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Sub: Forwarding the copy of Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Academic Council.

Sir/Madam,

May please find herewith a copy of minutes of the 54th Academic Council Meeting of this University held on 06th April' 2026, for your kind perusal and comments, if any, please.

The comments or suggestions if any, may be communicated to the undersigned on or before 17th April' 2026.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

08/04/26

(Dr. Nani Tamang Jose)
Jt. Registrar(Acad. & Conf.)

MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON
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MINUTES OF THE 54TH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Meeting of the 54th Academic Committee was held on 06.04.2026 at 11:00 AM in the Smart Theatre, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)

The following members attended the meeting:

1.	Prof. S.K Nayak, Vice-Chancellor (Acting)	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
2.	Prof. Nani Bath, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Member (Ex-Officio)
3.	Prof. Sailajananda Saikia, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences	Member (Ex-Officio)
4.	Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Dean, Faculty of Education	Member (Ex-Officio)
5.	Prof. Oken Lego, Dean, Faculty of Languages	Member (Ex-Officio)
6.	Prof. Marpe Sora, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology	Member (Ex-Officio)
7.	Prof. Uttam Kr. Pegu, Dean, Faculty of Communication Studies & Visual & Performing Arts	Member (Ex-Officio)
8.	Prof. Sambhu Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education & Sports Sciences	Member (Ex-Officio)
9.	Prof. Sanjeeb Kumar Jena, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management	Member (Ex-Officio)
10.	Dr. Sandeep Janghu, Dean, i/c, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences	Member (Ex-officio)
11.	Dr. Topi Basar, Dean, i/c, Faculty of Law	Member (Ex-officio)
12.	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Director, IQAC	Member
13.	Prof. R.C. Parida, Head, Department of Commerce	Member
14.	Prof. Jumyir Basar, Director, i/c, AITS	Member
15.	Prof. Gibji Nimasow, Head, Department of Geography	Member
16.	Prof. Boa Reena (Tok), Head, Department of Education	Member
17.	Prof. P.K. Nayak, Head, Department of History	Member
18.	Prof. Miazi Hazam, Head, Department of English	Member
19.	Prof. Tabang Mibang, Head, Department of Political Science	Member
20.	Prof. Lijum Nochi, Head, Department of Economics	Member
21.	Prof. P.K. Kalita, Head, Department of Physics	Member
22.	Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Head, i/c, Department of Statics	Member
23.	Prof. Joram Yalam Nabam, Head, Department of Hindi	Member
24.	Dr. Devegowda S. R., Head, i/c, Department of Agricultural Economics	Member
25.	Mr. R. Rustum Zhiipao, Head, i/c, Department of Agronomy	Member
26.	Dr. Dhritiman Sarma, Head, i/c, Department of Anthropology	Member
27.	Dr. Oyi Dai (Nimasow), Head, i/c, Department of Botany	Member
28.	Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Department of Chemistry	Member
29.	Dr. Ani Taggu, Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)	Member
30.	Dr. Maibam Sanju Meetei, Head, Department of ECE	Member
31.	Dr. Md. Nawaz Khan, Head, Department of Mass Communication	Member
32.	Dr. Bhabesh Deka, Head, Department of Entomology	Member
33.	Dr. Deependra Rajoriya, Head, i/c, Department of Food Technology	Member
34.	Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, Head, i/c, Department of Geology	Member
35.	Dr. Neeraj Kumar Vasistha, Head, i/c, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding	Member
36.	Dr. Arindam Barman, Head, Department of Horticulture	Member
37.	Dr. Sankar Thappa, Head, Department of Management	Member
38.	Dr. Dakjum Eshi, Head, i/c, Department of Mathematics	Member
39.	Dr. Bikash Bage, Head, Department of Sociology	Member
40.	Dr. Yashi Umbrey, Head, i/c, Department of Plant Pathology	Member
41.	Dr. Sagolshem Kalidas Singh, Head, i/c, Department of Soil Sciences & Agricultural Chemistry	Member
42.	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Jena, Head, i/c, Dept. of Library & Information Science	Member
43.	Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Head, Department of Social Work	Member

44.	Dr. M. Q. Khan, Principal, DNGC, Itanagar	Member (Online)
45.	Dr. H. L. Kushwaha, Principal Scientist, Agricultural Engineering, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Member (Online)
46.	R.S. Dubey, former Vice-Chancellor, CUG, Gujarat	Member (Online)
47.	Dr. Hemantajit Gogoi, Head, i/c, Dept. of Sports Biomechanics	Member
48.	Dr. K. Rojeet Singh, Head, i/c, Dept. of Sports Physiology	Member
49.	Mr. Arindam Chakrabarty, Department of Management	Member
50.	Dr. NRV Gowripathi Rao, Head, i/c, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
51.	Dr. Kakoli Goswami, Head (i/c), Department of Psychology	Member
52.	Dr. Samir Bhaduri, Head, i/c, Department of Law	Member
53.	Dr. Sangey Tsering, Head, i/c, Department of Sports Strength & Conditioning	Special Invitee
54.	Dr. David Pertin, Controller of Examinations, i/c	Special Invitee
55.	Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference)	Secretary (Ex-Officio)
56.	Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar	

The other members were unable to attend the meeting due to their prior academic commitments. Accordingly, leave of absence was granted to them.

With due permission from the Chairman, the meeting was initiated by Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic/Conference), and set the proceedings in motion.

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar and Secretary (Ex-Officio), extended a very warm welcome to all members attending the meeting, both in physical and online modes. He expressed special appreciation to Dr. H.L. Kushwaha, Prof. R.S. Dubey, external members for attending the meeting in person.

Dr. Rikam emphasized the importance of active and meaningful participation from all members and urged them to engage in constructive deliberations to effectively address the agenda items tabled for discussion in the meeting.

Prof. S.K. Nayak encouraged all members to engage in fruitful and meaningful deliberations on each of the agenda items to arrive at the conclusive decisions in the best interest of the institution.

The following Agenda items were being placed before the 52nd meeting of the Academic Council for perusal, discussion and decision/recommendation:

SL. NO.	THE AGENDA ITEM
AC54.01	To confirm the Minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.11.2025. The Council noted that the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council were circulated amongst the members. No comments have been received so far. A copy of the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council was placed at Annexure-1. **Decision: The Council confirmed the minutes.**

AC:54.02	To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision of the 53rd meeting of the Academic Council held on 28.11.2025. The Council noted the Action Taken Report (ATR), which was placed at Annexure-2 for perusal and consideration. **Decision: The Council confirmed the ATR.**
AC:54.03	To consider changes in wording and format of MBBS Degree Certificate. The Council noted that a meeting of the Committee was held on 18.02.2026 under Chairman Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Director, IQAC to review the wording and format of MBBS Degree Certificate. The minutes was placed at Annexure-03. **Decision: The Council perused the minutes of the meeting and approved the replacement of the word "qualified" with "awarded" in the MBBS Degree Certificate, along with inclusion of the name of the Institute, i.e. Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS). Accordingly, the Council approved the revised wording and format of the Certificate.** **Further, the Council also approved that the same pattern shall be followed while issuing the certificates to students in respect of all affiliated colleges/institutes under Rajiv Gandhi University.**
AC:54.04	To consider the proposals – (i) Ph.D. Guidelines/Research proposal guidelines and (ii) conduct Ph.D. Viva-Voice in Physical mode. The Council noted that the Faculty Board of Studies (FBS), Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Commerce and Management has submitted minutes of meetings to consider Ph.D. Guidelines for Research proposal and guidelines Relating to writing Dissertation/Thesis/Synopsis/ Dissertation for Master's and Doctorate of Philosophy and conduct of Ph.D. Viva-Voice in physical. The guidelines for both the faculties have placed at Annexure-04. **Decision: The Council discussed the matter at length and approved the same in principle. However, the Dean of the concerned Faculty is requested to submit, within one week, a detailed proposal clearly indicating the proposed changes in comparison with the proposal approved earlier and submitted by the then Dean of the concerned Faculty, for administrative convenience.** **The matter regarding the conduct of the Ph.D. Viva-Voce in physical mode was discussed, and it was decided that the University shall write to the Ministry of Education/UGC seeking guidance along with an estimated budgetary provision in this regard. A committee shall be constituted to examine the budgetary implications and re-examine the issue. Until a**

	final decision is taken, both online and offline modes of Ph.D. Viva-Voce shall be permitted, depending on the convenience of the external examiner/expert.
AC:54.05	To consider exemption of Ph.D. course work. The Council noted that Mr. Talom Taloh, Ph.D. research scholar, Department of Geography, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), was previously enrolled in the Ph.D. programme in the Department of Geography at RGU but discontinued the programme due to personal reasons. During that period, he had completed the prescribed course work. He has now been selected/qualified for registration as a Ph.D. scholar once again. The application of Mr. Talom Taloh was placed at Annexure-05. **Decision: The Council perused the matter and rejected the application for exemption from Ph.D. course work.**
AC:54.06	To consider Ph.D. Programme in the Department of Library and Information Science. A meeting of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Jena, Head (i/c) to consider Ph.D. Programme in the Department of Library and Information Science has been received. The minutes of the meeting placed at Annexure-06. **Decision: The Council thoroughly discussed the matter and decided that, administratively, a committee shall be constituted to examine the proposal, drawing analogy from the Central Universities as well as reputed State Universities where Librarians are permitted to guide Ph.D. scholars. The report of the Committee shall be placed before the Academic Council for deliberation.**
AC:54.07	Approval for seat allocation and minor correction. The Council noted that the Minutes of the Departmental Research Committee received from the Department of Horticulture, regarding minor correction for the replacement of word "degree nomenclatures" in place of "specialization" in the Notification issued by the university vide No. AC-4288/Horti./2023/386 dated 21.06.2024 as per the guidelines of the ICAR, New Delhi. The Council further noted that revised seat allocation in M. Sc. (Hort) in Vegetable Sciences and Fruit Science as per the ICAR Guidelines. The minutes of the meeting was placed at Annexure-07. **Decision: The Academic Council thoroughly discussed the matter and approved the same.**

AC:54.08	To consider permanent affiliation to Denning College of Teacher Education, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh. The Council noted that the Principal, Denning College of Teacher Education, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for permanent Affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. T. Lhungdim, visited the college for verification and submitted its report with recommendation for permanent affiliation subject to review of its development after every three/five years. The report was placed at Annexure-08. **Decision: The Council perused the report of the Committee and observed that the report is not in accordance with the prescribed format and is therefore incomplete. Accordingly, the Council requested the Chairman of the Committee to resubmit the report in the prescribed format. The matter shall remain in abeyance until the revised report is received.**
AC:54.09	To approve Minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Board of Management of the Centre for Distance and Online Education, RGU. The Council noted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Management, submitted by the Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education. The minutes was placed at Annexure-09. **Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.**
AC:54.10	To approve the minutes of the NEP Task Force meeting held on 22.01.2026. The Council note that Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Director, IQAC has submitted the minutes of meeting of NEP Task Force regarding effective implementation of NEP 2020. The minutes of meeting was placed at Annexure-10. **Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.**
AC:54.11	To decide conversion to introduce 4 years BA, B.Ed., ITEP (Secondary stage) at Denning College of Teachers Education, Tezu. The Council noted that a letter has been received from the Chairman, Denning College for Teacher Education, Tezu, Arunachal regarding transit/conversion 04 years B.A, B.Ed, Secondary Stage (ITEP) as per NEP 2020. The letter was placed at Annexure-11. **Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.**
AC:54.12	To consider Ph.D. Supervisorships. The Council noted the Minutes of the following Faculty Boards of Studies and DRCs: 1. The Faculty Board of Studies (FBS) and Departmental Research Committee (DRC) meeting minutes received from the Department of Law Dr. Abhay

	Kumar, Assistant Professor, for considering as Ph. D. Supervisor as he fulfills eligibility criteria. 2. The Faculty Board of Studies (FBS) meeting minutes received from the Dept. of History. Dr. Oinam Premchand, Assistant Professor for considering as Ph.D. Supervisor. The Minutes of the DRCs were placed at Annexure-12. **Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.**
AC:54.13	To consider Ph.D. Co-Supervisorship. The Council noted the following proposals to act as Ph.D. Co-Supervisor: 1. The Faculty Board of Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences received two applications from Dr. Ratna Tayeng, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, DNGC, Itanagar and Dr. Apilang Apum, Assistant Professor (S-II), JNC, Pasighat, for recognition as co-supervisors in respective Departments. Their cases were perused by the FBS and it was found that the RGU ordinance is not clear about the allocation of Co-Supervisor in the affiliated colleges. 2. The Faculty Board of Studies accepted Prof Sarit K. Chaudhuri for consideration of his name as Co-Supervisor of Ms. Jambey Chotten, research scholar, Dept. of Anthropology. 3. The Faculty Board of Studies, Faculty of Languages accepted Ms. Tokpet Pertin and Ms. Tumbom Riba for consideration Ph.D. Co-Supervisor in the Dept. of Hindi. The proposals were placed at Annexure-13. **Decision: The Academic Council discussed the matter and approved the proposal placed at Sl. No. 2, while for the remaining proposals (Sl. No. 1 & 3), a Committee shall be constituted to re-examine them in accordance with UGC rules.**
AC:54.14	To ratify implementation of enhanced revised rates of remuneration for Paper Setting, Moderation, Evaluation, Tabulation and other confidential works and to conduct CUET/RGUCET for M.P.Ed. Programme from Academic Session 2026-27. The office order was placed at Annexure-14. **Decision: The Council perused and approved in principle.**

Any other items with the permission of the Chairman.

(i) To approve the new programme/course – Executive Master's Public Policy and Governance' under the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE).

The Council noted the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board of Management, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) under Item No. BOB:53:01 for introduction of new programme – Executive Master's Public Policy and Governance" as stated in the point Nos. 1-7 in detailed.

Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.

AC:54.15

(ii) To pursue the matter for the newly introduced the Sociology in the three affiliated colleges.

The Council noted the letter received from the Arunachal Sociological Forum (ASF), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, requesting expeditious action by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to assess the academic, infrastructural, and human resources requirements of the three (3) Government Colleges—(i) D.N. Government College, Itanagar; (ii) Government College, Doimukh; and (iii) Dorjee Khandu Government College, Tawang - where the Department of Sociology has been introduced vide Notification No. THE-17/16/2021 dated 8th March 2025. The Head, Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University informed the Council that no visible progress has been made by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in respect of these three Government Colleges after the introduction of Sociology as a subject.

Decision: The Council perused the matter and suggested that the University shall write to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to expedite necessary action in respect of infrastructure, manpower, and academic initiation to align with mandatory requirements of NEP-2020 for introducing various multi-disciplinary programme/subject in the aforesaid Government Colleges.

(iii) Modification in Syllabus/Papers in the Department of Commerce.

The Council noted the Minutes of Internal Board of Studies (Bos), Department of Commerce regarding the modifications in syllabus/papers.

Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.

(iv) To allow ITEP students to appear for one/two semesters in an additional elective subject in the Department of Education.

The Council noted the letter received from Prof. Boa Reena (Tok), Head, Department of Education.

Decision: The Council perused the matter and observed that it had not been routed through the Departmental Board of Studies (DBS) / Faculty Board of Studies (FBS). Therefore, the Council suggested that the matter be routed through the DBS/FBS first.

(v) Fixation of sports fees for university and its affiliated college and remittance to the university account.

The Council noted the note received from the ADPE regarding the Fixation of sports fees for university and its affiliated college and remittance to the university account. The university is currently spends approximately Rs. 15,000/- per student for participation in AIU-organized events. As recommended in the first meeting of the Rajiv Gandhi University Sports Board, the present rate of collection of sports fee is Rs. 15/- per student. Hence, it is proposed that at least 20% of the sports fees collected from students of the affiliated colleges may be remitted to the university account to reduce the financial burden on the university exchequer in the coming years. The minutes of the Rajiv Gandhi University Sports Board was placed at Annexure-A.

Decision: The Council perused the matter and referred it to the University Fee Revision Committee for deliberation.

(vi) To approve the course structures for MA Yoga Programme and M.P.Ed. Programme and Sports Outreach Programme (Sports Academies)

The Council noted the letters along with the course structures submitted by the Head, Department of Physical Education, for the M.A. Yoga Programme, M.P.Ed. Programme, and Sports Outreach Programme (Sports Academies), and observed that the same had not been routed through the NEP Task Force.

Decision: The Council perused the matter and approved it in principle, with the suggestion that the proposal shall be routed through the NEP Task Force as per the established practice of the University.

(vii) To approve the Admission Bulletin (2026-27)

The Council noted the Admission Bulletin (2026–2027) and observed that it had not been circulated to all concerned for perusal and suggestions, if any.

		Decision: The Council suggested that the same be circulated to all concerned for their perusal and suggestions, if any, and thereafter be approved administratively.
	(viii)	To approve the revision of fee structure for the Department of Fine Arts & Music regarding practical-based subject classification. **Decision: The Council perused and decided to withdraw it.**
	(ix)	To approve the partial modification on the revised syllabi of the Department of Geography. **Decision: The Council perused and approved the same.**

Finally, it was decided that no item shall be placed under any circumstances unless the proposal has first been duly examined and approved in the concerned file through the prescribed administrative process.

As there was no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks from Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference).

(Dr. N.T. Rikam)
Registrar-cum-Ex-Officio