

Department of Anthropology
University of Delhi

Minutes of the online Staff Council meeting
6th may 2020
3:00PM

Members present:

1. Prof. P.C. Joshi (Head of the Department and Chair)
2. Dr. P.R.Mondal
3. Dr. K.N.Saraswathy
4. Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh
5. Dr. R.P.Mitra
6. Dr. Benrithing Murry
7. Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo
8. Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan
9. Dr. Mitashree Srivastava
10. Dr. Shivani Chandel
11. Dr. Meenal Dhall
12. Dr. M.Kennedy Singh
13. Dr. N. Kiranmala Devi could not attend and informed during the meeting that she is unable to join due to bad internet connection

1. The Head of Department Prof. P.C. Joshi welcomed the faculty members to the online staff council meeting. He announced that the department will be opened from 9:00AM to 12:00PM for emergency work and also to monitor labs and initiate sanitization. Teachers and staff are advised to maintain social distancing and strict code of hygiene while visiting the department for urgent work. However, research scholars and students will not be allowed to enter the department until lockdown is over.
2. As discussed in the previous staff council meeting, the department is ready to host a webinar conclave on 'Recent Advances in Anthropological Research' from May 8-9, 2020. The Head of Department advised the faculty members to join the webinar as session chairs and encourage research scholars.
3. The staff council discussed about the problems of M.Sc. (Forensic Science) dissertation. Due to lockdown, the students are not able to conduct fieldwork either in the field or laboratory. Their dissertation writing is slowed down. The faculty decided to help students within the limitations of lock down.
4. The dissertation writing of M.Sc. (Anthropology) is in progress as almost all the students have submitted their draft to their respective supervisors. Within few weeks, the students will be able to submit their final dissertation.

5. The online teaching has come to an end. As discussed in the previous staff council meeting, the faculty members were able to complete their theory syllabus before 25th April 2020. It was resolved that since the theory online classes are over, the e-resources uploaded on the department website may be removed, in case it infringes copyright issues.
6. The Head of the Department informed the staff council that he plans to contact all the students of graduation and post graduation of the department in order to know about difficulties, if any with respect to their theory teaching. The schedule of these meetings will be decided and the faculty members will be requested to join these interactive sessions with the students.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the chair.

Prof. P.C. Joshi
Head of the Department

Dr. Avitoli Zhimo
(She was requested to prepare minutes in absence of Dr. Vipin Gupta, the Staff Council Secretary.)