

Northern Regional Committee, NCTE

From: Harish Rathore <hcsrathore@gmail.com>
Sent: 04 May 2026 18:10
To: Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katoch
Cc: Northern Regional Committee, NCTE; J N BALIYA; chaman gupta; Rishi Goel; drvivekkohli
Subject: Re: Request for approval of the Draft Minutes of the 463rd Meeting(emergent online , Volume II) held on 30th April, 2026-reg.

The attached minutes are approved.

Prof. Harish Chandra Singh Rathore
Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya.
Member, Central Advisory Board on Education.
Member, Governing Council, ICSSR.
Member, Governing Council, NCERT.
Member, Governing Council, IUCTE, BHU.
Member, Appeals Committee, NAAC.

On Mon, 4 May 2026, 16:03 Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katoch, <kuldeepkatoch@gmail.com> wrote:
The draft Minutes of 463rd emergent meeting (Volume II) the Northern Regional Committee held on 30th April 2026 in virtual mode are approved.

With Regards

Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katoch
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On Mon, 4 May 2026 at 3:58 PM, Northern Regional Committee, NCTE <nrc@ncte-india.org> wrote:

आदरणीय महोदय,

Respected Sir,

नमस्कार/ Greetings of the Day!

Respected Chairperson, NRC and Members of the NRC Committee,

The draft Minutes of 463rd emergent meeting (Volume II) the Northern Regional Committee (NRC), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) held on 30th April 2026 in virtual mode under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson of NRC Committee, has been attempted and is forwarded for perusal and approval, please.. The minutes portion of the Delhi College of Education , earlier incorporated in the Volume I has also been included in the Volume II , with slight revision, in the minutes, for perusal, approval and consideration, please.

धन्यवाद एवं सादर,

Thanks & Regards,

क्षेत्रीय निदेशक

Regional Director

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Northern Regional Committee

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The 463rd Emergent Meeting of the Northern Regional Committee (NRC), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was held on 30th April 2026 in Online mode at NCTE Office, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson of NRC Committee. The following members of the NRC were present physically/virtually in the said meeting:

NRC Committee		
1.	Prof. Harish Chandra Singh Rathore	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katoch	Member
3.	Prof. J. N. Baliya	Member
4.	Dr. Vivek Kohli	Member
5.	Prof. Rishi Goel	Member
6.	Dr. C. L. Gupta	Member
7.	Prof. Abha Sharma	Representative of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
8.	Dr. R K Ponia, SCERT	State Representative of Haryana
9.	Ms. Punam Tiwari Sharma, Regional Director, NRC	Convener

Representatives from the States/UTs of Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were not present in the meeting.

Compliance of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi orders dated 20.03.2026 and 10.04.2026 in W.P.(C) No. 9169/2024 – Restoration of recognition of the petitioner institution and reconsideration of withdrawal order

1.	NRCAPP-5428	Delhi College of Education, Plot No. 53/57, 53/58, 53/51, 53/50, Street No. DIRD, Village-Nangli Poona, Post Office-Alipur, Tehsil/Taluka-Alipur, Town/City-Delhi, District-Northwest, Delhi-110036.	B.Ed.
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Decision of NRC

The file of the institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Rules, Regulations, SOP, guidelines issued from time to time were placed before the Northern Regional Committee and the Committee noted the following: -

Case Details: AL-Nabi Educational & Social Trust vs. NCTE & Anr.(W.P No. 18685/2025) Alongwith connected matters of W.P(C) 3290/2026 (*Hitesh Sharma & Ors. vs. NCTE & Ors.*) and W.P.(C) 4548/2026 (*Vindeshwari Yadav & ors.vs. NCTE & ors.*)

- The institution namely Delhi College of Education was granted recognition by the NRC, NCTE vide order No. NRC/NCTE/NRCAPP-5428/233rd

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Meeting/2015/89680-685 dated 03.03.2015 for conducting the B.Ed. of two years duration with an annual intake of 100 students (two programmebasic units of 50 students each).

- A request dated 19.11.2015 was received from the Chairman, Al-Nabi Educational and Social Trust seeking change of name of the institution from Delhi College of Education to Delhi Institute of Rural Development.
- The matter was considered by NRC in its 246th Meeting held from 09.12.2015 to 12.12.2015 wherein it was observed that the request for change of name must be accompanied by:
 - Approval of the affiliating university for change of name; and
 - Proof that the land and building approved by NRC are registered in the new name of the institution.
- It was further decided that the change of name would be considered only after fulfilment of the above conditions.
- Accordingly, a communication dated 29.12.2015 was issued to the institution requesting compliance with the above requirements. As per records, no reply has been received from the institution till date. Further, no order has been issued by NRC granting approval for change of name from Delhi College of Education to Delhi Institute of Rural Development.

Al-Nabi Educational and Social Trust filed Writ Petition No. 18685/2025 before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court seeking:

- Change of name of the institution to Delhi Institute of Rural Development (DIRD).
- Updating of the name in NCTE records and OTPRMS system; and
- Issuance of verification certificates for students of academic sessions 2015–2016 to 2024–2025 in the name of DIRD.

The Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 15.04.2026, directed the petitioner to submit a fresh application for change of name and further directed NRC to process the same within a period of three weeks from the date of submission of such application.

Two other writ petitions, namely W.P.(C) 3290/2026 (Hitesh Sharma & Ors. vs. NCTE & Ors.) and W.P.(C) 4548/2026 (Vindeshwari Yadav & Ors. vs. NCTE & Ors.), were also filed on similar issues to issue OTPRMS in the name of DIRD.-wherein the relief sought is one of the prayer clauses of that of the principal matter of AL-Nabi.

2.4 The Hon'ble Court observed that these petitions were connected with W.P.(C) 18685/2025 (AL-Nabi) and had become infructuous in view of the directions already passed in the main matter.

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Observations of the Court and University Communication:

In the Hitesh Sharma matter, the Hon'ble Court recorded the submission of the concerned University that Delhi College of Education and Delhi Institute of Rural Development are one and the same institution, as per the notification dated 09.12.2024 issued by GGSIPU. However, it is noted that the notification dated 09.12.2024 issued by GGSIPU refers only to Delhi Institute of Rural Development and does not specifically mention Delhi College of Education.

Later, by way of an e-mail dated 27.04.2026, It has been informed by the Standing Counsel that the date of the said University communication has been incorrectly recorded as 09.12.2024 in the Court order. The correct date of the communication is 24.01.2025, as placed on record in Annexure P-14 of the main petition, wherein the University has clearly clarified that both names refer to the same institution.

The matter was considered in light of the pending name change request, The directions of the Hon'ble High Court, The University clarification dated 24.01.2025; and The academic and employment interests of students who have already completed the B.Ed. programme.

It was noted by the Committee that non-alignment of institutional name in official records is causing difficulty to students in issuance of OTPRMS certificates and may adversely impact their employment prospects.

Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Court and after due examination of the documents and after detailed deliberation, it was decided as under:


The notification dated 09.12.2024 issued by GGSIPU shall be read harmoniously along with the University communication dated 24.01.2025 addressed to NRC wherein it has been clarified that Delhi College of Education (DCE) and Delhi Institute of Rural Development (DIRD) are one and the same institution.

In view of the above clarification and to safeguard the academic and employment interests of students, OTPRMS certificates may be issued to eligible students in the name of Delhi College of Education (DCE) as existing in NRC-NCTE records till date so that the connected matters of Hitesh Sharma and Vindeshwari Yadav get the desired relief of issuing the OTPRMS.

However, the institution shall submit a fresh application for change of name in compliance with the order dated 15.04.2026 of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. The NRC shall process the said application strictly in accordance with the norms and regulations of NCTE within the stipulated time. Also, about point no. 5 and owing to the inadvertent submission made by the Standing Counsel before the Hon'ble High Court on 15.04.2026, it has been mentioned in the operative part of the Court order ; as follows:

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5.As and when the application is filed by the petitioner, the respondent No.2 shall carry out the necessary changes within 3 weeks, with effect from the date of recognition of the petitioner institution with effect from the date of recognition.

The Committee after due deliberation on the aforesaid noted that this apparently seems against the spirit and act of NCTE, 1993 and Regulations,2014 ; as amended from time to time ; as the name change of an Institution could be undertaken from the prospective date. Therefore, the Committee decided to file a stay application/CM on point no. 5 immediately. The Committee further emphasized that all necessary steps be undertaken on priority, in due compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court, while safeguarding the larger interest of students and ensuring adherence to the statutory framework of the NCTE Act and its Regulations.

2.	UP-2842	Maa Bandhuj Devraj Mahavidyalaya, VPO- Pashuhari, Tehsil-Belthara Road, District-Ballia, Uttar Pradesh	B.Ed.
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Decision of NRC

The file of the institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Rules, Regulations, SOP, guidelines issued from time to time were placed before the Northern Regional Committee and the Committee noted the following: -

- The petitioner institution was granted recognition by the NRC-NCTE on 07.07.2011 for conducting the B.Ed. course with an intake of 100 seats from the academic session 2011-12. Pursuant thereto, the institution obtained affiliation from the concerned affiliating university.
- Subsequently, upon enforcement of the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 w.e.f. 01.12.2014, revised norms were introduced. In continuation thereof, NCTE issued guidelines dated 24.12.2014 requiring existing recognized institutions to submit an affidavit of compliance with the revised Regulations as a condition for continuation of recognition. The petitioner submitted the prescribed affidavit in December 2014, expressing its willingness to comply with the said Regulations and continue the B.Ed. programme with an intake of 100 seats.
- The NRC, in its 325th meeting held on 08-09.01.2021, decided to issue show cause notices under Section 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993 to various institutions, including the petitioner, without individual examination of records. Accordingly, a show cause notice dated 19.01.2021 was issued to the petitioner, to which a detailed reply along with requisite affidavit and supporting documents was submitted on 16.02.2021.

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- Further, in light of the judgment dated 27.03.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 8635/2020 and connected matters, it was held that such communications were to be treated as calls for information and not as show cause notices under Section 17 of the Act. However, the NRC subsequently issued a final show cause notice dated 14.08.2023, to which the petitioner submitted its reply on 01.09.2023.
- Thereafter, in its 412th meeting held on 25.09.2023, the NRC decided to withdraw the recognition of the petitioner institution with effect from the academic session 2024–25. Consequent thereto, an order dated 07.10.2023 was issued withdrawing recognition. The petitioner preferred a statutory appeal under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, which was dismissed vide order dated 12.04.2024.
- Aggrieved by the aforesaid orders, the petitioner institution approached the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by way of W.P.(C) No. 9169/2024.
- The Hon'ble High Court, vide order dated 20.03.2026, disposed of the petition with the following directions:

“In view of the above, since the matter is being remanded to the NRC, the NRC shall issue an order of restoration of recognition in favour of the petitioners pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order.”

- The Hon'ble Court further directed that the recognition of the petitioner institution shall be restored and shall continue till reconsideration of the withdrawal order by the NRC.
- Subsequently, in a Civil Miscellaneous Application filed by the petitioner, the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 10.04.2026 reiterated the aforesaid directions and further clarified that, since the matter stands remanded to the NRC, the NRC shall issue an order restoring recognition in favour of the petitioner institution pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order. It was further held that, in view of the said directions, the orders dated 07.10.2023 (withdrawal of recognition) and 12.04.2024 (appellate order) shall stand set aside. The operative part of the Court's order are as follows:

4. Consequently, the paragraph No.7 of the order dated 20.03.2026, shall read as under:

“7. In the view of the above, since the matter is being remanded to the NRC, the NRC shall issue an order of

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This is restoration of recognition in favour of the petitioners, pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order. Needless to add, in view of the above order, the order dated 07.10.2023 and 12.04.2024 are set aside.

5. The application is disposed of in aforesaid terms.

The Committee noted that the petitioner institution challenged the aforesaid orders before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by way of W.P.(C) No. 9169/2024. Also, the Hon'ble Court, vide order dated 20.03.2026, remanded the matter to the NRC and directed that recognition of the petitioner institution be restored pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order.

The Committee further noted that vide order dated 10.04.2026, the Hon'ble Court gave further clarification that the withdrawal order dated 07.10.2023 by the NRC and the appellate order dated 12.04.2024 shall stand set aside.

The Committee observed that the directions of the Hon'ble High Court clearly mandate restoration of recognition of the petitioner institution pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order.

The Committee further observed that in view of the order dated 10.04.2026, the earlier withdrawal of NRC and appellate orders no longer subsist in law which clearly implies that the legal position stands reinforced by the judgment in *Arihant College of Education vs. NCTE & Ors.* (W.P.(C) No. 7260/2021), wherein it has been held that upon remand, the withdrawal order stands quashed and recognition is required to be restored pending reconsideration.

In view of the above, the Committee decided as under:

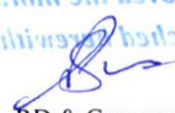
The Committee decided that recognition of the petitioner institution shall be restored in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, with effect from the date of issuance of the order. The Committee further decided that a show cause notice detailing all deficiencies, shall be served upon the college along with the restoration order and the entire process shall be undertaken and completed in a time-bound manner in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act and applicable Regulations.

Request for name change

3.	HP-6	International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning (I.C.D.E.O.L.), Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171005	B.Ed. Correspondence
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The file of the institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Rules, Regulations, SOP, guidelines issued from time to time were placed before the Northern Regional Committee and the Committee observed the following: -

- The recognition was granted to the institution namely **International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning (I.C.D.E.O.L.)**, Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171005 for offering B.Ed. correspondence course of two year duration with an annual intake of 450 students vide order No. NRC/NCTE/F-3/HP-6/97/5403 dated 10/10/1997.
- The Director, CDOE, Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171005 vide its letter No. 18-13/2024-25/ICDEOL/UGC/DEB/Admn. dated 29.04.2026 stating that *“in compliance with the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, the change of name from International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning (ICDEOL) has been changed to the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and same has already been duly approved by the statutory bodies of the University.”*
- The NRC considered the representation dated 29.04.2026 submitted by the university requesting to change of name from **International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning (ICDEOL)** to **Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)** and the Committee decided to permit the same.

In view of the above, the Committee decided that the university be permitted to change its name from International Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning (ICDEOL) to Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE).

Order be issued accordingly.

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

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