

Date: July 23, 2026

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Date: July 18th 2026

Mode: Online

Meeting Chaired by: Ms Shallu Jindal, Hon'ble Chancellor, O.P. Jindal University, Raigarh (C.G.)

Meeting Lead by: Dr. R D Patidar, Vice Chancellor, O. P. Jindal University (C.G.)

Attendees:

1	Dr. S.S. Rathi	: Member
2	Dr. Sanjay Rout	: Member
3	Dr. C. L. Dewangan	: Member
4	Dr. K. K. Bindal	: Member
5	Dr. S. R. Kamlesh	: Member
6	Dr. Pankaj Mehta	: Member
7	Dr. Anurag Vijaywargiya, Registrar, OPJU	: Member Secretary

Agenda:

1. **University Updates**

To apprise the members of the major developments, initiatives, achievements, and key activities of the University.

2. **Vision 2032**

3. **Admission Status (AY 2026–27) – Review of the current admission status for the Academic Year 2026–27.**

4. **Award of Degrees – Consideration and approval for the conferment of degrees to eligible students for AY 2025–26.**

5. **Creation of Department of Humanities and Social Science:** To consider and approve the establishment of the "Department of Humanities and Social Sciences" under the School of Science.

6. **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) – Ratification and approval of MoUs executed with academic, industry, research, and training partners.**

7. **Accreditation and Quality Assurance – Review of the status of accreditation and quality assurance initiatives, including NABL Accreditation and Sustainability Audit.**

8. **New Scholarships proposal projection**

9. **Financial Snapshot – Presentation of the University's financial position and key financial highlights.**

10. **Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair:** To consider any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

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Following proceedings were recorded in the meeting-

Dr. R. D. Patidar welcomed the Chairman and other members. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. With due permission of the Chair, the Vice Chancellor started the presentation.

1. Dr. Patidar apprised all the members about the latest developments and key activities undertaken by the University, including the establishment of the AICTE IDEA Lab, Mining Lab, and Centre of Excellence (COE) in Drone Technology, receipt of DGCA approval for the Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO), major academic initiatives and achievements; the launch of STEEL curriculum, introduction of the B.Sc. in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering programme, organization of Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) and conferences, awards and recognitions received by the University; placement achievements, expenditure incurred on infrastructure development and other upcoming major events.
2. Dr. Patidar presented the University's Vision 2032, which aims to transform O.P. Jindal University into a globally recognised institution of excellence. He outlined the key strategic goals, including attaining the status of globally recognized Deemed-to-be University; commencing three faculties—Engineering and Technology, Management, and Science—with three new schools under the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, two new schools under the Faculty of Management, and one new school under the Faculty of Science. The vision also envisages increasing student enrolment to more than 4,000, expanding the full-time faculty strength to over 200, securing a position among the top 100 institutions in India, achieving NBA accreditation and a NAAC A++ grade, obtaining a place among the top 200 institutions in the UI Green Metric World University Rankings, securing a position within the top 1,000 of the QS World University Rankings, and obtaining international accreditation from NECHE and ABET.

Dr. Patidar further apprised the members of the University's infrastructure development plan under Vision 2032, which includes the establishment of a World-Class Integrated Skill Development Hub (ISDH), construction of additional hostel facilities, an auditorium, a sports complex, a housing colony, an Innovation Centre, a Future Learning Ecosystem, and the development of a smart and sustainable campus.

With regard to global engagement, Dr. Patidar highlighted the University's plan to establish collaborations with more than 100 academic, research, and industry partners; launch over 10 international Study Abroad Programmes and more than 10 national Student Exchange Programmes; and establish over 20 chapters of professional societies.

On research and innovation, Dr. Patidar outlined the University's focus on strengthening international collaborative research, fostering an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, establishing technology-enabled research centres, and promoting a multidisciplinary research culture.


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3. Admission Statistics were presented before the members. All the members were informed that total 946 admissions have been done till date across all the schools from the 19 states of the country in 2026 and the admission process is still underway. In view of increasing of the students subsequently the manpower requirement (new/replacement) as per norms for the upcoming session was presented before the members and it was agreed unanimously.
4. Approval to award degrees and medals to a total no. of 688 students in the inswing convocation was approved by the members.
5. In order to promote the research in the field of Humanities & Social Science including interdisciplinary research, all the members unanimously approved to the **establishment of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences** under the School of Science. This department will also provide the academic platform to integrate technology with human behaviour, policy, sustainability, ethics, communication, economics, and social innovation. This will significantly enhance the University's research output, improve its national rankings and accreditation outcomes, and create opportunities for more externally funded interdisciplinary research. Further to enhance the research output minor revision in the RDC policy & stipend was presented before the members and it was agreed unanimously.
6. Dr. Patidar shared the details about various MoUs (National & International) executed with academic institutions, industries, training organisations, and research bodies. All the members unanimously ratified the MoUs done.
7. To strengthen and promote research activities, Dr. Patidar updated about the status of accreditation and quality assurance initiatives, including NABL Accreditation, Sustainability Audit and NBA.
8. Dr. Patidar was presented the revised scholarship model effective from the year 2026-27 was developed as per the directives of Hon'ble Chancellor madam. All the members in principle agreed the same. However, it will be presented separately to the Hon'ble Chancellor for approval.
9. An overview of the university's financial position was presented to the members, including expenditure of F.Y. 2025-26 and projection of F.Y. 2026-27.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair invited the esteemed members to share their valuable suggestions and recommendations for the continued growth and development of the University;

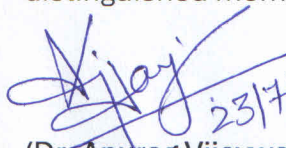
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Dr. Rout suggested increasing the intake of Ph.D. admissions and encouraging a larger number of research scholars to enroll in doctoral programmes. It was emphasized that strengthening the University's research ecosystem would enhance the quality and quantity of research publications, create greater opportunities for securing externally funded research projects, and further elevate the University's academic and research profile. The members also recommended providing hostel/accommodation facilities for research scholars to support their academic pursuits.

Dr. Rathi congratulated the University leadership, faculty, and staff for the remarkable overall development and steady progress achieved by the University across various academic and institutional domains.

Dr. Mehta recommended introducing Artificial Intelligence (AI)-related certificate courses for students from non-technical disciplines to equip them with emerging digital skills, enhance their employability, and promote interdisciplinary learning in line with current industry requirements.

There were no other points for discussion. The meeting concluded with thanks to the distinguished members.


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(Dr. Anurag Vijaywargiya)
Member Secretary