

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT (2021-22)
FACULTY OF ARTS AND COMMERCE

General observations/ suggestions on the Faculty of Arts and Commerce

1. It was observed by the members that the performance of most departments was commendable over the assessment period.
2. The format for the furnishing of requisite information for assessment during Academic Audit may be modified, and separate columns and blanks may be provided for inclusion of information details pertaining to the achievements of faculties; the same be provided in detail and not just mentioned in numerical values.
3. It was suggested that each of the departments may engage in extension activities, consultancy and outreach activities.
4. Each department was advised and encouraged to maintain an official record of alumni, with regular updating of data pertaining to placement and present position of alumni.
5. Placement record be tracked and updated regularly in each department
6. Industry liaison be maintained in each department to live up to the true spirit of NEP 2020.
7. All departments were motivated to maintain a local focus in matters pertaining to syllabus, teaching, research and extension activities, ensuring contribution to society at large.
8. Ensure whether syllabus is commensurate with job-oriented courses and is updated enough to suit the present market requirements.
9. Ensure whether syllabus is commensurate with the syllabi of competitive examinations across the country.
10. Build up robust alumni organizations in all departments and track their placement. Also, members of alumni placed in important positions of office both in administration and academic, be documented. They may also be invited to deliver motivational lectures in their respective departments.
11. Well-stacked departmental /seminar libraries be set up in every department and research scholars drawing grants and scholarships be advised to submit and deposit books to the seminar libraries purchased from contingency grants. A general notification from the administrative office may be made in this regard to initiate the process.
12. Research scholars be directed to deposit 'permanent articles' like books purchased from contingency grants at their respective departments on the completion of their research tenure. A general notification be issued from the administration in this regard.
13. Seminars be delivered by research scholars to update the academia on their work from time to time, on topics of relevance and public interest.
14. Orientation programs be conducted by all departments in every subject for newly admitted students at the commencement of a new academic session, to appraise them on career prospects and employability in their respective disciplines.

DEPARTMENT-WISE REPORT

Department of Psychology

- The department was appreciated for the contribution in terms of providing counseling on mental health of students and youth in general.
- Importance be laid on stress management, and psychology of today's youth.
- Syllabus of PG program be updated frequently.

Department of Sociology

- Relevant sociological issues of local relevance be identified and studied by the department.
- Modification of syllabus advised at regular intervals to keep pace with changing times.

Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy

- Proposal for Department of Social Work be initiated.
- Workshops be conducted on rural industry, rural infrastructure, small scale and cottage industry.
- Talks, programs be organized on the above issues involving rural stakeholders.

Department of Rural Studies

- Short-term Courses be introduced by the department on Rural Training.
- Local level programs with NGOs and other local bodies be organized and suggestions collected from these bodies to be later conveyed to the government for policy implementation.

Department of Music and Performing Arts

- The performance of the department was appreciated by and large.

Department of Commerce

- The Chairman emphasized on the need to sensitize students on the practical application of theoretical knowledge in commerce.

Department of Linguistics and Tribal Languages

- Poor faculty strength was a hindrance in the path to academic achievements of the department.
- Language lab recommended.
- Faculties were advised to pursue adequate publications for overall upgradation of the department.

Department of Kokborok

- True to the spirit of NEP 2020, in view of promotion of mother-tongues and local indigenous languages, adequate academic staff requirements in the Kokborok department be immediately addressed by the university.
- Development of a Language lab advised.

Department of Fine Arts

- Advised Alumni activation.
- More space be allocated for sculpture particularly space for furnace and terracotta work.
- Gallery be set up with adequate space for exhibition display and appropriate steps be taken in that direction.
- IQAC be sensitized on the urgent need to prepare a discipline specific CAS format for Fine Arts and Music to accommodate practical criteria at par with other Fine Arts and Music departments elsewhere.

Department of Economics

- It was advised that discussion forums be initiated on Agricultural Price Policy, minimum support price
- Studies be initiated on the commercialization of agriculture in Tripura.

Department of Law

- Department was advised to identify need for legal aid among the rural poor in Tripura.

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

- Studio be set up with latest recommended technology, along with adequate manpower.

Department of Business Management

- MBA Executive Program be proposed and initiated.
- Faculty paucity concerns of the department be addressed by the university.

Department of English

- Official Alumni record be maintained and placement be tracked on a regular basis.

Department of Bengali

- The record and data provided by the Department of Bengali for its audit purposes remains satisfactory.
- It was suggested that the university be alert to the concerns of faculty shortage in this department.

Department of History

- Relevance of local history be sensitized by different stakeholders of the university.

School of Education

- Departmental Library recommended
- Recruitment of regular faculty recommended immediately
- M.Ed Program be initiated.

Dept of Education

- Faculty shortage to be addressed

Dept of Political Science

- Record of alumni association to be maintained.
- NEP Syllabus be implemented.

Dept of Sanskrit

- Departmental library be enriched.
- Well-stacked departmental /seminar libraries be set up in every department and research scholars drawing grants and scholarships be advised to submit and deposit books to the seminar libraries purchased from contingency grants. A general notification from the administrative office may be made in this regard to initiate the process.
- Students be motivated and oriented to Sanskrit studies. Employability of students be sensitized through regular training on aspects of Sanskrit studies connected with related fields of yoga, ayurveda, astrology, vaastusashtra, plant sciences et al.
- Sanskrit be taught in Sanskrit and teachers be sensitized in this matter. Motivational and orientation programs be conducted to popularize Sanskrit studies.

Department of Philosophy

- Regular seminars to be organized by the department to promote the discipline.
- Linkages with Indian knowledge systems be drawn in order to attract students towards the discipline and to enhance knowledge based on Indian heritages.


Department of Hindi

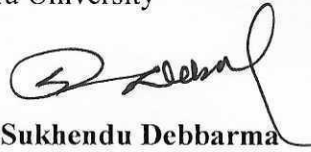
- Departmental alumni meet be organized regularly with identification of important alumni members.
- Departmental library be immediately instituted with proper record.

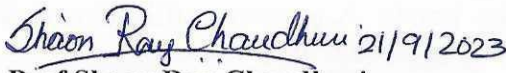
Department of Physical Education


- Indoor facility for games recommended
- Multipurpose indoor hall and swimming pool recommended
- Proper gymnasium facility recommended with strong infrastructure.


The visit of the Academic Audit Team lasted for two days that is, 20th and 21st September 2023, and the expert members along with other team members expressed their satisfaction at the end of their tour of the university academic departments.


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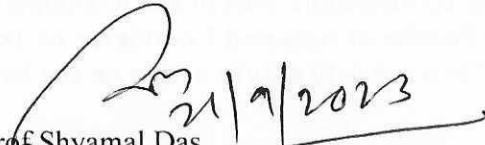
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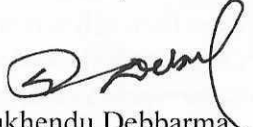
In view of the general observations, suggestions and recommendations of the Academic Audit expert team who visited all the departments of the Faculty of Arts and Commerce on Dec 21, 2021, concerted steps have been taken over the last two years to ensure action on the basis of the suggestions.

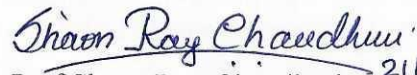
- **Mentor-mentee lists made mandatory in each department along with a dynamic student profile with a tracking of student progression**
- **Departments identify Slow, Medium and Advanced learners through a robust tracking system of Internal Assessment performances in the form of class-tests and assignments.**
- **MOOC/NPTEL platforms encouraged in all departments for various courses**
- **Mechanism developed by which marksheets would display the grades obtained in MOOC /SWAYAM/NPTEL courses.**
- **Outcome based learning initiated in all departments with the uploading of Program Specific and Course specific outcomes on the Tripura University website as well as the notice boards of all departments.**
- **Implementation of NEP 2020 successfully strategized and planned with a sustained process of preparation of the syllabus for each program and course through the last two years, before being implemented from the present academic session.**


In view of the comments and suggestions of the Audit Team on different departments, the following actions have been successfully ensured:


- Increased production of articles in indexed journals in the Department of Physical Education as recommended by the Audit Team, and also focused on the imparting of outcome-based knowledge as suggested.
- The Department of Hindi has begun to make more intensive use of teaching aids.
- The Department of English, Political Science and History have begun to regularly maintain mentor mentee profile and students' data for identification of Slow, advanced and medium learners.
- The Department of philosophy has taken consistent measures to promote interdisciplinarity in their elective courses, as recommended by the previous audit team.
- The Department of Sanskrit has been collaborating with the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for faculty and student exchange programs.
- The Department of Business Management took concrete steps to make its presence felt in devising mechanisms to promote placements at regular intervals.
- Students are being oriented in different departments on future career prospects.
- The Department of Commerce has successfully started maintaining Placement and consultancy data along with mentor mentee profile.
- The Department of Economics has geared up efforts at institutional collaborations with global and national institutions.


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