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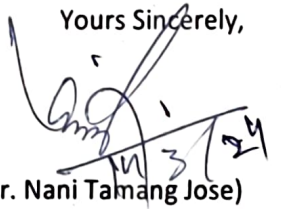
Sir/Madam,

May please find herewith a copy of the minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Academic Council of this University held on 06 March' 2024 for your kind perusal. The comments or suggestions if any, may be communicated to the undersigned on or before 22 March' 2024.

This is for your kind information and consideration.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours Sincerely,


(Dr. Nani Tamang Jose)

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
46TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON
06.03.2024



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MINUTES OF THE 46TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The 46th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 06.03.2024 at 11:00 AM in the Smart Theater of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) in blended mode.

The list of attendance sheet is attached.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor & Chairman of the Academic Council, greeted all the learned members of the Academic Council and also the Invitees/external members and exhorted all to participate keenly in the deliberation on all agenda items lined up for this 46th Meeting of the Academic Council.

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar formally welcomed all the members in the meeting. He informed the house that due to unavoidable circumstances/NAAC Peer Team Visit, the 46th AC Meeting could not be held on 23.02.2024. He sought cooperation from all the members for meaningful deliberations.

With due approval of the Chairman, Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) has presented the agenda items in a sequential manner before the august members for discussion and decision/recommendation, thereon:

SL. NO.	THE AGENDA ITEM
AC:46:01	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2023.</p> <p>The minutes of the 45th meeting of the Academic Council were circulated amongst the members. No comments have been received so far. A copy of the minutes of the 45th meeting of the Academic Council was placed in Annexure-1.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and confirmed the same with an addendum as under:</p> <p>In the 45th Academic Council under AOB, the matter related to approval of Dr. Sahil Nijhawan, Scientist, NCF, Bangalore as Co-supervisor was discussed and approved on recommendation of DRC, Department of Zoology, as the applicant has fulfilled the terms and conditions required for Co-supervisorship. An official Notification to this effect shall be issued accordingly.</p>
AC:46:02	<p>To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision of the 45th meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.11.2023.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report (ATR) was placed in Annexure-2.</p>

	The Academic Council perused and confirmed the same.
AC:46:03	<p>To consider Temporary affiliation to North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine Research, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Principal, North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine Research, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for Temporary Affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the Institute under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. Tanjang. The Inspection team visited the Institute on 12th December 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the Temporary Affiliation to the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Folk Medicine Research, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed in Annexure-03.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same.</p>
AC:46:04	<p>To consider renewal of Temporary affiliation to Government Model College, Palin, Arunachal Pradesh for three academic session (2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024).</p> <p>The Principal, Government Model College, Palin, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of Temporary Affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ashan Riddi. The Inspection team visited the college on 16th December 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report with a recommendation for the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to the, Govt. Model College, Palin, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed in Annexure-04.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same.</p>
AC:46:05	<p>To consider renewal of temporary affiliation to Government Model College, Geku, Arunachal Pradesh for three academic sessions (2019-2020, 2020-21, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023).</p> <p>The Principal, Government Model College, Geku, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of Temporary affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. T. Lhungdim. The Inspection team visited the college on 4th December 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the renewal of temporary affiliation to the, Govt. Model College, Geku, Arunachal Pradesh (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023). The report was placed in Annexure-05.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same. The college shall apply for the temporary affiliation for the academic session 2023-24.</p>



AC:46:06	<p>To consider renewal of temporary affiliation to Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science (TRIHMS), Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh for the academic session 2022-2023.</p> <p>The Principal, Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Science (TRIHMS), Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of Temporary Affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the Institute under the Chairmanship of Prof. R.K. Singh. The Inspection team visited the college on 1st August 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the renewal of temporary affiliation to the, Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed at Annexure-06.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same.</p>
AC:46:07	<p>To consider renewal of temporary affiliation to Tadar Taniang Government College, Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh for two academic session (2021-2022 and 2022-2023).</p> <p>The Principal, Tadar Taniang Government College, Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of temporary affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ashan Riddi. The Inspection team visited the college on 15th December 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report and found that <u>the committee did not recommend</u> the renewal of temporary affiliation to the Tadar Taniang Government College, Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed in Annexure-07.</p> <p>The Academic Council thoroughly perused the report and after detailed deliberation, it was resolved that the said college shall be de-affiliated from the university and the students already enrolled shall be adjusted to nearby college. The decision of the Academic Council shall be communicated to the State Government as well as the principal concerned accordingly.</p>
AC:46:08	<p>To consider renewal of temporary affiliation to Government Nursing College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh for the academic session 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Principal, Govt. College of Nursing, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of temporary affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. Tanjang. The Inspection team visited the college on 7th February 2024, for verification and the committee submitted its report with a conditional renewal of temporary affiliation to the Govt. College of Nursing, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed in Annexure-08.</p> <p>The Academic Council minutely perused the report of the committee and after detailed deliberation, it was resolved that the college shall be granted a</p>



	<p><u>conditional renewal</u> of the temporary affiliation, subject to fulfillment of the guideline of Nursing Council in regard to Infrastructure, designated positions of both teaching and non-teaching, and other related matters within one year. The decision of the Academic Council shall be communicated to the State Government as well as the principal concerned immediately.</p>
AC:46:09	<p>To consider renewal of temporary affiliation to Arunachal State Nursing College, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh for the academic session 2022-2023.</p> <p>The Principal, Govt. College of Nursing, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for renewal of temporary affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. Tanjang. The Inspection team visited the college on 07 February' 2024, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the renewal of Temporary Affiliation to the, Govt. College of Nursing, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed in Annexure-09.</p> <p>The Academic Council minutely perused the report of the committee and after a detailed deliberation, it was resolved that the college shall be granted a <u>conditional renewal</u> of the temporary affiliation subject to fulfillment of the guideline of the Nursing Council in regard to infrastructure, designated positions of both teaching and non-teaching, and other related matters within one year. The decision of the Academic Council shall be communicated to the State Government as well as the principal concerned immediately.</p>
AC:46:10	<p>To Introduction of Bachelor of Commerce Course at Saint Francis De Sales College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh from the academic session 2024-25.</p> <p>The Principal, Saint Francis De Sales College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for introduction of Bachelor of Commerce course. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. T. Lhungdim. The Inspection team visited the college on 4th December 2023, for verification and the committee submitted its report with a recommendation for the introduction of Bachelor of Commerce course to the, Saint Francis De Sales College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed at Annexure-10.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused the report of the committee and approved the same subject to the recruitment of sufficient teaching positions and procurement of adequate books within this current academic session. The decision of the Academic Council shall be communicated to the principal concerned immediately.</p>
AC:46:11	<p>To consider Ph.D. Supervisor.</p> <p>The following applications received as mentioned below for Ph. D. Supervisors was placed in the Academic Council.</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. John Gaingamlung Gangmel, Dept. of Social Work 2. Dr. Thupten Tsomu, Dept. of Horticulture 3. Dr. Jagdish Prasad Maurya, Dept. of Mathematics 4. Dr. Zilpha Alphonsa Modl, Institute of AITS 5. Dr. Lisa Lomdak, Institute of AITS 6. Dr. Nani Umle, Dept. of Sociology 7. Dr. Bompl Riba, Dept. of English 8. Dr. Olympla Kurml, Dept. of Commerce 9. Dr. N R N V Gowripathi Rao, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering 10. Dr. Gunjan Kumar Saurav, Dept. of Zoology 11. Dr. Arindam Barman, Dept. of Horticulture 12. Dr. Neeraj Kumar Vasistha, Dept. of Genetics and Plant Breeding 13. Dr. Ashim Debnath, Dept. of Genetics and Plant Breeding 14. Dr. Ashok Barman, Dept of Fine Arts and Music 15. Dr. Samikhya Bhuyan, Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry 16. Dr. Sagolshem Kalidas Singh, Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry 17. Dr. Devegowa, S.R., Dept. of Agricultural Economics 18. Dr. Avicha Tangjang, Dept. of Agricultural Economics 19. Dr. Malay Marut Sharma, Dept. of Horticulture <p>Applications and documents were placed in Annexure-11.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused the Public Notice issued by the UGC, New Delhi vide No. F. 9-1/2020 (PS/Misc.) dated 6th March 2023, in which; it was stated that the eligible permanent faculty members can guide Ph. D. scholars during their probation period also. The Academic Council approved the Ph. D. supervisorship of the above faculty members in principle to encourage the research activities in the university. However, the necessary modifications/amendments in the Ordinances of the university shall be initiated.</p>
AC:46:12	<p>To consider continuing to guide Ph.D. scholars in the previous workplace as Co- Supervisor.</p> <p>The following applications were received for considering as Ph. D. Co-Supervisorship was placed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Arvind Kumar Pal, Dept. of Mass Communication. 2. Dr. Sandeep Janghu, Dept. of Food Technology <p>Applications and documents were placed in Annexure-12.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same.</p>
AC:46:13	<p>Introduction of M. Sc. and Ph.D. programme in the Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry.</p> <p>An application was received from Dr. Samikhya Bhuyan, Head i/c, Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry for introduction of Ph.D. Programme from the academic session 2024-25 was placed in Annexure-13</p>



	<p>The Academic Council perused and resolved that the M. Sc. and Ph. D. programme shall be introduced in all the Departments under the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences – (1) Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, (2) Entomology, (3) Horticulture, (4) Agronomy, (5) Agricultural Economics, (6) Agricultural Engineering, (7) Genetics & Plant Breeding and (8) Plant Pathology) from the academic session 2024-25. The intake capacity in M. Sc. in all the Departments shall be initially 12 seats each.</p>
AC:46:14	<p>Introduction of Ph.D. programme in the Dept. of Fine Arts and Music.</p> <p>An application and Departmental meeting minutes were received from Mr. Pallav Saikia, Head i/c, Dept. of Fine Arts and Music for the introduction of Ph. D programme from the academic session 2024-25 was in Annexure-14</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and in principle approved the same.</p>
AC:46:15	<p>To discuss/approve for establishment of the Dept. of Yoga and Naturopathy under the Faculty of Physical Education.</p> <p>An application was received from Prof. Sambhu Prasad, HoD, Physical Education and Sports Science has been received for the proposal for establishment of the Dept. of Yoga and Naturopathy under the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Science. The proposal of the Dept. was placed in Annexure-15.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and in principle approved the same. However, it was resolved that the university shall issue a circular to all the HoDs/Directors as per the decision of the Deans Meeting held on 04.03.2024 in the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat to forward the names of new Departments to be established in the coming years. The compiled proposal shall be placed in the next AC, FC, and EC for deliberation/approval. On approval of the statutory bodies of the university, the same shall be forwarded to UGC/MoE for consideration/approval. The Academic Branch shall initiate the matter at the earliest.</p>
AC:46:16	<p>Request for permission to continue Ph.D. work.</p> <p>The DRC minutes was received from the Department of Education, regarding the application submitted by Ms. Hiranya Gogoi, Ph.D. scholar, in connection with her continuity of Ph.D. work. Ms. Hiranya Gogoi got registered for Ph.D Degree under the supervision of Dr. Satish Kumar Kalhotra with the Enrolment No. RGU/RS-841/2019 with effect from 11.03.2019. However, she could not complete the research work within the stipulated time. Further, she didn't apply for extension and re-registration to continue her Ph.D. work and did not pay the Ph.D. continuity fee, the registration period expired on 10.03.2022, and the letter was submitted on 09.06.2023. The DRC minutes and application were placed in Annexure-16.</p>



	<p>The Academic Council perused and approved the same with a suggestion that the DRC meeting shall be conducted at regular intervals. A circular to this effect may be issued by the Academic Branch.</p>
AC:46:17	<p>Request for Change in the Ph.D. thesis title.</p> <p>The DRC minutes received from the Dept. of Mass Comm. regarding the change in the Ph.D. thesis title in respect of Ms. Landi Onya Alisha, Ph.D. scholar, under the supervision of Dr. Uttam Kumar Pegu, Dept. of Mass Comm. (Previous title: "Cyberbullying in Social Media Platforms: A Study on the Nature, prevalence and Preventive Measures among the Adolescents in Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh") Proposed Changed title "Cyberbullying in Social Media Platforms: A Study on the Nature, Prevalence and Preventive Measures among the Youth in Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh". The application was placed in Annexure-17.</p> <p>The Academic Council referred back to the Faculty Board of Studies (FBS) for deliberation.</p>
AC:46:18	<p>Request for Change in Ph.D. thesis title and objectives in synopses of registered research scholars.</p> <p>The DRC minutes forwarded by FBS received from the Department of Botany regarding modifications in the synopses (title and/or objectives of the proposed work) of the following research scholars registered under different faculty:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Taba Yehi (Supervisor, Prof. Hui Tag): Modification of objectives. Ms. Hage Yanka (Supervisor, Prof. Hui Tag): Modification of title and objectives. Ms. Jenima Basumatary (Supervisor, Prof. Hui Tag): Modification of objectives. Mr. Dimbeswar Das (Supervisor, Prof. S. Tanjang): Addition of objectives. <p>The FBS and DRC minutes were placed in Annexure-18.</p> <p>The Academic Council referred back to the Faculty Board of Studies (FBS) for deliberation.</p>
AC:46:19	<p>To ratify the start of Ph.D. programme in the Department of Horticulture, RGU from the academic session 2024-25.</p> <p>The Notification was placed in Annexure-19.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</p>
AC:46:20	<p>To ratify the renaming of course code from Mycology and Plant Pathology (MPP) to Plant Pathology (PLP) in the discipline of B.Sc. (Hons.) under the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.</p>



	<p>The Notification was placed in Annexure-20.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</p>
AC:46:21	<p>To ratify course regulations & syllabus for full-time Ph.D/Two years MBA and one year PG Diploma in Tourism Management from the Academic Session 2024-25.</p> <p>The Notification was placed in Annexure-21.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</p>
AC:46:22	<p>To ratify the administrative approval accorded to implement and participate mandatory Common University Entrance Test (CUET) 2024 for both UG and PG programmes in University and its affiliated Colleges to consider eligibility for admission to various courses from the Academic Session 2024-25, under condition that admission through CUET shall be minimum 20% of total seat in Department/Course.</p> <p>The Notification was placed in Annexure-22.</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and after long deliberation, it was resolved as under:</p> <p><u>Admission in PG Courses in RGU Campus</u>: 20% admission through CUET and 80% through RGUCET. In the event of vacancy in 20% CUET seat(s), the same will be filled up through RGUCET.</p> <p><u>Admission in UG Courses (RGU and its affiliated colleges)</u>: 100% admission through CUET. However, the reservation policy and catchment area norm of State Government in respect of affiliated colleges shall remain the same. In the event of vacancy, the existing norms may be followed to fill the seat(s). The college shall register in CUET Portal and upload the programme/courses offered.</p> <p>It was also resolved that the academic calendar of the university shall be re-oriented/modified keeping in view the test schedule/examinations of CUET conducted by NTA.</p>
AC:46:23	<p>To ratify EVS syllabus (Paper-II)</p> <p>Dr. Upamanyu Das submitted moderated Syllabus of Environmental Science-II (EVS VA 1210) for second semester under the UG courses on 23rd January 2024. The same syllabi have been uploaded in the university website and also shared to all affiliated Colleges. The same has been implemented in second semester. The copy was placed in Annexure-25</p> <p>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</p>



AC:46:24

Any other Items:**(A) To increase the intake capacity in various PG Courses.**

The Council noted that in the meeting with the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India held on 4th March, 2024, it was pointed out that students' teachers' ratio is very nominal and in a way teachers are underutilized; then suggested for increase of intake capacity in various PG Courses.

The Academic Council after threadbare discussion resolved that university shall increase the intake capacity for admission in various PG Courses between 10 to 20% from the next academic session (2024-25). A committee shall be constituted to work out the actual increase of each course, keeping in view the logistic and requirements.

(B) To introduce supplementary examinations

The Council noted the letter received from Prof. Oken Lego, Head, Department of Hindi in which he has requested for inclusion of provision for supplementary examinations for the students failing in End Semester Examination within 60 (sixty) days from the date of declaration of results for the best interest of the students. It will particularly be beneficial to Final Year (last two semesters) students as it saves up one year in case of failure to pass through in one attempt. It will also be in sync with the flexibility and student-centric provisions of NEP-2020.

The Academic Council perused and resolved to constitute a committee to look into the issue. The report of the committee shall be placed in the next Academic Council for deliberation.

(C) To introduce bridge courses in 4-year undergraduate programme under CBCS

The Council noted the Public Notice vide F. No. 60-1(QIP/Misc.)/2024 dated 1st March, 2024 issued by the UGC, in which it was stated as under:

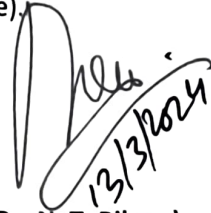
Students who have already enrolled and are pursuing UG programme as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) are eligible to pursue 4-year undergraduate programme and the university concerned may provide bridge courses (including online courses) to enable them for transition to 4-year UG programme.

The Council perused and resolved to constitute a committee to look into the above issue. The report of the committee shall be placed in the next Academic Council for deliberation.



	<p>(D) To approve the Annual Report of the university (2022-23).</p> <p>The Council perused the Annual Report of the university (2022-23) and approved the same subject to approval of the next EC. It was also resolved that henceforth; the Annual Report shall be placed in the AC and EC for approval.</p>
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As there was no other item to discuss, the meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks from Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference).



(Dr. N. T. Rikam)

Registrar-cum-Secretary Ex-officio