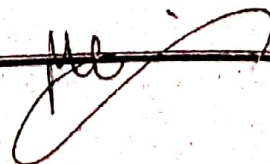


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The 37th Meeting of the Academic Council was held 30.03.2022 at 2:30 p.m. (in blended mode) in the Smart Theatre of Department of Computer Science & Engineering.

The following esteemed members attended the meeting:

Sl.No.	Name	Position
1.	Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor, RGU	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
2.	Prof. Tana Showren, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Member (Ex-Officio)
3.	Prof. R.C. Parida, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management	Member(Ex-Officio)
4.	Prof. Oken Lego, Dean, Faculty of Languages	Member(Ex-Officio)
5.	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, IT & E and Tech.	Member(Ex-Officio)
6.	Prof. S.K. Patnaik, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences	Member(Ex-Officio)
7.	Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dean, Faculty of Education	Member(Ex-Officio)
8.	Prof. Sumpam Tangiang, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences	Member(Ex-Officio)
9.	Prof. Kh. Kabi, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology	Member (Ex-Officio)
10.	Prof. Sahin Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology	Member (Ex-Officio)
11.	Prof. H.S. Yadav, Director, NERIST, Nirjull	Member
12.	Prof. P.K. Panigrahi, Coordinator, Dept. of National Security Studies	Member
13.	Prof. Tomo Riba, Head, Dept. of Geography	Member
14.	Prof. S.K. Chaudhuri, Head, Dept. of Anthropology	Member
15.	Prof. D.N. Das, Head, Dept. of Zoology	Member
16.	Prof. R.K. Singh, Head, Dept. of Botany	Member
17.	Prof. Sanjeeb Kr. Jena, Dept. of Commerce	Member
18.	Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee, Head, Dept. of Computer Sc. & Engineering	Member
19.	Prof. Vandana Upadhyay, Head, Dept. of Economics	Member
20.	Prof. (Mrs.) Kesang Degi, Head, Dept. of Education	Member
21.	Prof. Shyam Shankar Singh, Head, Dept. of Hindi	Member
22.	Prof. P.K. Acharya, Dept. of Education	Member
23.	Prof. Sailajananda Saikia, Dept. of Geography	Member
24.	Dr. Marpe Sora, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering	Member
25.	Prof. S.K. Nayak, Director, College Development Council	Member
26.	Prof. P.K. Nayak, Head (i/c), Dept. of History	Member
27.	Prof. Jumyir Basar, Director, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies	Member
28.	Prof. P.K. Kalita, Head, Dept. of Physics	Member
29.	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Head, Dept. of English	Member
30.	Prof. N.N. Hina, Head, Dept. of Political Science	Member
31.	Prof. Uttam Kumar Pegu, Dept. of Mass Communications	Member
32.	Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry	Member
33.	Dr. Topi Basar, Head, Dept. of Law	Member
34.	Dr. Sankar Thappa, Head, Dept. of Management	Member
35.	Dr. Maibam Sanju Meetei, Head i/c, Dept. of ECE	Member
36.	Dr. Sambhu Prasad, Head, Dept. of Physical Education	Member

37.	Dr. Chandra Sekaran. M., Head i/c, Dept. of Geology	Member
38.	Dr. Nilpen Saikia, Head i/c, Dept. of Mathematics	Member
39.	Dr. S.K. Kalhotra, Dept. of Education	Member
40.	Mr. Ashok Barman, Head i/c, Dept. of Music & Fine Arts	Member
41.	Dr. (Mrs.) Dharmeshwari Lourembam, Head i/c, Dept. of Psychology	Member
42.	Dr. Shashank Yadav, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology	Member
43.	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head (i/c), Dept. of Social Work	Member
44.	Ms. Teli Yamil Dept. of Mass Communication	Member
45.	Dr. Kangki Megu, Principal, Govt. of College, Tezu	Member
46.	Prof. Otem Padung, Finance Officer / Faculty of Department of Commerce	Special Invitee
47.	Dr. Bijay Raji, Controller of Examinations	Special Invitee
48.	Dr. David Pertin, Joint Registrar (Acad. & Conf.	Invitee
49.	Dr. Nabam Tadar Rikam, Registrar, RGU	Secretary (Ex-Officio)

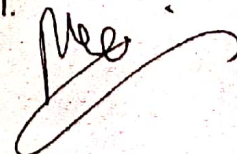
Chairing the 37th Meeting of the Academic Council, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor greeted all the members and invited the Registrar for a formal welcome address and opening remarks on the meeting.

Extending his warm welcome to all the esteemed members of the Academic Council, Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar informed them that the 37th Meeting is being called to take up a very vital and pressing important issue pertaining to the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) at UG and PG level. CUET is being implemented as it has been envisaged in NEP 2020. A series of communications have been received from UGC and NTA for its implementation from the forthcoming academic session 2022-23. The issue/matter is placed before the 37th Meeting of the Academic Council for detail and elaborate discussion and decision thereof to be communicated to the UGC forthwith.

Elaborating on the issue, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that UGC has entrusted the NTA to conduct the CUET for which the portal is being opened on 02.04.2022. He further clarified that the details including schedule for PG and Ph. D, courses are yet to come from UGC or NTA. He called upon the members to come up with meaningful feedback/suggestion keeping in view the interest of the local people and the state of Arunachal Pradesh but in tune with national policy/interest. The agenda item was placed and deliberated, as under:

AC:37:01: To discuss on the adoption of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for UG and PG programmes in Rajiv Gandhi University.

The AC noted that a public notice issued by the UGC on 21.03.2022 is in receipt, stating the conduct of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission in Undergraduate programs from the academic session 2022-2023 in all UGC funded Central Universities by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The CUET is likely to be adopted by the State/Private/Deemed to be Universities also in due course. The NTA is all set to make available the Application for CUET UG from the 02.04.2022. The notice was placed as Annexure-I.



The notice further reads that, a large number of Central Universities have also confirmed their participation in the CUET- 2022 for various PG programs. The NTA had also issued a Public Notice covering the examination structure and broad features of CUET(UG)-2022 on 26.3.2022. The NTA notice was placed as **Annexure-II**.

Since all the central universities of North East region (except Sikkim University) have joined the CUET for admission from the academic session 2022-2023, RGU also needs to explore the possibilities of adopting.

It may be pertinent to mention that, a committee headed by senior Professor of the University Prof. PK Panigrahi, HoD NSS was constituted vide office notification No. AC-56/OAS-RGUCET/2022(Vol-II), dated 23 February, 2022 to look into the interest of local domiciles of state for admission to various courses and also to study the pros and cons on adoption of the CUET by RGU was held on 17 March, 2022. The minutes of the meeting of the said committee was placed as **Annexure-III**.

Further, a letter was received from UGC vide D.O. No. 2-17/2022 (CPP-II) dated 27th March 2022 regarding the CUET for UG Programmes. The same was placed as **Annexure-IV**.

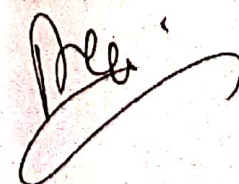
Earlier also a meeting of all the Dean of Faculties along with the key functionaries of the university was conducted. The same was placed as **Annexure-V**.

Another consultative meeting was held on 24th March, 2022, where two representative Principals of affiliated colleges were also invited to attend to discuss on the CUET in Arunachal Pradesh perspective. The minutes of the meeting of the said committee was placed as **Annexure-VI**.

The matter got discussed at Department Council level also and the Academic Council members who are HoDs/Directors/Coordinators of various Departments and Institutes shared their view points on behalf of the respective Department Councils during the meeting.

In this line, the members actively participated in the decision and after threadbare deliberation on the matter, the AC unanimously resolved as follows:

1. **The University shall participate in the CUET for admission in UG programmes run in the university campus from the academic session 2022-23 by maintaining the existing reservation policy of the university.**



2. The University shall provide only 20% (open category) of seats to the CUET/NTA for admission in UG programmes, as under:
- a. BFA
 - b. BMUS
 - c. BPED
 - d. B. Sc. Agriculture
 - e. B. Sc. Geology

However, it was decided that in case of BCA and B. Ed., the existing norms of NCTE and AICTE shall be followed by the university for admission in UG.

3. Regarding UG admission at affiliated colleges, RGU will convey the State Government to formulate and decide the modus operandi as the matter is under their purview.
4. The University shall also participate in the CUET for admission in PG Programmes but RGU shall seek a window period of one academic session to prepare itself to cope up with the new system.
5. The University shall communicate the UGC/MoE/NTA for the participation in CUET (UG) from the academic session 2022-23.

AC:37:02:

Any other Item

- a. Date of admission of Ph. D. Students

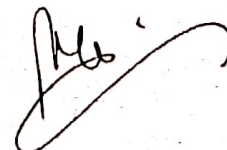
The AC deliberated on the matter and it was resolved that the date of registration of a Ph. D. student will be from the date of admission and not from the acceptance of synopsis which has been maintained till date. However, this will effect retrospectively.

- b. Establishment of Constituent College in the University Campus

The AC deliberated on the matter at length and approved in principle the establishment of Constituent College of Sciences in the University Campus offering the following programmes:

- i. Physics
- ii. Chemistry
- iii. Mathematics
- iv. Statistics

However, a Committee shall be constituted to work out the modalities of the constituent college.



c. Approval of the New Courses

The AC deliberated on the matter and approved in principle the start of three new courses in the university, as under:

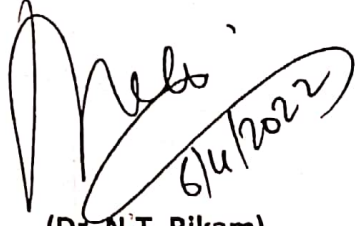
- i. B. Sc. Nursing
- ii. B. Pharma
- iii. B. Sc. Microbiology

A Committee shall be constituted to work on the modus operandi of running the courses.

d. Change of Nomenclature of Faculty of Information Technology

The AC deliberated on the matter and it was decided to constitute a Committee involving the concerned Department/Faculty to come up with concrete proposal on the matter.

The 37th Meeting of the Academic Council ended with a formal Vote of Thanks from Dr. David Pertin, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference). He thanked all the members for their active participation and meaningful discussion.


(Dr. N.T. Rikam)
Registrar