



MINUTES OF THE NEP TASK FORCE MEETING HELD ON 22.01.2026

A meeting of the NEP-2020 Task Force was held on January 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Hall attached to Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), Rajiv Gandhi University. The following members were present:

1. Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee , Director, IQAC	Chairman
2. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar , Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences	Member (Ex-officio)
3. Dr. Sandeep Janghu , Dean i/c, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences	Member (Ex-officio)
4. Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty , Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
5. Dr. Proshanto Kr. Saha , Head, Department of Psychology	Member
6. Dr. Maibam Sanju Meetei , Head, Department of ECE & Nodal Officer, SWAYAM	Invited Member
7. Dr. N.T. Jose , Joint Registrar (academics)	Member (Ex-officio)
8. Dr. David Pertin , Joint Registrar (projects)	Invited Member
9. Dr. Upamanyu Das , Associate Professor, Department of Physics	Member
10. Dr. Manoj Kumar , Assistant Professor, Department of Law	Member
11. Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar , Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work	Convener

Other members could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

The Chairman welcomed all members and after confirming the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 10, 2025 briefed them on the meeting's agenda. After a comprehensive discussion, the committee members unanimously resolved the following with regard to each of the following Six (06) agenda items:

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I	Fourth Year of Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUP) in RGU affiliated colleges:	1.1 It was resolved that Fourth Year of FYUP (without Research) with Honours is to be conducted in affiliated colleges. 1.2 Assessment of the status and preparedness of affiliated colleges, to be coordinated through the CDC / Academic Branch. 1.3 Exit option will be available to the learners and those willing to exercise exit upon completion of three years of UG under FYUP, may apply for two-year of PG under CUET-PG.

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II	One-Year PG Programme under NEP-2020:	2.1 As per the PG guidelines of NEP 2020, students who have completed a Four-year UG programme has an option to pursue a One-year PG programme to obtain a Master's degree. 2.2 The first batch of students from the Four-year UG programme at Rajiv Gandhi University will graduate in May/June 2027. 2.3 Accordingly, the following implementation plan of the 1-year PG is proposed: a) From academic year 2027–28, all departments of RGU shall mandatorily offer one-year PG programmes. b) From academic year 2026–27, interested departments of RGU may introduce one-year PG programmes.
III	Modalities for Running One/Two- Year of PG Programmes:	3.1 Students entering the fourth year of the Four-year UG programme are aligned with the first year of the Two-year PG programme at NCrF Level 6.0. 3.2 Similarly, the One-year PG programme is aligned with the second year of the Two-year PG programme. Accordingly, the following implementation options are available: a) Option I: Combined Instruction with Independent Cohorts b) Option II: Parallel Operation of Batches c) Academic Branch to take necessary approval for running One-Year PG programmes during the next Academic Council (AC). 3.3 Option I: Combined Instruction with Independent Cohorts 3.3.1 For instructional purposes only, the first year of the PG programme will be combined with the fourth year of the UG programme, while each cohort will retain its independent identity. 3.3.2 Similarly, for teaching purposes, the second year of the two-year PG programme will be

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		combined with the one-year PG programme, without affecting the independent existence of either cohort. 3.3.3 Admissions to the PG programme shall be conducted by the University, with the intake capacity determined dynamically based on the availability of vacant seats. In view of the existing infrastructure constraints, particularly classroom seating capacity at RGU, the combined intake of the one-year PG programme and the two-year PG programme shall not exceed the current total batch strength, until infrastructure facilities are enhanced to ensure the smooth conduct of lectures and laboratory sessions. 3.4 Option II: Parallel Operation of Batches 3.4.1 Each batch shall be conducted in parallel, with no academic or instructional integration between the programmes. 3.4.2 Admissions for each batch shall be carried out independently by the University, in accordance with the pre-determined intake capacity. 3.4.3 RGU shall develop new infrastructure to accommodate the two parallel batches. 3.4.4 Matters relating to seating capacity, laboratory facilities, and consumables shall be finalized prior to the commencement of the batches
IV	UG Programme Exit Status and Certificate Templates for Multiple Exit Options:	4.1 No requests for intermediate exit have been received after completion of the first or second year of the Four-year UG programme. However, exit cases are anticipated after completion of the third year of the four-year UG programme. 4.2 While the exit policy is already in place, a standard certificate format is required. 4.3 A tentatively designed template of certificate was displayed and discussed. The revised certificate templates, based on the suggestions and observations received, will be developed and shared with the academics branch for further approval at

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		the next Academic Council. 4.4 The same format will be used for exit at NCrF Level 6.0 (after completion of the first year of the PG programme).
V	Revision of PhD Course Work Syllabi:	5.1 Departments may be requested to initiate the revision of the Ph.D. syllabus with effect from the academic year 2026–27, in order to adopt common course coding aligned with the revised UG and PG programme codes, and to enable students to opt for up to 40% of their coursework through SWAYAM/MOOCs, in accordance with UGC guidelines (PhD Regulations, 2022). 5.2 SWAYAM Nodal officers were requested to facilitate the Exam Centre related difficulty as was shared by a few Heads of Departments. It was suggested that the students to be encouraged to not provide centre options 2 and 3 as it was found to create problems with some of the learners being assigned their exam centres for SWAYAM courses (MOOCs) in remote cities and states. 5.3 Research and Development (R&D) Cell may be entrusted to develop a common guideline for PhD Course Curriculum under NEP-2020 based on UGC PhD Regulations-2022.
VI	Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP):	6.1 UGC Guideline for Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP), 2025 was discussed in the light of the facilitation and capacity building session attended by two of the Task Force Members (Dr Rajesh Chakrabarty and Dr Upamanyu Das) during November, 2025. 6.2 It was highlighted that the guidelines mandate 6-months of in-course apprenticeship of learners with industry/hospitals/NGOs/Corporate/Media Houses etc. 6.3 The aim of the policy to bridge the gap between formal education and employability was acknowledged. 6.4 It was highlighted that, as per formal discussions held during the facilitation and capacity building session (as in 6.1) with former UGC Chairman Prof. Jagadesh Kumar and others, the policy framework is merely suggestive and the institutions may develop their own implementation mechanism to meet the larger intentions of bridging the education and employment gap.

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		6.5 It was resolved that a few Departments are to be identified for implementation of the same on a pilot basis at RGU.

Since there was no other item to discuss, the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks from Dr Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Convenor of the NEP 2020 Task Force.

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