

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR**24th Academic Council Meeting****Date: 22/07/2026****Minutes of Meeting**

The 24th Academic Council Meeting of the Children's Research University was held on 22/07/2026 at 11:30 AM. The members of the Academic Council are as follows.

Sr. No	Name of the Member	Designation	Remarks
1.	Vice Chancellor, CRU	Chairperson	Present
2.	Director General, CRU	Member	Vacant
3.	Director, Centre of Education, CRU	Member	Present
4.	Director, Centre of Research, CRU	Member	Present
5.	Director, Centre of Extension, CRU	Member	Present
6.	Director, Centre of Training, CRU	Member	Present
7.	Director, Centre of Toy Science, CRU	Member	Present
8.	Prof. B. D. Dhila, Professor Humanities, CRU	Member	Present
9.	Prof. Sanjay Gupta, Professor Research, CRU	Member	Present
10.	Prof. Ranjitsinh Pawar, Professor Education, CRU	Member	Present
11.	Prof. Jignesh Patel, Professor Education, CRU	Member	Present
12.	Prof. Nimish Vasoya, Professor Physics, CRU	Member	Present
13.	Prof. Ashvin L. Nisarta, Professor Education, CRU	Member	Present
14.	Prof. Rakesh Patel	Member	Not Present
15.	Prof. Balvant S. Jani, Former. Chancellor, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)	Member	Not Present
16.	Dr. Mahendrabhai Chotaliya, Former Professor, Dept of Education, SP University, VV Nagar	Member	Present
17.	Dr. Bhadrayu Vachharajani, Former. Vice Chancellor Lokbharati Uni. for Rural Innovation, Sanosara	Member	Not Present
18.	Prof. Bharat Joshi,	Member	Present


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	Senior Professor Department of Education (IASE), Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad		Online
19.	Prof. (Dr.) H.B. Patel, Professor, School of Education, Central University of Gujarat, Vadodara.	Member	Not Present
20.	Dr. Nitin M. Pethani, Principal, Desai C M Arts and Commerce College, Ahmedabad	Member	Present Online
21.	Prof. Chetan Trivedi, Professor, Department of English, Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagadh, Gujarat	Member	Present
22.	Dr. Swaroop P. Rawal, Renowned Educator & Life Skill Trainer	Member	Not Present
23.	Dr. Rajendrasinh Jadeja, Former Director, H.M. Patel Career Development Centre, VV Nagar, Anand	Member	Not Present
24.	Dr. Pankaj Joshi, Distinguished Professor and Founding Director, International Centre for Space and Cosmology, School of Arts and Science, Ahmedabad	Member	Not Present
25.	Dr. Bhushan Punani, Chairperson, West Asia at International Council for Education of Children with Visual Impairment & General Secretary at Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad	Member	Not Present
26.	Prof. Jayna Joshi, Professor, Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar	Member	Present Online
27.	Dr. Sonal Desai, Sahaj Clinic, Ahmedabad	Member	Present Online
28.	Dr. Bhalendu Vaishnav, Professor & Head, Department of Medicine, Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad, Anand	Member	Not Present
29.	Mr. Divyanshu Dave, Founder Director- Center for Inner Excellence,	Member	Not Present


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30.	Dr. (Ms) Pawan Sudhir, Professor & Head, Department of Education in Arts and Aesthetics NCERT, New Delhi	Member	Not Present
31.	Shri. Avnish Bhatnagar, Akhil Bharatiya Upadhyaksha, Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan, New Delhi	Member	Not Present
32.	Dr. Kanaiyalal F. Patel, Hon. Director, CVM College of Fine Arts, The Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University, VV Nagar, Anand	Member	Present Online
33.	Dr. Anjali Jaipuriya, Vice Chairperson, Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow	Member	Not Present
34.	Dr. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Mahamatra, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi, Gandhinagar	Member	Present Online
35.	Dr. Gaurang Vyas, Deputy Director, Directorate of Primary Education Office, Vidya Samiksha Kendra, Sector-19, Gandhinagar	Member	Present
36.	Dr. Vijay Sevak, Former Associate Professor, V.T.Choksi Sarvajanic College of Education, Surat	Member	Not Present
37.	Dr. Rudresh Vyas, Head, Manovigyan Bhavan, M.T.B. Arts College, Surat	Member	Present Online
38.	Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation, Sanosara	Member	Present Online
39.	Ms. Archana Chaudhari, Deputy Director, Samagra Shiksha, State Project Officer, Vidya Samiksha Kendra, Sector-19, Gandhinagar	Member	Present
40.	Dr. Nilesh Pandya, Associate Professor Education, Children's Research University, Gandhinagar	Member	Present
41.	Dr. Chirag Darji, Associate Professor Education, Children's	Member	Present

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42.	Dr. C.T. Tundia, Principal, District Institute of Education and Training, Opp. Swaminaryan Gurukul, Surendranagar	Member	Not Present
43.	Dr. Vrundan Jaiswal, Assistant Professor in Ayurveda, Children's Research University, Gandhinagar	Member	Present
44.	Nareshbhai J. Chaudhari	Member	Not Present
45.	Mayuri S. Vasava	Member	Not Present
46.	Hetal Vijaykumar Patel	Member	Present Online
47.	Registrar, CRU	Member Secretary	Present

A seat of Director General, Children's Research University is vacant. Dr. Chirag Darji and Dr. Nilesh Pandya remained absent during the discussion of the Agenda No. 16.

After ascertaining the quorum required for the meeting, Registrar-Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and sought the permission from the Chairperson to begin the meeting.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has welcomed august Academic Council Members & expressed his gratitude for their gracious presence and permitted to begin the meeting.

The agenda of the Academic Council meeting were discussed and deliberated at length by the members and resolved as under:

Agenda 01: The Minutes of the following Academic Council Meetings are put for the confirmation along with the Action Taken Reports.

(Annexure-01) (Academic Branch)

A. 23rd Academic Council Meeting held on 22/05/2026

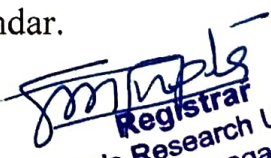
B. 22nd Academic Council Meeting held on 28/11/2025

Resolution 01: The members of the council confirmed the Minutes of 23rd Academic Council Meeting held on 22/05/2026 and 22nd Academic Council Meeting held on 28/11/2025 along with its Action taken reports.

Agenda 02: The Academic Calendar for the year 2026-2027 is put for the approval.

(Annexure-02) (Academic Branch)

Resolution 02: The members of the council reviewed and recommended to put the Academic Calendar for the year 2026-2027 in the ensuing Executive Council meeting. Further, it was resolved to prepare a separate University activity calendar.


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- Agenda 03:** The Annual Report of the year 2025-26 is put for the approval.
(Annexure-03)(Academic Branch)
- Resolution 03:** The Annual Report of the year 2025-26 prepared by the University was appreciated and recommended to put in the ensuing Executive council and General council meeting for the further action.
- Agenda 04:** The University proposes to organize 17th Foundation Day and 6th Convocation of the Children's Research University on 31/07/2026 wherein 35 students of the university will be awarded the degree. The programme wise number of eligible students for 6th Convocation ceremony, details of Gold medals and rank holders is put for the approval.
(Annexure-04) (Exam Branch)
- Resolution 04:** The matter of 17th Foundation Day, 6th Convocation ceremony and a programme wise list of the 35 students, Gold medals and rank holders were recommended and resolved to put in the ensuing executive council and General council for the further actions.

The Programme wise number of Eligible Students

Previous Year P.G. Students		2
Name of Student	No. of Students	
M.A. Education	1	
M.A. Sanskrit	1	
Total P.G. Students (2025-26)		21
Course Name	No. of Students	
M.Sc. Foods & Nutrition	9	
Master of Social Work	12	
Total Ph.D. Students		12
Student Name	Subject Name	
Ramesh Nathubhai Solanki	Mathematic	
Gohel Bhavika Vallabhbbhai	Sanskrit	
Chauhan Ajaykumar Babuji	Gujarati	
Modi Daneshbhai Rameshchandra	Gujarati	
Gavli Jeetendrabhai Gulabbhai	Gujarati	
Meghaben Prerak Joshi	Psychology	
Thakor Sanjaykumar Vinubhai	Psychology	
Thakar Nehalben Bhupeshkumar	Psychology	
Balubhai Haribhai Parmar	Gujarati	
Solanki Dolatsinh Prabhatsinh	Education	
Sodha Dharmishthaba Harisinh	Home Science	
Raval Sanjaykumar Kanubhai	Psychology	
Total		35

Details of Gold Medallists and Rank Holders

Sr. No.	Name	Course Name	Gold Medal/Rank
1	Makwana Shilpaben Chamanbhai	MSW	Gold Medal/1st
2	Vasava Mayuriben Shashikantbhai	MSW	2nd
3	Patel Priyaben Vinodkumar	MSW	3 rd
4	Patel Hetal Vijaykumar	M.Sc. Foods & Nutrition	Gold Medal/1st
5	Panchal Kamini Natvarbhai	M.Sc. Foods & Nutrition	2nd
6	Patel Vijetaben Babubhai	M.Sc. Foods & Nutrition	3rd

PG Programme : University Exam 2025-26

Month & Year of Examination	Semester	Appear Students	Pass Students
November-2025	1	33	29
November-2025	3	23	23
April-2026	2	29	27
April-2026	4	21	21

Agenda 05: An Evaluation Report of the committee to award the candidates for the best Toy/TLM is put for the recommendation.

(Annexure-05) (Toy Science Centre)

Resolution 05: The members of the council reviewed the details of the evaluation report and recommended to put the details of the following winners in the ensuing Executive council meeting for the approval to confer the award of the best TLM/Toy.

1. Bahadursinh V. Vala (Best Teaching Learning Material)
2. Jaimin H. Patel (Best Toy)
3. Kalpanaben P. Mahala (Best Toy)
4. Kavita P. Bhatasana (Best Toy)

Agenda 06: The University invited applications for the Best Child-Centric Research Award for the categories like Language and Linguistics, Social Sciences, and Pure and Applied Sciences. The applications received were scrutinized by the Scrutiny Committee and the evaluation report is put for the recommendations for the conferment of the Best Child-Centric Research Awards to the

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selected candidates in the respective categories.

(Annexure- 06) (Dept. of Testing and Evaluation)

Resolution 06: The Evaluation report of the scrutiny committee for the conferment of the Best Child-Centric Research Awards to the following candidates are recommended by the Academic Council and resolved to put in the ensuing Executive council for the approval. Further, it was resolved to update the guidelines for the Best Child-Centric Research Awards to increase its reachability for the next year.

1. Shri Payal Tejas Ratneshwar (First, Science)
2. Shri Nikki Modi (First, Social Science)
3. Dr. Rucha Desai (Second, Social Science)
4. Dr. Krishna Thakkar (Third, Social Science)
5. Shri Onima Dakpe (Third, Social Science)

Agenda 07: The sealed envelope received from the scrutiny committee constituted to confer Gijubhai Badheka Awards for Shreshth Balvatika and Shreshth Balguru is placed for the approval.

(Centre of Training)

Resolution 07: The scrutiny report of the committee was accepted and recommended to put in the ensuing Executive council for the approval to confer Gijubhai Badheka Awards for Shreshth Balvatika and Shreshth Balguru to the following Balvatika and teacher.

1. Shreshtha Balvatika, Shri Jain Balmandir Vidhyamndir Trust, Palanpur,
2. Shreshtha Balguru, Limbani Nitaben Ramjibhai, Gadhada Primary School, Vinchhiya

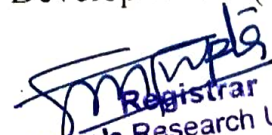
Agenda 08: As per the provision in CRU Act Section 6(7) & 34 (1) (i) to confer Honorary Degree and other Academic Distinction, the University initiated to confer Honorary D.Litt. Degree during the 6th Convocation Ceremony on 31/7/2026. The guidelines of the Hon.D.Litt. is put for the approval.

(Annexure-07) (Academic Branch)

Resolution 08: The members of the council appreciated the University initiatives to confer the Hon. D. Litt., ratified the guidelines and the ancillary process.


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- Agenda 09:** The minutes of the Fee Fixation Committee is put before the council for the approval. **(Annexure-08) (Academic Branch)**
- Resolution 09:** The minutes of the Fee Fixation Committee was approved.
- Agenda 10:** The minutes of 1st Meeting of RQAC for Language, Literature & Art, RQAC for Social Sciences and RQAC for Pure and Applied Sciences held on 04th May, 2026 are put for the approval. **(Annexure-09) (Centre of Education)**
- Resolution 10:** Minutes of 1st Meeting of RQAC for Language, Literature & Art, RQAC for Social Sciences and RQAC for Pure and Applied Sciences held on 04th May, 2026 were approved.
- Agenda 11:** The University proposed the following PG Diploma and Enrichment course from the academic year 2026-27 is put for the approval. **(Academic Branch)**
- A. PG Diploma in School Counselling
 - B. PG Diploma in Parental Education and Family Counseling
 - C. PG Diploma in Pre natal care and Education
 - D. Enrichment Course on Research Methodology and Statistical Analysis
- Resolution 11:** The University proposal to start 03 PG Diploma and 01 enrichment course was approved.
- A. PG Diploma in School Counselling
 - B. PG Diploma in Parental Education and Family Counseling
 - C. PG Diploma in Pre natal care and Education
 - D. Enrichment Course on Research Methodology and Data Analysis
- Agenda 12:** The minutes of the Board of Studies of the following subjects as recommended are put for the approval and recommendation. **(Annexure-10) (Academic Branch)**
- A. Minutes of Board of Studies for Education (10/6/2026 and 25/6/2026)
 - B. Minutes of Board of Studies for Psychology (8/7/2026)
 - C. Minutes of Board of Studies for Environmental Science (16/6/2026 & 30/6/2026)
 - D. Minutes of Board of Studies for Prenatal care and Toddlers Education (10/7/2026)
- Resolution 12:** The minutes of the Board of Studies were discussed, approved by the members.
- Agenda 13:** To consider and approve the final guidelines for the Research Project in Holistic Child Development (HCD) and Tool


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Construction, incorporating the modifications and recommendations made by the concerned committee. The finalized guidelines are placed before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval for implementation by the University.

(Annexure-11) (Dept of Testing and Evaluation)

Resolution 13: The University amended certain modifications such as format of the research project submission performa, Interviews & advertisement are not mandatory in Hiring services, removed capping limit for head wise budgetary provision (Total expenditure should be within the sanctioned amount of the project) in the guidelines for the Research Project in Holistic Child Development (HCD) and Tool Construction were unanimously approved by the members.

Agenda 14: To consider and approve the proposal for collaboration between Shri Balvant Parekh Science City, Bhavnagar, and the Children's Research University, Gandhinagar, for jointly organizing the Science and Cyber Olympiad for school students, and to authorize the University to undertake the necessary administrative and academic arrangements for its implementation.

(Dept of Testing and Evaluation)

Resolution 14: The matter of the proposal to collaborate with Shri Balvant Parekh Science City, Bhavnagar for organizing the Science and Cyber Olympiad for school students, the members of the council resolved to sign MoU with Shri Balvant Parekh Science City, Bhavnagar and also empowered the University to take necessary decision in this regard.

Agenda 15: The matter regarding to compensate the attendance of the University full time Ph.D. Students for the University activities/duties performed during the public holidays as part of the minimum attendance i.e. 75 %. **(Dept. of Research Programme)**

Resolution 15: The matter was discussed at length and approved to compensate in minimum attendance of the University full time Ph.D. Students on performing the University activities/duties during the public holidays.

Agenda 16: The Minutes of the 3rd IQAC Committee Meeting held on 01/05/2026 and the 4th IQAC Committee Meeting held on


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09/07/2026 are placed before the Committee for information and approval. **(Annexures-12) (IQAC)**

Resolution 16: The minutes of 3rd Meeting of IQAC and 4th Meeting of IQAC held on 01/05/2026 and 09/07/2026 respectively were noted and approved.

Agenda 17: The matter of the launch of the KIDNOVATION Project, initiated on 23rd June 2026 to foster student innovation up to Class XII, in collaboration with NIF and allied institutions, concluding on 15 November 2026 is put for the consideration and ratification.

(Dept of CSE)

Resolution 17: The matter of the launch of the KIDNOVATION Project was discussed, appreciated and ratified.

Agenda 18: The following matters are put for the ratification.

A. A list of the MoUs signed by the University is placed before the council for the ratification.

(Annexure-13) (Academic Branch)

B. The matter regarding following changes in the Academic Organogram is put for the ratification.

(Establishment Branch)

- I. Established new Dept.i.e. Dept. of Academic Programmes
 - II. Merged Dept. of Curriculum Development with Dept. of School Education and named it as Dept. of School Education
 - III. Merged Dept. of Prenatal Care and Education with Dept. of Toddler's Education and named as Dept. of Pre natal care and Toddler's Education
 - IV. The name of Dept. of Childrens Literature, Film and Musuem and Physical Education is named as Dept. of Children Literature, Film and Museum
- C. The matter regarding Prof. Prashant Patel, Professor (Gujarati) of the University who has been appointed as Principal at N.S.Patel Arts College, Anand is put for the ratification.

(Establishment Branch)

D. The University formed 07 new Board of Studies as per the requirement of the newly started UG courses is put for the ratification.


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- I. Board of Studies for Holistic Child Development
 - II. Board of Studies for Psychology
 - III. Board of Studies for English
 - IV. Board of Studies for Environmental Sciences
 - V. Board of Studies for Ability & Skill Enhancement
 - VI. Board of Studies for Multidisciplinary Subjects
 - VII. Board of Studies for Pre-natal Care and Toddler's Education **(Academic Branch)**
- E. The matter regarding the CGPA, Grades and credits mentioned in the PG Marksheet, Transcript and Degree Certificate as per the recommendations of the concerned Board of Studies from the Academic Year: 2024-25 is put for the ratification. **(Annexure-14)(Exam Branch)**

Resolution 18: All the matters were unanimously ratified by the members.

A list of the MoUs signed by the University is as follows.

1. Eva College of Ayurved Attached with Druv Ayurved Hospital (NABH Accredited)
2. Radio Rajkot 89.6 FM Managed by Manubhai and Taraben Memorial Foundation, Rajkot
3. Radio LJ 90.8 FM Community Radio Station, Ahmedabad
4. Rudino Radio, Ahmedabad District
5. Research for Resurgence Foundation, Nagpur
6. Maharshi Yagyavalkya Gyanpeeth
7. Swadeshi Seva Trust, Gandhinagar
8. District Development Officer, District Panchayat- Arvalli
9. Shri Hari Tapovan Gurukul Trust- Rampar Vekara
10. Kids Republic C/o Tripada Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad
11. All India Parents Associations (AIPA)
12. Shree Lok Kalyan Trust, Unjha
13. Laxman Gyanpith Foundation
14. Kanya Kelavani Mandal, Unjha
15. Ratnsagar Vidyalaya, Surat


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16.K.R.Shroff Foundation

17.Shri Balvant Parekh Science City, Bhavnagar

18.Lokbharati University for Rural Innovation, Sanosara

Agenda 19: The following matters are put for the information.

- A. The 17th Foundation Day and 6th Convocation of the Children's Research University will be held on 31/07/2026. In all, 35 students of the university will be awarded the degree.
- B. The matter of Inauguration of IKS Museum and Puzzle Lab is put for information. **(Centre of Toy Science)**
- C. Gijubhai Badheka Chair prepared an Annual report of 2025-26 is put for the information. **(GB Chair)**
- D. The University filled the data for the year 2024-25 on AISHE portal is put for information **(Exam Branch)**
- E. As per the resolution No. 10 of 53rd Executive Council meeting held on 23/02/2026, University advertised for Ph.D. Admission (Special Call for Full Time Ph.D.) for the UGC NET/JRF/CSIR & GSET qualified students and in all 01 student has been given admission under this special drive. The matter is put for the information. **(Centre of Education)**
- F. The matter regarding charge of Officiating Registrar of the Children's Research University has been given to Prof. Sanjay Gupta and Dr. Nilesh Pandya has been relieved from the charge of Officiating Registrar is put for the information. **(Establishment Branch)**
- G. Shishu Paramarshan class was started on Every Sunday from March 2026 and Garbhsanskar Classes started in Hindi Medium from July 2026. **(Dept of PNCTE)**
- H. "Majanu Vacation" Activity-Based Learning Modules for Standards I to X. The modules were subsequently circulated to schools across the State of Gujarat for implementation during the vacation period. Further, more than 330 educational video episodes covering activity-based learning for Standards I to X were recorded at BISAG-N, Gandhinagar. **(Dept of DCD)**
- I. The educational video episodes developed under the "Majanu Vacation" programme were broadcast through BISAG-N via YouTube Live, Face book Live, and Vande Gujarat Channel No. 5 from 04th May 2026 to 06th June 2026. The

programme was also streamed through the official social media platforms of Children's Research University, ensuring extensive outreach among students, teachers, and parents across the State of Gujarat.

(Dept of DCD)

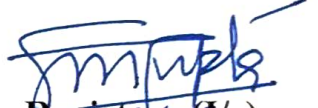
Resolution 19: All the members of the council noted the matters.

Agenda from the Chair: Nil

The Registrar-Member Secretary of the council expressed his gratitude to all the members for their gracious presence, active participation and constructive remarks during the meeting with a formal Vote of Thanks.

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