

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRIPURA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH MAY, 2019 AT 11:00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF BIRCHANDRA STATE CENTRAL LIBRARY, AGARTALA.

Members present in the meeting are at Annexure 1.

Prof. Aronoday Saha, Vice-Chairperson, State Higher Education Council, Tripura was in the Chair.

At the outset Prof. Arunoday Saha, Vice-Chairperson, Tripura State Higher Education Council greeted and welcomed all the members of the Council and introduced the Tripura State Higher Education Council Act to all the members present. The Director, Higher Education Department has briefed the present status of functioning of the SPD(RUSA) and TSG located at the Directorate and the important issues which need attention of the Council for proper advice.

The members were appraised of the following issues:

- Selection of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson of TSHEC through a Search Committee as per provision of the Act. Notification in this regard has already been issued.
- In view of the limitations in the portal developed for Online Admission, this year admission in the General degree Colleges will be offline like earlier years. Steps to be taken up for developing a new portal by incorporating changes are required to make the portal student friendly.
- In order to revamp the Technical Support Group as well as the State Project Directorate under RUSA, an RFP is under process which has to be finalized urgently in order to avail of professional resource team for managing the MIS, Fund Disbursement, Utilization as well as preparation of DPRs for new projects under the components of RUSA and get these approved by PAB.
- The proposal for introduction of a Transfer policy for College teachers have also been discussed and views expressed by the members were taken note of.
- Induction of Non- NAAC colleges to be eligible for funding under RUSA 3.0 as informed during the Review meeting of MHRD held on 14th May, 19 has been brought to the notice of the SHEC members.
- Introduction of College Development fund amounting to Rs. 100/- per semester per student as a source of internal revenue generation for meeting up the day to day expenditure of the institutions in order to provide better facilities to the students has been discussed with the members of SHEC and unanimously accepted.
- Granting of Autonomy to the eligible Colleges as per the new framework of UGC has also been discussed.
- The Director Higher Education has explained the structure of the proposed placement cell in the colleges to the members and the members have supported the proposal to go ahead with.

The members have expressed their views on different issues concerning attention of the State Government for implementation in order to ensure quality in Higher Education. The gist of the views of each member are summarised below:

- Dr. D. Gan Chowdhury – The member has requested for the need of maintaining proper Student Teacher Ratio to ensure quality education and getting good score and Grade from NAAC. He has also stressed upon the necessity of having regular Principal in all the colleges to ensure efficient academic administration.
- Dr. Jaharlal Saha – The Govt. has to provide required infrastructure in the Colleges and the intake capacity of each subject in the colleges should be at par the availability of faculty members and particularly seating capacity. The practice of excess admission in Colleges in some subjects has to be avoided for ensuring quality education. He has also stressed upon maintaining proper Student Teacher Ratio. There is requirement of fund for upgrading the required infrastructure of the Colleges as per NAAC. This has to be ensured by the Department.

- Dr. Ratan Deb – In order to meet up the required number of faculties in the colleges and also in view of retaining the experienced senior faculty members, the Department may take a view of making the superannuation age of 65 years for the College Teachers as adopted in other States like West Bengal.
 - Dr. Sanjoy Roy – The member has stressed upon filling up the post of Principal in the General Degree Colleges to run these Colleges effectively and to have a better administrative control. He has suggested for engagement of contract teachers on short term basis as per eligibility of UGC to meet up the immediate shortage of faculty members in the colleges so that their services can be utilized for different academic and administrative purposes of the institute. He is of opinion that the department may take a policy decision to give autonomy to some colleges for better administrative functioning.
 - The Vice Chancellor, MBB University has expressed his views for transfer of the faculty members at the end of the semester so that academic activities of the Colleges are not hampered.
 - The Director Skill Development has indicated to integrate skill as a academics with the curriculum at undergraduate level so that the passed out students become employable. The College placement cell may avail of the expertise from the Skill Development Directorate in order to facilitate the students opting for Skill oriented training program to build up their careers.
 - The representative from Science, Technology & Environment Department has requested for celebrating the world environment day in the colleges. Apart from that any Environment related issues of the Colleges may be taken up with the Science, Technology & Environment Department.
- The Vice Chairman, TSHEC has intimated to the members about the following actions to be taken by the Department:

1. The process for filling up the vacant post of Assistant Prof. in General Degree Colleges needs to be expedited.
2. A policy decision at the higher level has to be taken for enhancement of the superannuation age of College teachers.
3. The vacant post of Principals of General Degree Colleges and other Colleges under the Department needs to be filled up through TPSC by a special drive.
4. The decision of UGC regarding the tenure post for the Principals may be considered to be adopted in the State to ensure filling up of the vacant posts with qualified academicians. In doing so, the other faculty members would also be encouraged.
5. The matter of engagement of PhD guide from the college teachers to be taken up with the Tripura University for their consideration as per practice in other Universities of other States in India.
6. On a proposal, the members of the committee have unanimously resolved that the remuneration to the Consultant and other staff (category wise) need to be revised w.e.f. 01.06.2019. This has been resolved in view of the services offered by them during the past years to run the RUSA scheme in the State in an effective and efficient manner.

The revised rate of remuneration is given as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the employee	Revised rate per month
1.	Sri Abir Dasgupta, Consultant (RUSA)	Rs. 36,000/-
2.	Sri Krishnapada Debnath, Accountant	Rs.13,200/-
3.	Sri Kishalay Basu, H/C	Rs. 13,200/-
4.	Sri Manoranjan Debnath, Project Asstt.	Rs.12,000/-
5.	Sri Pulak Bhattacharjee	Rs. 12,000/-

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(Prof. A. Saha)
Vice-Chairman
Tripura State Higher Education Council

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Dated 30th May, 2019.

To

1. Prof. Arunoday Saha, Vice-Chairperson, Tripura State Higher Education Council, Agartala
2. Prof. Gautam Kumar Basu, Vice-Chancellor, MBB University.
3. The Director, Skill Development.
4. The Director, ICA.
5. The Joint Director, Science Technology & Environment.
6. The Under Secretary, Finance Department.
7. Dr. Sanjoy Roy, Principal, BBM College.
8. Smt. Manidipa Debbarma, Principal, Womens College.
9. Dr. Ratan Deb, Associate Professor, Ramthakur College.
10. Dr. Dhananjoy Ganchoudhury, Retd Principal.
11. Dr. Gita Debnath, Retd. Principal.
12. Dr. Jaharlal Saha, Retd. Associate Professor.

Copy to:

1. P.S to the Minster, Higher Education Department.
2. P.S to the Secretary, Higher Education Department.
3. P.A to Director, Higher Education Department.
4. Smt. Suman Shukla, Senior Consultant, RUSA, MHRD, New Delhi


(Saju Vaheed A, IAS)
Director & Member Secretary (SHEC)
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