

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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**Minutes
of
45th Meeting of the Finance Committee
To be held on 24.09.2025 at 12:30 PM
Venue: Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat,
Central University of Himachal Pradesh,
Dharamshala (H.P.)**

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The 45th Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 24.09.2025 at 12:30 PM in blended mode. The following members were present in meeting: -

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| 1. Professor Sat Prakash Bansal
Vice- Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta
Nominee of the Court | Member |
| 3. Sh. Gian Chand Raita
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 4. Dr. Deen Dayal Verma
Nominee of the Executive Council | Member |
| 5. Sh. Mukesh Kumar
Director (IFD)
Ministry of Education
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary & FA, MoE) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 6. Dr. Anju Mohan Galhotra
Under Secretary (CU), UGC
(Nominee of Jt. Secretary (CU), UGC) | Ex-Officio Member |
| 7. Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan
Registrar | Special Invitee |
| 8. Smt. Pratima Pathania
Finance Officer, CUHP | Ex-Officio Secretary |

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor introduced Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan, Registrar and Smt. Pratima Pathania, Finance Officer who have newly joined the University on regular basis and apprised the Committee Members that both the Officers have vast experience in their fields which will be useful/beneficial for the University. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor directed the Finance Officer-cum-Member Secretary to present the Agenda Items. The item-wise agenda are discussed in detail and decisions taken are as under:-



ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL :

Item 45.1	<p>No. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 44th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03.07.2025 (Annexure – 45.1).</p> <p>The minutes of the 44th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03.07.2025 were circulated for information of all Members vide E-mail dated 04.07.2025 and are placed at Annexure 45.1 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble Members.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.1 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "Subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission; the minutes may be confirmed".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.1 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " The Minutes may be confirmed, subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission".</u></p> <p><u>The Observations of MOE (IFD) & UGC noted and the minutes were confirmed.</u></p>
Item 45.2	<p>No. Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 44th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03.07.2025 (Annexure-45.2).</p> <p>The report of action taken on the decisions of the 44th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03.07.2025 is placed before the Committee as per Annexure- 45.2 for kind perusal and confirmation of the Hon'ble members.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.2 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "Subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission; the minutes may be confirmed".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.2 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " The Minutes may be confirmed, subject to strict compliance of the relevant statutory provisions of the University and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission".</u></p> <p><u>The Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 44th Meeting of the Finance Committee noted & approved.</u></p>

Item No. 45.3	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding Write-off of Non-Repairable/Damaged /Unserviceable UPS and Batteries.</p> <p>To dispose-off Non-Repairable/Damaged/Unserviceable UPS and Batteries lying in various campuses of the university, a committee was constituted vide O/o No. 3-6/हि.प्र.के.वि./सा.प्र./2010/खंड-II/5178-81 dated 19th September, 2022.</p> <p>The Committee initiated the process to dispose-off the Non-Repairable/Damaged/Unserviceable UPS and Batteries as per provisions contained in the GFR-2017. Further, a technical sub-committee was constituted vide NP 72-84 of case file No. 6-4/CUHP/ENGG/2020/A dated 17.10.2024 to inspect the aforesaid material. The meeting of technical sub-committee was convened on 04.12.2024 and the said committee submitted its Inspection Report on dated 06.12.2024. The said material again inspected on dated 11.02.2025 in the presence of external expert Sh. Kirti Azad, J.E. Electrical, Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board. The external expert also recommended that the said material can be disposed off as per rules.</p> <p>In view the inspection report of technical sub-committee alongwith external expert (member), the Non-Repairable/Damaged/Unserviceable UPS and Batteries were declared condemned by the Committee Members.</p> <p>Further, it is submitted that the book value of Non-Repairable/ Damaged/ Unserviceable UPS and Batteries as per books of accounts is detailed out below:-</p>																																
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<p>Accordingly, the matter is placed before the Finance Committee to write-off the value of aforesaid items/assets as per provisions contained in the Rule-223 (1)</p>																																	

	<p>of GFR-2017 and Rule-13 (5) of DFPR-2024, so that the condemned items may be further auctioned as per provisions contained in Rule-217(v) (Sale of Hazardous waste/Scrap Batteries/Electronic waste) of GFR-2017.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.3 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "The proposal may be discussed in detail in the meeting in the light of rule 223 (1) of GFRs, 2017, rule 13 of DFPRs, 2024 and other relevant GoI/UGC instructions/guidelines".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.3 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " UGC has no objection subject to the condition that no deviation is made in the relevant GFR norms/instructions issued by Govt. of India".</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee discussed the proposal and after detailed deliberations the Committee considered to write-off Non-Repairable/ Damaged /Unserviceable UPS and Batteries only for the Financial Year 2011-12 and 2012-13 with depreciation calculated upto 24.09.2025 as per provision contained in Rule-13 (5) of DFPR-2024 and recommended the same for approval of Executive Council.</u></p>																
Item 45.4	<p>No. To place before the Finance Committee the information regarding Grants-in-Aid released by the UGC, New Delhi under Recurring-31, Capital Assets-35 and Salary-36 components for the year 2025-26.</p> <p>The UGC has released the Grant-in-aid under Recurring (31), Capital Assets (35) and Salary(36) components for the year 2025-26 as per detail given below:- (Rupees in Lakhs)</p> <table><tr><th>Sr. No.</th><th>Head of Accounts</th><th>B.E. Allocation for 2025-26</th><th>Grant Released by UGC for 2025-26 (up-to 04.09.25)</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Recurring-31</td><td>2200.00</td><td>959.24</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Capital -35</td><td>400.00</td><td>200.00</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Salary-36</td><td>5000.00</td><td>2085.34</td></tr></table> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.4 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "May be noted after detailed discussion in the Finance Committee meeting as per GFRs, 2017 and other relevant Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.4 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " May be noted".</u></p> <p><u>The Chairman apprised the Members that the University has demanded the funds for Construction Activities of Dehra Campus which has not been released to University so far, as the Executing Agency demanding for funds time and again. After detailed deliberations, the Director (IFD), Ministry of Education assured that the funds for Construction Activities shall be released shortly.</u></p> <p><u>Further, the Members noted the Grants released by the University Grants Commission for the Current Financial Year and expenditure incurred thereof. Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.</u></p>	Sr. No.	Head of Accounts	B.E. Allocation for 2025-26	Grant Released by UGC for 2025-26 (up-to 04.09.25)	1.	Recurring-31	2200.00	959.24	2.	Capital -35	400.00	200.00	3.	Salary-36	5000.00	2085.34
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Item No. 45.5 **To place before Finance Committee the information regarding Research Projects received by the University from various funding agencies.**

The detail of Research Projects sanctioned by the different funding agencies are as under:-

Sr. No.	Title of Project	Funding Agency	Duration	Sanctioned Financial Outlay (Rs.)
1.	Publication of Physics Education Journal (Prof. OSKS Sastri)	BRNS	05 year	3,50,000.00
2.	FIST Mathematical Sciences- Project (Prof. Rakesh Kumar)	DST	05 year	46,50,000.00
3.	Evaluating The Barriers to Solar Energy Adoption, Cost Efficiency and Energy Usage In The Indian Hotel Industry (Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshtha)	ICSSR	1Year	13,00,000.00
4.	Impact Assessment of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) Under Skill India Mission on Employability Skills (Prof. Vishal Sood)	ICSSR	02 Years	20,13,000.00
5.	Impact Of Climate Induced Environmental Changes and Socio-Economic Status on Epidemiology Scrub Typhus in Himachal Pradesh (Dr. Sunil Kumar)	ICSSR	02 Years	15,50,000.00
6.	Creating Persistent Digital Presence of Researcher (Prof. Shiva Rama Rao K)	ORCID-United States of America	01 Year	5,22,168.00
7.	Extent of Vulnerability, Sustainable Livelihood Strategies and Their Outcome: A Study of Junag Tribe in Odisha (Dr. Amit K. Basantray)	ICSSR	02 Years	15,00,000.00
8.	मध्यकालीनहरियाणा में भक्ति आंदोलन: डेरों के संदर्भ में (Dr. Jagdish Parshad)	ICHR	02 Years	4,50,000.00
9.	हिमाचल प्रदेश में पंगवालजनजाति: इसके अनुष्ठानों, संस्कृतियों और परंपराओं का अध्ययन (Dr. Jagdish Prasad)	ICSSR	01 Year	7,50,000.00
10.	An Assessment of Swachh Bharat Abhiyanon Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Rural Married Women in Himachal Pradesh (Dr. Vishav Jyoti)	ICSSR	01 Year	5,00,000.00
11.	Cultural Continuities and Economic Pathways: Kalinga Empire's Diaspora, Maritime Trade, Remittances and Cultural Retention in the Economic and Social Development of Bharat (Dr. Pravat Ranjan Sethi)	ICSSR	02 Years	16,50,000.00
12.	Present Status and Future Opportunities in Artificial Intelligence Sector in Himachal Pradesh (Prof. Shashi Punam)	ICSSR	01 Year	8,00,000.00

	<p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.5 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "May be noted after detailed discussion in the Finance Committee meeting as per GFRs, 2017 and other relevant Govt. of India Rules and related UGC guidelines".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.5 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " May be noted".</u></p> <p><u>The Chairman apprised the Members that in addition to above, one more Research Project amounting to Rs. 10.42 Crore has been sanctioned by Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), New Delhi with IIT, Ropar under Partnership for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR). The Finance Committee noted and highly appreciated the efforts of the University and Faculty Members to obtain the Research Projects from different donor agencies and the progress made by the University. Recommended for approval of Executive Council.</u></p>																											
Item 45.6	<p>No. To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding creation of various teaching positions sanctioned by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.</p> <p>The Finance Committee is apprised that the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter No. 54-8/2021-CU.III dated 21.07.2025(Annexure 45.6) has conveyed its approval for creation of 12 teaching positions as per following details:</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Sl. No.</th><th rowspan="2">Name of Department/ Centre</th><th colspan="3">No. of Teaching Posts Sanctioned</th><th rowspan="2">Total</th></tr><tr><th>Professor</th><th>Associate Professor</th><th>Assistant Professor</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Law</td><td>00</td><td>01</td><td>03</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Hotel & Hospitality Management</td><td>00</td><td>01</td><td>03</td><td>04</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Centre for Disaster Management</td><td>00</td><td>01</td><td>03</td><td>04</td></tr></table> <p>2.The Statute 17(6) as contained under Second Schedule of Central Universities Act, 2009 contains the provision that "All proposals relating to creation of posts, and those items which have not been included in the Budget, shall be examined by the Finance Committee before they are considered by the Executive Council."</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.6 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "May be noted".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.6 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " May be noted".</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee considered & approved the proposal and recommended for approval of Executive Council.</u></p>	Sl. No.	Name of Department/ Centre	No. of Teaching Posts Sanctioned			Total	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	1.	Law	00	01	03	04	2.	Hotel & Hospitality Management	00	01	03	04	3.	Centre for Disaster Management	00	01	03	04
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Item 45.7	<p data-bbox="432 136 1474 203">To place before the Finance Committee, the matter regarding Engagement of Academic and Finance Consultant.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="432 248 1474 371">1. The Finance Committee is appraised that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh aims to strengthen its academic planning, institutional research output, and financial management practices in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and other regulatory frameworks. <li data-bbox="432 405 1474 595">2. In this context, the University proposes to engage external experts as 'Academic & Finance Consultant' – to provide strategic support in areas such as curriculum design, accreditation (NAAC/NIRF), faculty development, academic audits, management of outside consultant and Research Project, further to assist with improving financial planning, UGC funding utilization, statutory compliances, and capacity building of finance personnel. <li data-bbox="432 629 1474 696">3. The consultants would be engaged purely on contract basis initially for a period of six months which may further be extended on performance basis. <li data-bbox="432 730 1474 1088">4. It is submitted that the entire matter was placed before the Academic Council vide item No. 40.29 in its 40th meeting held on 18.08.2025 for according its approval on the followings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="480 842 1474 931">a. Approval for engagement of one 'Academic and Finance Consultant' purely on contract basis initially for a period of six months which may further be extended on performance basis. <li data-bbox="480 954 1474 1043">b. Authorization to the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee for identification and recommendation of suitable personnel for engagement as 'Academic and Finance Consultant'. <li data-bbox="480 1066 1474 1088">c. Finalization of remuneration and contractual terms. <li data-bbox="432 1111 1474 1178">5. The Academic Council after deliberations upon the entire matter has approved to the following: The Academic Council after deliberations at length approved the aforesaid proposal and desired to take up the matter in the Finance Committee. <p data-bbox="411 1290 1474 1447"><u><i>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.7 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "Financial implication involved have not been provided. Therefore, detailed proposal with financial implication involved may be placed before FC for consideration. Comments of CU Bureau, MoE and UGC may also be considered".</i></u></p> <p data-bbox="411 1469 1474 1570"><u><i>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.7 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote "Matter may be discussed in detail during the meeting".</i></u></p> <p data-bbox="411 1603 1474 1805"><u>The Chairman apprised the Members that two Consultants i.e. one for Academic purpose and one for Financial purpose are required for smooth functioning of the day to day activities of the University. After detailed deliberations one of the Member i.e. Director (IFD), Ministry of Education advised that the retired officers well versed with the functioning of the University may be engaged for these purposes.</u></p> <p data-bbox="411 1850 1474 1915"><u>The Finance Committee considered the proposal and recommended for approval of the Executive Council to engage the one Academic Consultant</u></p>
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		<p><u>and one Finance Consultant and authorized the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for engagement of these Consultants. The Honorarium/Remuneration shall be fixed in conformity of O.M. No. 3-25/2020-E-IIIA dated 9th December, 2020.</u></p> <p><u>Recommended for approval of the Executive Council.</u></p>
Item 45.8	No.	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding establishment of Astronomical Observatory in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and payment of Net Present Value (NPV) for diversion of forest land.</p> <p>The matter regarding establishment of Astronomical Observatory in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and payment of Net Present Value (NPV) for diversion of forest land was placed before the Academic Council vide 40.26 in its 40th Meeting held on 18.08.2025 as under:-</p> <p><i>"It is submitted before the Academic Council that the University, in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), is in the process of establishing an Astronomical Observatory at the University's permanent campus, Jadrangal, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. This project, with an investment commitment involving an amount of ₹42 Crores by ISRO, is of national prestige and holds strategic importance as the only major astronomical facility in North India under ISRO's Space Situational Awareness Programme. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has, on various occasions, emphasized the significance of advancing India's space capabilities and promoting scientific research in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.</i></p> <p><i>For the establishment of this observatory, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has conveyed its readiness to allot 0.5 hectare (approximately 16-17 kanal) of forest land in favour of CUHP. As per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and CAMPA guidelines, the University is required to deposit an amount of ₹13,47,615/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen only) towards Net Present Value (NPV) for the diversion of the said forest land. It is proposed that the said payment amounting to ₹13,47,615/- be made from the overhead charges of the ISRO project, with the understanding that the amount will be reimbursed once the project funds are fully received. Completion of the land diversion process at the earliest is essential to enable ISRO to commence infrastructure development for the observatory without delay".</i></p> <p><i>The Academic Council approved as under:-</i></p> <p><i>"The Academic Council appreciated the efforts of the university in this regard. To see the academic importance and sensitivity of the matter, the Academic Council after deliberation decided to deposit the aforesaid amount. The Council further directed the Finance Officer to examine and necessary action be initiated."</i></p> <p>In pursuance to the decision of the Academic Council, the matter has been examined by the Finance Department and it has been observed that the establishment of an astronomical observatory in collaboration with ISRO is of national prestige and holds strategic importance as the only major astronomical facility in North India under ISRO's Space Situational Awareness Programme. In this context, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between ISRO & CUHP for assessing the feasibility of Establishing Optical Observational Facilities in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The excerpts of which are as follows:-</p>



		<p>Article 4 – Responsibilities.</p> <p>4.1 CUHP shall be responsible</p> <p>4.1.1. For identification of land in the State of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>4.1.2. For procuring capital items required for the Study.</p> <p>4.1.3. For studying site parameters through astronomical observations.</p> <p>4.2 ISRO shall be responsible</p> <p>4.2.1. For bearing the expenditure for point 3.2 and 3.3.</p> <p>Article 3.2 and 3.3 states as under:-</p> <p>3.2. Procurement of capital items required for the study like All Sky Camera, Automatic Weather Station, Portable Laptop and Storage.</p> <p>3.3. Study site parameters through astronomical observations.</p> <p>Therefore, as per MoU Article 4.1.1, it is the responsibility of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh for identification of land in the State of Himachal Pradesh. In view of the MoU and the importance of this observatory, the University may deposit the NPV amounting to ₹13,47,615/- through online CAMPA Account from the Internal Resources of the University, so that land can be transferred in the name of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.8 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote “May be considered for approval after detailed discussion in the meeting in the light of relevant GoI/UGC instructions/guidelines. Comments of CU Bureau, MoE and UGC may also be considered”.</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.8 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote “Matter may be discussed in detail during the meeting”.</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee deliberated upon the proposal and after detailed discussion, it was observed that the establishment of an astronomical observatory in collaboration with ISRO is of national prestige in North India. Accordingly, the Finance Committee considered the proposal and recommended to deposit the NPV amounting to ₹13,47,615/- from the Internal Resources of the University, so that land can be transferred in the name of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. Recommended for approval of Executive Council.</u></p>
Item 45.9	No.	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the proposal regarding Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of CUHP.</p> <p>The Finance Committee in its 27th Meeting held on 10.06.2020 vide Item No. 27.2 (T) declared that the Finance Officer shall be the Drawing Disbursing Officer in respect of all the schemes operation in this University.</p> <p>The authorized signatory for the issue of cheques, have been ordered as under:-</p> <p>(i) All cheques of the University upto the amount of Rs.5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) shall be issued under the signatures of Assistant Registrar (Finance) henceforth. The Finance Officer shall continue to sign the cheques beyond Rs. 5.00 Lakhs alongwith Registrar as Co-Signatory.</p>



	<p>Keeping in view the decision, it is proposed to amend above as under:-</p> <p>(i) All cheques/PPA/DSC of the University upto the amount of Rs.5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) shall be issued singly under the signatures of Deputy Registrar (Finance)/ Assistant Registrar (Finance).</p> <p>(ii) In the absence of, Deputy Registrar (Finance)/Assistant Registrar (Finance) all cheques/PPA/DSC of the University upto the amount of Rs.5.00 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) shall be issued under the signatures of Finance Officer.</p> <p>(iii) The Finance Officer shall continue sign the cheques/PPA/DSC beyond Rs. 5.00 Lakhs alongwith Registrar as Co-Signatory.</p> <p><u>Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.9 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "May be considered for approval after detailed discussion in the meeting in the light of relevant GoI/UGC instructions/guidelines".</u></p> <p><u>Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.9 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " University may follow the GFR rules/instruction issued by Govt. of India from time to time.</u></p> <p><u>However, the matter may be discussed during the meeting".</u></p> <p><u>The Finance Committee considered the proposal and recommended for approval of Executive Council.</u></p>
Item No. 45.10	<p>To place before the Finance Committee the matter regarding purchase of New Multi Purpose Vehicle (MPV).</p> <p>The Finance Committee is apprised that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh has scattered in three different campuses 50KM apart in the Hilly terrains. The University is also having three hostels for its students which are also scattered.</p> <p>The Central University of Himachal Pradesh is the first in the nation who has implemented NEP-2020 in letter and spirit. The Swayam Courses and the various skill courses are the integral part of this NEP, 2020 for which mobilisation of the students is the utmost requirement for attending various practical's and other skill activities as an academic requirement.</p> <p>The University is having limited transportational recourse and has to rely upon the private vendors for its transportational requirement. Most of the time the University has to compromise its administrative/academic activities for the want of its own transportational recourses. In order to meet out the transportational requirements of the University from time to time the University is in dire need of a New Multi Purpose Vehicle (MPV).</p> <p>Thus the purchase proposals of vehicle is based on the principle of 'Need' and 'Want' and are in confirmation of GFR-2017 within ceiling prescribed by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide O.M. No. F.1/26/2018-PPD dated 09th August, 2021 in order to cater the</p>



requirements of the University, since, it is having its three scattered Campuses situated 50 kilometers apart in the Hilly terrain.

Comments of Ministry of Education (IFD) on Agenda Item 45.10 received vide letter No. F. No. 9-3/2018-IFD.Pt dated 18th September, 2025 through email dated 18th September, 2025, quote "Financial implication involved have not been provided. Therefore, detailed proposal with financial implication involved may be placed before FC for consideration".

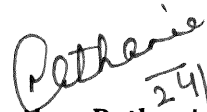
Comments of UGC, New Delhi on Agenda Item on Agenda Item 45.10 received through email dated 23rd September, 2025 vide letter No. 29-6/2017 (CU)/75994 dated 23rd September, 2025, quote " The Govt. of India orders on the purchase of vehicles may be kept in view while considering it. The University needs to follow the GFR and orders of Govt. of India at the time of procurement of goods and services.

However, the matter may be discussed during the meeting".

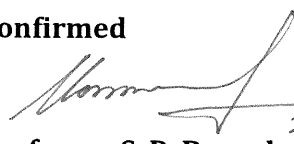
The Finance Committee considered the proposal of purchase of new vehicle as per provisions contained in Rule-149 of GFR-2017 in terms of amendment conveyed vide Department of Expenditure OM No. 1/26/2018-PPD dated 09.08.2021 subject to availability of Capital Funds and recommended for the approval of the Executive Council.

The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Deepak Raj Gupta)
Member


(Pratima Pathania)
Finance Officer & Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed


Professor S. P. Bansal
Vice-Chancellor – Chairman