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Minutes of Meeting of 8th Board of Studies

The 8th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Central University of Jammu, was held on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilisations, Central University of Jammu, under the chairperson of the Director of CCRC.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Niranjna Bhandari
Director, CCRC, CUJ | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Ram Bahadur Shukla
Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, Jammu University
(Through Video Conference) | Subject Expert |
| 3. Prof. Shivani Sharma
Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Punjab University
(Through Video Conference) | Subject Expert |
| 4. Prof.Santap Sanhari Mishra
Head, PPPA,CUJ | Internal Member |
| 5. Dr Arvind Rituraj
Associate Professor, CCRC, CUJ | Member |
| 6. Dr Ajay Kumar Singh
Assistant Professor, CCRC, CUJ | Member |
| 7. Prof.Suram Singh
Dean, (Academics), CUJ | Special Invitee |
| 8. Prof. Uday Pratap Singh
Associate Dean (Academics), CUJ | Special Invitee |

Chairperson BOS had welcomed all the members of the BOS. The director of the centre had shared the achievements of the centre. She said that the Centre has organised the Faculty development programme under UGCMMTTC on the theme "NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization" from 23rd September 2025 to 1st October 2025.

The following agenda items were discussed in the 8th BOS, and the following resolutions were approved.

Agenda Item 1:

To approve the new syllabus "Pre-Historic Religious Forms" (Open Elective) in the 4th Semester of M.A. with 4 credits. (Annexure I) and to approve a new PhD course

Resolution: After thorough deliberations and discussions, the members recommended the addition of suggested readings to the course outline and finally approved it (**Annexure- I**). BoS approved the new PhD course

Name of the old course	Name of the new Course	Credits
Research Ethics Plagiarism/Publication	Research Ethics Plagiarism/Publication/Fundamentals of Research (Major)	2/3

Agenda Item 2:

To approve the new syllabus of “Ramayan, Mahabharat and Puran” (Open Elective) in the 4th Semester of M.A. with 4 credits. (**Annexure II**)

Resolution: Approved the course outline

Agenda Item 3:

To approve the revised syllabus of “Indian Palaeography and Epigraphy”(Open Elective) in the 2nd Semester of M.A. with 4 credits. (**Annexure III**)

Resolution: Approved the course outline

Agenda Item 4:

To approve the constitution of the RAC Committee of Mr Naresh Kumar, 23PCRC01, PhD Scholar, Batch 2023. (**Annexure IV**)

Resolution: The Constitution of RAC and its minutes were placed in front of BoS regarding Mr Naresh Kumar, Research Scholar 23PCRC01 Batch 2023, under the guidance of Dr Ashwani Kumar. The committee suggested a minor title change. The title approved in the RAC was डुग्गर की लोक वार्ता में नाथपंथ. BoS has suggested the title has डुग्गर लोक परंपरा में नाथपंथ: एक विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययन.

Agenda Item 5:

To approve the constitution of the RAC Committee for Mr Arpit Tiwari, 23PCRC02, PhD. Scholar, batch 2023. (**Annexure V**)

Resolution: The constitution of RAC and its minutes were placed in front of BoS regarding Mr Arpit Tiwari, Research Scholar 23PCRC02, PhD, under the guidance of Dr Amita Gupta. BoS approved the title of PhD “Archaeological Investigation of the Landscape of Rajagriha, District Nalanda, Bihar and its Periphery”. BoS approved the PhD title. (**Annexure V**)

Agenda Item 6:

To approve the Constitution of the RAC Committee of Mr Sachin Bauriyan, 24PCRC04, PhD Scholar, Batch 2024. (**Annexure VI**)

Resolution: The constitution of RAC and its minutes were placed in front of BoS regarding Mr Sachin Bauriyun, Research Scholar 24PCRC04, under the guidance of Dr G.M. Sengupta Raj. BoS approved the PhD title "Historical Study of the Jwad Bhotiya Community of Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand."

Agenda Item 7: To approve the upgradation of JRF to SRF of research scholar Mr Narottam Kushwaha, 0152121, Batch 2021. (Annexure VII)

Resolution: BoS has approved the upgradation of JRF to SRF of research scholar Mr Narottam Kushwaha, 0152121, Batch 2021. (Annexure VII)

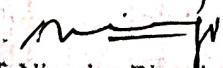
Agenda Item 8: To approve the Non-net fellowship of Mr Arpit Tiwari, 23PCRC02, PhD. Scholar, batch 2023. (Annexure VIII)

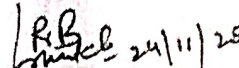
Resolution: BoS has approved the Non-net fellowship of Mr Arpit Tiwari, PhD. Scholar, batch 2023. (Annexure VIII)

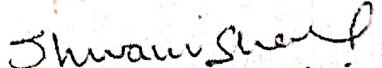
Agenda Item 9: To approve the allocation of a Co-supervisor for Mr Arpit Tiwari, 23PCRC02, PhD. Scholar, batch 2023. (Annexure IX)


Resolution: The members of BoS have discussed the matter regarding the allotment of the Co-supervisor of Mr Arpit Tiwari, and they did not approve it because the co-supervisor belongs to the non-teaching category. (Annexure IX). The members recommended that the

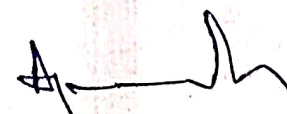
UGC guidelines and permission from the Honorable Vice-Chancellor must be sought first before the committee members decide if a non-teaching member can become the co-supervisor in Ph.D


Prof. Niranjna Bhanjari
(Chairperson)


Prof. Ram Bahadur Shukla
Subject Expert

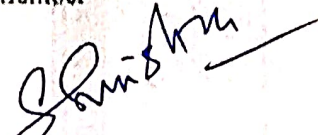

Prof. Shivani Sharma
Subject Expert


Dr. Arvind Rituraj,
Member


Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh,
Member

Prof Suram Singh
Special Invitee

Prof. Uday Pratap Singh
Special Invitee


Prof. Santap Sanhari Mishra
Internal member

Prehistoric Religious Forms

Course Description: The course explores prehistoric religion and analyses various concepts of religion. Students will examine religious practices present in different societies. The course also engages with the theories of the origin of religion. Students will also be able to comprehensively understand the approaches to studying religion.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the theories of the origin of religion in preliterate societies.
- Explore the various religious practices in preliterate societies.
- Analyze the role of the magician, shaman, witchcraft, etc, in the early human communities.
- Develop a comparative framework for understanding religious forms across different prehistoric societies.

Course Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Interpret the role of Religion in early human societies.
- Understand the key concepts of Animism, Animatism, Shamanism, Totemism, etc.
- They will analyse the emergence of religion and the conditions responsible for it.
- Compare the various approaches adopted in the study of religion.
- Examine the importance of prayers, festivals, sacraments, sacrifices, etc.

Unit 1

Introduction to Prehistoric Religious Forms: Definition of Religion, Theories of Origin of Religion, Religious elements during the Stone Age.

Unit 2

Religious Knowledge and Practices: Mana, Ancestor Worship, Magic, Magician, Witchcraft and Sorcery, Shamanism, Fetishism, Taboo.

Unit 3

Concepts of Religion: Supernatural Beings, Animism, Animatism, Naturism, Theism, Polytheism, Henotheism, Deism, Monotheism, Pantheism, and Panentheism.

Unit 4

Task and Objectives: Myths, Rituals, Rites of Passage, Sacraments, Prayers, Festivals, Sacrifices

Unit 5

Approaches to the Study of Religion: Evolutionary, Psychological, Functionalist, Structuralist, and Symbolic.

Suggested Readings:

Bellah, R. N. (2011). *Religion in human evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age*. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Bose, N. K. (1949). *Cultural anthropology and other essays*. Indian Associated Publishing Co.

Dube, S. C. (1955). *Indian village*. Routledge.

Dumont, L. (1980). *Homo hierarchicus: The caste system and its implications* (M. Sainsbury, Trans.). University of Chicago Press. (Original work published 1966)

Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. (1952). *Structure and function in primitive society: Essays and addresses*. Cohen & West.

Srinivas, M. N. (1952). *Religion and society among the Coorgs of South India*. Oxford University Press.

Tylor, E. B. (1871). *Primitive culture: Researches into the development of mythology, philosophy, religion, art, and custom*. J. Murray.