



**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY
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MINUTES OF THE 48TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The 48th Academic Council Meeting was held on 29.08.2024 at 2:30 PM in the Smart Theater, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) in blended mode.

The attendance is appended in a separate sheet.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairman (Ex-Officio) of the Academic Council, greeted all the esteemed members of the Academic Council and informed them that the 48th meeting of the Academic Council is very important for Rajiv Gandhi University, as several significant agenda items are being presented for deliberations and approval. He further noted that the admission process is nearly on completion, and the allotment of hostels for the students is in progress and expected to be finished within the stipulated time. The students have arrived on campus, and classes have already been commenced. The university has adhered to the academic calendar in both letter and spirit.

He informed the house that the convocation of the university is scheduled on a fixed date i.e., 30th November every year. It has been noted on multiple occasions that having a fixed date for the convocation has made it difficult for the university to secure a confirmation from the VVIP for gracing the occasion. Therefore, it is proposed that the university should consider setting a flexible date for the convocation, between 15th to 30th November. This proposal would require approval from the Academic Council. An agenda item is being placed under Any Other Business (AOB) in this meeting to discuss the matter in detail and to deliberate on the proposed changes.

With due permission from the Chair, Dr. N.T. Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) placed the following agenda items for perusal, deliberations, and discussions thereof.

SL. NO.	THE AGENDA ITEM
AC:48.01	<p>To confirm the Minutes of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.06.2024.</p> <p>The AC noted that the minutes of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council were circulated among the members and no comments have been received so far. A copy of the minutes of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council was placed at Annexure-1.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and confirmed the minutes.</i></p>
AC:48.02	<p>To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.06.2024.</p> <p>The AC noted that the Action Taken Report (ATR), placed at Annexure-2,</p>

	<p>indicated that the items under AOB (x) and (xi) are in progress, and all actions have been taken except for two.</p> <p><i>The Academic Perusal and approved the ATR of the 47th meeting of the Academic Council.</i></p>	
AC:48.03	<p>To ratify the decision taken on various item related to Institute of Distance Education (IDE), RGU, placed at Annexure-3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of IDE Territorial Jurisdiction of CDOE (formerly IDE), RGU Academic Calendar – 2024-25 Minutes of the Meeting of XLVII and XLVIII minutes <p><i>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</i></p>	
AC:48.04	<p>To consider Ph.D. Supervisor.</p> <p>The AC noted that the following application have been received as mentioned below for Ph. D. Supervisor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Moti Lal, Dept. of Hindi Dr. Vinay Kumar Kashyap, Dept. of Law <p>As per UGC guideline minimum of 02 (two) publications and permanent faculty members can guide Ph.D. scholars during their probation period also.</p> <p>The applications and documents of faculty members were placed at Annexure-4</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and in principle approved the same. The Council asked the university to follow the latest UGC guidelines in this regard.</i></p>	
AC:48.05	<p>To consider guiding existing Ph.D. students from previous work place as Co-Supervisor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Krishan Kumar, Dept. of Food Technology. <p>The applications and documents, placed at Annexure-5.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and approved it. However, vacancies should be confirmed with the department.</i></p>	
AC:48.06	<p>Inconsistency in RGU Ph.D. Ordinance and ICAR Approved Uniform Syllabus.</p> <p>The Academic Council noted that according to the RGU Ordinance, the maximum credits for the Ph.D. programme are 16. However, the ICAR approved syllabus specifies 23 credits along with 2 credits for seminars, totaling 25 credits. Additionally, the ICAR syllabus clearly states that the synopsis should be completed in the second semester. In contrast, the RGU Ph.D. Ordinance mandates the completion of the synopsis only after the course work is finished. The Board of Studies recommended that adhere to the ICAR syllabus. The Minutes of the meeting of the 1st Board of Studies, Department of Agricultural</p>	

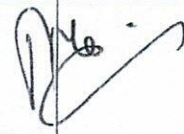


	<p>Economics is placed at Annexure-6.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council thoroughly perused and approved it in principle, following the ICAR guidelines.</i></p>
AC:48:07	<p>To consider permanent affiliation to Teachers' Training College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Principal, Teachers' Training College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for Permanent Affiliation. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the Institute under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.K. Acharya. The Inspection team visited the Institute on 21 July' 2024, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for the Permanent Affiliation to Teachers' Training College, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed at Annexure-7.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council reviewed and approved it in principle. The university shall follow the guidelines for granting permanent affiliation. The university reserves the right to de-affiliate the college if it does not adhere to the guidelines in the future.</i></p>
AC:48:08	<p>To consider increase in intake capacity of Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education, Kebali, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Principal, Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education, Kebali, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for increase in intake capacity in B.Ed. seats from existing 50 seats to 100 seats. Accordingly, an Inspection Committee was constituted for Physical Inspection of the college under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.K. Acharya. The Inspection team visited the Institute on 29 February' 2024, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommendation for increase of intake capacity to Kasturba Gandhi Institute of Higher Education, Kebali, Roing, Lower Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed at Annexure- 8.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and approved the same as the college concerned has got the approval from NCTE vide Order No. ERCAPP1094/B. Ed./2022/66499, dated 22.09.2022.</i></p>
AC:48:09	<p>For recognition as an Autonomous College of St. Clare College, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Principal, Saint Clare College, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, has submitted an application for recognition as an Autonomous College. Accordingly, a Scrutiny Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Utpal Bhattacharjee. The Committee has submitted its report dated 18.07.2024 and the same was placed at Annexure- 9.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council thoroughly reviewed the committee's report and accepted it. The committee's recommendations will be communicated to the concerned college. Additionally, the university will send a letter to the UGC regarding this matter, with a copy to the State Government.</i></p>



AC:48:10	<p>To consider renewal of Temporary affiliation to D. Ering College of Teacher Education, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Principal, D. Ering College of Teacher Education, 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. T. Lungdim. The Inspection team visited the college on 17 August' 2024, for verification and the committee submitted its report with recommends renewal of affiliation for the academic session 2023-2024 to D. Ering College of Teacher Education, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. The report was placed at Annexure-10.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and considered the renewal of temporary affiliated to D. Ering College of Teacher Education, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh. A communication to this effect may be issued.</i></p>
AC:48:11	<p>Admission and enrolment of international students at Rajiv Gandhi University.</p> <p>The Council pleased to note that Rajiv Gandhi University has been enrolled in "Study in India portal" on 23.08.2024, as per letter received from Ministry of Education, GOI, vide letter No. F.No. 6-2/2024-CU-I, dated 30.07.2024. The possibility of Rajiv Gandhi University to admit International students to the Post-Graduate, and Ph.D. programmes in different fields on full time basis will showcase the commitment of the University as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Providing educational opportunity to the students worldwide Creating a diverse student community Generating resources for funding the cost of education and development of facilities. <p>The Council further noted that the university has nominated Dr. Arnab Ghosh, Department of Zoology and Dr. Nikhil Kumar Mahnot, Department of Food Technology as Compliance Officer and Nodal Officer, respectively, in the Study in India Portal. The proposal was placed at Annexure-11.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council reviewed the proposal and decided to form a committee to examine the details and modalities. The committee will draw comparisons with practices at other central universities. The committee's detailed report will be presented at the next meeting.</i></p>
AC:48:12	<p>Renaming of M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics</p> <p>The Council noted that the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting held on 29th and 30th July 2024, and a recommendation was made to rename the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics to M.Sc. (Ag) in Agricultural Economics. The recommendation of BoS was placed at Annexure-12.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council reviewed and approved the nomenclature. The changes will also be reflected in the mark sheets, certificates, etc., accordingly. A circular/notification to this effect will be issued.</i></p>

AC:48:13	<p>To decide and approve Biannual Admissions in Higher Education Institutions.</p> <p>The Council noted that the UGC vide its Notification No. F. 1-2/2024 (CPP-II) (C.No: 143903), dated 19th June 2024 requesting all the Higher Education Institutes to take admission biannually/twice in a year, in July/August and January/February. However, it further suggested that admitting students twice a year is optional for the Higher Education Institutions, depending on their preparedness to handle such biannual admissions. For admissions twice a year, CUET-UG and CUET-PG Scores can be used for July/August and January/February admission cycles since these scores are valid for one full year. The policy will facilitate increased GER, enhanced access to higher education flexibility for the students and HEIs, better infrastructure utilization, etc. The Notification of UGC was placed at Annexure-13.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council thoroughly reviewed the notification and decided to constitute a committee. The committee will create a 'Google Form' to collect information from faculty members and prepare a comprehensive report. The committee's report will be presented at the next Council meeting. The university shall count the scores of the candidates in GATE/SLET/STF for admission in Ph. D. Courses of the university.</i></p>
AC:48:14	<p>To ratify the proposal for change of nomenclature from CYDLS to IIYSD</p> <p>The Council noted that the proposal for the establishment of the Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies (CYDLS) was approved in 17th AC meeting vide agenda item No AC 17:26 held on 14th October 2016. The guidelines of the CYDLS were approved during the 18th AC meeting held on 27th April 2017 under item no 18:09. The CYDLS became operational through the official notification no. AC-108/2007 (Vol-II)/397 dated the July, 2017. The CYDLS have been performing various activities towards Youth empowerment and community engagement. The CYDLS was entrusted to prepare the draft State Youth Policy for the Government of Arunachal Pradesh under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kaushlendra Pratap Singh who is the Chairperson of CYDLS.</p> <p>The consultative meetings with various stakeholders are being conducted in various districts of the State on the basis of the draft State Youth Policy prepared by CYDLS. Hopefully within short time the draft State Youth Policy will be approved by the State Government. During drafting of the policy and consultation with various stakeholders it has been observed that there is a need to set up an Institute dedicated for planning, research and for taking up activities related to youth empowerment. With this broad objective and rationale a proposal was submitted to University authority to upgrade the CYDLS and as an institute with the nomenclature Institute of Innovation and Youth Skill Development (IIYSD). The proposal was submitted in the 58th EC meeting held on 14th June 2024 and the EC approved the proposal in principle with the change of nomenclature from CYDLS to IIYD. It was decided to place the same before the academic Council for ratification. The proposal was placed at Annexure-14.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</i></p>



AC:48:15	<p>To ratify to give 60% seats to MA Tribal Studies and 40% to through open competition for admission in Ph.D. in Tribal Studies.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Departmental Faculty meeting of AITS held on 02.08.2024 has decided to give preference for the Tribal Studies students 60% seats to MA Tribal Studies and 40% through open competition for admission in Ph.D. in AITS. The minutes of the meeting was placed at Annexure-15.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</i></p>																																																
AC:48:16	<p>To ratify the action taken by the 58th meeting of Executive Council held on 14.06.2024 vide item No. EC:58:07</p> <p>The Council noted that the Executive Council in its 58th meeting on 14.06.2024 vide item No. EC:58:07 has approved the proposal on change of nomenclature of Department of Visual Arts to the Board of Studies (BoS) in Fine Arts and Music to ensure compliance with the mandates of NEP-2020. The notification was at Annexure-16.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</i></p>																																																
AC:48:17	<p>To decide for starting of following courses under the Centre of Visual Communication and Media Technology</p> <p>The Council noted the minutes of the BoS Meeting of the Department of Mass Communication held on 28th August 2024, in which the following courses were proposed for introduction and the syllabus has also been prepared:</p> <div><div>1. PG Diploma in Cinematography and Editing.</div><div>2. Certificate Course in Advanced Photography.</div></div> <p>The minutes of the BoS of Mass Communication was placed at Annexure-17.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and approved the same.</i></p>																																																
AC:48:18	<p>To ratify the Syllabus of various Departments.</p> <p>The Council noted that the following Departments have submitted their course structures and syllabi for ratification in the Academic Council:</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of Dept.</th><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Name of Dept.</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Dept. of Horticulture</td><td>12</td><td>Dept. of Physical Education & Sports Sciences</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Dept. of Agronomy</td><td>13</td><td>Dept. of Physics</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Dept. of Agricultural Economics</td><td>14</td><td>Dept. of Statistics</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Dept. of Entomology</td><td>15</td><td>Dept. of Botany</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Dept. of Genetics & Plant Breeding</td><td>16</td><td>Dept. of Zoology</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Dept. of Plant Pathology</td><td>17</td><td>Dept. of Law</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Dept. of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry</td><td>18</td><td>Dept. of Management</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Dept. of Food Technology</td><td>19</td><td>Dept. of Geography</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Dept. of Political Science</td><td>20</td><td>Dept. of English</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Dept. of Social Work</td><td>21</td><td>Dept. of Hindi</td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>Dept. of Chemistry</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Name of Dept.	Sl. No.	Name of Dept.	1	Dept. of Horticulture	12	Dept. of Physical Education & Sports Sciences	2	Dept. of Agronomy	13	Dept. of Physics	3	Dept. of Agricultural Economics	14	Dept. of Statistics	4	Dept. of Entomology	15	Dept. of Botany	5	Dept. of Genetics & Plant Breeding	16	Dept. of Zoology	6	Dept. of Plant Pathology	17	Dept. of Law	7	Dept. of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry	18	Dept. of Management	8	Dept. of Food Technology	19	Dept. of Geography	9	Dept. of Political Science	20	Dept. of English	10	Dept. of Social Work	21	Dept. of Hindi	11	Dept. of Chemistry		
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	<i>The Academic Council perused and ratified the same.</i>
AC:48:19	<p>Inclusion of representative of Ministry of Education in the Executive Council of Central Universities</p> <p>The Council perused the communication from the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi, referenced under F. No. 20-9/2024-CU.IV, dated 20.08.2024. The communication mandates that the Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education, Government of India, or their nominee be included as a member of the Executive Council in all Central Universities to ensure uniform governance. This inclusion is essential for aligning governance structures across Central Universities and enhancing collaboration with the Ministry. The status amendment should be completed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for the Visitor's assent within sixty days of this letter. The MoE's letter was placed at Annexure-18.</p> <p><i>The Academic Council perused and approved the same as suggested by the Ministry of Education. The matter shall be placed in the next meeting of the Executive Council for its approval.</i></p>
AC:48:20	<p>Any Other Business (AOB) with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>(i) To approve M.Sc. and Ph.D. Syllabus and also Academic regulations for Master and Ph.D. degree programmes etc. in the Dept. of Horticulture.</p> <p>The Council noted that time schedule for various academic activities of Master and Ph. D. degree programmes for Department of Horticulture.</p> <p><i>The Council approved the proposal in principle as per the guidelines of the ICAR.</i></p> <p>(ii) The Head (i/c) has submitted a minutes of (BoS) for Fine Arts regarding establishing of independent Visual and Performing Arts Departments.</p> <p>The Council noted that the minutes of the BoS, Department of Fine Arts for establishing of independent Visual and Performing Arts Departments.</p> <p><i>The council perused and approved the same. The same shall be placed in the next meeting of the Executive Council for deliberation and approval.</i></p> <p>(iii) Approval for change of Supervisors for Ph.D. scholar Mr. Nirmal Barjo.</p> <p>The Council noted the letter of the Head, Department of English requesting for approval of supervisor allotment/change for Ph. D. Scholar Mr. Nirmal Barjo.</p> <p><i>The Council perused and approved the same in principle. It is suggested that the scholar must submit its Ph. D. thesis within the time frame.</i></p> <p>(iv) To approve the Dress Code for the convocation.</p>



The Council noted the UGC letter vide D. No. No. 3-2/2013(CPP-II), dated 15 July 2025 requesting the universities to consider using handloom fabric for ceremonial dresses prescribed for special occasions like convocation, etc. Handloom fabric not only forms an integral part of our rich culture and heritage but also provides livelihood opportunity to lakh of people living in the rural areas. Using ceremonial robes made out of handloom fabrics would not only give a sense of pride of being Indian but also be more comfortable in the hot and humid weather. Greater usage of handloom garments for apparel would promote the handloom industry in the country.

The Council further noted that the university has constituted a committee vide Notification No. Exam-3309/2019, dated 3rd April 2024 to develop a Google Form for seeking opinion from various stakeholders for a new dress code to replace the existing one used in convocation, with a view towards adopting Indianness in the Convocation Ceremony.

The Council noted the same.

(v) To fix the convocation between 15th to 30th November.

The Council noted the opening remarks of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in this regard. It has also been noted on multiple occasions that having a fixed date for the convocation has made it difficult for the university to secure a confirmation from the VIP. Therefore, it is proposed that the university may consider setting a flexible date range for the convocation, between November 15th and 30th November.

The Council perused and approved to fix the date of the convocation of the university between 15th to 30th November keeping in view the convenient/feasibility for successful conduct of the event.

(vi) Matter related to Five Year Integrated Programme in Library and Information Science, Department of Library and Information Science.

The Council perused the Five Year Integrated Programme in Library and Information Science (B. Lib.ISC/M. Lib./I.Sc.) Model as per the NEP-2020 and approved the same effective from the 2024-25.

(vii) Syllabi of the Departments/Institutes for review and suggestion from the NEP Task Force of the University.

The Council noted the circular issued by the university vide No. AC-2424/NCr.F/2023, dated 29th April, 2024 stated that the syllabus prepared by various faculties of the university shall be submitted to the NEP Task Force for vetting/review of structure as per NEP-2020 before placing in the Board of Studies (BoS).

The Council perused and considered it with letter and spirit. It is mandatory for each Department/Institute to forward their syllabi routed through the NEP Task Force 2020 for vetting/reviewing of structure before finally placed in the Academic Council for approval.



(viii) Introduction of Paid Seats in UG and PG Courses of the university

The Council noted the proposal for introduction of Paid Seats in UG and PG Courses in the university.

The Council perused and dropped the proposal with a liberty to place the same in the next EC/AC for deliberation.

(ix) Approval of List of Experts for the Selection Committee of faculty interviews.

The Council reviewed and approved the list of experts for the various Selection Committees for faculty interviews. This list will be presented at the next Executive Council meeting for final approval.

As there was no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Registrar.



(Dr. N.T. Rikam)
Registrar-cum-Secretary