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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 26th ACADEMIC COUNCIL

26th meeting of the Academic Council was called on 05th February, 2025, in the Board Room of Off-campus of the University, Pandri at 12:00PM. Following members attended the meeting:

| S No. | NAME OF THE OFFICIALS | POSITION |
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| 1 | Prof. (Dr.) K. P. Yadav - Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor | Chairperson |
| 2 | Shri Priyesh Pagariya - Director General | Member |
| 3 | Dr. Vijay Bhushan Nag - Dean, Academics & Director, IQAC | Member |
| 4 | Prof. (Dr.) Umesh Gupta - Dean, MSBS and MSMSR | Member |
| 5 | Prof. (Dr.) Parvinder Hanspal - Dean, MSED and MSPED | Member |
| 6 | Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Dalai - Dean, MLS | Member |
| 7 | Prof. (Dr.) Asha Ambhaikar - Director, MSEIT | Member |
| 8 | Prof. (Dr.) Omprakash Chandrakar - Head, MSIT | Member |
| 9 | Prof (Dr.) Ashish Saraf - Head, MSS | Member |
| 10 | Dr. Kalpana Chandrakar - Head, MSLS | Member |
| 11 | Mrs. Parvinder Kaur - Head, MSFDT | Member |
| 12 | Prof. (Dr.) Amit Nayak – Principal, MSP | Member |
| 13 | Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeet Tiwari – Principal, MSED | Member |
| 14 | Dr. Ayaz Khan - Head, MSPED | Member |
| 15 | Prof. (Dr.) Ranjana Das Sarkhel - HoD, MSAH - English | Member |
| 16 | Prof. (Dr.) Reshma Ansari - HoD, MSAH - Hindi | Member |
| 17 | Prof. (Dr.) Shaista Ansari - HoD, MSAH - Psychology | Member |
| 18 | Dr. Deenanath Yadav - HoD, MSAH - SW | Member |
| 19 | Dr. Pradeep Saxena – Controller of Examinations | Member |
| 20 | Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sahu – Deputy Registrar | Member |
| 21 | Prof. (Dr.) A. K. Tripathi – Dean, College of Dairy Sc. & Food Tech., Kamdhenu University, Durg | External Member |
| 22 | Prof. (Dr.) Vishwaprakash Roy – OSD, PhD Cell | Special Invitee |

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| 23 | Dr. Dharmendra P. Sharma – Director, MIODL | Special Invitee |
| 24 | Mr. Srikant – T&P Officer | Special Invitee |
| 25 | Shri Gokulananda Panda – Registrar | Member Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting owing to their pre-occupation:

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| 26 | Prof. (Dr.) Deepika Dhand - Pro Vice-Chancellor | Member |
| 27 | CA Sourabh Soni – Chief Finance Officer | Member |
| 28 | Prof. (Dr.) S. S. Shaw - Technical Advisor, Mahatma Gandhi Udyaniki and Vaniki University, Raipur | External Member |

Welcome address by the Chairperson

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of MATS University, Prof. (Dr.) K. P. Yadav, presided over the meeting, during which several key points were discussed and finalized. In his opening address, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor warmly welcomed core members, external member and the special invitees. He began by extending his heartfelt congratulations to the university community, on behalf of the Academia, for their consistent efforts in delivering high-quality academic approach.

Following the Vice-Chancellor's remarks, the Registrar Shri Gokulananda Panda as Member Secretary presented a brief overview of the academic enhancement and their functioning to the members of the Academic Council. This presentation provided valuable insights into the academic structure, operational effectiveness, and strategic direction of the university, enabling the Academic Council members to better understand and contribute to the institution's Vision and Mission.

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The subsequent agenda items were deliberated upon:

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| 26AC/2024-25/01: | Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25 th Academic Council meeting. |
| 26AC/2024-25/02: | Review and discussion on the Action Taken Report based on decisions made in the previous meeting. |
| 26AC/2024-25/03: | Discussion and acknowledgement on the successful NAAC Peer Team Visit, and the announcement of the NAAC A+ accreditation. |
| 26AC/2024-25/04: | Approval of the recommendations submitted by the Board of Studies (BoS) across all school/departments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to start new programmes. • Proposal to start ODL and Online programmes and related requirements. • Establish PG/PhD Research Centre in Pharmacy. • Increase seat intakes in MSEIT. • Introduce new specializations for industry-oriented Skill Development and Career Advancement. |
| 26AC/2024-25/05: | Proposal to start various UG/PG courses under ODL (Open and Distance Learning) and Online Programs through UGC – Distance Education Bureau, as per latest NAAC Accreditations. |
| 26AC/2024-25/06: | Proposal for conducting the PhD Entrance Examination in February 2025. |
| 26AC/2024-25/07: | Approval of the revised remuneration of the Examination. |
| 26AC/2024-25/08: | Proposal for establishment a Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and related infrastructure, recruit various academic and non-academic positions, and approval of the related syllabi/study materials etc. |
| 26AC/2024-25/09: | Proposal by the Training & Placement Cell to collaborate with Orage Digital Pvt. Ltd. For a free pilot training program under Progressive Learning Ability Test (PLAT) for 500 students to enhance employability skills. |
| 26AC/2024-25/10: | Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair. |



Agenda Item No 1: **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 25th Academic Council meeting.**

Discussion: Mr. Gokulananda Panda – Registrar has presented and briefing the 25th Minutes of the Academic Council meeting to the floor.

Resolution: *The Academic Council members unanimously approved and announced its official the 25th Minutes of the Academic Council held on 17th December, 2024.*

Agenda Item No 2: **Review and discussion on the Action Taken Report based on decisions made in the previous meeting.**

Discussion: Mr. Gokulananda Panda – Registrar has presented and shared the Action Taken Reports of the 25th Academic Council meeting.

Resolution: *The details shared were noted by the members of the 25th Minutes of the Academic Council held on 17th December, 2024.*

Agenda Item No 3: **Discussion and acknowledgement on the successful NAAC Peer Team Visit, and the announcement of the NAAC A+ accreditation.**

Discussion: The Chairperson opened the meeting by introducing the proposal acknowledgement on the successful NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) Peer Team Visit, and the announcement of the NAAC A+ accreditation.

Prof. (Dr.) K. P. Yadav – Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has briefed the recent visit by the NAAC Peer Team marks a significant milestone in our institution's journey towards academic excellence. The visit was a comprehensive evaluation of our infrastructure, faculty, curriculum, student support, and research initiatives. The team's valuable feedback and constructive insights were instrumental in identifying our strengths and areas for further improvement, and reinforcing our commitment.

We are pleased to announce that, as a result of this successful evaluation, our institution has been awarded the prestigious NAAC A+ accreditation with 3.3 grading out of 4.0. We are the first and only private university of the state that achieved this grade. This achievement would not have been possible without the relentless efforts and support of all stakeholders.

Resolution: *The Board of Management members unanimously appreciated it and expressed commitment to maintain the A+ approach and resolved to inspire to achieve A++ achievement.*



Agenda Item No 4: **Approval of proposals submitted by the Board of Studies (BoS) across all departments.**

Discussion:

Dr. Vijay Bhushan – Dean, Academics has briefed the BoS recommendations and put forward a series of academic reforms and others that required the approval of the Academic Council to proceed further.

The Chairperson overviewed of the key recommendations that were presented by the Board of Studies, including the following:

1. Introduction of new Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs in regular mode:
 - **Master of Physical Education & Sports (MPed&S); and Diploma in Naturopathy & Yogic Science (DNYS)** under School of Physical Education, proposed by Head - MSPED;
 - **Master of Science in Forensic Science (MSc-FS); and PG Diploma in Forensic Science & Criminology (PGDFSC)** under School of Sciences, proposed by Head - MSS;
 - **PG Diploma in NGO Management (PGDNGO)** under School of Arts and Humanities – Social Work, proposed by HoD – MSAH-SW.
2. Start ODL and Online programmes and related requirements:
 - For **12 programmes in ODL** and **09 programmes in Online Education**, proposals submitted by all the respective Heads;
 - Make an **Ordinance-145** and to publish in the Gazette, both for ODL & Online Education;
 - To prepare and approval of the **PPRs** and **SLMs** for ODL;
 - To prepare and approval of the **E-content** and **E-videos** for Online Education.
3. Establish PG/PhD Research Centre in Pharmacy, proposed by Principal - MSP.
4. Increase seat intakes of the different branches in Engineering, proposed by Director- MSEIT.
 - **Computer Science Engineering** - from **30** to **120** seats
 - **Mining Engineering** - from **30** to **60** seats
 - **Mechanical Engineering** - from **30** to **60** seats, and
 - **Aeronautical Engineering** – from **30** to **60** seats.
5. Introduce new specializations for industry-oriented Skill Development and Career Advancement:
 - **MBA Business Analytics, MBA AI Marketing, and MBA Agri-Business** – MSMSR;
 - **MSc CS – AIML – MSIT**;
 - **Digital Marketing in Mass Communication** – MSAH-English;
 - **Clinical Psychology & HRD Management** – MSAH-Psychology;
 - **French Language** – MSEIT;
 - **Environment and Disaster Management, and Human Resource Management** - MSAH – Social Work.

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Prof. (Dr.) A. K. Tripathi – External Member has suggested to the council members and requested to the Chair to start **Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (BVSc&AH)** program under a new school, addressing the need for recent trends in animal care and management with qualified professionals to the hygienic society.

Resolution:

The Academic Council has approved unanimously of all the recommendations of the Board of Studies, along with external member suggestions. Details shared with noted by the members were presented.

The Council will communicate its recommendations for ratification to the appropriate body related to the financial and infrastructural obligations.

Agenda Item No 5:

Proposal to start various UG/PG programmes under ODL (Open and Distance Learning) and Online Programs through UGC-Distance Education Bureau, as per latest NAAC Accreditations.

Discussion:

Prof. (Dr.) K. P. Yadav – Hon'ble Vice-chancellor has presented the proposal recommended through various Board of Studies (BoS), to introduce a range of Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes under ODL and Online Education was discussed in detail at the Academic Council meeting.

This initiative aligns with the latest NAAC accreditation standards, which emphasize the importance of innovative and inclusive teaching practices. The following programs names as:

| OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) | ONLINE EDUCATION |
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| 1. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) 2. Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Psychology) 3. Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) 4. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) 5. Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) 6. Master of Arts (Psychology) 7. Master of Arts (M.A. English) 8. Master of Arts (M.A. Hindi) 9. Master of Arts in Education (M.A. Education) 10. Master of Commerce (M.Com.) 11. Master of Social Work (MSW) 12. Master of Business Administration (MBA) 13. Master of Computer Application (MCA) 14. B. Lib. 15. M. Lib. 16. Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) 17. Master of Science in Chemistry (MSc Chem.) 18. Master of Science in Mathematics (MSc Math) | 1. Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) - 2. Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) 3. Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) 4. Master of Arts (Psychology) 5. Master of Arts (English) 6. Master of Commerce (M.Com.) 7. Master of Social Work (MSW) 8. Master of Business Administration (MBA) 9. Master of Computer Application (MCA) |



The above proposed programs include a variety of disciplines, such as Management, Information Technology, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and more, aimed at catering to a diverse student population. These courses will provide working professionals, non-traditional students, and those from remote areas with an opportunity to pursue higher education without the constraints of physical classroom attendance.

The Academic Council acknowledges the growing trend of online education and the importance of providing an accessible, affordable, and flexible learning environment. The proposal to offer these programs will enhance the institution's reach and reputation.

Resolution:

The Academic Council resolves to approve the proposal to introduce UG/PG programmes under ODL and Online Programs, in line with NAAC's A+ accreditation. A dedicated committee will be formed to start the programmes as per suitability, ensure the effective implementation and compliance with the necessary guidelines and standards.

The Council will communicate its recommendations to the appropriate body for final approval and execution related to the financial and governance related matters.

Agenda Item No 6:

Proposal for conducting the PhD Entrance Examination in February-2025.

Discussion:

Prof. (Dr.) Vishwaprakash Roy – OSD, PhD Cell has presented the proposal to conduct the PhD Entrance Examination in February - 2025 is a key part of the academic calendar, and it is essential to discuss its feasibility, requirements, and logistical considerations to ensure its smooth execution.

Resolution:

The Academic Council has approved the proposal unanimously and the details shared with noted by the members were presented.

Agenda Item No 7:

Approval of the proposal for revised remunerations of the Examinations.

Discussion:

Dr. Pradeep Saxena – Controller of Examination has proposed the revised remunerations for examination-related duties. The increase in remuneration is aimed at recognizing the additional effort and responsibility borne by faculty and staff involved in examination



processes, including paper setting, evaluation, invigilation, and other administrative tasks. With the growing complexity of examination procedures, it is essential to ensure that those responsible for these crucial activities are adequately compensated for their time and expertise.

It was noted that the current remuneration rates have not been revised in recent years, despite the increase in the volume of work, the implementation of digital assessments, and the overall rise in the cost of living. By upgrading these remunerations, the institution aims to ensure fairness, motivate faculty and staff, and enhance the quality of examination management.

Resolution:

The Academic Council unanimously approved the proposal for revised remunerations for all examination-related duties. The revised remuneration structure will be implemented immediately, with clear guidelines provided to faculty and staff. A committee will be appointed to review and propose future adjustments to the remuneration based on emerging requirements and institutional growth, ensuring it remains competitive and sustainable.

The Council will communicate its recommendation for ratification to the appropriate body related to the financial mandates.

Agenda Item No 8:

Proposal for establishment a Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and related infrastructure, recruit various academic and non-academic positions, and approval of the related syllabi/study materials etc.

Discussion:

Prof. (Dr.) K. P. Yadav – Vice-chancellor has presented the proposal to establish of a Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) in the university that will serve as the nucleus for developing, managing, and expanding the institution's distance and online learning offerings. The CDOE would be focus on the several key objectives such as development of online programs and contents, training and support for faculties, student support services, quality assurance, and research and innovations.

Similarly, he made the members aware of the information related to the advertised appointments for CDOE. The successful launch and ongoing operation of the CDOE will depend heavily on recruiting a skilled, diverse, and dedicated team of academic and non-academic personnel. The vacant advertisement such as:

- Professor
- Deputy Director/Registrar
- Associate Professor
- Assistant Director/Registrar



- Assistant Professor
- Section Officer
- Clerk/Multi Tasking Staff
- Tele caller/Receptionist
- Other supporting staffs.

Parallely, he has discussed about the preparations of various courses Programme Project Reports (PPRs) and state of the art Study Learning Materials (SLMs) for Open and Distance Learning Programmes (ODL) and E-content/videos for Online Education. The ODL programs requires a thorough review and approval process to ensure that each program meets academic, pedagogical, and high quality standards.

As part of this process, PPRs, SLMs and E-contents must be carefully crafted, evaluated, and approved before the program can be launched that cater to the needs of diverse learners, ensuring that they provide a meaningful and engaging learning experience.

Resolution:

The Academic Council members unanimously approved the above proposals and instructed to the Director, MIODL to submit all the necessary requirements to establish CDOE; instructed to the Head, Human Resource to acquire best talent as per UGC-DEB standards; and instructed to the concerned departmental head to prepare state of the art SLMs/E-videos.

The Council will communicate above recommendations for ratification to the appropriate body related to the financial and governance matters.

Agenda Item No 9:

Proposal by the Training & Placement Cell to collaborate with Orage Digital Pvt. Ltd. for a free pilot training program under Progressive Learning Ability Test (PLAT) for 500 students to enhance employability skills.

Discussion:

Mr. Srikant – Training and Placement Officer, has presented the proposal to enhance employability and skill development among MATS students, proposes collaboration with Orange Digital Pvt. Ltd. to organize a free pilot training program under the PLAT.

This initiative aims to provide high-quality skill training to 500 students, focusing on enhancing their employability and readiness for the job market. The T&P Cell seeks the approval and support of all relevant authorities to move forward with this valuable initiative.

Resolution:

The Academic Council has approved the proposal to enhance for industry-academia collaborations.



Agenda Item No 10: Any other agenda with the permission of the chair.

Discussion: None.

The Member Secretary expressed his gratitude to all the members present at the meeting.

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|  Prof. K. P. Yadav Chairperson |  Prof. A. K. Tripathi External Member |  Shri Priyesh Pagariya Member |  Dr. Vijay Bhushan Member |  Prof. Umesh Gupta Member |
|  Prof. Parvinder Hanspal Member |  Prof. K. C. Dalai Member |  Prof. Asha Ambhaikar Member |  Prof. Omprakash Chandrakar Member |  Prof. Ashish Saraf Member |
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|  Prof. Ranjana Das Sarkhel Member |  Prof. Reshma Ansari Member |  Prof. Shaista Ansari Member |  Dr. Deenanath Yadav Member |  Dr. Pradeep Saxena Member |
|  Dr. Ramesh Ku. Sahu Member |  Prof. Vishwaprakash Roy Special Invitee |  Dr. Dharmendra P. Sharma Special Invitee |  Mr. Srikant Special Invitee |  Mr. Gokulananda Panda Member Secretary |







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