of the School to the Controller of Examinations for declaration of the results. (II) The Controller of Examinations shall on the basis of the reports submitted under Clauses I above declare the result of the candidate for the award of Ph.D/ Integrated M.Phil & Ph.D Degree, as the case may be, after seeking approval from the Vice-chancellor".* The viva-voce report (copy attached) recommends award of Ph.D. in Computer Science. Therefore, as per this statute, the degree should be awarded in Computer Science.

In view of the above observations and the statutory processes followed, the DRC unanimously recommends that the Academic Clearance of Ms. Nahida Shafi be issued in the discipline of Computer Science.

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

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