

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

Department of Geology

under

School of Earth and Environmental Sciences

MINUTES



**1st BOS MEETING
HELD ON May 19th, 2025**

Venue:

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH,
COE Office, Dhauladhar Campus, Dharamshala (HP)**



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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of BoS

Minutes for the 1st BoS meeting of the Department of Geology, School of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh held on May 19th, 2025 at CoE Office, CUHP, Dhauladhar Campus in hybrid mode is as under:

Following Members were present:

1. Prof. A.K. Mahajan. Head, Department of Geology, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUHP, Dharamshala- Chairman
2. Prof. Naveen Chaudhri, Department of Geology, Panjab University, Chandigarh- External Expert
3. Prof. Santosh Kumar, Department of Geology, Kumaon University, Nainital, Uttarakhand - external Expert (online: <https://meet.google.com/eaz-yxdw-syk>)
4. Prof. Deepak Pant, Dean, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUHP, Dharamshala
5. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences, CUHP, Dharamshala (online) - Vice Chancellor Nominee
6. Dr. Kumar Batuk Joshi, Department of Geology, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUHP, Dharamshala- Member
7. Dr. Ritambhara Kumari Upadhyay, Department of Geology, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, CUHP, Dharamshala- Special Invitee

The meeting started with a warm welcome and introduction by Prof. A.K. Mahajan, Head, Department of Geology. Setting a positive tone for the session, Prof. A.K. Mahajan acknowledged the attendees, expressed gratitude for their presence, and briefly stated the purpose of the meeting.

It was informed to the Committee that the 1st CDC was conducted in 2015. Keeping in view the NEP 2020 guidelines, the course structure and course content needs to be revised which has been included in the agenda.

The point-wise discussion of the agenda along with resolutions of the Committee is as follows:

Agenda Item No: GEO-BOS-1/25-1: Approval of Rules of Business for the Curriculum Development Committee.

Resolved: The BoS Committee discussed and approved the Rules of Business for the Curriculum Development Committee.

Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-2: Approval of course structure for MSc. Geology as approved/recommended by in the 1st CDC meeting held in 2015.

Resolved: The committee discussed, revised and approved the course structure for MSc. Geology as per the NEP 2020 guidelines.

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Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-3: To approve the program duration and eligibility for admission to MSc. Geology.

Resolved: The committee discussed and approved the program duration and eligibility for admission to MSc Geology. The eligibility criterion is as follows:

A minimum of 50% marks or an equivalent grade in Bachelor of Science with Geology as one of the subjects from a recognized University or an equivalent examination.

Relaxation in Minimum Qualifying Marks: Relaxation in minimum qualifying marks up to a maximum of 5% shall be made in case of candidates belonging to the SC, ST, OBC (non-creamy layer) and Persons with Disabilities Categories.

The program is designed for a two-year postgraduate degree. However, under Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Rules, the candidate can earn a postgraduate diploma after completion of one year provided he/she completes a minor project. She or He can join later a gap to complete her/his degree under multiple exit and multiple entry program as per NEP -2020

Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-4:- To discuss and revise the course structure and course contents of MSc. Geology as per NEP 2020.

Resolved: The committee discussed and revised the course structure and course contents of M.Sc. Geology as per NEP 2020 guidelines. The copy of the same is attached as **Annexure-I**.

Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-5:- Approval of examiners for conducting practical examination in end term, setting question papers for examination and PhD evaluation.

Resolved:- The Committee approved the list of examiners for conducting practical examination in end term, setting question papers for examination and PhD evaluation (as per UGC Ordinance for PhD program). The copy of the same is attached as **Annexure-II**.

Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-6:- Approval of conducting geological fieldwork, industrial training/educational tours.

Resolved:-The Committee approved the provision of conducting geological fieldwork, industrial training/educational tours.

Agenda Item No. GEO-BOS-1/25-7:- Approval for conducting invited talks of external experts from different fields.

Resolved:- The Committee approved the list of external experts from different fields for conducting invited talks. The copy of the same is attached as **Annexure-II & Annexure-III**.

RSG-CDC-1/25-8:- Any other matter with the chair's approval.

Decisions:- The Committee also gave the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. Approved the structure and content of one semester coursework for the PhD program. The copy of the same is attached as **Annexure-IV**.
2. Immediate purchase of teaching and research materials (as per **Annexure-V** attached herewith) since the MSc and PhD programs are expected to commence from the coming session i.e. 2025-26 and it is not feasible to begin with these programs.
3. Since Himalaya serve as natural laboratory for geological studies, the Committee recommended field visits in the Himalaya with special focus on the Ladakh region. The

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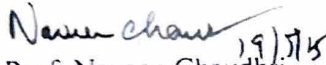
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Committee also emphasized on the adequate allocation of funds for conducting these geological fieldworks/ trainings which are a mandatory part of the course curriculum.

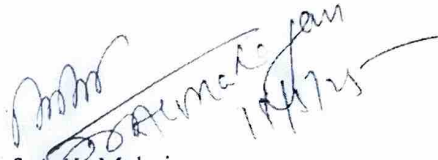

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