Academic & Administrative Audit Peer team Visit Report of Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Patel Nagar/ Pathri Bagh, Dehradun

The committee consisted of Prof. J.P. Pachauri, Prof. (Dr.) P.D. Juyal and Prof. M.P. Thapliyal visited Shri Guru Ram Rai University from 2nd May, 2023 to 4th May, 2023 for the purpose of Academic and Administrative Audit for NAAC assessment. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Yashbir Dewan along with Registrar and other officers of the University welcomed the Peer Review Team in his Office and briefed about the strength & weakness, opportunities and challenges.

On the basis of interaction with faculty members, Head of Departments (HoDs) Dean, students and other stakeholders of the University. The following observations and suggestions is provided for the improvement of University as far as NAAC assessment is concerned.

Salient Observations

- The good governance and Administration under the visionary, dynamic and excellent leadership of Hon'ble Chancellor is praiseworthy. The effective leadership of Vice-Chancellor is also put on the record.
- The University has rich land resource and excellent infrastructure facility in Pathri Bagh and Patel Nagar Campuses.
- The Institute of Medical and Health Sciences are better seat of learning.
- The Institute of Medical and Health Sciences is catering large number of patients of OPD's from Uttarakhand State and nearby states such as Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.
- The Institute of Medical and Health Sciences is located in the center of city with serene environment, greenery with solar energy establisment, eco-friendly environment and cleanliness.
- Infrastructure and facilities of preclinical, para-clinical and clinical departments are par excellence.
- IQAC Cell of the University is proactive and highly functional.
- Good Central Instrumentation lab, Centre of Clinical Investigation and Molecular Biology Unit visit for investigation, research and training.
- Regular Board of Studies meetings are conducted.
- New Education Policy 2020 Implementation is in process.
- Corpus Funds for young faculty for doing research in the form of university seed money is praiseworthy.
- Most of the MOU's are functional in nature.
- Examination and evaluation system is very efficient, robust, transparent and student centric.

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- The value added courses are present in each school/ college and the efforts in preparation is appreciated.
- The fee concessions in the form of scholarships/ fellowships are appreciable and add to objectives of Darbar Sahib.
- School of Agricultural Sciences has more than 50 acres of land for training of students and research faculty.
- The extension activities (Kisan Mela & Medical Camps) of the University are excellent especially in health and agriculture sector. However, it needs to be revamped and modified for the benefit of people and farmers.
- Participation of students in sports and other cultural activities is noteworthy but focus should be on to win the medal in the State, National and International level.
- Organic farming is the best practice adopted by the University for the benefit of farmers and the society is welcome step.
- Focusing on the course in Garhwali language in promoting and preserving Uttarakhand culture is appreciable.
- Most of the faculty is proactive and result oriented but in some departments faculties need to be motivated for taking up research and extension activities.
- Research Publication of the faculty of the University is noteworthy and appreciable. The patents are 28 out of which 08 are awarded and 20 are published.
- In School of Agricultural sciences the farm is in excellent condition and with Hans foundation collaboration Shivansh Farming is giving good result. The metrological station is praiseworthy and benefit for farmers if used.
- The School of Basic and Applied Sciences, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and School of Nursing are appreciable in terms of Research, Grants, demonstrable units and work culture.

Suggestions:

- There is need to attract students state-wise, nation-wise and globally.
- Central Library should have latest edition of books as per NEP 2020.
- The library in Patel Nagar should be properly catalogued in terms of rare books and new
 arrivals put in place. Medical Central library is highly organized and praiseworthy. Lift,
 ramp in Institute of Medical and Health Sciences library as well as in some other
 buildings (like School of Paramedical and allied Sciences and School of Management and
 Commerce Studies) should be installed. The book fair/exhibition in the University should
 be organized in the University.
- More focus should be given to bring projects/ grants for conducting the research in the University. There is need to appoint adjunct faculty in each school to motivate and enlighten the faculty, for writing winning proposals and knowledge about research.
- Faculty must be motivated to become the member of professional societies in each school. More skill based programs are encouraged in each school.
- There is need to encourage Industry-Academic collaboration to make the student market ready.

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- University should follow all the rules as per act, statues and ordinance of the university especially in terms of appointment, promotion, leave etc.
- Alumni of the university should be motivated through alumni association, meeting and interaction with the fresh students. The database shall be maintained for the same.
- Placement cell should be proactive and act in coherence with industry linkage and requirements.
- The language labs need to be accessible to all the students of each school for making student versatile and making them more compatible.
- There is need to publish University newsletter quarterly.
- Pathri Bagh library should be linked to CERA (consortium e resource in Agriculture) for School of Agricultural Sciences as a mandate requirement of ICAR.
- There is need to conduct NAAC green audit.
- There is excellent opportunity for School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and School of Agricultural Sciences for exploring product commercialization.
- · Faculty should be strengthening in School of Computer Application and Information Technology and School of Paramedical and Allied Sciences. The University should initiate some awards and university staff as an incentive such Best Researcher Award. Best Paper Best Award. Reader Award for the student and faculties.
- Schemes like "Earn while you Learn" should be initiated for the students in each Schools
- A community radio should be launched for the benefit of farmers and School of Agricultural Sciences for "Weather Forecasting".

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