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(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade University)

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

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Notification

Composition of the Departmental Research Ethics Committee (DREC)

In pursuance of the resolution of the Departmental Council, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in their meeting dated 23.08.2024 the Departmental Research Ethics Committee (DREC) is hereby constituted. The composition of the DREC is as follows:

Position	Member	Role
Ex-officio Chairperson	Director, Research and Development Cell, Himachal Pradesh University	Preside over meetings and provide overall leadership to the Committee
Ex-officio Member Secretary	Chairman, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Himachal Pradesh University	Receive applications, coordinate meetings, maintain records and communicate decisions
Faculty (Social Sciences) – Member	Dr. B. R. Thakur, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University	Review ethical issues relating to social science research
Faculty (Humanities) – Member	Dr. Himanshu Parmar, Associate Professor, Department of English, Himachal Pradesh University	Review proposals involving language, culture and humanities research
Faculty (Legal Studies) – Member	Dr. Lalit Mohan Singh Dadwal, Professor, Department of Laws, Himachal Pradesh University	Examine legal and regulatory aspects of research proposals
Statistician/Methodologist – Member (nominated)	Dr. Ajay Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Himachal Pradesh University	Review research methodology, study design and methodological rigour from an ethical perspective
Gender Expert – Member	Prof. Aparna Negi, Director, Centre for Women's Studies and Development, H.P. University	Review issues relating to gender equity, inclusion and vulnerable populations
Community Representative (External Member)	Mr. Bhanu Lohumi, Bureau Head (Himachal Pradesh), Press Trust of India	Provide an independent community perspective/ safeguard public interest

DREC shall function in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved in the same meeting. DREC shall be responsible for reviewing and granting ethical clearance for research involving human participants conducted under the academic jurisdiction of the Department.

DREC shall ordinarily have tenure of three years.

DREC shall ordinarily meet at least once every academic year or more frequently as required. All members of DREC shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding research proposals and committee deliberations.

DREC members shall disclose any conflict of interest in accordance with the approved SOP.


Chairman

Copy for information to:

1. SPS to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla – 5
2. Dean of Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla - 5
3. All members of the Departmental Research Ethics Committee
4. All faculty members of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication


Chairman