

Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Academic Council (Hybrid Mode) November 11, 2025 (Tuesday)

The 24th Meeting of the Academic Council of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is convened at the Conference Hall of the VC Secretariat in Hybrid mode on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM onwards to deliberate on the agenda circulated earlier and to take decisions on the agenda items.

At the outset, the Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Academic Council.

With the Chair's permission, the Registrar/Member Secretary presented the agenda items to the Council for deliberation.

Agenda for Reporting

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Item	No.
24.	1

Confirmation of Minutes of 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025.

The 23rd Academic Council meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025, and the Minutes were circulated to all members for information and comments, if any (copy is enclosed in Annexure-1).

The approved Minutes of the 23rd Academic Council are placed before the Academic Council for confirmation.

Resolution:

The Council confirmed the Minutes of the AC meeting held on 22-07-2025.

Action: All Concerned

Agenda Item No. 24.2

Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council.

The status of the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions of the 23rd meeting of the Academic Council is enclosed as Annexure –2.

The ATR is placed before the Academic Council for information and approval.

Resolution:

The ATR of the 23rd meeting of the AC was noted.

ATR presented on Agenda Point 23.10.3 regarding the re-registration of research scholars in the Department of Geology was explained by the Academic & Research Section and accordingly it is resolved that extension cannot be granted beyond the provisions of the relevant Ordinances.

Action: All Concerned

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To report the Minutes of the meeting of all Deans of Schools and Nodal Committee for Admission 2025-26.

A meeting of all Deans of Schools and Nodal Committee of Admissions 2025-26 was convened on 02-08-2025 regarding admissions in Academic Session 2025-26.

The minutes of the meeting are submitted to the Academic Council for reporting.

Resolution:

Noted

Action: All Concerned

Agenda Item No. 24.4

To report the approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee for extension /continuation of the existing temporary affiliation of Colleges/Institutions with HNBGU for the Academic Session 2025-26 and other affiliation matters.

The Standing Committee on Affiliations, in its meeting dated 30-10-2025, considered the recommendations of the Inspection Committees constituted for the surprise inspection of institutions applying for extension of annual temporary affiliation for 2025-26 with the University, as well as other affiliation matters. With the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on the minutes of the Standing Committee, the University has granted continuation /extension of temporary affiliation to the existing affiliated Colleges/Institutes that applied for the same for the Academic Session 2025-26.

The recommendations/minutes of the Standing Committee, along with the list of affiliated colleges/Institutes, are placed before the Academic Council for consideration and reporting.

Resolution:

Approved

Action: AR(Affiliation)

I. Agenda for Consideration

Agenda Item No. 24.5

To consider the award of Ph.D. Degree.

The Details of Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted (46) between 06-06-2025 to 08-11-2025 for the award of Ph.D.

S.N O	E,No.	Subject	Name	Date of Viva	Name of the Supervisor	Topics
1	G13471066	Botany ''	Raman Kattal	19-07-2025	Dr. J.P. Mehta Birla Campus, Srinagar	Tree Diversity, Regeneration Pattern, Carbon Stock and Anthropogenic Pressure along an Altitudinal Gradient in the Madhyamaheshwar Valley, Rudraprayag Uttarakhand
2	G171342062	Botany	Tarseem Lal	18-08-2025	Dr. L.R. Dangwal SRT Campus, Tehri	Studies on the Ethnomedicinal Plants of Jaunpur Block, District Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand
3	G14343362	Botany	Shivani	30-09-2025	Dr. Prabhawati Tiwari Birla Campus, Srinagar	Pollen Flora of Rudraprayag District, Garhwal Himalaya, Uttarakhand

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	4	G13190334	Business Management	Kamlesh Kohli	22-07-2025	Dr. Monika Kashyap Birla Campus, Srinagar	User Perceptions towards Mobile Banking Services in Uttarakhand: An Empirical Analysis
	5	G191343017	Business Management	Bipin Kumar	09-08-2025	Dr. Monika Kashyap Birla Campus, Srinagar	Role of Financial Technology for the Revival and Growth of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMES), with Special Reference to the Garhwal Region
	6	G182187	Business Management	Sneha Maindola	11-08-2025	Dr. Surendra Kumar Birla Campus, Srinagar	A Study on Employee Engagement Regarding the Individual Differences in Self- Financed higher Education in Uttarakhannd and Its Impact on Employee Retention
,	7	G191343014	Business Management	Nayna Rawat	18-08-2025	Dr. Elangbam Binodini Birla Campus, Srinagar	A Study on Psychological Capital and Work Engagement of Faculties among Private and State Universities in Uttarakhand
	8	G14351654	Chemistry	Aditi Kandari	26-09-2025	Prof. D.S. Negi Birla Campus, Srinagar	Surface Functionalized Phytogenic Green Nanocellulose Composites Targeting Photocatalytic Degradation of dye.
	.9	GA132243	Commerce	Neetika Agarwal	07-08-2025	Dr.,S.K. Batra SMJN (PG) College, Haridwar	Impact of Customer Perception, Attitude and Technology Readiness on Adoptionn of Cashless Transactions
	10	G13191622	Commerce	Shweta Jha	13-08-2025	Prof. R.C. Dangwal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Measuring the Impact of Financial Inclusion among Urban Slum Dwellers of Uttarakhand
	11	G191343099	Commerce	Mohd Adnan	23-08-2025	Prof. J.D.S. Negi SRT Campus, Pauri	Impact of Business Correspondent Model of Financial Inclusion
	12	G191343047	Computer Science	Kuldeep Singh	14-08-2025	Prof. M.P. Thapliyal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Application of Adaptive Neuro- Fuzzy Inference and Refined Wavelet Transform Fused System Model For Stock Market redication
w.	13	G191343048	Computer Science	Suraj Singh Panwar	14-08-2025	Prof. M.M.S. Rauthan Birla Campus, Srinagar	Energy-Efficient and Cost- Effective Management of Resources in Cloud Data Centers
	14	G191343081	Economics	Ravindra Kumar Yadav	19-07-2025	Dr. B.B. Chaurasia DAV (PG) College, Dehradun	उत्तराखण्ड के कृषि एवं गैर-कृषि क्षेत्रों में रोजगार एवं आय की स्थिति का तुलनात्मक अध्ययनः देहरादून जनपद के चकराता एवं कालसी विकास खण्डों के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के विशेष सन्दर्भ में
	15	G171343070	English	Mansi Sundriyal	16-07-2025	Prof. Deepak Kumar Birla Campus, Srinagar	Revisiting History Through Memories in Select Works of Ferit Orhan Pamuk
	16	G09128744	English	Arjun Singh	20-08-2025	Prof. Deepak Kumar Birla Campus, Srinagar	A Polemical Study of the Poetry of Kabir Das
	17	G182019	English	Arifur Rahman Choudhury	30-08-2025	Dr. Bidyut Bose DBS (PG) College, Dehradun	Contextual and Co-Textual Analysis of Select Continental War Fictions : A New Historicist Approch
	18	G08111001	Forestry	Amreen	25-08-2025	Prof. A.K. Negi Birla Campus, Srinagar	Effects of Smoke, Somoked Water, ash and Heat on seed Germination Behaviour of Selected Woody Species in Alaknanda Valley
	19	G14661752	Forestry	Radheshyam Junjariya	26-08-2025	Prof. A.K. Negi Birla Campus, Srinagar	Impact of Climate Change on Phenology and Phenology and Regeneration of Shorea Robusta Roth. In Garhwal Himalaya
	20	G13660418	Forestry	Dharmendra Shah	27-08-2025	Prof. A.K. Negi Birla Campus, Srinagar	An Ecological Investigation on Functional Traits of Understory



						Species of Lesser Himalaya, Uttarakhand, India
21	G13117945	Geology	Pooja	14-08-2025	Prof. D.S. Bagri SRT Campus, Tehri	Assessment of Anthropogenic Activities on the Water Quality of Yamuna River Between Yamunotri to Dakpathar Barrage, Uttarakhnand, India
22	G191343109	Geology	Pankaj Kumar	16-10-2025	Prof. H.C. Nainwal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Dynamics of Glacier Changes and Impacts of Regional Climate Variability in the Suru River Valley, Ladakh Himalaya, India
23	G11471326	Geology	Ashish Pal	17-10-2025	Prof. H.C. Nainwal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Earthquake Source Characterization and Stress RegimeInvestigation in North-East India With a Special Emphasis on Siang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh, India
24	G172086	Hindi	Roshan Prasad	21-07-2025	Prof. Manjula Rana Birla Campus, Srinagar	ममता कालिया के कथा—साहित्य का वस्तु एवं शिल्पनिष्ठ अनुशीलन
25	G2113447504	Hindi	Navin Chandra Bhatt	26-09-2025	Prof. Guddi Bisht Birla Campus, Srinagar	गढ़वाल हिमालय के लोक गीतों का सामाजिक एवं सांस्कृतिक अनुशीलन
26~	G09100161	Home Science	Neetika Dimri	17-07-2025	Dr. Archana Shah SRT Campus, Tehri	स्वास्थ्य सम्बन्धी पारम्परिक कार्य प्रणालियाः उत्तराखण्ड के गढ़वाल की ग्रामीण महिलाओं का अध्ययन
27	G191343071	Home Science	Anjali Yadav	27-07-2025	Prof. Jyoti Tiwari Birla Campus, Srinagar	उत्तराखण्ड के पौडी गढ़वाल जिले के युवा विद्यार्थियों के मनोवैज्ञानिक स्वास्थ्य पर इंटरनेट के प्रभावों का अध्ययन
28	G191343091	Law	Manoj Yadav	02-08-2025	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Chaturvedi SRT Campus, Tehri	भारत में एलजीबीटी समुदाय के अधिकारों का अध्ययनः विधिक एवं साभाजिक मान्यता के सन्दर्भ में
29	G12460106	Mathematics	Akshay Saini	06-06-2025	Dr. Ashok Kumar Birla Campu, Srinagar	Numerical Simulation of Hydro- Magnetic Convective Flow in Porous Enclosures
30	G162073582	Mathematics	Shivani	17-07-2025	Prof. R.C. Dimri Birla Campus, Srinagar	Results in Fixed Point Theory for Single and Multivalued Mappings With Applications
31	G191343060	Mathematics	Amit Gangwar	31-07-2025	Prof. R.C. Dimri Birla Campus, Srinagar	Fixed Points for Contractive and Nonexpansive Mappings in Various Settings of the Spaces
32	G14340225	Mathematics	Pratibha	21-08-2025	Prof. Rajesh Dangwal BGR Campus, Pauri	Optimization Techniques for Modem Analytics in Supply Chain Management Problems
33	G191343063	Mathematics	Pawan Mehrda	04-10-2025	Dr. Shankar Lal SRT Campus, Tehri	Application of Geometrical Structures in Divvferential Manifolds
34	G1214504	Pharmaceuti cal Science	Mohit Kumar	05-08-2025	Dr. Abdul Faruk Birla Campus, Srinagar	Preparation, Characterisation & Evaluation of Solid Self Emulsifying Drug Delivery System of Poorly Water Soluble Drugs
35	G151210609	Physics	Vikrant Thakur	16-10-2025	Prof. A.A. Bourai SRT Campus, Tehri	Influence of Thoron and Progeny on Radon Levels in the Dwellings of Budhakedar, Uttarakhand, India
36	G191343050	Political Science	Devender Singh	27-08-2025	Prof. M.M.Semwal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Tourism Policy and Economic Development in Uttarakhand: An Analysis
37	G191343049	Politica! Science	Arvind Singh Rawat	28-08-2025	Prof. M.M. Semwal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Socio-Economic and Political Impact of Natural Disaster: A Critical Study of District Rudraprayag in Uttarakhan
38	G172070	Sanskrit	Ashutosh Raturi	05-08-2025	Prof. Kamla Chauhan Birla Campus, Srinagar	शिव एवं सायुपुराणात्नर्गत योगः एक समीक्षा
39	G04108315	Sanskrit	Dakshina Uniyal	05-08-2025	Dr. Pramod Bharatiya MPG, College, Mussoorie	ग्रन्थिबन्धनम् महाकाव्य का समीक्षात्मक अध्ययन
40	G06332623	Zoology	Kanita	03-09-2025	Prof. R.S. Fartyal Birla Campus, Srinagar	Seasonal and Altitudinal Variations in Morphological Traits and Species Diversity of



						Drosophilids in Lesser Himalaya of Garhwal Region
41	G191343072	Home Science	Bharti Ruhela	29-10-2025	Prof. Rekha Naithani BGR Campus, Pauri	Investigation, Identification, Chemical Examinations and Processing of Naturally Occurring Plants of Garhwal Himalaya of rtheir Anti Diabetic Assay and Development of Various foofd Products
42	GA113376	Mathematics	Ravindra Negi	06-11-2025	Dr. Abhay Kumar Birla Campus, Srinagar	Investigation of MHD Fluid Flow Through Porous Medium
43	G191343031	English	Manish Prabhakar Singh	07-11-2025	Prof. Shakuntala Rauthan Birla Campus, Srinagar	Exploring Self Through Self- Revelation: Autobiographies of Kamala Das, Urmila Pawar, Malika Amar Shaikh and Temsula Ao
44	G141339982	History	Lalit Singh	_ 07-11-2025	Dr. Ranjana Rawat DAV (PG) College, Dehradun	सम्राट अशोक की अहिंसा नीति का सैन्य प्रक्रिया पर प्रभाव
45	G191343082	Archaeology	Priyanka Raj	08-11-2025	Prof. Y.S. Farswan Birla Campus, Srinagar	Reconstruction of Prehistoric Scenario of Middle Mahanadi Valley Through Elemental Analysis of Archaeological Faunal Remains
46	G171342073	Environment al Sciences	Ashok Kumar Meena	08-11-2025	Prof. R.K. Maikhuri Birla Campus, Srinagar	Assessment of Provisioning and Cultural Ecosystem Services in Rural Landscape of Urgam Valley of Central Himalaya, Uttarakhand

The agenda item is submitted for information and approval of the Academic Council.

Resolution:

Approved. Considering the forthcoming Convocation of the University, the VC/Chairperson AC is authorized to approve the Research Scholars whose Viva-Voce have been successfully conducted for the award of Ph.D.

Action: AR (Academic & Research)/All HoDs

Agenda Item No. 24.6

Ratification of the approved recommendations of the Board of Studies of various departments of the University.

After the 23rd AC meeting, the following departments of the University conducted meetings of the Board of Studies (BoS) and submitted minutes for further approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The resolutions/recommendations made by these BoS, which are approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, are submitted for ratification of the Academic Council:

S.N.	DEPARTMENT	Date of BoS 1	Date of BoS 2	Date of BoS 3
1.	Forestry	30-07-2025	-	
2.	Horticulture	29-07-2025	-	-
3.	Remote Sensing	24-07-2025		
4.	Geography	06-08-2025	-	-
5.	HAPPRC	. 22-07-2025	-	-
6.	Rural Technology	26-07-2025	-	-
7.	Chemistry	29&30-07-2025	-	-
8.	Mathematics	18&19-08-2025	-	-
9.	Physics	30-07-2025	-	-
10.	Commerce	1&2 -08-2025	-	-



11.	Defence Strategic and Geo Political Studies	07-08-2025	-	-
12.	Geology	07-08-2025	-	-
13.	Education	24,25 & 26-07- 2025	-	-
14.	Naturopathy & Yoga	29&30-07-2025	30-09-2025	-
15.	Physical Education	03-06-2025	26-07-2025	-
16.	Computer Science	29-07-2025	-	-
17.	Instrumentation Engineering	23-07-2025	-	-
18.	Electronics & Communication	02-08-2025		-
19.	IT	08-09-2025	-	-
20.	English	24,25&26-07- 2025	-	-
21.	Drawing & Painting	28-07-2025	-	-
22.	Hindi	28&29-07-2025	-	-
23.	Sanskrit	01-08-2025	-	-
24.	Anthropology	28-07-2025	-	-
25.	Economics	30&31-07-2025	-	-
26.	History & Archaeology	01&02-08-2025	-	-
27.	Philosophy	26-07-2025	-	-
28.	Political Science	01&02-08-2025	-	-
29.	Psychology	29-07-2025	-	-
30.	Sociology	25&26-07-2025	-	-
31.	Botany & Microbiology	01-08-2025	-	-
32.	Environmental Science	19-07-2025	- /	-
33.	Zoology	30&31-07-2025	-	-
34.	Biotechnology	30&31-07-2025	-	-
35.	Biochemistry	30-07-2025	-	-
36.	Himalayan Aquatic Biodiversity	30-07-2025	-	1-
37.	Business Management	12-08-2025	-	-
38.	Centre for Mountain Tourism & Hospitality Studies (CMTHS)	24-07-2025	-	-
39.	Law	29&30-07-2025	-	-
40.	Home Science	04-08-2025	-	-
41.	Mass Communication	19-07-2025	09-10-2025	

Registers of the above-mentioned BoS are being presented by the Academic Section for kind observation of the Academic Council.

Submitted for ratification by the Academic Council.

Resolution:

The Council approved the recommendations as per the approval/observations marked by the Vice-Chancellor on the above-presented proceedings of the BOS.

Action: AR (Academic & Research)/All HoDs



To consider the BoS agenda items recommended for decision of the Academic Council

1. Department of Rural Technology

1) To consider the Proposal for the re-nomenclature of the Department of Rural Technology to the "Department of Rural Technology & Agricultural Extension Education.

The 21st meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of Rural Technology was held on 26.07:2025. Under Agenda Item No. 04, a proposal for the re-nomenclature of the Department of Rural Technology & Agricultural Extension Education" was placed before the Board. The proposal was duly considered and approved by the BoS.

Annexure –7

2) To consider the MoU between the Department of Rural Technology, HNB Garhwal University and Molyar Resource Foundation, New Delhi.

Under Agenda Item No. 05 of the 21st meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of Rural Technology held on 26.07.2025, a proposal for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Rural Technology, HNB Garhwal University, and Molyar Resource Foundation, New Delhi, was placed before the Board. After due deliberation, the Board approved the proposal. It was resolved that the MoU aims to foster collaboration in the areas of research, training, internship, capacity building, and field-based sustainable rural development initiatives.

Annexure—7

The above matters are submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

- 1) Renaming the Department of Rural Technology to the "Department of Rural Technology & Agricultural Extension Education was approved with direction to process the inclusion of the modified name of the Department in the Ordinances.
- 2) Approved

Action: AR (Academic)/Concerned HoD



To consider the introduction of a Three-Hour End-Term Examination Question Paper Pattern for Undergraduate (U.G.) and Postgraduate (P.G.) programmes under NEP 2020.

The NEP Coordinator invited the Deans of Schools to a meeting on 13th September 2025 to discuss issues related to examination preparation and the assessment pattern for UG fourth-year and PG programmes under NEP 2020. On 18th September 2025, the minutes of the meeting were submitted by the NEP Coordinator to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. As per directions received, the possibility of conducting a three-hour end-term examination is to be explored.

In follow-up to this, based on the recommendations of the NEP coordinator and the Controller of Examinations (CoE), with approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HNBGU, the proposed U.G. end-term examination question paper pattern is to be of three hours' duration and will be applicable from U.G. Semester I (Batch 2025–26 and onwards). The same pattern will also be applicable to the new batches of U.G. Semesters VII and VIII (2025–26 and onwards).

Similarly, the proposed P.G. end-term examination question paper pattern will be of three hours' duration and will be applicable from P.G. Semester I (Batch 2025–26 and onwards).

Annexure –8

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: COE/All concerned

Agenda Item No. 24.9

To consider the guidelines framed by the committee constituted vide office order No. HNBGU/RO/2025/248 dated 25-08-2025 to finalise the Modalities for pursuing Two Academic Programmes simultaneously.

In pursuance of the Officer Order Ref. No: HNBGU/RO/2025/248 dated 25th August, 2025, a committee was constituted to formulate the necessary framework, procedures, and implementation modalities for the University. The Committee submitted its recommendations in the form of guidelines for pursuing Two Academic Programmes simultaneously on 27th August 2025, which will be applicable to HNB Garhwal University.

Annexure –9

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: DSW/ All Deans

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To consider starting the Moderation process for end term question papers and inviting external experts for end term practical examinations in the University campuses.

The NEP Coordinator invited the Deans of Schools to a meeting on 13th September 2025 to discuss issues related to examination preparation and the assessment pattern for UG fourth-year and PG programmes under NEP 2020. The members recommended proposing the restart of the Moderation process for end-term question papers and inviting external experts for end-term practical examinations on university campuses.

Annexure –10

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: COE

Agenda Item No. 24.11

To consider Viva-voce as a component only for End-Term Assessment of the U.G. Fourth Year and P.G. Final Year in Undergraduate (U.G.) and Postgraduate (P.G.) programmes, in alignment with the NEP 2020 requirements and as per the specific academic demands of the subject.

A Committee was constituted vide O/o- No. HNBGU/RO/2025/214 dated 18.07.2025 to examine the viva policy as per NEP 2020. The committee submitted its report to the Vice Chancellor on 25 August 2025. The Vice Chancellor accepted the minutes of the meeting and recommended that the Viva Voce be part of the assessment for relevant courses, as per NEP 2020 and the subject's demands.

Annexure-11

The above matter proposal is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: COE/All concerned

Agenda Item No. 24.12

To consider the introduction of Multidisciplinary/Interdisciplinary (M.D./I.D.) courses under Subject-2 in B.A. and B.Sc. programmes under NEP 2020.

In view of the concerns raised by certain affiliated colleges of HNB Garhwal University, regarding the allocation of M.D/I.D. subjects in B.A. and B.Sc. programmes, a meeting was convened of the Deans of the Schools on 31st July, 2025 by NEP Coordinator.

After the discussion, the members present in the meeting arrived at the decision that Under the M.D./I.D. Subject-2, the following common courses shall be offered in both the B.A. and B.Sc. programmes.

Under M.D./I.D.-Subject- 2

B.Sc1 Sem - Disaster management	B.A I Sem – (i) Mental health and wellbeing or
B.ScII Sem - Mental health and wellbeing	(ii) Basics of Social Work
	B.A II Sem – Disaster Management

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: DSW/ Dean (Academic Affairs)/ All concerned



Consideration of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between The Garhwal Rifies Regimental Centre, Lansdownc (Indian Army) and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (A Central University), Srinagar (Garhwal), for Imparting a Diploma in Junior Level Defence Management to Agniveers of The Garhwal Rifles (Indian Army) and Approval of the Detailed Syllabus.

In the 23rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on July 22, 2025, under Agenda Item No. 23.16, the Council appreciated and considered the proposal in light of the invaluable services and contributions made by the Armed Forces to the Nation. The Council directed the Registrar to communicate a letter of willingness to the Training Battalion, Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre, Lansdowne (Pauri Garhwal), for acceptance of the proposal.

Further, the Council suggested designing appropriate Diploma/Certificate Programmes tailored to the requirements of the Agniveer Trainees during their training period. In compliance, a committee was constituted vide Office Order No. HNBGU/RO/2025/235, dated 13.08.2025, to finalize suitable Short-Term Skill Courses (STSC) for imparting University Diplomas to the Agniveer Trainees of the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre (GRRC), Lansdowne, and to prepare a draft MoU accordingly.

Subsequently, a meeting between the officials of the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre and Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University was held on 30th August 2025 at GRRC, Lansdowne, wherein it was mutually agreed that the University shall impart a Diploma in Junior Level Defence Management to the Agniveers of the Garhwal Rifles (Indian Army).

The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect, along with the detailed syllabus of the proposed Diploma Programme, is hereby placed before the Academic Council fer consideration and approval.

Annexure-13

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council appreciated the initiative taken by the University to impart Diploma in Junior Level Defence Management to the Agniveers of the Garhwal Rifles (Indian Army). The Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was approved by the Council. The Council further approved that this Diploma holder Agniveers upon taking admission in Undergraduate Programmes of the HNBGU will be eligible for Credit benefits based on equivalence with approved UG Courses under the NEP 2020 Curriculum Framework of the University.

Action: DSW/ Dean (Academic Affairs)/ All Deans

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To consider the mode of admission for Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) Programmes for the Academic Session 2026-27.

Admissions to the various UG and PG programmes for the Academic Session 2025–26 was conducted based on CUET (UG) and UET (PG) and NCET scores, the details are as follows:

Sr. No.	Mode of admission to the Programme	Mode of admission to the vacant seats
1.	Admissions to B.A. LL.B. and LL.B. programmes were based on CUET (UG) 2025 scores.	After exhausting the available list of candidates, the admissions to the vacant seats were granted on the basis of the score of Entrance Examination conducted by the University.
2	Admissions to B.Ed., M.Ed., B.P.Ed., and M.P.Ed. programmes were made on the basis of University Entrance Test UET (PG) scores.	The admissions were completed based on merit of UET (PG) score
3	Admissions to B.Sc., B.A., B.Com., B. Pharm., B. Tech., B. Hotel Management, Diploma in Folk Music/Dance, Integrated MBA, B. Lib. Sci. & ISc., BCA, BBA, were made on the basis of CUET (UG) scores.	The vacant seats were filled up as per the SOP of the UGC vide D.O. No. 22-8/2023 (CU)/131275, dated 11 th August 2025.
4	Admissions to B.Ed. ITEP Science/ Arts/ Commerce were made on the basis of NCET scores.	The admissions were completed based on merit of NCET score.
5	Admissions to PG and PG Diploma programme were made on the basis of UET (PG) score.	The vacant seats were filled up as per the SOP of the UGC vide D.O. No. 22-8/2023 (CU)/131275, dated 11th August 2025.

The Academic Council may decide on the appropriate mode of admissions for all UG, PG and Diploma programmes for the Academic Session 2026–27, ensuring alignment with UGC, NEP 2020, and regulatory/governing body guidelines.

Annexure -14

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council resolved that directives and SOPs issued by the UGC and regulatory/governing bodies pertaining to the admission process are to be followed. Accordingly, concerned HoDs and Deans will provide mapping of subjects in CUET-UG, CUET-PG and UET for admissions in Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Diploma programmes. The DSW and Coordinator SAMARTH shall coordinate and process the admission process for the Academic Session 2026–27 accordingly. Admissions on merit basis of qualifying examinations, wherever applicable, shall be processed, after exhausting the list of registered applicants.

Action: DSW/All Deans/All HoDs/Coordinator SAMARTH

Lab

To consider the revision of the intake capacity for the B.Sc. Programmes of School of Life Sciences offered in the Birla/Chauras Campus.

The disparity in the intake across various subjects available for admissions to the B.Sc. (Life Sciences) programme at Birla Campus, Srinagar, has resulted in limited options for the allotment of Major/Minor and Multidisciplinary (MD)/Interdisciplinary (ID) Courses as mandated under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework.

The Academic Council is requested to deliberate and take a decision regarding the rationalisation and revision of the intake capacities.

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council discussed and directed that DSW shall deliberate upon the issue in coordination with the concerned Deans and HoDs, and resolve it accordingly.

Action:DSW

Agenda Item No. 24.16

To consider revisiting the eligibility criteria/mapping for Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programmes, including One-Year PG Programmes, offered by various Departments for admissions in the Academic Session 2026–27.

Considering evolving academic frameworks and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there is a need to revisit and rationalize the eligibility criteria prescribed for admission to various Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and One-Year Postgraduate programmes offered by the University Departments.

A review of the existing eligibility norms will help ensure consistency across disciplines, promote inclusivity, and align the University's admission policies with current regulatory and academic standards.

The Academic Council is therefore requested to consider revisiting the eligibility criteria for Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programmes, including One-Year PG Programmes, offered by various Departments for admissions in the Academic Session 2026–27.

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council consented upon reviewing the existing eligibility norms in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Action: DSW

Agenda Item No. 24.17

To consider the constitution of a Standing Committee for addressing legal and other policy issues related to the various Programmes offered by the University.

From time to time various issues pertaining to admission modes, processes, policies, registration, and other related issues most often leading to legal proceedings are being referred to the Office of the Dean, Students' Welfare (DSW). As the information regarding such matters is primarily processed and finalised at the end of concerned School/Department, therefore, for time-bound disposal and appropriate response of such matters it is proposed that a Standing Committee consisting representation of Concerned Dean and Head of the Department, DR/AR Academics and Legal be constituted to deliberate upon, examine, and provide recommendations on such specific matters.

The proposal is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution

The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Standing Committee as per the proposal.

Action: DSW



To consider adoption of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its subsequent amendments.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the UGC (Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, which permit Central Universities with valid NAAC accreditation to offer programmes through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

The HNBGU having NAAC CGPA of 3.06 with 'A' Grade qualifies for eligibility for recognition to start the ODL programmes as per provisions of the aforesaid UGC regulations. In accordance with these regulations and in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for equity, inclusivity, and lifelong learning, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), in addition to its conventional mode of teaching and learning, proposes to initiate the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode of education.

Annexure –18

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council approved the adoption of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its subsequent amendments. The Council further approved submitting a proposal to the UGC-DEB for recognition of Open and Distance Learning Programmes at HNBGU.

Action: Prof. NS Panwar, Chairperson

Agenda Item No. 24.19

To Consider establishment of Centre of Open and Distance Education (CODE) in HNBGU as per provisions of UGC regulations.

Vide office order No: HNBGU/RO/2025/221 dated 1-8-2025, a committee was constituted by the approval of the Vice Chancellor to explore the possibilities for introducing Distance Education and Learning System in the HNBGU and to look into the feasibility, regulatory compliance, mode of operation, and implementation strategies etc. The committee, after the series of meetings, submitted the Minutes of the meetings with a Concept Note to offer selected ODL programmes with the establishment of a dedicated Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE) in HNBGU in conformity with UGC regulations.

The Vice Chancellor approved the minutes of the committee and constituted a Working Group, vide office order No: HNBGU/RO/2025/304 dated 17-9-2025, for initiating the process of establishment of the Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), H.N.B. Garhwal University under the chairmanship of Prof. N.S. Panwar, Department of Instrumentation and Engineering. Prof. N.S. Panwar, is also given the responsibility of Director of the Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), in addition to his regular duties. The working group was assigned the responsibility to initiate the process for approval of the proposed programmes to be offered under CODE, and subsequently facilitate the formal establishment of the Centre, in compliance with the guidelines of the Distance Education Bureau (DEB). The working group was further empowered to constitute the necessary sub-committees and frame policies for commencing academic activities under CODE from the academic session 2026-27.



As per provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 it is mandatory to establish a Centre for Open learning and distance education to offer the ODL programmes in the University, therefore, the working committee prepares a proposal for the establishment of Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE) in HNBGU.

Annexure –19

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

The Council ratified the decision taken by the Vice-Chancellor to introduce the Distance Education and Learning System in the HNBGU. The Council further approved the establishment of the Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE) in HNBGU in conformity with UGC regulations. The Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to appoint/nominate the office bearers of the CODE.

Action: Prof. NS Panwar, Chairperson

Agenda Item No. 24.20

To Consider the approval of the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the programmes proposed to be offered by the CODE under ODL mode in first phase.

The working group has recommended to offer following programmes in the first phase of the process of offering ODL programmes under CODE.

Programme	Major Subjects (Any One)	Intake	Medium	Duration	Annual Fee (Proposed)
B.A. (ODL Mode)	Sociology, Economics, History, Political Science, Hindi, English, Mathematics, Sanskrit	200 per programme	Hindi/English	4 Years (Honours/Honou rs with Research)	1
B.Com. (ODL Mode)	Commerce	200	Hindi/English	4 Years (Honours/Honours with Research)	1
Integrated- BBA+MBA (CDL mode)	Eusiness Administration	200	Hindi/English	5 Years	₹15,000 + Exam Fee ₹2,000 per semester:

Annexure -20

The programme-wise PPRs are annexed here and submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

The Programme Project Reports (PPRs) presented before the Council are approved for submission to the UGC-DEB. The Council further authorised the Vice-Chancellor to approve any additional PPRs deemed necessary to be submitted to the UGC-DEB.

Action: Prof. NS Panwar, Chairperson

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To Consider the proposal for the Establishment of Centre for Advanced Research in Buddhist Studies (CARBS) at HNBGU.

It is proposed to establish the *Centre for Advanced Research in Buddhist Studies (CARBS)* in Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University at Nuinisain (Kirtinagar), District Tehri Garhwal. The proposed Centre will include the construction of essential infrastructure such as an Administrative Block, Academic Block, Hostels, Laboratory, Library, and Guest House, among other facilities.

The proposal is intended to be submitted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) for financial assistance.

Annexure–21

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: Registrar

To consider the Amendment in the Ordinance of Convocation (Section 28(0) of the Act and Statute 29), in serial numbers 11, 12 & 13 submitted by convocation convener (Dress Development and Customized items committee)

Agenda Item No. 24.22

A proposal has been submitted by the Convener, Dress Development and Customized Items Committee (Convocation–2025) for amendment in the Ordinance of Convocation (Section 28(o) of the Act and Statute 29), specifically in Serial Numbers 11, 12, and 13, pertaining to the Academic Dress and related customized items to be used during the Convocation of the University.

Proposed amendments are annexed at Annexure–22.

Annexure –22

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: AR (Academics)/ Convener, Convocation

To Consider the proposal of Dolphin (PG) Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Dehradun (Autonomous Institute) for Starting of Ph.D programme and nomination of subject experts by the Vice Chancellor for constitute of BoS for starting new courses.

Agenda Item No. 24.23

To consider the proposal of Dolphin (PG) Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Dehradun (Autonomous Institute) for the starting/Launching of PhD programme and nomination of subject experts by the Vice Chancellor to constitute the BoS for starting new courses.

Annexure –23

The above matter is submitted before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution:

- 1) Proposal for starting Ph. D. programme Deferred.
- 2) Nomination of subject experts by the Vice-Chancellor for BoS is approved to be considered as per the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023.

Action: DR (Affiliation)

Lab

To Consider the approval for Kulgeet (कुलगीत) of the University.

A Committee was constituted vide office order no. HNBGU/RO/2025/2006 Dated 14-07-2025 for preparation of Kulgeet (कुलगीत) of the University. The committee with the assistance of renowned external experts of the field, prepared a draft of Kulgeet of the University.

Draft of Kulgeet (कुलगीत) for approval of the Academic Council. Annexure -24

Resolution:

Approved.

Action: Chairperson (Kulgeet Committee)

Table Agenda Item No. T24-01

To consider the implementation of the revised UGC guidelines for PhD admissions communicated vide Letter No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 28th March 2024.

The University Grants Commission vide Letter No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 28th March 2024, directed for the utilisation of UGC-NET scores for admission to PhD programmes in disciplines where the NET examination is conducted, in lieu of separate institutional entrance tests. Accordingly, a meeting of the NEP Implementation and Coordination Committee was convened on 3rd November 2025 to deliberate on the possibilities of implementing the revised UGC guidelines for Ph.D. admissions, as part of the implementation of NEP 2020.

Submitted before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution:

The Council resolved to utilise UGC-NET scores for admission to PhD programmes of the University in disciplines where the NET examination is conducted by the UGC or CSIR, in lieu of separate institutional entrance tests from Academic Session 2025-26 onwards. This process may be reviewed after one year.

Action: DSW/All Deans/Dean (Academic Affairs)

The meeting ended with the National Anthem.

Registrar/ Secretary (Ex-Officio)

Vice-Chancellor/Chairperson