

Department of English and Other Foreign Languages

Minutes of the Meeting- DRC held on 17.04.2025

In accordance with the directives outlined in Letter Number GUG/HUM/2024/650 dated 11.11.2024, the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages convened its first Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meeting on 17.04.2025. The meeting was held at 10:30 am in Room No. 310, located on the 3rd Floor of Block-I. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate formal discussions and evaluations pertaining to the research activities of the department, including the review and approval of proposed research topics, and assessment of research progress in line with the academic and administrative guidelines set forth by the university.

The agenda of the meeting was:

- To review and examine the dissertation framework.
- To approve proposed dissertation title and objectives.
- To assess the research clarity and direction.

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. (Dr.) Neera Verma

2. Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Yogi

3. Dr. Devika

4. Dr. Swati Sharma

5. Dr. Savi Khera

6. Dr. Sanjana Antil

7. Dr. Abhinav

8. Dr. Lalveer Aditya

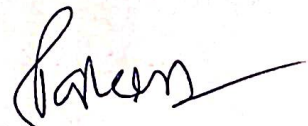
9. Ms. Simran Punia

Lalveer Aditya

Sanjana Antil

Minutes:

- The students of M.A. English Professional/Communication Skills, Semester-4 presented their research framework for the subject- Dissertation. Each student outlined their chosen research topic, objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes, demonstrating their academic rigor and analytical approach.
- The committee found the presented research frameworks to be both relevant and innovative, reflecting a commendable level of critical engagement and originality on the part of the students. The topics chosen were aligned with contemporary issues and trends in the field of English studies.
- The committee also identified areas where improvements could enhance the overall quality and clarity of the proposed research. Constructive suggestions were offered to the students, focusing on refining their research questions, strengthening the methodology, and ensuring the feasibility and academic depth of their studies. These recommendations are intended to guide the students toward producing more focused, rigorous, and impactful dissertations.
- The committee recommended that students align the outcomes of their research with the Indian context to enhance relevance and applicability. While the research topics were generally well-conceived and globally oriented, the committee emphasized the importance of situating findings within the socio-cultural, educational, and professional realities of India.
- The committee further suggested the students to follow the MLA 9th Edition Handbook for referencing. Students were instructed to ensure accurate in-text citations, a comprehensive Works Cited page, and proper formatting as per the guidelines outlined in the latest edition of the MLA Handbook. This practice not only upholds the ethical standards of academic writing but also enhances the credibility and professionalism of their research work.



Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Yogi
Chairperson, Department of English and Other Foreign Languages