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**Sub: Forwarding the copy of Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council.**

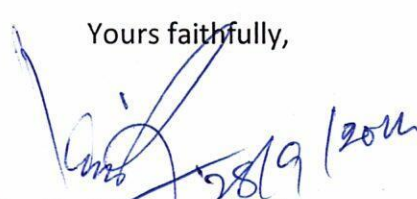
Sir/Madam,

May please find herewith a copy of minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting of this University held on 26 September' 2024 for your kind perusal and comments, if any, please. The comments or suggestions if any, may be communicated to the undersigned on or before 05 October' 2024.

This is for your kind information and consideration.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
( Dr. Nani Tamang Jose )  
Jt. Registrar(Acad. & Conf.)

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MEETING OF THE 49<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**HELD ON**  
**26.09.2024**



**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY**  
(Central University)  
RONO HILLS, DOIMUKH – 791 112  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY**  
**RONO HILLS, DOIMUKH**  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH

**MINUTES OF THE 49<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting was held on 26.09.2024 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.*

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar, extended a warm welcome to all esteemed members of the Academic Council, with special acknowledgment of the external members. He conveyed that this meeting of the Academic Council was convened at short notice due to the urgency of discussing certain important agenda items. He informed the council that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, is completing his successful tenure on the 3rd of October, 2024 and this would be the last Academic Council being chaired by him. He placed on record the monumental contributions of Prof. Saket Kushwaha for the giant lift of developmental activities in the university for the last six years. He expressed deep appreciation for the Vice-Chancellor under whose leadership the university has reached to a new heights and registered phenomenal achievements in all fields.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairman (Ex-Officio) of the Academic Council, warmly greeted all the esteemed members of the Academic Council. He made special mentioned of external members - Prof. A.C. Pandey and Dr. H.L. Kushwaha for attending the meeting online, and to Dr. M.Q. Khan, Principal of DNGC, Itanagar, for attending in person despite their busy schedules.

He informed the house that the Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and the Chief Rector of Rajiv Gandhi University will visit the university on 1st October 2024 to inaugurate the Library Annex Building and to lay the foundation stone of the Administrative Building. The Governor will also have an interaction with the Statutory Officers, Deans of faculties, Heads of Departments/Directors of various departments, and other university officials. He further mentioned that the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister is expected to visit RGU on 3rd October, 2024, to inaugurate the newly established Students' Activity Centre, lay the foundation stone of the Buddhist Study Centre, and attend an interaction programme. It is to be noted that the Buddhist Study Centre is being established at the university under his guidance and support. The Hon'ble Chancellor of the university is also visiting the university for chairing the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the university court scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.



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

<b>Item Nos.</b>	<b>Agenda Items and Decisions/Resolutions</b>
<b>AC:49:01</b>	<p>To confirm the minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.08.2024</p> <p>The AC noted that the minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was circulated among the members and no comments have been received so far. A copy of the minutes was placed at Annexure-I.</p> <p><b>The AC perused and confirmed the minutes.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:02</b>	<p>To confirm the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 29.08.2024.</p> <p>The AC noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) which was placed at Annexure-II.</p> <p><b>The Academic Council (AC) reviewed and approved the Action Taken Report (ATR). It was decided that the syllabi approved in the 48th AC meeting shall be uploaded on the university website and also emailed to all the Principals of affiliated colleges.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:03</b>	<p>To consider Ph. D. Supervisorship</p> <p>The AC noted the application received from Dr. Arvind, Department of History for considering Ph. D. Supervisorship, which was placed at Annexure-III.</p> <p><b>The AC thoroughly discussed the matter and directed him to submit the application along with three publications, as per the latest UGC guidelines. The submission will be placed before the next AC meeting for deliberation.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:04</b>	<p>Disciplinary action against Siang Royal College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>The Council noted that the Director of the College Development Council had reported to the competent authority of the university that Siang Royal College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, was misusing its infrastructure. The college buildings, which had been presented to the university inspection committee, were being used by a school within the same campus as classrooms. This violated the guidelines of the UGC and NCTE. Accordingly, the university issued a show-cause notice to the Principal of Siang Royal Academy, Pasighat, via File No. AC-80/SRA/2010 (Vol-I)/1269, dated 19th December 2023. The principal responded to the university's show-cause notice via No. SRA/PSG/B.Ed./BA/Est/23/837, dated 6th January 2024, and apologized on behalf of the college by promising to relocate the college classrooms in a newly constructed building within three months, i.e. April 7, 2024. The reply of Principal was placed in Annexure-IV. The Director, CDC, revisited the college and found no change in the situation even</p>





	<p>after the expiry of promised time. It was reported to the Academic Council that the situation remains the same till the day.</p> <p><b>The Council discussed the matter at length and took serious view of the breach of the guidelines of the UGC/NCTE and university Ordinance. Hence, the Academic Council decided to suspend the affiliation and imposed a token penalty of Rs. 1.00 (Rupees one) only against the college. During suspension period, the college shall not admit new students in the next academic session (2025-26). The suspension shall be reviewed upon satisfactory report of a committee to be constituted for inspection of the college within six months.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:05</b>	<p>To discuss and approve the SOP/Guidelines framed for sabbatical leave. The SoP was placed at Annexure-V.</p> <p><b>The AC thoroughly perused the SOP/Guidelines framed for sabbatical leave and approved the same.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:06</b>	<p>To discuss the proposal submitted by Central Institute of Hindi (CIH), Agra, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for signing of MoU. The letter was placed at Annexure-VI.</p> <p><b>The Council noted the proposal and approved in principal. The MoU so signed shall be placed in the next Academic Council.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:07</b>	<p>To ratify the syllabi for five-year Integrated Programme in Library and Information Science in the Department of Library and Information Science. The notification was placed at Annexure-VII.</p> <p><b>The AC perused and approved the same.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:08</b>	<p>To ratify the enhancement of intake capacity from the existing 25 to 36 seats in (i) PG diploma in Geo-informatics, and (ii) Diploma in Disaster Management. The university notification was placed at Annexure-VIII.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:09</b>	<p>To ratify the correction made by the Board of Studies, Department of History in the paper title of Semester-IV. The notification was placed at Annexure-IX.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:10</b>	<p>To ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, University Grants Commission and Rajiv Gandhi University for the financial year 2024-25 in pursuance of the rule 229(xi) of the GFR-2017. The MoU was placed at Annexure-X.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p>



<b>AC:49:11</b>	<p>To ratify the minutes of the XLIX Board of Management Meeting of Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOL) held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, which was placed at Annexure-XI.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and ratified the same.</b></p>
<b>AC:49:12</b>	<p>Any Other Business (AOB) with the permission of the Chair.</p> <p>(i) To consider the Ph. D. Co-supervisor.</p> <p><b>The Council perused the minutes of the DRC, Department of Computer Science &amp; Engineering (CSE) for considering the Ph. D. Supervisorship and approved the same.</b></p> <p>(ii) Approval for Value Added Course for UG Third Semester as per NEP-2020 guidelines of Department of Anthropology.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the same.</b></p> <p>(iii) Proposal for Coaching and Training Academic submitted by the Department of Physical Education &amp; Sports Sciences.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the same in principle. However, it should be routed through the Board of Studies (BoS), Department of Physical Education &amp; Sports Sciences with detailed modalities of the training programme (syllabi, duration, training time period, degree/certificate nomenclature, etc.).</b></p> <p>(iv) Admission to UG/PG Programmes of the university under Supernumerary Seats for Single Girl Child.</p> <p>The Council noted the email dated 9th September 2024, received from the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, New Delhi, requesting the University to address the issue of admission to UG/PG programmes under supernumerary seats for single girl children. The Council also acknowledged that a similar practice exists in all Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools). The matter was further discussed during a virtual meeting with the Additional Secretary (HE), Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, on 19th September 2024.</p> <p><b>The Council after detailed discussions approved the proposal. It was further resolved that one seat under this category will be reserved (supernumerary seat) in each programme (UG/PG). A committee shall be constituted to develop a mechanism/SoPs in this regard. The same shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council for deliberation and approval. It was also decided to waive the admission / Tuition fees in this</b></p>





	<p><b>category. The same shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council and the next Finance Committee for deliberation and approval.</b></p>
	<p>(v) Automation of Student Registration Number Allotment Process.</p> <p>The Council observed that the university is currently assigning registration numbers to students manually, which has led to various challenges by the students.</p> <p><b>The Council after detailed deliberation approved the proposal to automate/integrate the process of allotting registration numbers to students of the university and its affiliated colleges. This automation system will be integrated/linked with the SAMARTH portal. A committee will be formed to develop a mechanism/SoPs, which will include one or two college principals as members. The same shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council for deliberation and approval.</b></p>
	<p>(vi) Approval the modified Kulgeet (university song)</p> <p>The Council noted that the university had constituted a committee to review and recast the Kulgeet (University Song) by shortening its duration in comparison to other anthems, including the National Anthem, without undermining its core value and meaning. The committee submitted its minutes along with the edited Kulgeet (university song); reducing its length from 2.58 minutes to 1.49 minutes, while preserving its original meaning. The recording also includes correct pronunciation.</p> <p><b>The Council was pleased to approve the revised version of the Kulgeet (university song), and it shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council for approval.</b></p>
	<p>(vii) Uniform Fee Structure in Affiliated Colleges</p> <p>The Academic Council noted that the affiliated colleges are not maintaining uniform fee structure and the UGC Pay Scale, as required under provisions of the UGC/NCTE and University Ordinance, is not being provided to the employees (teaching and non-teaching).</p> <p><b>Taking serious view of the case, the Academic Council decided to constitute a committee under the convenorship of the Director, CDC, to examine the possibility of maintaining uniform fee structure in adherence of the UGC Pay Scale.</b></p>





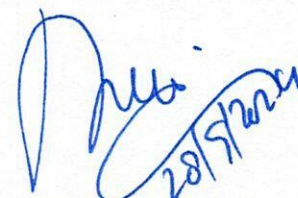
	<p>(viii) <b>Approval of the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) Emblem</b></p> <p>The Council noted that the renaming of Institute of Distance Education (IDE) to Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the university has already approved by the Academic Council in its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting and by the Executive Council in its 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting. In continuation of that, a new emblem of CDOE has been designed.</p> <p><b>The Council approved the new emblem of CDOE in principle, with modifications as discussed during the meeting. The same shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council for deliberation and approval.</b></p> <p>(ix) <b>Approval of Syllabi of Departments/Institutes through circulation mode</b></p> <p>The Council recognized the need to prepare new syllabi of the Departments/Institutes of the university through circulation mode, given the constraints of time and resources.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the syllabi through circulation mode.</b></p> <p>(x) <b>Evaluation and Remuneration of Ph. D. Thesis</b></p> <p>The Council observed that the university has been receiving the recommendations from external experts for the evaluation of submitted Ph. D. theses only after significant delays, even after multiple reminders and phone calls. This has resulted in a delay in the awarding of Ph. D. Degree to students, ultimately impacting the university's ability to admit new students in a timely manner. The students, in particular, are the ones most affected by these delays.</p> <p><b>The Academic Council discussed this issue in detail and decided that, henceforth, a confirmation will be obtained from the external expert before sending the Ph. D. thesis. The expert will be requested to provide their recommendation within 30 (thirty) days of receiving the thesis. A reminder/confirmation letter should be sent after 15 (fifteen) days, and on expiry of 30 (thirty) days duration the thesis may be sent to another external expert.</b></p> <p><b>It was also resolved that the honorarium for evaluating of Ph. D. theses will be verified by the Examinations Branch. If the remuneration has not been enhanced recently, a proposal for enhancement will be prepared by the Examinations Branch and submitted to the Academic Council and Executive Council for discussion and consideration.</b></p>
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	<p>(xi) To approve the Dress Code for the convocation.</p> <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.</p> <p>The Council further noted that the university has constituted a committee vide Notification No. Exam-3309/2019, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Academic Council in its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting was noted.</p> <p><b>The Council perused and approved the dress code as discussed. The dress code will be the university scarf with some modifications in emblem and text on it. The students will come with their traditional attire only. The university scarf will be provided to all students attending the convocation function in person. The same shall be placed in the upcoming meeting of the Executive Council for deliberation and approval.</b></p>
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Dr. Nani Tamang Jose, Joint Registrar (Academic), presented the vote of thanks to all members of the Academic Council for their active participation and for meaningful deliberations in the meeting. He also made mentioned that since the joining of Prof. Saket Kushwaha as Vice-Chancellor in 2018, a total of 28 (twenty-eight) Academic Council Meetings have been conducted which speaks a volume of taking various progressive and meaningful decisions for the welfare of the university.

Such regular conduct of the Academic Council and its decisions with valued inputs and suggestion from its members, faculty and officers not only reflect his keen initiative but also his firm resolute to resolve any pending issues so that university and its affiliated institutions do not face difficulties in smooth conduct of academic programmes.



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