



Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Academic Council

Darrang College (Autonomous)

Date: 29th June, 2026; Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: NAB Conference Hall, Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur

AGENDA

PART – A : Action Taken Report (ATR)

Agenda No.	Action Taken
DC/AC/3/2026/01	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29 th December 2025 and consideration of the Action Taken Report thereon.
DC/AC/3/2026/02	Action Taken on implementation of FYUGP and Postgraduate Syllabi, including Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit provisions.
DC/AC/3/2026/03	Action Taken on implementation of the Examination Regulations, Evaluation Framework and related examination reforms.
DC/AC/3/2026/04	Action Taken on implementation of the Academic Calendar and Holiday List for the year 2026.
DC/AC/3/2026/05	Action Taken on introduction of Certificate and Short-Term Courses.
DC/AC/3/2026/06	Action Taken on commencement of newly approved academic programmes, namely M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Com., FYUGP Major in Bodo and FYUGP Major in Travel and Tourism Management (TTM).
DC/AC/3/2026/07	Action Taken on operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme.

PART – B : Academic, Regulatory and Policy Matters

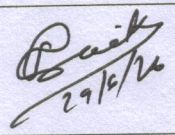
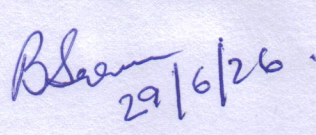
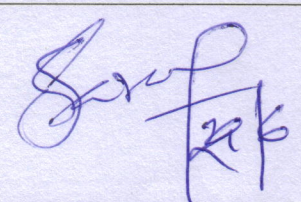
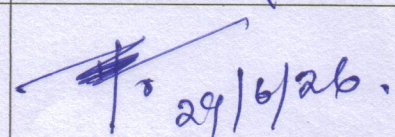
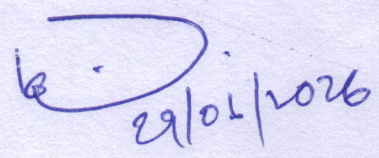
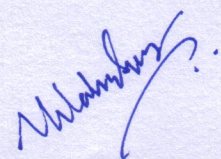
Agenda No.	Agenda Item
DC/AC/3/2026/08(a)	Consideration of the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies relating to FYUGP (Semesters I–VIII).
DC/AC/3/2026/08(b)	Consideration and approval of guidelines for the practical component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) under FYUGP.
DC/AC/3/2026/08(c)	Review of preparedness for future implementation of the Fourth Year of FYUGP (Semesters VII and VIII) under the autonomous framework.
DC/AC/3/2026/09	Consideration and approval of the Curriculum and Programme Structure of the Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP).

DC/AC/3/2026/10(a)	Consideration and approval of the Postgraduate Syllabi and Course Structures in Assamese, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Geography and Zoology.
DC/AC/3/2026/10(b)	Consideration of curriculum alignment and academic progression pathways from FYUGP to Postgraduate Programmes.
DC/AC/3/2026/11	Consideration and approval of the Postgraduate Regulations, 2026.
DC/AC/3/2026/12	Consideration of measures for operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme.
DC/AC/3/2026/13	Consideration of implementation of the 2-Credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) for Second Semester Undergraduate Students.
DC/AC/3/2026/14	Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

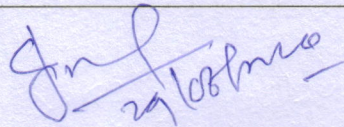
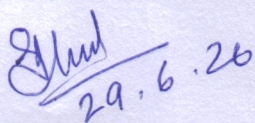
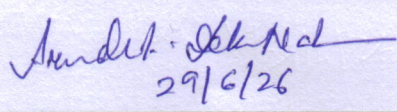
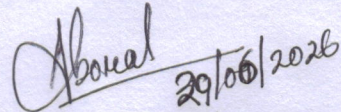
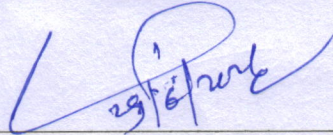
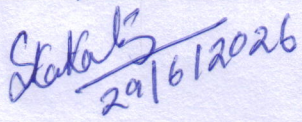
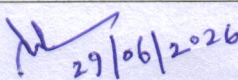
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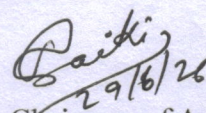
SIGNATURE OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl. No.	Name	Position	Signature
1.	Dr. Palash Moni Saikia	Chairman	
2.	Prof. Jogen Chandra Kalita, Professor, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University	Member (University Nominee, G.U.)	—
3.	Prof. Bhaben Tanti, Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University	Member (University Nominee, G.U.)	—
4.	Prof. Barnali Sarma, Professor, Department of History, Gauhati University	Member (University Nominee, G.U.)	
5.	Sunil Saraf <i>Chairman & Managing Director KRC Group</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Industrialist)	
6.	Hemanta Lahkar <i>Director, Lahkar Udyog Pvt.Ltd</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Industrialist)	
7.	Dr. Manabendra Bhuyan <i>Retired Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering Tezpur University</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Educationist)	
8.	Chaitanya Hazarika <i>JEPW (B & NH) Dept. Sonitpur</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Engineer)	— present —
9.	Nilakhya Sarma <i>Advocate at District Court, Sonitpur, Tezpur</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Law)	

10.	Nilesh Kumar Agarwal <i>Owner & CEO, N.K.Enterprise, Tezpur</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Commerce)	- P -
11.	Dr. Danny Dutta <i>Padma Dental Clinic, Tezpur</i>	Member (Governing Body Nominee- Doctor)	-
12.	Dr. Lakshmi Roy, Vice Principal	Member (Principal Nominee- Senior Faculty)	<i>Kaly</i> <i>29/6/2026</i>
13.	Dr. Dipanjan Chakraborty, Academic Vice Principal	Member (Principal Nominee- Senior Faculty)	<i>Dr</i> <i>29/6/2026</i>
14.	Amardeep Pegu Department of Political Science	Member (Principal Nominee- Senior Faculty)	<i>Am</i> <i>29/06/26</i>
15.	Dr. Gakul Kumar Das, HoD Assamese	Member	<i>Gakul Kumar Das</i> <i>29/06/26</i>
16.	Dr. Nanda Nath. HoD Bengali	Member	<i>Nb</i> <i>29/6/26</i>
17.	Dr. Manika Das Kataki, HoD Biotechnology	Member	<i>M. Kataki</i> <i>29.06.26</i>
18.	Jwngdaw Basumatary, HoD Bodo	Member	-
19.	Dr. Sanjay Kr. Deka, HoD Botany	Member	<i>Sanjay Kr. Deka</i> <i>29/06/2026</i>
20.	Dr. Pankaj Hazarika, HoD Chemistry <i>For</i>	Member	<i>For HOD</i> <i>Jumpa Paul</i> <i>29/6/26</i>
21.	Dr. Dilip Saikia, HoD Commerce	Member	<i>D. Saikia</i> <i>29/6/26</i>

22.	Nabajyoti Sarma, HoD Computer Science	Member	<i>Sarma</i> 29/06/2026
23.	Prabhat Kumar Singh, HoD Economics	Member	<i>Prabhat</i> 29/6/26
24.	Dr. Mukul Saikia, HoD Education	Member	<i>Mukul Saikia</i> 29/6/26
25.	Anuradha Bhattarai, HoD English	Member	<i>Anu</i> 29/06/2026
26.	Dr. Satyendra Hazarika, HoD Geography	Member	<i>Satyendra</i> 29/06/26
27.	Dr. Pranab Kumar Nath, HoD Hindi	Member	<i>Pranab</i> 29/6/26
28.	Dr. Kangkan Deka, HoD History	Member	<i>Kangkan</i> 29/6/26
29.	Shilpi Sikha Saikia, HoD (i/c) Home Science (Community Science)	Member	<i>Shilpi</i> 29/6/26
30.	Dr Barnali Das Deka, HoD Mathematics	Member	<i>Barnali</i> 29/06/2026
31.	Ghanashyam Timsina, HoD Nepali	Member	<i>Ghanashyam</i> 29/06/2026
32.	Swapnalika Goswami, HoD Philosophy	Member	<i>Swapnalika</i> 29/6/26
33.	Manoj Kumar Sarma, HoD Physics	Member	<i>Manoj</i> 29/06/26
34.	Mr. Manashjyoti Patgiri, HoD Political Science	Member	<i>Manashjyoti</i> 29/6/26
35.	Dr. Mithu Boro, HoD Psychology	Member	<i>Mithu</i> 29/6/26

36.	Dr. Jayanta Sarma, HoD Sanskrit	Member	 29/06/2026
37.	Dr. Sofica Ahmed, HoD Sociology	Member	 29.6.26
38.	Dr. Arundhati Deka Nath, HoD Statistics	Member	 29/6/26
39.	Mr. Abhinav Borah, HoD TTM	Member	 29/06/2026
40.	Dr. Abhijit Das, HoD Zoology	Member	 29/6/2026
41.	Dr. Swapnalee Kakaty	Controller of Examinations	 29/6/2026
42.	Dr. Chittaranjan Baruah	Member Secretary	 29/06/2026


 Principal & Chairman of Academic Council
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PROCEEDINGS

The **3rd Meeting of the Academic Council** of Darrang College (Autonomous), Tezpur was held on **29th June 2026** at **11.00 A.M.** in the NAB Conference Hall under the Chairmanship of **Dr. Palash Moni Saikia, Principal and Chairman of the Academic Council.**

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting and called the meeting to order. The Member-Secretary confirmed that the quorum prescribed under the Academic Regulations of the College was present.

The Chairman expressed satisfaction over the substantial progress achieved by the College in implementing the resolutions adopted by the Academic Council at its previous meeting. He observed that the College had successfully advanced the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 through the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), curriculum revision, postgraduate academic reforms, strengthening of the examination system, introduction of new academic programmes and development of institutional mechanisms necessary for academic autonomy.

The Council noted with appreciation the concerted efforts made by the Departments, Boards of Studies, Examination Branch, IQAC and other academic and administrative units in implementing the decisions of the Academic Council. The Chairman further informed the members that the present meeting had been convened primarily to consider the recommendations of the Boards of Studies relating to the FYUGP and Postgraduate programmes, approve the Postgraduate Regulations, review the preparedness for implementation of the Fourth Year of the FYUGP under the autonomous framework, and deliberate upon other important academic and policy matters placed before the Council.

The Council thereafter proceeded to consider the agenda items as circulated. The deliberations held and the decisions taken thereon are recorded below.

PART – A

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/01

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 29th December 2025 and Consideration of the Action Taken Report

Deliberations

The Council considered the Minutes of the **2nd Meeting of the Academic Council** held on **29th December 2025** together with the **Action Taken Report** on the resolutions adopted therein. The Member-Secretary presented before the Council a comprehensive report on the implementation of the decisions taken at the previous meeting and apprised the members of the progress achieved in various academic, regulatory and institutional matters.

The Council noted with satisfaction that the resolutions adopted at the previous meeting had been implemented substantially in accordance with the decisions of the Academic Council and the statutory provisions governing autonomous colleges. The Council observed that significant progress had been made in strengthening the academic framework of the institution through the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the regulations governing autonomous colleges.

The Council further noted that the recommendations relating to the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), Postgraduate Programmes, examination reforms, academic planning and institutional development had been implemented through the respective academic and administrative units. The members appreciated the active role played by the Boards of Studies, the Examination Branch, IQAC, Departments and other statutory bodies in ensuring timely implementation of the resolutions.

The Action Taken Report was thereafter considered item-wise.

Action Taken Report

Sl. No.	Academic Council Agenda No.	Action Taken / Status
1	DC/AC/3/2026/01	Minutes of the 2nd Academic Council Meeting circulated to all concerned and placed before the statutory authorities.
2	DC/AC/3/2026/02	FYUGP and Postgraduate curricula implemented; Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) registration and Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit provisions operationalized in accordance with NEP 2020.
3	DC/AC/3/2026/03	Examination Regulations, Evaluation Framework and examination reforms implemented successfully by the Examination Branch.
4	DC/AC/3/2026/04	Academic Calendar and Holiday List for the year 2026 implemented by all Departments.
5	DC/AC/3/2026/05	Certificate and Short-Term Courses initiated by the concerned Departments in accordance with the approved framework.
6	DC/AC/3/2026/06	Preparatory measures completed for commencement of M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Com., FYUGP Major in Bodo and FYUGP Major in Travel and Tourism Management from the Academic Session 2026–27.
7	DC/AC/3/2026/07	Institutional preparations for operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme undertaken in accordance with the approved roadmap and applicable UGC Regulations.

After detailed consideration, the Council observed that:

1. The implementation of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme under NEP 2020 had progressed satisfactorily, and all Departments had completed the preparation and revision of curricula up to Semester VIII through their respective Boards of Studies.
2. The College had successfully completed the preparatory work for implementation of the **Fourth Year of the FYUGP**, thereby enabling students to pursue the **Bachelor's Degree**, **Bachelor's Degree with Honours**, and **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research**, together with all provisions relating to Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), in accordance with the applicable UGC Regulations and Government of Assam guidelines.

3. The revised Postgraduate curricula prepared in accordance with NEP 2020 had been finalized by the concerned Departments and Boards of Studies for consideration by the Academic Council.
4. The Examination Branch had successfully implemented the approved examination regulations and evaluation framework, ensuring transparency, confidentiality and timely conduct of examinations under the autonomous system.
5. The College had completed the necessary academic and administrative preparations for commencement of the newly approved postgraduate programmes and undergraduate major programmes.
6. Preparatory measures relating to the operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme had progressed satisfactorily in conformity with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

The Council expressed its appreciation to all Departments, Boards of Studies, IQAC, the Examination Branch and other academic and administrative units for the timely and effective implementation of the resolutions adopted at its previous meeting.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/01

Resolved that the Minutes of the **2nd Meeting of the Academic Council** held on **29th December 2025** be and are hereby **confirmed**.

Further resolved that the **Action Taken Report** on the resolutions adopted at the said meeting, as placed before the Council, be and is hereby **accepted and placed on record**.

The Council recorded its appreciation of the significant progress achieved in the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the previous meeting and commended the efforts of the Departments, Boards of Studies, IQAC, Examination Branch and other academic and administrative units in advancing the objectives of institutional autonomy and the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Council thereafter proceeded to consider the remaining agenda items under **Part–B**.

PART – B

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/08(a)

Consideration of the Recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies relating to the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) (Semesters I–VIII)

Deliberations

The Council considered the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies relating to the curriculum and course structures of the **Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) for Semesters I to VIII**, prepared in accordance with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the **National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF)**, the **UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP)**, the guidelines issued by the Government of Assam, and the Academic Regulations of the College.

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that all Departments had convened meetings of their respective Boards of Studies and, after detailed academic deliberations, had revised and finalized the syllabi, programme structures, course outcomes, credit distribution and evaluation components for the entire Four-Year Undergraduate Programme. The recommendations of the Boards of Studies were placed before the Academic Council for consideration and approval.

The Council examined the recommendations in detail and appreciated the extensive academic exercise undertaken by the Departments in redesigning the curricula to align with the objectives of **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)**, interdisciplinary learning, skill development, experiential learning, research orientation and employability envisaged under NEP 2020.

The members observed that the revised curricula adequately incorporated the provisions relating to **Major, Minor, Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC)**, **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)**, **Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)**, **Value Added Courses (VAC)**, internships, community engagement, project work and research components. The Council further noted that the programme structures were fully compliant with the requirements prescribed under the UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework.

After detailed deliberations, the Council expressed its satisfaction that the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies were academically sound, comprehensive and in conformity with the statutory provisions governing autonomous colleges.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/02

Resolved that the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies relating to the **Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) for Semesters I–VIII**, including the revised curricula, programme structures, course contents, credit distribution and evaluation framework, be and are hereby **approved** for implementation from the Academic Session concerned.

Further resolved that the respective Departments shall periodically review and update the curricula, wherever necessary, in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, UGC Regulations and the Academic Regulations of the College.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/08(b)

Consideration and Approval of Guidelines for the Practical Component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) under FYUGP

Deliberations

The Council considered the draft **Guidelines for the Practical Component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs)** prepared for implementation under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme.

The Member-Secretary explained that the guidelines had been framed to ensure uniformity in the conduct, supervision, assessment and evaluation of practical components of Skill Enhancement Courses across all Departments. The proposed guidelines prescribed the nature of practical work, field-based learning, laboratory activities, project work, maintenance of practical records, attendance requirements and assessment procedures in conformity with the provisions of the Academic Regulations.

The members discussed the proposed framework at length and observed that a common set of institutional guidelines would facilitate effective implementation of the practical components while maintaining academic standards and ensuring uniformity in evaluation.

The Council also emphasized that Departments should retain sufficient flexibility to design discipline-specific practical activities without compromising the broad institutional framework approved by the Academic Council.

After detailed deliberations, the Council unanimously approved the proposed guidelines.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/03

Resolved that the Guidelines for the Practical Component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme be and are hereby approved.

Further resolved that all Departments shall implement the approved guidelines uniformly while incorporating discipline-specific practical activities in accordance with the approved curriculum and Academic Regulations.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/08(c)

Review of Preparedness for Future Implementation of the Fourth Year of FYUGP (Semesters VII and VIII) under the Autonomous Framework

Deliberations

The Council reviewed the preparedness of the College for implementation of the **Fourth Year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)** under the autonomous framework.

The Chairman informed the members that all academic Departments had completed the preparation of the curriculum and programme structure up to Semester VIII. Necessary academic planning had also been undertaken for the introduction of advanced discipline-specific courses, research methodology, internships, dissertation/project work and other components prescribed under the Fourth Year of the programme.

The Council noted with satisfaction that Darrang College (Autonomous) had successfully completed all essential academic preparations for offering the complete Four-Year Undergraduate Programme in conformity with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The members observed that the College was fully prepared to offer:

- **Bachelor's Degree (Three-Year Exit Option);**

- **Bachelor's Degree with Honours;**
- **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research;**
- **Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit;**
- **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC);**
- and all other academic provisions prescribed under the UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes.

The Council appreciated the proactive initiatives taken by the Departments, Boards of Studies, IQAC and Examination Branch in ensuring institutional readiness for implementation of the complete FYUGP from the Academic Session 2026–27.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/04

Resolved that the Academic Council records its satisfaction regarding the preparedness of Darrang College (Autonomous) for implementation of the **Fourth Year of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (Semesters VII and VIII).**

Further resolved that the College shall implement the complete Four-Year Undergraduate Programme under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 from the Academic Session concerned, thereby enabling eligible students to pursue the **Bachelor's Degree, Bachelor's Degree with Honours, and Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research**, together with the provisions relating to **Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit, the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** and other applicable provisions of the UGC and Government of Assam.

Further resolved that the Principal, Controller of Examinations, Heads of Departments and all concerned academic units shall take necessary measures for the smooth and effective implementation of the approved programme.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/09

Consideration and Approval of the Curriculum and Programme Structure of the Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)

Deliberations

The Council considered the Curriculum and Programme Structure of the **Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)** prepared in accordance with the provisions of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the guidelines of the **National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)**, the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** and other applicable regulatory frameworks.

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the proposed curriculum had been developed after careful examination of the Model Curriculum and relevant regulatory requirements with the objective of preparing professionally competent teachers possessing strong disciplinary knowledge, pedagogical competence, ethical values and research aptitude.

The Council examined the proposed programme structure, semester-wise course distribution, credit framework, field engagement, school internship, practicum, assessment pattern and other academic

components. The members observed that the curriculum adequately integrates disciplinary knowledge with professional education, experiential learning and community engagement, thereby fulfilling the objectives envisaged under the National Education Policy, 2020.

The Council appreciated the initiative of the College in making academic preparations for introduction of the ITEP and observed that the proposed curriculum would provide a strong academic foundation for future implementation of the programme, subject to fulfilment of the statutory requirements prescribed by the competent authorities.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/05

Resolved that the Curriculum and Programme Structure of the **Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)**, as placed before the Council, be and is hereby **approved in principle**, subject to the norms and approval of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other competent authorities.

Further resolved that the College shall undertake all necessary academic, administrative and infrastructural measures required for the effective implementation of the Programme in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/10(a)

Consideration and Approval of the Postgraduate Syllabi and Course Structures in Assamese, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Geography and Zoology

Deliberations

The Council considered the recommendations of the respective **Boards of Studies** relating to the revised **Postgraduate Syllabi and Course Structures in Assamese, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Geography and Zoology** prepared in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the emerging requirements of postgraduate education.

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the Departments concerned had undertaken an extensive review of the existing curricula in consultation with experts, faculty members and the respective Boards of Studies. The revised syllabi had been designed in accordance with the **National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF)** and other relevant academic guidelines with due emphasis on outcome-based education, multidisciplinary learning, research methodology, experiential learning, academic flexibility and employability.

The Council carefully examined the programme structures, semester-wise course distribution, learning outcomes, credit requirements, elective courses, dissertation components and assessment framework. The members appreciated the efforts made by the Departments in modernising the curricula while preserving disciplinary depth and academic rigour.

The Council observed that the revised curricula would facilitate seamless academic progression from the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme to postgraduate education and would strengthen teaching, research and innovation in the respective disciplines.

After detailed deliberations, the Council unanimously approved the recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/06

Resolved that the revised **Postgraduate Syllabi and Course Structures** in **Assamese, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Geography and Zoology**, as recommended by the respective Boards of Studies, be and are hereby **approved** for implementation from the Academic Session **2026–27**.

Further resolved that the respective Departments shall periodically review and update the approved curricula in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, UGC guidelines and other statutory requirements to ensure continuous academic quality and relevance.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/10(b)

Consideration of Curriculum Alignment and Academic Progression Pathways from FYUGP to Postgraduate Programmes

Deliberations

The Council considered the proposals relating to **curriculum alignment and academic progression pathways** between the **Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)** and the **Postgraduate Programmes** offered by the College.

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the revised postgraduate curricula had been designed to ensure seamless academic progression for graduates completing the FYUGP under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Particular emphasis had been given to vertical academic mobility, recognition of prior learning, integration of research-oriented learning and alignment of programme outcomes across undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The Council noted that the proposed academic progression framework would facilitate smooth transition of students from undergraduate to postgraduate studies, promote interdisciplinary learning and strengthen research orientation in higher education. The members also observed that the framework was consistent with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) and the UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework.

The Council appreciated the efforts of the Departments and the Boards of Studies in ensuring coherence and continuity across different levels of higher education and emphasized the need for periodic curriculum review to maintain academic relevance and quality.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/07

Resolved that the framework for **curriculum alignment and academic progression pathways** between the **Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)** and the **Postgraduate Programmes** be and is hereby **approved**.

Further resolved that all Departments shall ensure effective implementation of the approved academic progression framework so as to facilitate seamless transition of students from

undergraduate to postgraduate education in accordance with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and other applicable regulations.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/11

Consideration and Approval of the Postgraduate Regulations, 2026

Deliberations

The Council considered the draft **Postgraduate Regulations, 2026** prepared in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF), and the Academic Regulations of Darrang College (Autonomous).

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the Regulations had been drafted to provide a comprehensive academic and administrative framework governing admission, curriculum, credit requirements, attendance, continuous internal assessment, end-semester examinations, grading, promotion, award of degrees, academic progression and other matters relating to postgraduate programmes under the autonomous system.

The members examined the draft Regulations in detail and observed that they adequately addressed the requirements of postgraduate education under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 while ensuring transparency, academic flexibility, quality assurance and institutional accountability. The Council further observed that the Regulations would provide a uniform statutory framework for effective administration of all postgraduate programmes offered by the College.

After detailed deliberations, the Council unanimously approved the draft Regulations.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/08

Resolved that the Postgraduate Regulations, 2026, as placed before the Council, be and are hereby approved.

Further resolved that the approved Regulations shall come into force with effect from the **Academic Session 2026–27** and shall govern all postgraduate programmes of the College unless amended by the competent statutory authority.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/12

Consideration of Measures for Operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme

Deliberations

The Council reviewed the measures undertaken by the College for the operationalization of the proposed **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme**.

The Chairman informed the members that substantial progress had been made in developing the institutional framework necessary for commencement of doctoral programmes. The College had

initiated the process of identifying eligible research supervisors, strengthening research infrastructure, formulating research governance mechanisms and preparing the necessary statutory provisions in conformity with the **UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022**.

The Council observed that the introduction of doctoral programmes would significantly strengthen the research ecosystem of the institution, promote interdisciplinary research and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in diverse disciplines. The members emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of academic integrity, research ethics and quality assurance in all research activities.

The Council appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the Research Council, IQAC and the concerned Departments towards establishing a vibrant research environment within the College.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/09

Resolved that the measures undertaken for the operationalization of the **Ph.D. Programme** be and are hereby **approved**.

Further resolved that the College shall complete all remaining academic, administrative and statutory formalities and initiate the Ph.D. Programme in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, and other applicable guidelines issued from time to time.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/13

Consideration of Implementation of the Two-Credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)

Deliberations

The Council considered the proposal for implementation of the **Two-Credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM)** for Second Semester undergraduate students across all disciplines based on the Model Curriculum developed by the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)** and the directions issued by the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Assam.

The Member-Secretary informed the Council that the introduction of the course was intended to develop awareness, preparedness and practical competencies among students in disaster prevention, mitigation, response and resilience. The course would also contribute towards developing responsible citizenship and community engagement consistent with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The members welcomed the initiative and observed that the geographical location of Assam made disaster preparedness an important component of higher education. The Council appreciated the efforts made by the College in taking timely measures for implementation of the course.

Resolution No. DC/AC/3/2026/10

Resolved that the Two-Credit Skill Enhancement Course on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) be and is hereby **approved** for implementation for all Second Semester undergraduate students across all disciplines from the Academic Session concerned.

Further resolved that the respective Departments and the Examination Branch shall take necessary measures for effective implementation of the course in accordance with the Model Curriculum developed by the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), the directions of the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Assam and other applicable guidelines.

Agenda No. DC/AC/3/2026/14

Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair

Deliberations

No additional item was placed before the Council for consideration with the permission of the Chair.

Announcement

The Council noted that the next meeting of the Academic Council is proposed to be held during the 3rd week of December 2026.

CONCLUSION

The Academic Council expressed its satisfaction over the significant progress achieved by Darrang College (Autonomous) in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and strengthening its academic and research ecosystem under the autonomous framework.

The Council particularly appreciated the successful completion of the curriculum development process for the **Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (Semesters I–VIII)** and the preparation of the **NEP-based Postgraduate curricula and Regulations**. The members noted with satisfaction that the College was fully prepared to implement the complete Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, including the award of **Bachelor's Degree**, **Bachelor's Degree with Honours**, and **Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research**, together with all provisions relating to the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** and **Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit**, in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the applicable regulations of the University Grants Commission.

The Council also appreciated the efforts of the Departments, Boards of Studies, IQAC, Examination Branch, Research Council and other academic and administrative units in ensuring timely implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Academic Council and in promoting quality enhancement, innovation and academic excellence.

The observations and suggestions made by the members during the deliberations were duly noted for necessary follow-up action by the concerned authorities.

The Chairman thanked all the members for their active participation, valuable suggestions and constructive deliberations. The members expressed their appreciation to the Chair for the effective conduct of the proceedings.

There being no other item for consideration, the meeting concluded with a **vote of thanks to the Chair.**



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APPENDIX – I

Summary of Resolutions Adopted at the 3rd Meeting of the Academic Council

Darrang College (Autonomous)

Date: 29th June 2026 **Time:** 11:00 A.M.

Resolution No.	Agenda No.	Subject	Decision
DC/AC/3/2026/01	DC/AC/3/2026/01–07	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Academic Council and Consideration of the Action Taken Report	Confirmed and Accepted
DC/AC/3/2026/02	DC/AC/3/2026/08(a)	Approval of the Recommendations of the respective Boards of Studies relating to FYUGP (Semesters I–VIII)	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/03	DC/AC/3/2026/08(b)	Approval of Guidelines for the Practical Component of Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) under FYUGP	Approved

DC/AC/3/2026/04	DC/AC/3/2026/08(c)	Preparedness for Implementation of the Fourth Year of FYUGP (Semesters VII & VIII), including Bachelor's Degree, Bachelor's Degree with Honours and Bachelor's Degree with Honours with Research	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/05	DC/AC/3/2026/09	Approval of the Curriculum and Programme Structure of the Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)	Approved in Principle
DC/AC/3/2026/06	DC/AC/3/2026/10(a)	Approval of the Postgraduate Syllabi (NEP) and Course Structures in Assamese, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Geography and Zoology	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/07	DC/AC/3/2026/10(b)	Approval of Curriculum Alignment and Academic Progression Pathways from FYUGP to Postgraduate Programmes	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/08	DC/AC/3/2026/11	Approval of the Postgraduate Regulations, 2026	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/09	DC/AC/3/2026/12	Approval for operationalization of the Ph.D. Programme, subject to fulfilment of statutory requirements.	Approved
DC/AC/3/2026/10	DC/AC/3/2026/13	Approval of the Two-Credit Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) as an Audit Course	Approved



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