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**Sub: Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council.**

Sir/Madam,

May please find herewith a copy of the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council of this University held on 18 December' 2023 for your kind perusal. The comments or suggestions if any, may be communicated to the undersigned on or before 29 December' 2023.

This is for your kind information and consideration.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. Nani Tamang Jose)

संयुक्त कुलसचिव(शैक्षणिक/सम्मेलन)  
Joint Registrar (Acad. & Conf.)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**56<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**HELD ON**  
**18.12.2023**



**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY**  
**(Central University)**  
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**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY  
RONO HILLS, DOIMUKH**

**MINUTES OF THE 56<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. in the Office Chamber of the Vice-Chancellor in blended mode.

The following members attended the meeting on physical as well as on virtual mode:

1.	Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU	Chairman (Ex-officio)
2.	Prof. Kesang Degi, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
3.	Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Faculty of Life Sciences & Agricultural Sciences, RGU	Member
4.	Prof. Kh. Kabi, Dean, Faculty of Communication Studies and Visual Arts	Member
5.	Prof. Jayadeba Sahoo, Dept. of Education, RGU	Member
6.	Prof. D.N. Das, Dept. of Zoology, RGU	Member
7.	Dr. Tabang Mibang, Dept. of Political Science	
8.	Dr. Miazi Hazam, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, RGU	Member
9.	Prof. Sujatha Nayak, Jeevankrati Karyakarta, Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kamyakumari	Member
10.	Prof. (Retd.), Ram Naresh Singh, PG Department of Maithili, BNB University, Madhepura, PG Centre, Saharsa, Bihar	Member
11.	Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Basic Sciences, RGU	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar, RGU	Secretary (Ex-officio)

The following Visitor's nominees could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations/busy scheduled.

1.	Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, Department of Education, Nagaland University, Kohima
2.	Prof. Anurag Sharma, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur
3.	Dr. Agin Taboh, Department of Commerce, J. N. College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, Visitor's Nominee

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor & Chairman (Ex-Officio) of the Executive Council greeted all the esteemed members of the Executive Council.

In his opening remarks, Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar (Ex-Officio Secretary) extended warm welcome to all the esteemed members. He expresses his gratitude to Prof. Sujatha Nayak, Jeevankrati Karyakarta, Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kamyakumari for attending the Executive Council Meeting first time in physical mode.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor felicitated Prof. Sujatha Nayak, Jeevankrati Karyakarta, Vivekananda Rock Memorial & Vivekananda Kendra, Kamyakumari for attending the meeting first time in physical mode. He then felicitated Prof. Kh. Kabi, Dean, Faculty of Communication Studies and Visual Arts for attending the meeting last time. The EC placed on records the valuable services rendered by Prof. Kabi as member of the Executive Council.

The following agenda items of the 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council were placed for perusal, deliberations and decisions thereof:

Sl. No.	THE AGENDA ITEM
EC:56:01	<p><b>To approve the recommendation of Selection Committee for filling up of teaching positions of various Departments through direct recruitment interview held on 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The sealed minutes/reports of the same were placed in the Executive Council.</b></p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the minutes/reports of the Selection Committee for further necessary action.</b></p>
EC:56:02	<p><b>To approve the meeting minutes of verification of APAR &amp; Probation reports/documents of the newly recruited faculty members.</b></p> <p>The Council noted that a six-members committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Kh. Kabi has submitted minutes/reports of the meeting to consider clearance of probation period in respect of Dr. Ningthoukhongjam Vikimchandra Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics who joined the university on 04.10.2021. The committee mentioned that, they had verified the required documents and found that he has fulfilled all the necessary eligibility criteria for clearing the probation period. The minutes of the meeting was placed at Annexure-1.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the same.</b></p>
EC:56:03	<p><b>Ratification Items:</b></p> <p>(1) Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work of the university has been granted two (2) years Lien w.e.f. 04.12.2023 to 03.12.2025 to enable him to join as Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University. The order was placed at Annexure-2.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p> <p>(2) Dr. Sumin Prakash, Assistant Professor, Department of Education of the university has been granted one (1) year Lien w.e.f. 07.12.2023 to 06.12.2024 to enable him to join as Associate Professor (Special Education) at National Institute of Education, National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi. The order was placed at Annexure-3.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p>



**Any other Item:**

- (i) **To deliberate about the candidature of Dr. Niharranjan Mishra, whose joining to the post of Professor in AITS has been kept in abeyance.**

The EC noted that one Dr. Niharananjan Mishra who was recommended against the post of Professor (Post Code:11015) in Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies by the Selection Committee had come to join the university on 06.12.2023. At the time of final verification of the documents, it was found that Dr. Niharranjan Mishra was made to retire compulsorily on having been found guilty of sexual harassment at his previous work place, i.e. NIT, Rourkela. In view of discovery, immediately his joining was kept in abeyance and clarifications were sought from the Screening Committee and Verification Committee as to how such issue was not reported at appropriate time/prior to final interview. Simultaneously, clarification has also been sought from the candidate and the NIT, Rourkela (previous work place) and a legal opinion was also sought from Hon'ble (Retd.) Judge N.C. Nagraj (Legal Advisor of RGU).

After considering the reply received from the Screening Committee, Verification Committee and also the Legal opinion given by Hon'ble (Retd.) Judge N.C. Nagraj (Legal Advisor of RGU), it was found that Dr. Niharranjan Mishra has willfully concealed this relevant information regarding compulsory retirement on the proven charges of sexual harassment against a female student.

EC:56:04

The application form which Dr. Niharranjan Mishra had filled contained some disclosures to be given by the candidate and one of such disclosures is: **"Have you ever been punished for Gender/Caste related offences or convicted by a court of law?"**

Dr. Niharranjan Mishra has selected **YES** as an option to the aforesaid disclosure. Against the same disclosure once a Candidate selects **YES** as an option, there appears a box to which detail regarding the offence is asked to which the candidate has written: **NA**.

Apart from this the Screening Committee Report also highlights that the Applicant in his application form claims seven ongoing research projects under his guidance. Moreover, the address for correspondence also mentions the address of NIT Rourkela. Also, the applicant Claims to have post Ph.D. teaching experience of more than 15 years but the date of award of his Ph. D. is 29/03/2008.

Taking the note of all these factors and most importantly the fact that the candidate has a proven record of committing sexual misconduct which he has willfully concealed, the EC is of the unanimous opinion that this amounts to grave misrepresentation done by the candidate for a fact which involves moral turpitude.

The EC further deliberated and took a note of the following:

The General Instruction given in advertisement No. Estt./Teach-142/Advt./2023 (Vol-IV); dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

*"35. In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of selection, which may be detected at any stage even after issuing an appointment letter, the University reserves the right to modify/ withdraw/ cancel any communication made to the applicant in this regard.*

*36. All appointments shall be made provisionally subject to verification of certificates. The University shall verify the documents and antecedents of the applicant at the time of interview/joining or at any stage during the period of service. In case, it is found at any point of time that any document/information submitted by the applicant is false or the applicant has suppressed any relevant information, the services of the selected applicant shall be terminated forthwith without assigning any reason."*

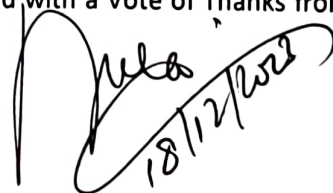
The EC is of the considered view that the offer letter issued to Dr. Niharranjan Mishra should be withdrawn with immediate effect and the candidate should be informed about the same. Further, the EC noted that the recommendation by the selection committee appears to have been possible on account of concealment and false declarations practiced by recommended candidate, the entire exercises in respect of his candidature becomes *void ab initio* in such a situation and as such the post of Professor (Post Code:11015) in AITS, RGU must be re-advertised and the selection process should start afresh.

(ii) Incorporation of wording in the terms and conditions of Offer Letter in respect of various teaching positions.

The Council noted the modified existing offer letter of the university in respect of various teaching positions, which incorporates certain clauses/wordings as per the requirements.

The Council perused and the approved the same. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

As there was no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks from the Registrar.



(Dr. N.T. Rikam)

Registrar-cum-Secretary Ex-officio