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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH



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HELD ON 7th APRIL, 2026 AT
11:30 A.M at VICE CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT, DHARAMSHALA**

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- The 84th Executive Council Meeting of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala was held on 7th April, 2026 at 11:30 A.M.
- The following members attended the meeting in hybrid mode (online/offline):-

Sr. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS	
1.	Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	CHAIRMAN
2.	Prof. Prashant Kumar Gautam, University Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management, Panjab University, Chandigarh	MEMBER
3.	Prof. Rajeshwar Chandel, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Y S Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry nauni, Solan	MEMBER
4.	Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal, Former Director, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), New Delhi	MEMBER
5.	Prof. R.S Dubey, Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujrat	MEMBER
6.	Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu	MEMBER
7.	Prof. Neelima Gupta, Former Vice-Chancellor, Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, MP	MEMBER
8.	Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Delhi	MEMBER
9.	Prof. Shashi Kant Sharma Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.	MEMBER
10.	Prof. Roshal Lal Sharma, Dean, School of Languages	MEMBER
11.	Prof. Sunil Kumar, Dean, Life Sciences & Dean Students' Welfare	MEMBER
12.	Prof. Sanjeev Gupta, Dean, School of Commerce & Management Studies	MEMBER
13.	Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Dean, School of Physics & Material Sciences	MEMBER
14.	Prof. Pardeep Nair, Professor, Department of New Media	MEMBER
15.	Dr. Sachin Upmanyu, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Sciences	MEMBER
16.	Dr. Aditi Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKVBS	MEMBER
17.	Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan, Registrar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh	MEMBER SECRETARY

At the outset, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to all the esteemed members of the Executive Council.

He informed the Council that, in pursuit of academic excellence, the University has recently entered into and is in the process of finalizing several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following institutions:-

- 2nd IRBN, Sakoh (Dharamshala)
- Valeue Fabtax Private Ltd. Delhi
- Hotel Dhauladhar (HPTDC), Kashmir House, Dharamshala
- Baba Saheb Bhimarao Ambedkar University, Lukhnow
- Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni
- National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi
- Sardar Beant Singh State University, Gurdaspur

In addition, the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (H.P.), successfully organized the All India Inter-Zonal Kabaddi (Women) Championship from 9th to 12th February, 2026. Approximately 400 participants took part in the championship, which was conducted smoothly with enthusiastic participation, fostering sportsmanship and contributing to the overall development of students. The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Sh. Deepak Niwas Hooda, Arjuna Awardee; Sh. Jai Ram Thakur, Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister of the State; and Sh. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Member of Parliament, Chamba-Kangra Constituency.

Further, the University successfully organized its 9th Convocation on 14th March, 2026. This prestigious and large-scale academic event was conducted in a highly smooth, well-coordinated, and dignified manner, with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and distinguished guests including Vice-chancellors from other Universities. The event not only promoted academic excellence but also significantly enhanced the prestige and visibility of the University. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice President of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The efforts of the University under the able leadership of the Vice-chancellor in successfully organizing both events were widely appreciated by all members of the Executive Council.

The Vice-Chancellor thereafter invited the Registrar to take up the agenda items before the Executive Council.

Item No. 84.1(i): To seek approval for Action Taken on the decisions of 82nd Executive Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2026.

The Report on Action taken on the decisions of 82nd Executive Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2026 was placed at **Annexure-84.1(i)(A)** for information/reporting/approval.

DECISION:

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed and approved the Action Taken Report of 82nd Executive Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2026.

Item No. 84.1(ii): To seek approval for Action Taken on the decisions of 83rd Executive Council Special Meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

The Report on Action taken on the decisions of 83rd Executive Council Special Meeting held on 13th March, 2026 was placed at **Annexure-84.1(ii)(A)** for information/reporting/approval.

DECISION:

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed and approved the Action Taken Report of 83rd Executive Council Special Meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

Item No. 84.2(i): To seek approval of the Executive Council for confirmation of the Minutes of its 82nd Meeting held on 19th January, 2026.

The Minutes of 82nd Executive Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2026 was placed at **Annexure-84.2(i)(A)** for confirmation.

Whilst deliberations upon item no. 82.8, the Executive Council was apprised that the Selection Committee for Promotion/Upward Movement under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-12 (Assistant Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-13A (Associate Professor), in its recommendations in the case of Dr. Bhawana Bhardwaj, has mentioned that "she may be shifted to the Department of Commerce". The specialization of Dr. Bhawana Bhardwaj is further (i.e., HR & OB), and she has no background in Commerce. Therefore, keeping in view the larger academic interest, Dr. Bhawana Bhardwaj may be retained in the Department of HPKVBS so that her services can be optimally utilized in the Department of HPKVBS.

DECISION:

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of its 82nd Executive Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2026. The Executive Council further approved that keeping in view the larger academic interest, Dr. Bhawana Bhardwaj be retained in the Department of HPKVBS so that her services can be optimally utilized in the Department of HPKVBS. The Executive Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to take decision in such matters on need to need basis in future.

Item No. 84.2(ii): To seek approval of the Executive Council for confirmation of the Minutes of its 83rd Meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

The Minutes of 83rd Executive Council Meeting held on 13th March, 2026 was placed at **Annexure-84.2(ii)(A)** for confirmation.

DECISION:

After due deliberations, the Executive Council confirmed the minutes of its 83rd Executive Council Meeting held on 13th March, 2026.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION, CONSIDRATION AND APPROVAL:

Item No. 84.3: To apprise about the status of vacant positions in the Central University of Himachal Pradesh and action plan for filling up these vacant positions.

The Executive Council was appraised that in pursuance to the directions of Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India given in his review meeting with Vice-Chancellor of the University held on dated 30.09.2025, the details of vacant positions in the university is appended below:

(a). Teaching:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Total Sanctioned	Total Filled	Total Vacant
1.	Professor	32	19	07
2.	Associate Professor	64	51	06
3.	Assistant Professor	136	115	09
Total		232	185	22
Sl. No.	Name of Post	Total No. of Posts Advertised		
1.	Professor	06		
2.	Associate Professor	07		
3.	Assistant Professor	12		
Total		25		

Details of post for which selection committee meeting is in pipeline

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts
1.	Professor(ST-01)	02
2.	Associate Professor (ST-01)	03
3.	Assistant Professor (ST-01)	04

(b). Non-Teaching:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Total Sanctioned	Total Filled	Total Vacant
1.	Group-A	21	20	-
2.	Group-B	32	19	08
3.	Group-C	75	61	10
Total		128	100	18

Details of Non-Teaching positions likely to be advertised/soon.

Sr. No.	Positions	Pay Level	No. of Posts
A. 'Group-A' Posts (Other than Statutory Positions on Direct Recruitment Basis):			
1.	Medical Officer (Female)	Level-10	01 (UR-01)
Total Posts			01
B. 'Group-B' Posts (On Direct Recruitment/Deputation Basis):			
1.	Private Secretary (On Direct Recruitment basis)	Level-07	01 (UR-01)
2.	Private Secretary (On Deputation basis)	Level-07	03 (UR-03)

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3.	Hindi Translator	Level-06	01 (UR-01)
Total Posts			05
C. 'Group-C' Posts (On Direct Recruitment Basis/Lien Vacancy):			
1.	Multi-Tasking Staff	Level-01	01 (UR)- On Direct Recruitment
2.	Multi-Tasking Staff	Level-01	01 (UR)- Against Lien Vacancy
3.	Lower Division Clerk (LDC)	Level-02	01 (Ex-Serviceman-01)
4.	Laboratory Attendant	Level-01	01 (UR)- Against Lien Vacancy
Total Posts			04

- The vacant Non-Teaching positions are likely to be advertised soon.

The action plan for filling up of these vacant positions:

- The phase-2 of the selection committee for teaching posts earlier advertised vide employment notice no. 002/2025 dated 29.10.2025 will be initiated shortly and the process will be completed by May/June, 2026. Further, the Vacant Teaching positions has been advertised vide employment notice No. 001/2026 dated 27.03.2026.
- The employment notice for various vacant Non-Teaching positions are being issued shortly.

The aforesaid matter was placed before the Executive Council for information.

DECISION:

The Executive Council, after due deliberations on the matter, enquired about the teaching positions that remain unadvertised following the advertisement process. The Registrar informed the Council that certain teaching positions had been sanctioned for the B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes in the University. However, as these programmes have not yet received approval from the NCTE, they could not be commenced. Consequently, the associated teaching positions have not been advertised by the University. A brief summary of these teaching positions is appended below.

B.Ed./M.Ed.

i.	Professor	:	01 (EWS-01)
ii.	Associate Professor	:	03 (UR-01, OBC-01, EWS-01)
iii.	Assistant Professor	:	05 (SC-02, OBC-01, EWS-02)
	Total Vacant Posts	=	09

The Executive Council was further apprised that 01 Vacancy of LDC has been reserved for Ex-Service man Category have been advertised 06-07 times by the University and same could not have been filled due to Non-Availability of the Candidate.

DECISION:

The Executive Council, after detailed consideration of the matter, authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a committee for the rationalization of the vacant teaching positions, with a view to reallocating them to other departments on a need basis.

The Executive Council further approved that one vacancy of LDC as mentioned be filled on deputation, following the prescribed procedure.

Item No. 84.4 To seek the approval/ratification on the decisions taken for constituting Committees to finalize of Relevant/Concerned/ Allied Subject for various Teaching Positions and approval of their recommendations.

As per approval of the Vice-Chancellor, following committee was constituted to finalization of Concerned/Allied Subjects for various Teaching positions in department of Disaster Management, Department of Law and Department of Computer Engineering and Robotics.

The recommendations of aforesaid committees were placed before the Vice-Chancellor and the same has been approved by him. Accordingly these Concerned/Allied Subjects [Annexure-84.4(A)] has been included in the Employment Notice No. 001/2026 dated 27.03.2026.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter ratified and approved the constitution of Committees for finalizing relevant/allied subjects and their recommendations.

Item No. 84.5: To seek the approval for confirmation of services of Dr. Ashish Nag to the post of Associate Professor, Department of Tourism and Travel Management.

1. The Executive Council was appraised that Dr. Ashish Nag was appointed to the post of Associate Professor, Department of Tourism and Travel Management and joined the university as such on 11.05.2020 (AN) and was on probation for a period of one year. There was a court case pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh vide LPA No. 50/2019 (Original CWP No. 1409/2019). Now, the said case has been decided and the orders of Hon'ble Court has been implemented in the university. Accordingly, the teacher vide his request dated 23.01.2026 has represented before the university for clearance of his probation and confirmation of his services in the university from the due date.

2. There is nothing on records wherein disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated or initiated against the above mentioned teacher.

3. The clause (09) and (10) of the ordinance No. 14 of the university provides following provisions for confirmation of services of the teachers:

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Probation:

9. Teachers shall be appointed on probation ordinarily for a period of twelve months, but in no case the total period of probation shall exceed 24 months. Provided that the condition of probation shall not apply in the case of teachers appointed by the Executive Council under the provisions of Statute 19.

Confirmation:

10. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to place before the Executive Council the case of Confirmation of a teacher on probation, not later than forty days before the end of the period of probation.
11. The Executive Council shall have the power to confirm the teacher or decide not to confirm him, or extend the period of probation by a maximum of twenty-four months in all. Provided that the decision not to confirm a teacher shall require a two-third majority of the members of the Executive Council present and voting.
12. In case the Executive Council decides not to confirm a teacher, whether before the end of twenty-four months' period of his / her probation, or before the end of the extended period of probation, as the case may be, the teacher shall be informed in writing to that effect, not later than thirty days before the expiration of that period.

5. The work and conduct of the above teacher during his probation period has been obtained from the Head concerned and it has been recommended therein for clearance of probation of the above Teacher.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval regarding confirmation of services of the teacher as per rules.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the confirmation of services of Dr. Ashish Nag to the post of Associate Professor.

Item No. 84.6:

To seek the approval for clearance of probation and confirmation of services of university teachers.

1. Consequent upon appointment on regular basis in this University, following University teacher joined the University during the year 2025 as per details mentioned below. As per terms and condition of the appointment letter, the appointment of teachers was on probation for a period of one year in the first instance from the date of his joining which may further be extended for another period.

2. The matter was placed before the Vice-Chancellor and it was directed to place the matter before the Executive Council for confirmation/approval of the services of following teachers as per university rules:

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Designation & Department/ Centre	Date of Joining	Date of Completion of Probation	Date of Confirmation
1.	Dr. Amit Gangotia	Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management	17.03.2025	16.03.2026	17.03.2026
2.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar	Associate Professor, Department of Animal Science	25.03.2025	24.03.2026	25.03.2026
3.	Dr. Ranjeet Kumar	Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit	13.03.2025	12.03.2026	13.03.2026
4.	Dr. Dinesh Pal	Associate Professor, Department of Visual Arts	21.04.2025	20.04.2026	21.04.2026
5.	Dr. Manish Kumar	Associate Professor, Department of	21.04.2025	20.04.2026	21.04.2026

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		Environmental Sciences			
6.	Dr. Pankaj Kumar S/o Sh. Mani Ram	Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics	21.04.2025	20.04.2026	21.04.2026
7.	Dr. Alka Lalhall	Associate Professor HPKV Business School	20.03.2025	19.03.2026	20.03.2026
8.	Dr. Kumar Batuk Joshi	Assistant Professor, Department of Geology	24.03.2025	23.03.2026	24.03.2026
9.	Dr. Ritambhara Kumari Upadhyay	Assistant Professor, Department of Geology	13.03.2025	12.03.2026	13.03.2026
10.	Dr. Alok Kumar Pandey	Assistant Professor, Centre for Remote Sensing & GIS	13.03.2025	12.03.2026	13.03.2026
11.	Dr. Arun Kumar	Assistant Professor, Centre for Remote Sensing & GIS	13.03.2025	12.03.2026	13.03.2026

3. There is nothing on records wherein disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated or initiated against the above mentioned teachers.

4. The clause (09) and (10) of the ordinance No. 14 of the university provides following provisions for confirmation of services of the teachers:

Probation:

9. Teachers shall be appointed on probation ordinarily for a period of twelve months, but in no case the total period of probation shall exceed 24 months. Provided that the condition of probation shall not apply in the case of teachers appointed by the Executive Council under the provisions of Statute 19.

Confirmation:

10. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to place before the Executive Council the case of Confirmation of a teacher on probation, not later than forty days before the end of the period of probation.
11. The Executive Council shall have the power to confirm the teacher or decide not to confirm him, or extend the period of probation by a maximum of twenty-four months in all. Provided that the decision not to confirm a teacher shall require a two-third majority of the members of the Executive Council present and voting.
12. In case the Executive Council decides not to confirm a teacher, whether before the end of twenty-four months' period of his / her probation, or before the end of the extended period of probation, as the case may be, the teacher shall be informed in writing to that effect, not later than thirty days before the expiration of that period.

5. The work and conduct of the above teachers during his probation period has been obtained from the Head concerned and it has been recommended therein for clearance of probation of the above Teacher.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval regarding confirmation of services of teachers as per tabulated above.

DECISION:

The Executive Council approved the aforesaid proposal of the University and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to issue confirmation letters to the faculty members who have completed prescribed period of probation. Further the Executive Council approved that the faculty listed at Sr. Nos. 4, 5, and 6, whose confirmations are due at a later date, the confirmation letter be issued by the Vice-Chancellor with effect from their respective due dates and matter shall be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Council for ratification.

Item No. 84.7: To seek approval/ratification on the decision taken to constitute a Committee for counting of past services of teachers of the university and approval on their recommendations.

The Executive Council was appraised that as per decision of Executive Council vide item No. 79.15 in its 79th meeting held on 22.05.2025 a committee constituted vide office order No. 4-1/CUHP/Estt./2010/Estt/2010/6572-73 for recommending the cases of counting of past services of teachers of the university.

The two meetings of the committee was held on 27.11.2025 and 26.02.2026 and recommended the cases of counting of past services for teachers of the university. The above recommendations of the committee have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor. Accordingly, the office of Registrar has issued office order in this regard. Further, the recommendations of the committee meeting held on 27.11.2025 and 26.02.2026 is attached at **Annexure-84.7(A)**.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter ratified and approved the constitution of the Committee for counting of past services of teachers and its recommendations.

Item No. 84.8: To seek the approval/ratification on the decision taken for constitution of Screening-cum-evaluation committee and approval of their recommendations for upward movement of Sh. Ajay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Informatics under CAS.

The Executive Council was appraised that as per decision of the Executive Council vide item No. 52.12 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021, the Vice-Chancellor has been authorized to open the sealed recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee/Selection Committee(s) and issue the appointment letter(s)/Office orders (as the case may be) to the selected candidates, subject to ratification by the Executive Council in its next meeting. In pursuance to the decision of the Executive Council, the Vice-Chancellor has opened the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee contained in sealed envelope and Office order has been issued to the concerned teacher as per details given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Teacher	Department	Due date of Promotion
Upward Movement under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-10 (Assistant Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-11 (Assistant Professor)			
1.	Sh. Ajay Kumar	Computer Science and Informatics	23.07.2018
Promotion/Upward Movement under CAS from Academic Pay Matrix Level-11 (Assistant Professor) to Academic Pay Matrix Level-12 (Assistant Professor)			

1.	Sh. Ajay Kumar	Computer Science and Informatics	23.07.2023
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The following matter was placed before the Executive Council for its ratification and approval of action taken by the Vice-Chancellor:-

1. Ratification of the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor regarding constitution of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees for upward movement of teacher under CAS as tabulated above.
2. Approval of the recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee as tabulated above.
3. Ratification of the opening of sealed envelopes w.r.t. above movement under CAS.
4. Ratification of decision of the Vice-Chancellor to issue Promotion Orders to concerned teacher by the Registrar.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter ratified and approved the constitution of Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee and recommendations for upward movement under CAS.

Item No.84.9:

To seek the approval for termination of lien of Dr. Ashish Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School and issuance of regular appointment to the incumbent appointed against lien vacancy.

1. Consequent upon his appointment to the post of Associate Professor at Central University of Himachal Pradesh Dr. Ashish Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School was been relieved from the university services on 11.05.2020(A/N) by retaining lien at CUHP in terms of decision of Executive Council vide item No. 52.8 in its 52nd meeting held on 04.10.2021. The services of the teacher has been confirmed in the Central University of Himachal Pradesh in the present meeting of the Executive Council.

2. Further, as per approval of the Executive Council vide item No. 59 in its 59th meeting held on 15.02.2023, Dr. Ruchi Sharma was appointed against this lien vacancy on contract basis. Consequent upon her appointment to the post, the teacher joined the university on 06.04.2023(F/N). It is pertinent to mention here that as per clause (i) of the appointment letter issued to the teacher, ***“the appointment is against LIEN VACANCY on contract basis till the time the lien is maintained/terminated by the incumbent as the case may be. This appointment is likely to be regularized subject to termination of lien by the incumbent. In case of termination of lien, your case for regularization of services or otherwise shall be processed separately as per prevailing rules at that time. As such, this shall not be construed as automatic permission/right for regularization of your services.”***

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for:-

- (a) Approval to termination of lien of Dr. Ashish Nag to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School at this university w.e.f. 11.05.2021(A/N).

(b) Approval to regularisation of services of Dr. Ruchi Sharma to the post of Assistant Professor, Department of HPKV Business School in this university.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the termination of lien of Dr. Ashish Nag and regularization of services of Dr. Ruchi Sharma.

Item No. 84.10: To seek approval on the recommendation of inquiry committee constituted to inquire into alleged misconduct by Dr. Navneet Sharma, Assistant Professor, and Department of Education.

The Executive Council was appraised that as per decision of Executive Council vide item No. 79.13 in its 79th meeting held on 22.05.2025 a committee as per CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 was constituted to inquire into misconduct committed by Dr. Navneet Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Education as reported by the Director, NCERT, New Delhi.

2. In view of above, the committee inquired about the matter and submitted its report on 24.03.2025. The final crux of the inquiry committee is appended below:

Based on the thorough examination of the respondent's reply and the supporting documentation:

It is considered opinion of the Committee that no misconduct has been established. Consequently, no disciplinary action can be taken against Dr. Navneet Sharma, Assistant Professor, in relation to this complaint.

3. The committee further recommended that a formal Action Taken Report (ATR) reflecting this conclusion should be dispatched to the University Grants Commission (UGC) at the earliest to finalize the record.

4. The above report of the placed before the Vice-Chancellor and it is ordered to place the same before the Executive Council.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its approval and further directions in the matter.

DECISION:

The Executive Council, after detailed deliberations on the matter, expressed its serious concern and observed that, a Government employee interacting with the press, particularly over the controversial matters without obtaining prior approval of the competent authority, constitutes a violation of the Conduct Rules, particularly Rules i.e. 8 and 9 relating to "Connection with Press or other Media" and "Criticism of Government."

Accordingly, the Executive Council approved that a warning be issued to the concerned teacher in this regard. The Council further directed that a general circular be issued within the University, emphasizing strict adherence to the provisions of the Conduct Rules by all employees.

Item No. 84.11: To place before the Executive Council the status of Construction of University Campus at Dehra Site for information.**1. Introduction**

The construction of the Permanent Campus of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh at Dehra is being executed by CPWD as the PMC. The University has been regularly monitoring progress and coordinating with CPWD for timely execution of works. The latest physical and financial progress, based on reports received up to 28th February 2026, is summarized below.

2. Physical Progress

As per updates received from CPWD, an overall 85% physical progress has been achieved till month ending February 2026.

As per CPWD the targeted date of completion of the project is June 2026 subject to the availability of funds.

A detailed building-wise progress report indicates that most major structures are substantially completed, with final finishing activities underway. Key highlights include:-

- Administrative Block – 95% completed; Wooden Flooring, Wall Panelling, Structural glazing, Deep cleaning, Furniture work, Façade Lighting Work, Minor repairs are under progress.
- Academic Blocks 1–4 – Progress ranges from 75% to 93%; Finishing works, Toilet plumbing work, uPVC windows, False ceiling work, HVAC work etc. are under progress.
- Hostels (Girls, Boys & International) – Progress ranges from 78% to 95%; Finishing works, Deep cleaning of rooms, Furniture works, rectification of minor defects is under progress.
- Residential Quarters (Type 6, 6A, 5, 5A, 4, 4A, 4B, 3, 3A) – Progress ranges from 70% to 95%; primarily minor repairs, external development, flooring, railing, and finishing works are under progress.
- Multipurpose Hall, Guest House, Shopping Complex, Service Block, Health Centre – Progress ranges from 80% to 93%; Finishing works, Plumbing work, External development work, Air conditioning work etc. under progress.
- STP-1 & STP-2 – STP-1 machinery installed; STP-2 structure completed and finishing work in progress.

3. Financial Progress

S. No.	Expenditure Details	Amount (₹ in Crores)
1.	Funds released/sanctioned by the Ministry till date	225.24
2.	Funds transferred by CUHP to CPWD till date	223.57
3.	Funds utilised by CPWD up to date	223.38
4.	Balance funds with CPWD	0.19

4. PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY & WATER TO DEHRA CAMPUS

Reliable electricity & water supply is an essential prerequisite for commissioning and functioning of the University campus. The State Government has sanctioned ₹19.87 crore for the Water Supply Scheme and the tender has been awarded at ₹12.14 crore. Work of the water supply scheme is in full swing and expected to be completed shortly.

The University is having its Electricity requirement for Phase-I, 2500 kVA

and for Phase-II, 4000 kVA. CUHP has been pursuing the matter with State Government and HPSEBL since 2021. DPR amounting to ₹10.71 crore has been prepared by HPSEBL and submitted by CUHP to State Government with clarifications as required. However, financial sanction by the State Government is still awaited. University is continuously liaising with the State and District Authorities for early approval of the project cost. As per assurance from the State Govt. the work of electricity supply scheme is expected to be started soon.

5. Overall Status

The project is in the advanced stage of completion, with 14 no's blocks completed around 95%. In other blocks structural work has been completed and finishing, services, and external development activities are under progress. CPWD has been advised to expedite all remaining works—including services integration, testing & commissioning, and campus-wide development so that the project may move toward timely completion.

B. Status of Construction of University Campus at Jadrangal (Dharamshala) Site.

At Jadrangal (Dharamshala), the Stage-I Forest Clearance for 57.10 Ha of land has been accorded by MoEF&CC, GoI at Jadrangal (Dharamshala). Subsequently, for the purpose of Stage-II (Final) FCA Clearance of this land, an amount of Rs 30,03,94,254/- (Rupees Thirty Crore Three Lakh Ninety Four Thousand and Two Hundred Fifty Four only) is required to be deposited by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to the MoEF, GoI in lieu of Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value of Land etc. The said amount has not been deposited by the State Govt. of HP so far even after a lapse of more than 2 years of FCA Stage-I Clearance.

Since, the tender for construction permanent campuses of CUHP has been floated and awarded for Jadrangal (Dharamshala) site alongwith Dehra site, together as a single entity. Therefore, the construction work at Jadrangal site can be started only after the said land at Jadrangal is transferred to the University by the State Government.

The above Agenda including current status of Physical and Financial Progress of Construction Work and FCA Clearance of Permanent Campuses of CUHP at Dharamshala and Dehra is placed before the Executive Council for perusal and approval, please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council expressed serious concern regarding the withdrawn of manpower from the campus by CPWD and resultantly the slow progress of the construction/finishing of the University's permanent campus at Dehra, which has been adversely affected due to the non-release of the remaining funds by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The Council directed the University administration to take up the matter afresh with the Ministry of Education, on behalf of the Executive Council, for the early release of the balance funds so as to expedite the construction work and facilitate the commencement of academic activities at the Dehra campus.

Further, the Executive Council decided that the next meeting of the Executive Council be held at the permanent campus at Dehra.

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Item No. 84.12: To seek approval for release of Patient Care Allowance to Medical Staff of the university.

The Executive Council was apprised that the Executive Council is apprised that the Following Medical Staff Employees of the university has represented to release Patient Care Allowance in pursuance to UGC letter No. F.30-2/1993(CU) dated 28.05.2022.

Sr. No.	Name of the Employee	Designation	Date of Joining	Pay Matrix Level
1.	Sh. Ramesh Bishnoi	Nursing Officer	05.06.2018	Level-07
2.	Sh. Arun Bhadial	Pharmacist	08.01.2026	Level-05
3.	Sh. Arun Kumar	Medical Attendant/ Dresser	09.01.2026	Level-01

It is submitted that the UGC letter no. F.30-2/1993(CU) dated 28.05.2022 has conveyed as under:-

In pursuance of the approval conveyed by the Ministry of Education vide letter No F.65-1/2019 (CU-VII) dated 22nd April, 2022 (copy enclosed) regarding revision for payment of Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA)/ Patient Care Allowance (PCA) Group A, B & C (Non-Ministerial employees) staff working in Medical Colleges/ Health Centers of Central Universities (CUs) as per 7th Central Pay Commission, the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of UGC for payment of Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA)/ Patient Care Allowance (PCA) to Group A, B & C (Non-Ministerial employees) staff working in Medical Colleges/ Health Centers of Central Universities as per Cell R1H3 of the R&H Matrix @ Rs.5300/- pm for level 9 and above and @ Rs.4100/- pm upto level 8 with effect from 01.07.2017 subject to the conditions mentioned in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the implementation of HPCA/ PCA time to time.

Further, Central Universities/UCMS must ensure that no Ministerial staffs are given the benefits of Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA)/ Patient Care Allowance (PCA).

It is submitted that the as per Ministry of Health and Family Welfare OM No. Z.28015/119/2012-H dated 18.09.2019 **ANNEXURE 84.12(A)** has conveyed the granting of Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA)/ Patient Care Allowance (PCA) to group 'A' & 'B' (Non-Ministerial Employees) Allied Healthcare Professionals working in various Central Govt. Healthcare Facilities.

Further, as per Ministry of Health and Family Welfare OM No. Z.28015/24/2001-H dated 04.02.2004 **ANNEXURE 84.12(B)** has conveyed the granting of Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA)/ Patient Care Allowance (PCA) to group 'C' & 'D' (Non-Ministerial Employees) Allied Healthcare Professionals working in Hospitals, Dispensaries and Organizations.

It is pertinent to mention that the employees listed at Sr. Nos. 02 and 03 of Para 01 of the table fall within the ambit of the conditions outlined in the OM placed at **ANNEXURE 84.12(B)**. It is further clarified that the employee listed at Sr. No. 01 of Para 01 of the table does not fall within the ambit of the conditions specified in the OM placed at **ANNEXURE 84.12(A)**.

The entire matter along with record is placed before the Executive Council for its decision and directions in the matter please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the release of Patient Care Allowance to the eligible medical staff i.e. Sl. No. 2 & 3 of the table as per Government of India rules.

Item No. 84.13: To seek approval on the recommendations made by the Academic Council in its 42nd Meeting held on 6th April, 2026.

The 42nd Meeting of Academic Council was held on 6th April, 2026 at Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra H.P. The recommendations made by the Academic Council are being placed at **ANNEXURE 84.13(A)** for consideration and approval of the Executive Council.

The Minutes of 42nd Academic Council Meeting held on 6th April, 2026 was placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval, please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the recommendations made by the Academic Council in its 42nd Meeting held on 06th April, 2026.

The Executive Council while deliberations discussed Item No. 42.12 of the 42nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 6th April, 2026 and approved the agenda along with all the proceedings stated therein. The Executive Council appreciated the efforts of the University to start the Law Department in the University.

The Executive Council further directed that immediate demand of 01 post of Professor, 01 post of Associate Professor and 01 post of Assistant Professor be raised with the Ministry of Education/UGC to complete the standard set of teaching positions to the ratio of 1:2:4 in the department of law to meet the requirement of Bar Council of India.

Item No. 84.14: To apprise the Executive Council about the organization of the All India Inter-Zonal Kabaddi (Women) Championship Tournament in the University.

It was submitted before the Executive Council that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (H.P.) has successfully organized the All India Inter-Zonal Kabaddi (Women) Championship Tournament w.e.f. 09th to 12th February, 2026, about 400 participants took part in this championship which was conducted smoothly with enthusiastic participation, promoting sportsmanship and overall development of students. Sh. Deepak Niwas Hooda, Arjuna Awardee, Sh. Jai Ram Thakur, Leader of Opposition & Ex. C.M. of the State and Sh. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Member of Parliament, Chamba Kangra Constituency graced the occasion as the Chief Guest on the various occasions of the Championship, while attended as distinguished guests.

The above matter was placed before the Executive Council for information, please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council, after due deliberations on the matter, noted and appreciated the successful organization of the All India Inter-Zonal Kabaddi (Women) Championship Tournament by the University, despite limitations in its own resources and infrastructure.

Item No. 84.15: To apprise the Executive Council about the organization of the 9th Convocation of the University held on 14th March, 2026.

It was submitted before the Executive Council that the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, District Kangra (H.P.) has successfully organized its 9th Convocation on 14th March, 2026. The event, being a prestigious and large-scale academic function of the University, was conducted in a highly smooth, well-coordinated, and dignified manner, with enthusiastic participation of students, faculty members, and distinguished guests, thereby promoting academic excellence and further enhancing the prestige and visibility of the University. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice President of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The above matter was placed before the Executive Council for information, please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council expressed its pleasure and pride in conveying its congratulations and appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and his team for the successful and exemplary organization of the 9th Convocation of the University, graced by the Hon'ble Vice President of India as the Chief Guest.

The members of the Executive Council who attended the Convocation further noted with satisfaction that the event conveyed a very positive message to society and significantly enhanced the image and standing of the University.

Item No. 84.1(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding appointment of Private Secretary on direct recruitment basis.

1. The Executive Council was appraised by the Registrar that the university advertised the positions of Private Secretary along with various Non-Teaching positions vide Employment Notice No. 002/2024 dated 22.11.2024. The university conducted written test and the qualified candidates in the written test were called for Skill Test (Stenography Test & Typing Test) for the post of Private Secretary. Further, the only one candidate namely Sh. Abhinav Thakur who was declared qualified in the skill test by the committee constituted to conduct the said skill test, the qualified candidate was directed to appear before the duly constituted Document Verification Committee for verifications of documents with the originals to ascertain his eligibility as per CRR of the university for the post of Private Secretary.

2. Accordingly, the said candidate appeared before the Document Verification Committee on 10.12.2025 and the committee after verification of his documents with the originals viz-a-viz education documents and experience certificates, declared/recommended him eligible for the post of

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Private Secretary. The above recommendations of the Document Verification Committee were approved by the Selection Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for recruitment to various non-teaching posts in its meeting dated 06.01.2026. These recommendations of the Selection Committee were approved by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the appointing authority. Further, the Executive Council vide item No. 82.9 in its meeting held on 19.01.2026 has ratified/approved the said decision of the Vice-Chancellor.

3. In view of above, the university issued appointment letter to the selected candidate i.e. Sh. Abhinav Thakur. After joining of the Sh. Abhinav Thakur, his pay fixation proposal was initiated for fixation of his pay. During the pay fixation process, the Internal Audit Officer of the university has pointed out that the selected candidate does not possess the relevant experience as required under Ordinance No. 24 (CRR for various Non-Teaching positions).

4. Further, the said matter was reported to the Vice-Chancellor being the appointing authority in the matter and it was directed by the VC to the place the matter before the Executive Council for further decision/direction in the matter.

Therefore, the entire matter along with record was placed before the Executive Council for its decision and directions in the matter please.

DECISION:

After deliberations upon the matter, the Executive Council constituted the following committee to look in to the entire matter:

1. Prof. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, VC, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry (EC member) - Chairman
2. Prof. Shashi kant Sharma, Professor, Department of JMC, HPU (EC Member) - Member
3. Prof. Kumar Sambhav Pandey, Registrar, IIT, Mandi - Member
4. Prof. Virender Negi, ULS (Law), Panjab University, Chandigarh - Member
5. Sh. Umeshnath Dhiman, University Panel Advocate - Member

The Executive Council further directed that the aforesaid committee, after examining the entire matter, relevant records, and applicable rules, shall submit its report along with recommendations within 15 days from the date of issuance of the office order constituting the committee. The Assistant Registrar (Establishment), CUHP, shall provide all necessary assistance and facilitation to the committee.



Item No. 84.2(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding appointment of Cook on direct recruitment basis.

1. The Executive Council was appraised that the university advertised the two positions of Cook alongwith various Non-Teaching positions vide Employment Notice No. 002/2024 dated 22.11.2024. The university conducted written test and the qualified candidates in the written test were called for Skill Test for the post of Cook. Further, the candidates who were declared qualified in the skill test by the committee constituted to conduct the said skill test, were directed to appear before the duly constituted Document Verification Committee for verifications of documents with the originals to ascertain their eligibility as per CRR of the University for the Post of Cook.
2. Accordingly, the candidates appeared before the Document Verification Committee on 10.12.2025 and the committee after verification of his documents with the originals viz-a-viz education documents and experience certificates, declared/recommended the candidates eligible for the post of Cook. The above recommendations of the Document Verification Committee were approved by the Selection Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for recruitment to various non-teaching posts in its meeting dated 06.01.2026. These recommendations of the Selection Committee were approved by the Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as the appointing authority. Further, the Executive Council vide item No. 82.9 in its meeting held on 19.01.2026 has ratified/approved the said decision of the Vice-Chancellor.
3. In view of above, the university issued appointment letters to the selected candidates i.e. Sh. Amit Kumar Verma and Sh. Lalit Kumar. After joining of these selected candidates, their pay fixation proposals were initiated for fixation of their pay. During the pay fixation process, the Internal Audit Officer of the university has pointed out that the selected candidates do not possess the relevant experience as required under Ordinance No. 24 (CRR for various Non-Teaching positions).
4. Further, the said matter was reported to the Vice-Chancellor being the appointing authority in the matter and it was directed the place the matter before the Executive Council for further decision/direction in the matter.

Therefore, the entire matter alongwith record was placed before the Executive Council for its decision and directions in the matter please.

DECISION:

After deliberations upon the matter, the Executive Council constituted the following committee to look in to the entire matter:

- i. Prof. Prashant Gautam, Professor, UIHTM, PU, Chandigarh - Chairman
- ii. Sh Satvir Singh, Director(Studies), National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India -Member
- iii. Sh. Rajan Sharma, HOD, Institute of Hotel Management, (IHM), Dharamshala - Member
- iv. Prof. Sandeep Kulshreshtha, Director, Centre for Ecological, Health & Cultural Tourism, CUHP (Former Director of IITTM (MOT,GOI) and Former Principal(A/C), IHM - Member

The Executive Council further directed that the aforesaid committee, after perusal of the entire matter, relevant records, and applicable rules, shall submit its report along with recommendations and equivalence within 15 days from the date of issuance of the office order constituting the committee. The Section Officer (Establishment), CUHP, shall provide all necessary assistance and facilitation to the committee.

Item No. 84.3(S): To place before the Executive Council the matter regarding recommendation of committee constituted for appointment of Deans of School in the university.

1. The Executive Council was appraised that as per decision of the Academic Council vide item No. 42.2(S) in its 42nd meeting held on 06.04.2026 a committee was constituted vide office order No. 1-2(42nd)/CUHP/GA/ 2026/2030-31 dated 06.04.2026 to look in to the matter regarding provisions of Statute 5(1) of the university dealing with the matter of appointments of the Dean of various Schools of studies in the university. The Academic Council further directed the committee to submit its recommendations latest by 06.04.2026 so that these recommendations be placed before the Executive Council scheduled on 07.04.2026.

2. Accordingly, the said committee met on 06.04.2026 at 04:00 PM and submitted its recommendations as under:-

5. The committee after detailed deliberations upon the provisions as contained under Statute 5(1) of the university, clause 2 of Ordinance No. 3 and decision of the Executive Council on item no. 53.3(s) in its 53rd meeting held on 21.03.2022, observed that there is ambiguity in para 2 of the Statute 5(1) which leads complications for implementation on the ground. Therefore, necessary amendments in para 2 of the Statute 5(1) of the university as per following are required to be initiated immediately. Since, the matter has already been discussed at length as per instant recommendations in the 42nd meeting of the Academic Council, the recommendations be placed before the next meeting of the Executive Council:

Reference	Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
Statute 5(1)	(1) Every Dean of School shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the School by rotation in order of seniority for a period of three years: Provided that in case there is only one Professor or no Professor in a School, the Dean shall be appointed, for the time being, from amongst the Professor, if any and the Associate Professors in the School by rotation in the order of seniority: Provided further that a Dean on attaining the age of sixty five years shall cease to hold office as such.	(1) Every Dean of School shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the School by rotation in order of seniority for a period of three years: Provided that if there is only one professor in a school, the only professor will be appointed as the Dean of the School and will continue to hold the office till appointment of the new Professor in the School. The rotation will be applicable in order of seniority thereafter. Provided further that a Dean on attaining the age of sixty five years shall cease to hold office as such.

3. The above recommendations of the committee are placed before the Executive Council for consideration and approval.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for its consideration and approval in the matter please.

DECISION:

The Executive Council after deliberations upon the matter approved the recommendation of committee constituted for appointment of Deans of School in the university.

Item No. 84.4(S): To seek nomination of the Executive Council in the matter regarding appointment of new Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

1. The Executive Council was appraised that the term of incumbent Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh i.e. Prof. Sat Parkash Bansal is coming to an end on 27.07.2026. The process of appointment to next Vice-Chancellor is required to be set in motion well in advance so that the office of the Vice-Chancellor does not remain vacant.

2. In view of above, the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter No. 2-5/2026-CU.II dated 18.02.2026 has directed to convene the meeting of the Executive Council for nominating three persons on the Selection Committee for appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor enabling the Ministry to proceed further in the matter.

3. In view of above, the provisions as contained under Statute 2 of the university, provides following regarding forming of Selection Committee for appointment of Vice-Chancellor of the university:-

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from out of a panel recommended by a Committee as constituted under clause (2):

Provided that if the Visitor does not approve any of the persons included in the panel, he may call for an extended fresh panel.

(2) The Committee referred to in clause (1) shall consist of five persons, out of whom three shall be nominated by the Executive Council and two by the Visitor, and one of the nominees of the Visitor shall be the convener of the Committee:

Provided that none of the members of the Committee shall be an employee of the University or a College or an Institution maintained by the University or a member of any authority of the University.

4. Further, it was also informed that the Ministry of Education vide its aforesaid letter dated 18.02.2026 has directed that the Vice-Chancellor or EC member intending to apply for the post of Vice-Chancellor shall not participate in the EC meeting during the discussion on the agenda item wherein nomination of EC on the Selection Committee is being considered. If such a member does attend, they are to be treated as disqualified from the selection process. The instructions should be duly acknowledged by the attending EC members and recorded in the minutes of meeting of the EC wherein the said nominations are being discussed/decided.

5. In view of above, the Executive Council is requested to nominate the three Persons on the Selection Committee for appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor enabling the Ministry to proceed further in the matter.

Therefore, the entire matter was placed before the Executive Council for its nomination and further directions in the matter please.

DECISION:

While the instant agenda item was presented by the Registrar, the Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, who was chairing the meeting of the Executive Council, recused himself from the proceedings for this agenda item by leaving the meeting room, in accordance with the provisions of Para 5 of the Ministry of Education letter No. 2-5/2026-CU.II dated 18.02.2026.

After detailed deliberations, the Executive Council authorized Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu and a member of the Executive Council, to nominate/finalize three persons to the Selection Committee for the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor, thereby enabling the Ministry to proceed further in accordance with the provisions of Statute 2 of the University.

The Executive Council further approved that Prof. Sanjeev Jain shall submit the requisite panel in a sealed cover to the Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor confidentially, for onward transmission to the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

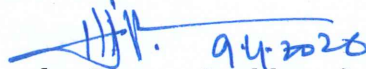
Item No. 84.5(S):

Few members of the Executive Council raised the matter that presently the members are being paid sitting fee @ Rs. 3000/- per meeting of the Executive Council/Academic Council/Finance Committee/University Court as the case may be. Whereas, the other various Central Universities/IIM/IITs where they are also member of various Committee(s), they are paid sitting fee @ Rs. 5000/- per meeting. The members also raised that in the matter of travel by own Vehicle, travelling allowance is being paid @ Rs. 14/- per Km. Whereas the other various neighbouring Central Universities/IIM/IITs where they are also member of various Committee(s), they are being paid the same @ Rs. 20/- per Km.


DECISION:

- 1. The Executive Council, after deliberation on the matter, approved the adoption of the UGC UGC Office Memorandum F.No. 21-1/2015(FD-I/B) dated 22nd September, 2017 regarding a sitting fee of Rs. 5,000/- per meeting.**
- 2. Regarding the revision of travelling allowance, the Council directed that an appropriate agenda be placed before the next meeting of the Finance Committee.**

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Narender Kumar Sankhyan)
Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio Secretary

Confirmed


(Prof. S.P. Bansal)
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor