

**Minutes of the Meeting of Academic and Research Advisory Committee  
(Academic Year: 2024-25)**

The meeting of the Academic and Research Advisory Committee was held on January 30, 2025 (Thursday) at 1:30 PM in the IMNU Board room.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Samik Shome
2. Prof. M. Mallikarjun
3. Prof. Shashank Thanki
4. Prof. Jayesh Aagja
5. Prof. Pradeep Kautish
6. Prof. Ritesh Patel (Member Secretary)

Prof. Rajesh Jain was not present in the meeting.

Prof. Ritesh Patel welcomed all the members. The following point was discussed during the meeting:

- 1) **Review of NU-funded major & minor research project 2024-25 proposals** submitted by: a) Prof. Anand Kumar (Assistant Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) & Prof. Nityesh Bhatt (Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) titled, "Digital arrest: Modus operandi and suggestive framework to limit its vulnerability"  
b) Prof. Somayya Madakkam (Assistant Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) & Prof. Nityesh Bhatt (Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) titled, "Critical Review of the Current status of Ahmedabad Smart city"
- 2) Prof. Hrudanand Mishra (Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) has presented a proposal for **ICSSR funded research project** under the call for "Mutli-Disciplinary studies of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of India." Prof. Mishra has presented one project proposal, titled, "Education among Saura Tribe of Odisha: Challenges and Opportunities".
- 3) **Review of Erasmus+ International project proposal** submitted by Prof. Punit Saurabh (Assistant Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University), Prof. Pradeep Kautish (Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) & Prof. Shashank Thanki (Associate Professor, Institute of Management, Nirma University) titled, "SustainED (Fostering Education for sustainable Entrepreneurship in India and Sri Lanka)"

- 4) The committee members reviewed all 4 NU-funded research project proposals & 1-Erasmus+ International project proposal, suggested appropriate improvements, and requested that the revised proposals be resubmitted with proper documents (as prescribed by Nirma University) for further processing.

At the end, Prof. Ritesh Patel thanked all the members.

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