



# RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

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Arunachal Pradesh

## MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Hall of the University.

The following members attended the meeting;

| Sl.No. | Name  | Position              |
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| 01     | Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor, RGU                                      | Chairman (Ex-Officio) |
| 02     | Prof. Sudhir Kumar Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU                 | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 03     | Prof. Rachob Taba, Dean, Faculty of Education & Languages, RGU                  | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 04     | Prof. Tasi Kaye, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, RGU                    | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 05     | Prof. Harish Kr. Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Languages, RGU                        | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 06     | Prof. R.K. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, RGU                           | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 07     | Prof. Pradip Kr. Kalita, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, IT & E and Tech., RGU | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 08     | Prof. Nandini C. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, RGU            | Member(Ex-Officio)    |
| 09     | Prof. Shyam Narayan Singh, Dept. of History, RGU                                | Member                |
| 10     | Prof. Nani Bath, Dept. of Political Science, RGU                                | Member                |
| 11     | Mr. Moji Riba, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU                                 | Member                |
| 12     | Mr. S. Khandu, Principal, Govt. College, Bomdila                                | Member                |
| 13     | Prof. Ashan Riddi, Director, Institute of Distance Edu., RGU                    | Member                |
| 14     | Prof. Jumyir Basar, Director i/c, Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, RGU    | Member                |
| 15     | Prof. H. Vokendro S, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, RGU                           | Member                |
| 16     | Dr. Hui Tag, Head, Dept. of Botany, RGU   | Member                |
| 17     | Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty, Head, Dept. of Chemistry, RGU                           | Member                |
| 18     | Prof. Otem Padung, Head, Dept. of Commerce, RGU                                 | Member                |
| 19     | Mr. Ani Taggu, Head, Dept. of Computer Sc. & Engineering, RGU                   | Member                |

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| 20 | Prof. Sushanta Kr. Nayak, Head, Dept. of Economics, RGU              | Member                 |
| 21 | Prof. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Hangsing, Head, Dept. of Education, RGU       | Member                 |
| 22 | Mr. Jagdeep Rahul, Head i/c, Dept. of Elec. & Comm. Engin., RGU      | Member                 |
| 23 | Dr. K.C. Mishra, Head, Dept. of English, RGU                         | Member                 |
| 24 | Prof. (Mrs.) Kiran Kumari, Head, Dept. of Geography, RGU             | Member                 |
| 25 | Dr. Anwarul Alam Laskar, Head i/c, Dept. of Geology, RGU             | Member                 |
| 26 | Prof. (Mrs.) Sarah Hilaly, Head, Dept. of History, RGU               | Member                 |
| 27 | Prof. Oken Lego, Head, Dept. of Hindi, RGU                           | Member                 |
| 28 | Mr. Arindam Garg, Head, Dept. of Management, RGU                     | Member                 |
| 29 | Prof. Kh. Kabi, Head, Dept. of Mass Communication, RGU               | Member                 |
| 30 | Prof. Sahin Ahmed, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, RGU                   | Member                 |
| 31 | Mr. Ashok Barman, Head i/c, Dept. of Music & Fine Arts, RGU          | Member                 |
| 32 | Dr. Sambhu Prasad, Head i/c, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU        | Member                 |
| 33 | Dr. Upamanyu Das, Head i/c, Dept. of Physics, RGU                    | Member                 |
| 34 | Prof. PK Panigrahi, Head, Dept. of Political Science, RGU            | Member                 |
| 35 | Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work, RGU   | Member                 |
| 36 | Mr. Bikash Bage, Head i/c, Dept. of Sociology, RGU                   | Member                 |
| 37 | Prof. (Mrs.) Jharna Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of Zoology, RGU         | Member                 |
| 38 | Prof. Amitava Mitra, Director, IQAC, RGU                             | Special Invitee        |
| 39 | Prof. Nabam Nakha Hina, Director, College Development Council, RGU   | Invitee                |
| 40 | Prof. Hirendra Nath Sarma, Coordinator, Centre for Biodiversity, RGU | Invitee                |
| 41 | Mr. Punyo Chobin, Dept. of Fine Arts, RGU                            | Invitee                |
| 42 | Dr. David Pertin, Jt. Registrar (Acad. & Conf.), RGU                 | Invitee                |
| 43 | Prof. Tomo Riba, Registrar i/c, RGU                                  | Secretary (Ex-Officio) |

**AC:23:01** To confirm the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2018

The AC noted that the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council were circulated amongst the members and no comments have been received so far.

The AC confirmed the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2018.

**AC:23:02** To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision(s) of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 29 November, 2018.

The AC accepted the Action Taken Report on the decision(s) of the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on 29.11.2018. However, while reviewing the ATR on 22<sup>nd</sup> AC meeting, it was resolved that;

- i) Regarding ATR of 22<sup>nd</sup> AC vide item No. AC:22:11 regarding sorting out of anomaly pertaining to Ph.D ordinance, it was decided to constitute a committee to look into the matter and with regard to ordinance, analogy of other CUs shall be obtained and incorporate required modification in the PhD Ordinance.

**AC:23:03** Permission to start MPhil Programme in English from the coming academic session 2019-20 at the Dept. of English, RGU and approval of Syllabi thereof.

The AC noted that the Departmental Research Committee in English, RGU has proposed to start M.Phil Course from the Academic Session 2018-19 with an Intake Capacity of 5 seats.

The AC further noted that the minutes of the DRC and the proposal was placed in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the AC held on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2018, wherein, the AC noted and decided that BPGS in English shall prepare the syllabi for M.Phil course and it should be placed in the next AC meeting for approval. Accordingly it was placed to the 23<sup>rd</sup> AC.

The AC perused and approved the syllabi for M.Phil course and also approved the start of M.Phil programme in English from the next Academic Session 2019-20.

**AC:23:04:** To approve for conducting entrance examinations for admission to all PG and UG courses and programmes before the commencement of Summer Vacation 2019.

The AC noted that in reference to a decision taken in the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2018 vide item No. AC:22:17, that, the entrance examination for B.Ed program shall be conducted in the month of April 2019. On the same line, the competent authority of the University desires that entrance test for all other courses and programmes may also be conducted before the commencement of Summer Vacation in the month of April/May 2019.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:05** To create Examination Centre(s) for RGU Entrance Test:

The AC noted that Vice-Chancellor of the University desires that there may be two more Examination Centres to be created apart from the RGU centre for the smooth conduct of entrance tests for all courses and programmes being offered in RGU. It also noted that RGU administration shall depute competent officers, faculty and officials for the purpose and also shall work in consultation with the proposed centres.



Existing Centre: RGU

Proposed Centres: (1) JNC, Pasighat and

(2) Guwahati (preferably at GU or at IIT Guwahati).

The AC deliberated on the matter and decided to create 4 more Exam Centres apart from RGU, including one at Cotton University, Guwahati for conducting RGU Entrance Tests.

**AC:23:06 Question Banks for all Entrance Tests:**

The AC noted that there shall be Question Banks for all the programmes to be used in upcoming Entrance Tests. Experts from every Department shall be shortlisted for preparing question bank. The assignment shall be remunerative in nature as a token of encouragement and for more accountability of the question setters.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:07 Proposal for introduction of OMR Sheet System for all Entrance Tests:**

The AC noted that Optical Mark Recognition or Reader (OMR) Sheet system shall be introduced for all the programmes from the upcoming Entrance Tests. Separate Firms with proven expertise in OMR Sheet Printing and Reading shall be engaged maintaining top confidentiality. The assignments shall be pursued under the direct supervision of the Controller of Examinations, RGU.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:08 To enhance the Rate of Prospectus and Entrance Test fee**

The AC noted that the Competent Authority desires that the price of Prospectus with Admission Form and Entrance test be increased from Rs. 400 to Rs. 500. The enhancement is proposed keeping in view the expected rise in expenditure in the conduct of Entrance tests and opening of new centres.

The AC deliberated on the matter and decided not to enhance the fee and kept it unchanged i.e. Rs. 400/- only as the whole fee for RGUCET. Further, it was decided that;

- i) RGUCET application shall be fully online
- ii) Prospectus will be available in downloadable format

**AC:23:09 To recognize the eligible faculty members of RGU as PhD Supervisors**

The AC noted that the 37<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 11/03/2019 has recommended for approving the proposals of recognition by the Academic Council vide item No. RB.37:E.

Further it noted that the following faculty members of RGU have requisite research and teaching experiences to guide research scholars to PhD degrees;

| Sl. No. | Name of the proposed supervisors | Designation         | Department/ Institute |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 01      | Dr. Satya Prakash Paul           | Assistant Professor | Hindi                 |
| 02      | Dr. Kshetrimayum Rojeet Singh    | Assistant Professor | Physical Education    |
| 03      | Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta          | Assistant Professor | English               |
| 04      | Dr. Shashank Yadav               | Assistant Professor | Sociology             |

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| 05 | Dr. Dwipen Kakaty | Assistant Professor | Chemistry -- |
| 06 | Dr. Anamika Yadav | Assistant Professor | Education    |

The AC perused and approved the proposal to recognize the above mentioned faculty members of RGU as PhD Supervisors with retrospective effect.

**AC:23:10** To recognize the following to act as PhD Co-Supervisor in RGU

The AC noted that the following faculty members from different institutions are hereby proposed to act as Co-Supervisor(s) to guide research scholars to PhD degree in the Dept. of Hindi and Zoology, RGU:

| Sl. No. | Name of the proposed supervisors          | University/Institute                                     | Department/ Institute where to be engaged |
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| 01      | Dr. E. Vijay Lakshmi, Assistant Professor | Manipur University, Imphal                               | Hindi                                     |
| 02      | Dr. Axel Brockmann                        | National Centre for Biological Sciences, TIFR, Bangalore | Zoology                                   |
| 03      | Dr. Y. Rajashekhar, Scientist-C           | IBSD, DBT, Govt. of India                                | Zoology                                   |

The AC also noted that the 37<sup>th</sup> Research Board meeting held on 11/03/2019 has recommended for approving the proposals of recognition by the Academic Council vide item No. RB.37:E.

The AC perused and approved the proposal to recognize the aforementioned faculty members of different institutions as PhD Co-Supervisor(s).

**AC:23:11** To approve the minor modifications carried out on the course structures and Syllabi of PhD in English.

The AC noted that Dr. K.C. Mishra, HoD cum Chairman of the BPGS (English) has submitted the slightly modified syllabi of PhD in English after making necessary amendments through the meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb., 2019.

The AC perused and approved the modified syllabi of PhD in English.

**AC:23:12** To approve the minor modifications carried out on the course structures and Syllabi of BCA, MCA and M.Tech courses under CSE.

The AC noted that the syllabi for Bachelor in Computer Application (BCA), Master in Computer Application (MCA) and Master in Technology (M.Tech) have been prepared by the BUGS and BPGS (Locally by the Department of CSE) on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The modification falls under normal 10% modification provision kept basically for carrying out reorganization and to introduce new and emerging fields.

The AC perused and approved the modified syllabi of BCA, MCA and M.Tech courses under CSE.

Further, it was decided that the Department of ECE may also carry-out/incorporate modification in their course structure and syllabi in tune with AICTE.

**AC:23:13 Permission to establish a Centre for Advanced Research**

The AC noted that as per the discussion held in a Departmental Meeting, the Department of Physics is proposing to establish a Centre for Advanced Research.

The AC perused and approved the proposal to establish Centre for Advanced Research under the Department of Physics.

**AC:23:14 Proposal to introduce Post Graduate Course in the Department of Fine Arts and Music**

The AC noted that a meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019 at the office chamber of the Director, AITS Prof. Simon John and faculty members of the Department of Fine Arts & Music. The members felt that PG courses may be introduced in the Department of Fine Arts and Music from the Academic Session 2020-2021.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal to introduce PG courses in the Department of Fine Arts and Music from the Academic Session 2020-21.

**AC:23:15 Proposal for creation of Faculty of Performing and Fine Arts**

The AC noted that the competent authority of the University desires to create a new Faculty in the name and style of Faculty of Performing and Fine Arts to accommodate two budding departments viz; Dept. of Music and the Dept. of Fine Arts.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal for creation of Faculty of Performing and Fine Arts to accommodate the Department of Music and Fine Arts.

**AC:23:16 To propose bifurcating Dept. of Fine Arts and Music into two departments**

The AC noted that endorsing the recommendation from the Coordinator and faculty members from the dept. of Fine Arts and Music, the competent authority of the University proposes the bifurcation of the Dept. of Fine Arts and Music to two separate department namely; (1) Dept. of Fine Arts and (2) Dept. of Music.

The AC discussed and approved the proposal to bifurcate the Dept of Fine and Music as i) Department of Fine Arts, and ii) Dept. of Music as two separate Departments.

**AC:23:17 To start PG programme in Tribal Studies under Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies from the academic session 2019-20.**

The AC noted that in reference to a discussion of the Vice-Chancellor held with Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, on the matter, that, the Academic Council of Rajiv Gandhi University in its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting held on July 31, 2012 had made a resolution vide Item No. AC:08:32 to start the PG programme in Tribal Studies under Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies from the academic session 2013-14, but it didn't started till date.

In this regard, the concerned Director of the Institute has been alerted to initiate necessary steps to start the said course from the next academic session (2019-2020).

The AC perused and approved the proposal to start PG programme in Tribal Studies under AITS from the Academic Session 2019-20. However, the competent authority will examine whether there was any serious lapse /error on the part of the Institute, causing undue delay in starting the programme from the Academic Session 2013-14.

**AC:23:18 Extension and continuation of CPEPA (Biodiversity)-II**

The AC noted that the Coordinator of Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Biodiversity Prof. H.N. Sarma, Centre for Bio-Diversity, while mentioning about a meeting discussion with the Vice-Chancellor on 13<sup>th</sup>

March, 2019, informed about the matter of continuation of research and academic programme under Center with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (Biodiversity) for approval in the ensuing academic council to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The AC further noted that the CPEPAB-II is going to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019. CPEPAB-II is running academic course (Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Biodiversity) and other research programmes which may be considered for being extended and continued with internal resources.

**The AC discussed and approved the proposal**

**AC:23:19 Financial Resources for running Centre with potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA-Biodiversity) and its associated programmes**

The AC noted that UGC has sanctioned the 2nd Phase of Biodiversity project under the scheme; Centre with potential for Excellence in Particular Area during the year 2011 and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 7,00,00,000.00 ( Rupees seven crore)only. The Project period was initially for a period of 5 years ending on 31/03/2018. Later on, the UGC has extended the project period for 1(one) more year, that is, up to 31/03/2019. Accordingly, the project period will expire on 31/03/2019.

It also noted that to run the project/ research works, and maintenance of equipments and contingency after 31/03/2019, the centre needs financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 15,00,000.00(Rupees Fifteen lakhs) only either from the UGC or from the internal sources of the University. The ongoing academic course i.e. Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Biodiversity (APGDB) shall also be funded by the said amount.

**The Academic Council deliberated on the matter and recommended the same for consideration by the Finance committee for approval in its next meeting.**

**AC:23:20 Refund of unspent balance against the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of Biodiversity project:**

The AC noted that the Accounts against 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Biodiversity project was accepted by UGC. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 48, 05,826.00 (Rupees forty eight lakhs five thousand eight hundred twenty six) only was refunded remaining a balance of Rs. 18, 00,000.00 (Rupees eighteen lakhs) only. Since the UGC has not asked for the refund of the said amount even after sanctioning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase, the University with the recommendation of the Advisory committee meeting of the Biodiversity project has decided to utilize the said amount for procurement of chemicals, glassware and consumables (since no allocation was given against 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for consumables). Now, the UGC has asked for refund of Rs.20, 70,000.00 (The actual balance is Rs.18, 00,000.00 due to non accounting of Rs. 2, 70,000.00)

Given the fact that, the amount was utilized for purchase of chemical and consumables, it is proposed to refund the amount from overall interest of Project account. Since, UGC has given 1(one) year extension for the biodiversity project, the University has already requested the UGC to give permission to utilize the interest earned against 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of biodiversity project and reallocate the same in various heads. Till date, an amount of Rs. 1, 02, 00,000.00 approx has been earned as interest against 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of biodiversity project.

**The AC deliberated the matter and recommended it to be placed in the next meeting of the Finance Committee for approval.**

**AC:23:21 To ratify the signing of MOU with SPA, Bhopal by RGU.**

The AC noted that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered between RGU and the School



of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2019. The Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) Dr. David Pertin has informed about the signing of MOU by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of RGU Prof. Saket Kushwaha and the Director of SPA, Bhopal Prof. N. Sridharan.

The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the University authority.

**AC:23:22** To discuss about entering into a MOU with Stanford University, the USA by RGU.

The AC noted that with reference to the approval of Academic Council (AC:22:03) and subsequent approval of Executive Council (EC:22:07:04), to start Gandhian Studies in RGU. In this regard, during the last visit of Prof. GVVSDS Prasad, Convener of Seva Gram Ashram Pratishthan, Hyderabad during the foundation day celebration, who attended as the Guest of Honour discussed the possibilities of association of collaboration with Stanford University, USA for Gandhi King Conference. However, RGU will have to enter into a MoU with Stanford University, the USA.

The AC perused and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:23** To transfer two batches of student trainees of MEd. Programmes of RGU to an affiliated college

The AC noted that based on the internal report by the faculty of the Dept of Education, RGU the Competent Authority of the University proposes to transfer two batches of student trainees of MEd. Programmes of RGU (2017-18 and 2018-19 academic sessions) to an affiliated college i.e. Hill College of Teacher Education, Naharlagun keeping in view a technical issue with the NCTE, New Delhi.

The AC perused and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:24** For keeping the MEd. Programme of RGU in abeyance temporarily

The AC noted that keeping in view a technical issue with the NCTE, New Delhi in regard to recognition of the said course, the Competent Authority deemed it fit to keep the said course in abeyance temporarily.

The AC perused and approved the proposal.

**AC:23:25** To consider the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to Bini Yanga Govt. Women College, Lekhi village, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation to Bini Yanga Govt. Women College, Lekhi village, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee inspected the college on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

The AC perused and approved the renewal of temporary Affiliation to Bini Yanga Govt. Women College, Lekhi village, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The observation of the Inspection Committee should be communicated to the College.

**AC:23:26** To consider the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumei District, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Singh, Dean, Faculty of Social Science for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumei District, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee inspected the college on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2018.



The AC perused and approved the renewal of temporary Affiliation to Tadar Taniang Govt. College, Nyapin, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh. The observation of the Inspection Committee should be communicated to the College.

**AC:23:27** To consider the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to Govt. Model College, Geku, Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Interim Chairmanship of Prof. Nishamani Kar, Dean, Faculty of Environmental Science for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation to Govt. Model College, Geku, Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee inspected the college on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

The AC perused and approved the renewal of temporary Affiliation to Govt. Model College, Geku, Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. The observation of the Inspection Committee should be communicated to the College.

**AC:23:28** To consider the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education (B.Ed.), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh.

The AC noted that an inspection committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dept. of Education for conducting physical verification covering all requirements as per UGC (affiliation of College's by University) Regulation in connection with renewal of Temporary affiliation to Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education (B.Ed.), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh. The committee inspected the college on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

The AC perused and approved the renewal of temporary affiliation to Vivekananda Kendra College of Teacher Education (B.Ed.), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh. The observation of the Inspection Committee should be communicated to the College.

**AC:23:29** Any other item with the permission of the Chair;

(i) To consider the following agenda items proposed by the Department of History:

(a) The AC noted that the Department of History seeks to merge the proposal submitted for Rajiv Gandhi University Vision – 2032 in November 3, 2017 with reference Letter No. HIST/HOD-13/Vision -2032/17, for the "Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies", with the proposed "International Centre for Gandhian Studies vide resolution AC:22:03 of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Department had adopted the name 'International Centre for Gandhian Studies' with Prof. S.N. Singh as the Co-ordinator and Dr. P.K. Nayak as the Dy. Co-ordinator who will manage its affairs and prepare the syllabi for the M.Phil and Ph.D Courses. Further, it is to inform that the Departmental Council had a meeting with visiting Gandhian Scholar Sri GVVSDS Prasad where it was decided to go ahead with the proposal.

The Academic Council noted and approved the same.

(b) The AC noted that the Department of History seeks to place before the AC a proposal submitted for Rajiv Gandhi University Vision – 2032 in November 3, 2017 with reference Letter No. HIST/HOD-13/Vision – 2032/17, for the "Centre for Eastern Himalayan Studies".

The Academic Council decided that the Department may hold a departmental meeting to discuss and compile necessary requirement and place the proposal for consideration in the AC/EC.



c) The AC noted that the members of the Departmental Board of Studies, History held in September, 2017 decided that the registered Ph.D and M.Phil Scholars shall make a Seminar Presentation every semester. This will be an important component of the Programme without having any credit for the same and linked with the progress of the Research. This may be adopted as a policy decision for the entire University as it brings parity with the Programme in Dibrugarh, Guwahati and Tezpur University.

**The AC deliberated on the matter and approved the proposal.**

d) The AC noted that the DBS, History unanimously re-iterated that it is necessary to bring Ph.D programme under the Semester system purview, keeping parity with Semester System for M.A and M.Phil Programme.

**The AC deliberated on the matter and approved the proposal in principle. However, feasibility shall be explored.**

e) The AC noted that the members of the DBS, History agreed that in view of the current stringent rules in the Plagiarism Regulation, modifications need to be made in the earlier format of the Certificate signed by the Supervisor and Head of the Department. In the previous format the Supervisor declares it to be an original work conducted under him/her. The DBS proposes adopting a new format enclosed so that the Head of Department is absolved of responsibility in the event of Plagiarism.

**The AC deliberated on the item and approved the proposal. However, IQAC Committee will look into the matter to resolve the issue. Further, it was decided to amend the ordinance accordingly.**

ii) **PG Diploma in Geo Informatics**

The AC noted that this has the reference of discussion between HVC and Prof. S.K. Patnaik, Coordinator of PGDBI on 30 January 2019. There is a proposal for increasing of seats and fee of PG Diploma in Geo Informatics Course.

**The AC deliberated on the matter and decided to refer the case back to the Department of Geography. Further, it was decided that IQAC Ordinance Committee will look into it and Coordinator shall be appointed on rotation basis from amongst the Senior Professors.**

(iii) A Proposal was presented by Prof. Otem Padung to start Extension Centre of RGU.  
**It was decided by the AC that the University will write to State Government in this regard.**

(iv) Exclusion of MA Sociology from the list of interdisciplinary subjects related to admission  
**The AC discussed and felt that it should come to Academic Council through the BOS, Sociology.**

v) The Director, Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs Department (SJE&TA), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi has forwarded a letter regarding identification of Sociology, Anthropology and AITS of Rajiv Gandhi University for Scheme under support to TRI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Gol. It clearly indicates that Research Institutes and Organizations have been receiving financial support from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for carrying out short-term research and extension work among tribal communities in the country.

**The AC perused and approved the proposal for involving/undertaking various Research Studies by the Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and AITS in coordination with Dept of SJE&TA, GoAP and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI.**



**Vi) Reporting item:**

The AC noted the following items:

**a) Faculty Induction Programme**

A letter was received from the UGC regarding Faculty Induction Programme, wherein the UGC has designed a framework for Faculty Induction Programme for transition of new teachers into the teaching profession which aims to help new teachers for which they have decided to solicit the views/suggestions from the stakeholders on the framework on Faculty Induction and it should be submitted to UGC latest by 20 March 2019. Copy of UGC letter was circulated to all the Departments for submitting their views/suggestions on the same at the earliest.

**b) Roster Committee**

The Chairman apprised the members that the University is going to float advertisement for 17 vacant teaching positions sanctioned by the UGC for which a Roster Committee will be constituted.


**c) Leave Passport**

Leave Passport format shall be issued to all the HoDs for recoding and maintaining leave records of regular faculty members of the University.

**d) Health Diary**

The University will prepare Health Diary for all its regular employees so as to enable them to keep and maintain their health records intact.

As there was no other item for discussion, the meeting came to an end with the proposal of vote of thanks from Ex-Officio-Secretary the Registrar i/c.

  
Registrar i/c/Ex-Officio Secretary