

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH UNIVERSITY, GANDHINAGAR**53rd Meeting of the Executive Council, Date: 23/02/2026****Minutes of the Meeting**

Pursuant to the Meeting Notice, 53rd meeting of the Executive Council of the Children's Research University was held in Hybrid mode on 23/02/2026 at 03:00 PM. The members of the Executive Council are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Remarks
1	Vice Chancellor, CRU	Chairperson	Present
2	The Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Higher Education	Member	Not Present
3	The Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Finance Department	Member	Not Present
4	The Commissioner of Higher Education, Gujarat State	Member	Not Present
5	Director General, CRU	Member	-
6	Dr. Bhadrayu Vachharajani, Former. Vice Chancellor, Lokbharati Uni. for Rural Innovation, Sanosara	Member	Present
7	Prof. Jayna Joshi, Professor, Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar	Member	Present Online
8	Shri. Uday Desai, President, Dr. K.R. Shroff Foundation, Ahmedabad	Member	Present Online
9	Shri. Bharat Dhokai, Director, Kutch Kalyan Sangh, Gandhidham	Member	Present Online
10	Dr. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Mahamatra, Gujarat Sahitya Akademi, Gandhinagar	Member	Present Online
11	Dr. Mahendra Chotaliya, Former Professor in Education, SP University, VV Nagar, Anand	Member	Present Online
12	Finance and Accounts Officer, CRU	Member	Present
13	Registrar, CRU	Member Secretary	Present

A seat of Director General, Children's Research University is Vacant.



Registrar
Children's Research University
Gandhinagar

After ascertaining the quorum required for the meeting, Registrar- Member Secretary welcomed all the members of the Executive Council and sought the permission from the Chairperson to start the discussion on the Agenda matters.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has welcomed august Executive Council Members and expressed his gratitude for their gracious presence and grant permitted for the discussion on the agenda matters.

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

Agenda 01: The Minutes of the 52nd Executive Council Meeting held on 6th January, 2026 is put for the confirmation along with the Action Taken Report. **(Annexure-01) (Academic Branch)**

Resolution 01: Since, there were no comments/suggestions received on the circulated Minutes of the 52nd Executive Council meeting held on 6th January 2026, the Executive council confirmed the minutes and took a note of the Action taken Report.

Agenda 02: The matter regarding a draft of the Statutes of the Children's Research University submitted to the Commissionerate of Higher Education on 27th January, 2025 was returned with the comments through email dated 13/02/2026 and the University incorporated all the necessary comments and prepared the final draft which is put for the consideration and approval. **(Annexure-02) (Academic Branch)**

Resolution 02: The members of the council reviewed and discussed each comment/suggestion received from CHE and unanimously approved the enclosed draft of justification report and a draft of statutes prepared by the University. Further, it was resolved that the University shall submit the approved Statutes to the Commissionerate of Higher Education for further approval process.

Agenda 03: The matter regarding Dr. Rajesh Chauhan, Associate Professor (History, Level 13 A) requested to apply for the post of Director (Research, Level-12), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on deputation. The matter is put for the consideration and

approval.

(Annexure-03) (Establishment Branch)

Resolution 03: The matter on the agenda discussed and approved unanimously to relieve Dr. Rajesh Chauhan, Associate Professor (History, Level 13 A) for the post of Director (Research, Level-12), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on deputation subject to approval from the State Government.

Agenda 04: The minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the IQAC held on 08/09/2025 is put before the committee for consideration and approval.

(Annexure-04) (IQAC)

Resolution 04: The minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the IQAC held on 08/09/2025 was discussed at length and approved with remarks to complete the pending tasks at the earliest such as Institutional Development Plan, CAS matters, work profile, Planning of various activities for the staff etc.

Agenda 05: A letter No. CHE/0166/01/2026 dated 29/01/2026 received from CHE regarding the special recruitment drive for PWD for additional posts. The University has been sanctioned 6 cadre and out of which presently the University has to initiate the recruitment process for 3 cadres (1 Secondary Teacher, 1 Sr. Clerk and 1 Research Assistant) and the appointment is subject to approval from the Finance Department, Govt. of Gujarat. In this context, the University seeks approval for -

1. The recruitment process,
2. To decide the subject for the recruitment of Secondary Teacher
3. Ratify the committee constituted to prepare the Recruitment Rules (RR).

(Annexure-05) (Establishment Branch)

Resolution 05: The matter was discussed at length and resolved as follows.

1. The University shall initiate the process of recruitment in context to letter no. CHE/0166/01/2026 dated 29/01/2026 received from CHE.
2. The University shall recruit Secondary Teacher in Music

(Tabla) Subject.

3. The council ratified the committee constituted to prepare the Recruitment Rules (RR).

Agenda 06: The University initiated a project called 'Bal Darshan'. Under this project, the University recruited 5 Field Assistants on contractual basis financially supported by the Pidilite Industries Limited. The University shall carry out the other expense for the said project from the University fund. The matter is put for the approval.

(Dept. of School Education)

Resolution 06: The members of the executive council noted the initiatives, appreciated the financial support provided by the Pidilite Industries Limited and approved the expenses for 'Bal Darshan' project from University fund.

Agenda 07: To consider and approve the Guidelines and conferment of the Best Child-Centric Research Award and Best Toy/TLM Award.

(Annexure-06) (Dept. of Test. & Evaluation & CoTS)

Resolution 07: The guidelines of the Best Child-Centric Research Award and Best Toy/TLM Award were discussed at length approved with resolution that the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is empowered to review the guidelines time to time and make the necessary changes in the guidelines.

Agenda 08: The following agenda are put for the information.

- A. A meeting of the University Authority with Hon'ble Minister Education was held on 21/01/2026 to discuss various projects followed by personal visit of Sh. Trikambhai Changa, Hon'ble MoS (Education) at Campus on 28/01/2026.
- B. A meeting held in chairmanship of Advisor-CMO with Principal Secretary (Education), Commissioner Higher Education and Vice Chancellor, CRU to discuss status of Statutes, 7th Pay of Admin Staff and University Campus Development on 06/02/2026. As per the directives received in the meeting, the university

submitted proposal to seek approval to initiate campus development at Sector-29 & Sector-20 campuses.

C. The Science Awareness Drive was carried out through CRU Toy Van from 8th January to 4th February 2026 in 160 school of 10 districts of Gujarat and 36,396 students participated in the programme. **(Centre of Toy Science)**

D. The University in collaboration with Kalam Innovative School, Amreli, and inspired by ANAGH Technology, launched "Technorath – Technology on Wheels". The program will reach government schools across Amreli district, engaging 15,000 students with hands-on robotics, electronics, and modern technology. Till date a total of 5000+ students were benefited. **(Centre of Toy Science)**

E. The following sponsored events were organized at the Children's Research University. **(Academic Branch)**

- I. A one-day workshop on "Current Roots of Health: Food and Nutrition in Indian Traditional Knowledge" sponsored by KCG, RUSA was held on 13/12/2025.
- II. A State-level seminar on "The Untold Stories of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel" sponsored by KCG, RUSA was held on 02/01/2026.
- III. The fourth season of the State level Under-11 Athletics Meet was organised (9th to 12th January 2026) at Surat, with the financial support of NJ Group and the presence of distinguished dignitaries. A total of 3899 students were participated in different 11 events.
- IV. A Five Days Capacity Development Program on "Capacity Building of KRPs (Key Resource Persons) on Equitable and Inclusive Education in Scheduled Caste concentrated Areas of different Regions" sponsored by NCERT for the in service Teachers of Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat region working in the minority areas from 27th to 31st January

2026.

- V. National Conference on “Indian Child Literature: History and Language” sponsored by KCG, RUSA was held on 31/01/2026.
- VI. National Seminar on “Shifting Focus from Rote Learning to Conceptual Understanding: Examination Reforms as per NEP 2020” on 01/02/2026 was sponsored by KCG, RUSA.
- VII. Teacher training program Titled “I Too Shall Become Gijubhai” at Dakshinamurti Vidyardhi Bhavan, Bhavnagar, initiated from 05/02/2026 supported by Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.
- VIII. Two-day National Conference on “History Curriculum: Current Challenges and Prospects” sponsored by ICHR on 10th & 11th Feb, 2026.
- IX. CAWACH Centre, Govt. of Gujarat, organized a National Seminar on “Cyber Awareness and Capacity Building in India” Sponsored by Guj.Govt. On 12/02/2026
- X. Budget Talk@Campus on Union Budget 2026 in collaboration with Samarpan Arts & Commerce College, was organized at the University on 13/02/2026.
- XI. A Gender Sensitization, Nutrition & PoSH Awareness Seminar under the SETU Program, in collaboration with the Gender Resource Centre, Women & Child Development Department, funded by Government of Gujarat was held on 14/02/2026 & 17/02/1026.

Resolution 08: The members of the executive council took a note of all the activities and appreciated the University initiatives.

Agenda from the Chair :

Agenda 09: The matter regarding the Pre Ph.D. and Public Defense-Final Viva Voce must be presented through the Online & Offline and the link of the same shall be shared to all the Academic and Research council

members.

Resolution 09: It was discussed and resolved that both Pre Ph.D. and Public Defense-Final Viva Voce will be shared to all the Academic and Research council members so that they could share their suggestions/observations.

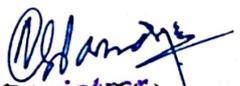
Agenda 10: The University proposes for the Ph.D. Admission (Special Call for Full Time Ph.D.).

Resolution 10: It was discussed and resolved that the University shall advertise Ph.D. Admission (Special Call for Full Time Ph.D.) for the UGC NET/JRF & GSET qualified students.

The Registrar-Member Secretary of the council expressed his gratitude to all the members for their gracious presence, active participation and constructive remarks during meeting. A meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair & members.

Date: 23/02/2026

Place: Children's Research University, Gandhinagar


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