

	<p>The Academic Council also <u>resolved</u> that the vacant seats of Department of Development Studies alongwith the resultant vacancy to be occurred after accommodating the faculty members of Department of Development Studies in other sister departments be shifted to the new departments being established by the University.</p>
Item No.45/AC-21/22	<p>To consider the amendment in Statute 15(1)(b) relating to establishment of Departments and Statute 15(1)(c) relating to establishment of Centres.</p>
Resolution No. 45/AC-21/22	<p>The Academic Council in its last (20<sup>th</sup>) meeting held on 18.11.2022 vide Resolution No. 23/AC-20/21, in pursuance of the directives of Ministry of Education with regard to remove the Departments related to Engineering and Medical from the list of the Departments if they are not functional so far, had resolved to approve the list of 28 departments (Annexure-'44' Page No.- 1-3) by amending the Statutes 15(1)(b) relating to establishment of Departments and 15 (1)(c) relating to establishment of Centres and referred the same to the Executive Council for consideration. Subsequently, the matter was placed before the Executive Council in its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18.01.2022.</p> <p>He further apprised that in the meantime a letter from the UGC bearing No. F.1-9/2018(CU) dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 regarding Rationalization of Departments was received whereby the Universities were requested to rationalize their Academic Departments keeping in view of UGC norms of teacher-student ratio. This letter was also placed before the Executive Council in its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 18.01.2022.</p> <p>Thereupon, the Executive Council in its aforementioned meeting while considering the amendments of Statutes 15(1)(b) and 15 (1)(c) as recommended by the Academic Council, keeping in view of UGC directives for rationalization of departments, referred the proposal of amendments of statutes back and constituted a review committee. The review committee submitted its <u>recommendation</u> <i>inter-alia</i> the list of Departments under the relevant schools and the Centres.</p> <p>The members of the Academic Council, taking the recommendations of the Review Committee into consideration alongwith the proposals of the establishment of new Departments and Centers considered in different agenda items of this meeting and pervious decisions of the Academic Council in this regard, discussed the names of the Departments and Centres to be incorporated in Statute 15(1)(a) and 15(1)(b) respectively.</p>

	<p>After detailed deliberation, the Academic Council <u>resolved</u> to approve the amendment of Statutes 15(1)(b) relating to establishment of Departments and 15(1)(c) relating to establishment of Centres as under and referred the same to the Executive Council for consideration:</p> <p><u>Statutes 15 (1) (b)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Department of Mathematics</li> <li>2) Department of Statistics</li> <li>3) Department of Computer Science</li> <li>4) Department of Physics</li> <li>5) Department of Chemistry</li> <li>6) Department of Environmental Science</li> <li>7) Department of Biotechnology</li> <li>8) Department of Bioinformatics</li> <li>9) Department of Life Science</li> <li>10) Department of Geology</li> <li>11) Department of Geography</li> <li>12) Department of Pharmacy</li> <li>13) Department of Development Studies</li> <li>14) Department of Economic Studies and Policy</li> <li>15) Department of Historical Studies and Archaeology</li> <li>16) Department of Political Studies</li> <li>17) Department of Sociological Studies</li> <li>18) Department of Psychological Sciences</li> <li>19) Department of Indian Languages</li> <li>20) Department of English &amp; Foreign Languages</li> <li>21) Department of Mass Communication and Media</li> <li>22) Department of Law &amp; Governance</li> <li>23) Department of Commerce and Business Studies</li> <li>24) Department of Business Management</li> <li>25) Department of Teacher Education</li> <li>26) Department of Disability Studies</li> <li>27) Department of Physical Education</li> <li>28) Department of Agriculture</li> </ol> <p>With proviso to add more Departments</p> <p><u>Statutes 15 (1) (c)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centre of Integrated Humanism and Social Policies</li> <li>2) Birsa Munda Centre for Tribal Studies</li> <li>3) Centre for Climate Change and LiFE</li> </ol> <p>With proviso to add more Departments</p>
Item No.46/AC-21/22	<p>To consider the Public Notice, issued by UGC vide F.No.1-10/2020(CPP-II) dated 1st December, 2021 and F.No.1-10/2020(CPP-II) dated 17th May, 2022 regarding extension of date for submission of thesis for terminal M.Phil./ Ph.D. students, for adoption / implementation.</p>

The Academic Council also considered the amendments made in the Ordinance recommend by the Committee in its meeting held on 03.08.2017 & 24.11.2017 and resolved to approve the same. The Academic Council referred the amended **Ordinance Governing the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy-2017** to the Executive Council for consideration.

**Agenda No.05/AC-16/18**

**To consider the Amendment of Ordinance-21 of the University relating to the establishment of Centres/Departments.**

**Resolution No. 05/AC-16/18**

The Vice-Chancellor invited the attention of the members to the decisions of the Academic Council taken in its 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding relocation/creation/renaming of new Departments of Management, Commerce, Pharmacy, Teacher Education, Special Education, Law & Governance and different areas of Technology under related Schools. He further informed that pursuant to the decision of the Academic Council, the committee constituted for restructuring the Centre for Biological Sciences has submitted its report recommending to abolish Centre of Biological Science and to create three separate Departments of Biotechnology, Life Science and Bioinformatics.

The Vice-Chancellor further highlighted the need to create resourceful teachers in the field of Physical Education and to develop competence to undertake research in Physical Education with an understanding and appreciation of indigenous approach to games and sports. He said that the University intends to establish **Department of Physical Education** which may be activated on receiving sanction of teaching posts from UGC.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed the inevitability of quality health services in Bihar and said that the University is obligated to promote the health education for well-being of regional and national population by disseminating the knowledge and research in healthcare. The University intends to establish **Department of Epidemiology** under School of Health Science with a purpose to emphasize research work to control an infectious disease outbreak, assessing the impact of exposure to environmental pollutants and endocrine disrupting chemicals and to provide accessible, compassionate, and integrative health care to the region and nation.

The Academic Council considered the proposal of establishment of new Departments and resolved to approve as under :

- (i) To abolish Centre for Biological Sciences and to establish three new Departments namely **Department for Biotechnology**, **Department for Life Science** and **Department for Bioinformatics** under School of Earth, Biological and Environmental Science.



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- (ii) To abolish Centre for Earth Science and to establish two new Departments namely **Department of Geography** and **Department of Geology** under School of Earth, Biological and Environmental Science
  - (iii) To establish **Department of Physical Education** under School of Education
  - (iv) To establish **Department of Epidemiology** under School of Health Sciences.

The Vice-Chancellor further detailed the members about the academic structure of the University as prescribed in the Act, Statute and Ordinance and offering the programmes of studies under the Departments. He referred the **Statute 15(5)(a)** which states that "**Every School shall consist of such Departments as may be assigned to it by the Ordinances**" He said that the present Ordinance-21 related to Establishment of Departments/Centres under School of Studies contains the Departments as well as Centres under concerned Schools established in the initial stage of the University. The Vice-Chancellor offered the opinion of the members about the adoption of uniform nomenclature of the Departments in place of Centres under Schools in accordance with the Statute 15(5)(a). He also said that the sanction of the teaching and non-teaching positions is given Department-wise by the UGC.

Referring to the provision related to Establishment of Centres of Studies laid down in the Statutes, the Vice-Chancellor further elaborated Statute 15(5)(a) which states that "the Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, establish Centres of Studies to which may be assigned such teachers of the University as the Executive Council may consider necessary". The members discussed the matter at length and after detailed deliberation, it was agreed upon that the establishment of **Departments under Schools** and establishment of Centres should be in accordance with the Statute 15(5)(a).

In the light of above deliberation the Academic Council considered the amendment of Ordinance-21 relating to Department/Centre under School of Studies and resolved to approve that the new established Departments be incorporated in the Ordinance under relevant School and also resolved that the Centres under Schools be renamed as Departments.

The Academic Council further resolved that after amendment the Ordinance-21 be read as under:

**ORDINANCE – 21**  
**DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE SCHOOLS OF STUDIES**  
 (Act Section 26(k), 28(1)(o) ; Statute 15(1), 15(1)(a) & 15(5)(a))

- 21.1 The **School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science** shall consist of the following Departments namely:
- (i) Department of Mathematics
  - (ii) Department of Statistics
  - (iii) Department of Computer Science
- 21.2 The **School of Physical and Chemical Sciences** shall consist of the following Departments namely:
- (i) Department of Physics
  - (ii) Department of Chemistry
- 21.3 The **School of Earth, Biological and Environmental Sciences** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

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- (i) Department of Environmental Science
  - (ii) Department of Biotechnology
  - (iii) Department of Bioinformatics
  - (iv) Department of Life Science
  - (v) Department of Geology
  - (vi) Department of Geography

21.4 The **School of Technology** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Computer Science & Engineering
- (ii) Department of Civil Engineering
- (iii) Department of Mechanical Engineering
- (iv) Department of Architecture
- (v) Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- (vi) Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering
- (vii) Department of Chemical Engineering

21.5 The **School of Health Sciences** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Pharmacy
- (ii) Department of Epidemiology

21.6 The **School of Social Sciences and Policy** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Development Studies
- (ii) Department of Economic Studies and Policy
- (iii) Department of Political Studies
- (iv) Department of Sociological Studies
- (v) Department of Historical Studies and Archaeology
- (vi) Department of Conflict Resolution and Harmony

21.7 The **School of Human Sciences** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Psychological Sciences.

21.8 The **School of Languages and Literature** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Hindi
- (ii) Department of English

21.9 The **School of Media, Arts & Aesthetics** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Mass Communication and Media.

21.10 The **School of Management** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Commerce and Business Studies
- (ii) Department of Business Management

21.11 The **School of Education** shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Teacher Education
- (ii) Department of Special Education
- (iii) Department of Physical Education

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**21.12 The School of Vocational Studies.**

21.13 The School of Law and Governance shall consist of the following Departments namely:

- (i) Department of Law and Governance

**21.14 The School of Agriculture and Development.**

The Academic Council referred the amended Ordinance-21 relating to Departments under the School of Studies to the Executive Council for consideration.

**Agenda No:06/AC-16/18**

**To report the commencement of programme of studies in Department of Commerce & Business Studies and Department of Business Management and the ground-works related to constitution of Expert Committees for evolving Course Structure and Syllabus.**

**Resolution No. 06/AC-16/18**

The Vice-Chancellor apprised that subsequent to the establishment of Department of Commerce & Business Studies and Department of Business Management under School of Management by the Academic Council in its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting followed by the approval of the Executive Council, the UATEC of University in its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting has proposed to start B.Com/M.Com Programme in Department of Commerce & Business Studies and BBA/MBA Programme in Department of Business Management from the forthcoming Academic Session. He informed that the course structure and syllabus are being developed by the Expert Committees for the said programmes.

The Academic Council considered the action taken by the University in order to start B.Com/M.Com. and BBA/MBA Programmes from forthcoming session under concerned Departments and resolved to approve the same.

**Agenda No.07/AC-16/18**

**To report the joining and using National Academic Depository (NAD) services provided by NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) to issue academic awards to students including degree, grade reports/mark-sheet and other certificates.**

**Resolution No. 07/AC-16/18**

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members about the endeavour of MHRD regarding the establishment and operationalization of a digital depository of academic awards known as National Academic Depository (NAD) to facilitate digital issuance and centralized storage, access and verification of academic awards issued by Universities/Institutions.