



# तमिलनाडु केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय

(संसद द्वारा पारित अधिनियम 2009 के अंतर्गत स्थापित)

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TAMIL NADU

(Established by an Act of Parliament, 2009)

नीलक्कुडी परिसर/Neelakudi Campus, कंगलान्चेरी/Kangalancherry,

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**Minutes of Twenty - Seventh Meeting of the Academic Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11:00 am in the VC's Conference Hall, Admin Block, CUTN**

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The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof.M.Krishnan Ex-Officio Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson, CUTN
2. Deans of Schools of
  - Social Sciences and Humanities,
  - Basic and Applied Sciences,
  - Mathematics and Computer Sciences,
  - Education and training,
  - Commerce and Business Management
  - Behavioral Sciences,
  - Technology,
  - Communication,
  - Performing Arts and Fine Arts,
  - Earth Sciences
  - Life Sciences, Legal Studies
3. Heads of Departments of
  - Physics, Chemistry, Biotechnology,
  - Microbiology, Epidemiology & Public Health,
  - Mathematics, Computer Science,
  - English, Tamil, Economics,
  - Social Work, Hindi, History,
  - Applied Psychology, Commerce,
  - Management, Media and Communication,
  - Library and Information Science,
  - Education, Material Science, Music,
  - Geography, Statistics & Applied Mathematics,
  - Horticulture, Law, Geology, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Physical Education & Sports
4. Prof. T. Mohan Das, Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN.

5. Prof. V. Madhurima, Professor, Department of Physics, CUTN.
6. Prof. P. Velmurugan, Professor, Department of Tamil, CUTN.
7. Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey, Director, Inter-University Accelerator Center, New Delhi
8. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, Consortium for Educational Communication, New Delhi
9. Prof. P. Gunasekaran, Vice Chancellor, VIT Bhopal University, Former Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University.
10. Dr. S. S. Kohli, Scientist 'G'/Advisor, R&D Infrastructure Division, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
11. Prof. V. Ravichandran, Director, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata.
12. Dr. R. Parameswaran, Librarian, CUTN
13. Prof. A. Selvam, Dean Student's Welfare, CUTN.
14. Dr. S. Beer Mohammed, Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science, CUTN.
15. Dr. P. S. Velmurugan, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, CUTN.
16. Dr. Vittal Babu, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CUTN.
17. Dr. N. Barani Balan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUTN.
18. Prof. R. Thirumurugan, Registrar, Member Secretary, CUTN.

**Members attended the meeting through Online mode:**

19. Prof. K. R. S. Sambasiva Rao, Former Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University
20. Prof. Sanjeev Singh, Professor, Institute of Information and Communication, University of Delhi

**Special invitees:**

1. Shri. CA. G. R. Giridharan, Finance Officer, CUTN
2. Prof. Sulochana Shekhar, Controller of Examinations, CUTN
3. Prof. S. Nagarajan, Dean (Academics), CUTN.
4. Prof. P. Rajaguru, Director, IQAC, CUTN.
5. Dr. Rajah Jayapal, Senior Principal Scientist of SACON – attended through online
6. Director, SVPISTM. – attended through online

**Leaves of absence were granted to the following members:**

1. Prof. (Dr)N. S. Santhosh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University
2. Prof.Santhosh Kumar, Professor, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi
3. Shri A.R. Venkatakrishnan, Joint Registrar(Estt), CUTN

**Agenda Item 27/1: Introductory remarks of the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed all the members to the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council. The Vice Chancellor said that it is a great occasion for CUTN, as most of the external members were present on that day. He was happy to share that 50 students of CUTN have qualified the GATE 2024 examination. CUTN now has ownership of 516.67 acres of land. In the past, the University could not get 286 acres of land due to legal dispute. After sustained efforts by the University, we were able to win the case and got the 286 acres of land and transferred in the name of CUTN. The University was able to construct three buildings worth 95.2 crores under HEFA loan comprising two hostels and one academic building which were dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The Chairperson appreciated and thanked the State Government for sanctioning a bridge worth of Rs.6.36 crores connecting academic and residential campus and the relevant construction work is under progress. The Government of Tamil Nadu has allotted 5.68 acres of land for the establishment of a Satellite Campus for Central University of Tamil Nadu, at Sooriyur village, Thiruverumbur Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District. CUTN is planning to construct a conference hall, guest rooms, office rooms, and a department with classrooms at the Satellite Campus. Six departments have been recognized by DST-FIST and have received a grant of Rs. 5.62 Crores. The University has Scopus h-Index of 65 and has become eligible to apply for DST-PURSE grant. Further, the University has secured 89<sup>th</sup> Rank in the NIRF-2023 Ranking.

CUTN got sanctioned DACE under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and now 70 students are undergoing Coaching Classes for Civil Service Examination. In the 2023-2024 batch, around 7 students cleared various Government Examinations in 2022-23. Each student who is undergoing the above said coaching classes is offered Rs.75,000/- course fee and a stipend of Rs.4,000/- per month from the AY 2023-2024. So far 185 faculty and 101 non-teaching staff have joined this University. SC/ST vacancies are floated as rolling advertisements, due to receipt of less number of applications. About 2800 students are studying in this University and among that 60% are girls. Department of Physical Education is a newly started department and within a short span of time they were able to conduct the prestigious South Zone Inter-University Kho-Kho (women) tournament at CUTN. Around 1150 students from 66 Universities across six states participated in the tournament, which was held for five days. UGC has approved three new departments viz., Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Food Sciences and Department of Foreign Languages and has also sanctioned 21 teaching posts.

NEP-2020 was implemented successfully and CUTN has invited Vice Chancellors and Directors across the country from various states in the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Dr. R. N. Ravi for a two day Higher Education Conclave. The District administration has provided tree saplings for plantation and provided borewell with drip irrigation facility for rearing the tree saplings. CUTN alumni association has donated 200 books for the Middle School in Nagakudi village and also has provided water dispensers in various building of CUTN. Rs.15 lakhs have been collected for endowment which will be put in Fixed Deposit and gold medals will be awarded to the outstanding students. The Department of Tamil has established a museum to preserve the various artefacts collected by students from different parts of the state. Two students from CUTN participated in the Rajya Sabha internship programme and interacted with the Vice President at his resident. The NCC cadets participated in the Republic Day Celebration at New Delhi and got various prizes and they were appreciated by the Hon'ble President of India. From the year 2018 -19 to 2022-23, around 1935 students got placement / higher studies. As part of its extension activities, the University conducted a training program on Coir Products for Women from adopted villages. He felt happy to record that three women from the group got bank loans of Rs.5,00,000/- each to start their coir based business. The UGC has sanctioned Rs.2.5 Crores to Kendriya Vidyalaya for boundary wall and

playground. Balvatika was established in CUTN-KV for the welfare of the CUTN staff and local community.

Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda congratulated the Vice Chancellor and teaching fraternity for the efforts and felt happy for being part of this University. He wished the University to get good score in NAAC accreditation to be held soon.

Prof. P. Gunasekaran, congratulated the Vice Chancellor and CUTN for the great progress made by the University and wished success for the future endeavor.

Prof. V. Ravichandran, said that the Vice Chancellor shared great information to the members. He appreciated the h-index scored by the University and further he said that placement of students is a great achievement. He complimented the Deans, HoDs and faculty for their efforts.

Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey said that he had an opportunity to visit the infrastructure development and artefacts in CUTN Tamil department. He appreciated the efforts of the University and was happy to see that Alumni of CUTN got recognized. He congratulated all and wished for obtaining good grade in NAAC Assessment.

Dr. S.S. Kohli appreciated the achievements of the university, especially the departments being recognized by DST-FIST, getting patents, and for having secured a good NIRF ranking.

The Vice Chancellor mentioned that University started with 9 students in 2009 and now there are 2832 students. He also thanked the former Vice Chancellors, Prof. B.P. Sanjay and Prof. A.P. Dash for their efforts during their tenure. He also informed us that the Controller of Examinations has established a Computer Center with 130 systems for conducting various CBT-based examinations at our university.

With the above updates and progress of the University, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor requested the Registrar to proceed with the regular agenda for discussion.

**Agenda Item 27/2: Reconfirmation of the minutes of the twenty-sixth Academic Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The Twenty-sixth meeting of the Academic Council was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The minutes of the meeting was finalized and signed by the Chairperson and Member Secretary. The signed minutes was circulated among all the members.

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council reconfirmed the minutes of Twenty-Sixth Academic Council meeting held on 20.11.2023.

**Agenda Item 27/3: Action Taken on the minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Academic Council meeting held on 20th November 2023.**

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council noted the action taken report of the Twenty-Sixth Academic Council meeting held on 20.11.2023, with the following suggestions.

**Agenda 26/4, the word "Nursing Council" may be removed.**

**Agenda 26/5, An activity calendar should be prepared for the MoUs entered with various organisations to make the MoUs functional. Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs ) may be developed for the activities proposed under the MoU.**

**Agenda Item 27/4: The re-constitution of the Board of Studies**

The following departments have proposed for re-constitution of Board of Studies and the same has been approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor:

1. Department of English
2. Department of Geology
3. Department of Law
4. Department of Geography

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council ratified the re-constitution of Board of Studies for the following departments:

1. Department of English
2. Department of Geology
3. Department of Law
4. Department of Geography

**Agenda Item 27/5: The recommendation of Board of Studies**

The following departments conducted its Board of Studies meeting and the recommendations pertaining to framing/revision of curriculum were perused by the members of Academic council.

1. Department of Biotechnology
2. Department of Education
3. Department of Statistics and Applied Mathematics
4. Department of Computer Science

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council ratified the proposal of reconstitution of Board of Studies by the following Departments:

1. Department of Biotechnology
2. Department of Education
3. Department of Statistics and Applied Mathematics
4. Department of Computer Science

The Academic Council informed the Department of Biotechnology to change the title of the open elective course and authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the same.

The Department of Education is in the process of signing MoU with Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light (HWPL), Republic of Korea. Pertaining to the MoU, the Department of Education offers an open elective course in the title of "EDUOE03 – Peace Education" to the students from other departments from the AY 2024-2024. The syllabi in OBE format for the open elective course is approved by the Board of Studies meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Agenda item 27/6: The recommendation of Board of Studies for Community College Programmes.**

The Academic Council perused the Board of Studies meetings conducted by the Community College, CUTN to frame/revise the curriculum of following programmes which are being offered by Community College:

1. B.Com., Vocational programme
2. B.Voc., Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications
3. B.Voc., Production Technology
4. D.Voc., Production Technology

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council ratified the Board of Studies recommendations proposed by Community College for the following Programmes:

1. B.Com., Vocational programme
2. B.Voc., Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications

3. B.Voc., Production Technology
4. D.Voc., Production Technology

**Agenda item 27/7: The recommendation of School Board**

The following Schools conducted School Board meetings and the recommendations were placed before the Academic Council for ratification;

1. School of Education & Training [meeting held on 22.11.2023]
2. School of Earth Sciences [meeting held on 06.12.2023]

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council approved the School Board recommendations proposed by the following schools:

1. School of Education & Training.
2. School of Earth Sciences.

**Agenda item 27/8: Introduction of ITEP Programme - Discontinuation of Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed., Programme from AY 2023-2024**

The Department of Education offered a four year Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed., programme from the academic year 2017-2018 to 2022-2023, as per the norms of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). 285 students are benefitted in the Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed., programme.

CUTN is one among the 39 Universities to start ITEP (Science Stream - Secondary Stage) B.Sc., B.Ed., programme from the academic year 2023-2024 and hence it has discontinued the earlier Integrated B.Sc., B.Ed., (Mathematics) programme.

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council noted the information.

**Agenda item 27/9: Internship Guidelines for CUTN / Non-CUTN Students**

The university has been receiving many requests from students from various educational institutions across the country to do internships at CUTN. In order to streamline the internship, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor constituted a committee. The committee recommended the following:



1. The committee framed the application template for non-CUTN students to apply for internship at CUTN.
2. Maximum of four interns shall be fixed for one faculty per session.
3. To open separate bank account under the head on "Internship" and the internship money may be used for individual/department lab development activities.
4. To fix the nominal fees for the interns of non-CUTN students. The fees recommended are as given below:

Science Stream	Humanities Stream
For one month Rs.3000/-	For one month Rs.2000/-
For two months Rs.5000/-	For two months Rs.3000/-
For six months or one semester Rs.10,000/-	For six months or one semester Rs.6000/-

5. The interns can be UG/Integrated PG students or Research Scholars.
6. To extend the University Hostel facility at a nominal rates to the non-CUTN students.
7. Temporary ID card to be issued to the interns on payment of fee.
8. The internal students (CUTN) can work as summer/winter intern at CUTN without any fee with written permission from the Head of the Department.
9. Certificate will be issued to the interns by the Supervisor and Head of the Department.
10. The internship marks shall be fixed at 60% as external and 40% as internal for CUTN students doing internship in other institution. The 40% marks can be awarded by the department committee comprising three faculty members. The 60% marks may be awarded by the host institute supervisor based on attendance, work and other criteria fixed by him/her.
11. Common template for internship report submission shall be framed for those students who carry out their internship outside CUTN campus.
12. A Nodal Officer shall be appointed, as per UGC Guidelines for Internship / Research Internship, 2023 published on 02-02-2024.

13. The duration of the internship shall be as per UGC norms/decided by the department concerned.
14. The departments have to maintain attendance for internal/external interns.
15. Without permission of the authority no student will be allowed to do any internship/training in the department.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council approved the Internship Guidelines and recommended the same to the Finance Committee for approval of fees.**

**Agenda Item 27/10: NAAC submission - IIQA and SSR**

1. CUTN Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) for NAAC 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of Accreditation was submitted on 13.06.2023 and the same was approved by NAAC on 03.08.2023.
2. Self-Study Report (SSR) for NAAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle of Accreditation was submitted on 30.09.2023 and it is under Data Validation and Verification (DVV) stage.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council noted the information.**

**Agenda Item 27/11: Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)**

The following MoUs are signed from November 2023 to this date.

1. MoU was signed between ChargePal Pty. Ltd and CUTN on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
2. MoU was signed by the Inspector General of Police (Welfare) on behalf of Tamil Nadu Police Chennai and CUTN on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council ratified the MoUs entered/signed with the organizations mentioned above. Academic Council suggested to prepare the plan of action for all the MoU executed.**

### **Agenda Item 27/12: Recognition of Supervisorship for Deputy Librarian.**

The Deputy Librarian, CUTN has submitted a proposal to recognize himself as Research Supervisor.

In this connection, it may be noted that the UGC public notice vide no. 3-1/2022(JCRC) dated 15.11.2022 has clarified that since the posts of Library Cadre from Assistant Librarian and above are covered under the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018. Therefore, notwithstanding anything contained in the UGC Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for non-teaching posts, such posts of Library Cadre i.e., Asst. Librarian and above shall be regulated in accordance with the norms prescribed under aforesaid regulations.

It may also be noted that the Central University of Haryana has permitted its Librarian, Deputy Librarian and Assistant Librarian as supervisor for guiding Ph.D Research Scholars. The number of students allowed to be guided by this category also as per the UGC norms.

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council accorded its 'in-principle' approval and recommended to constitute a High Level Committee with one member from Executive Council, one member from Academic Council and three members from other University to frame the regulations/modalities.

### **Agenda Item 27/13: Ratification of results of Semester Examinations and Supplementary Examinations conducted after the 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting**

1. The ODD Semester and Supplementary Examinations were conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 29.12.2023, 03.01.2024 and 15.01.2024.
2. The Ph.D Course Work Examinations were conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 02.01.2024.
3. The Second Semester Examinations of M.Sc. Wildlife Science (Ornithology) programme offered by SACON, Coimbatore, were conducted during November 2023, and the results were published on 16.02.2024..

4. The ODD Semester Examinations of B.Voc. in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications and B.Com Programmes and the Even Semester Examinations of Diploma in Epigraphy and Heritage Management (Community College) were conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 28.02.2024.
5. The ODD Semester Examinations of Bachelor of Vocation in Production Technology and Diploma of Vocation in Production Technology (1st Semester) programmes of ELGI-EVTS, Coimbatore were conducted during February 2024, and the results were published on 14.03.2024.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council ratified the results of following Semester Examinations and Supplementary Examinations conducted after the 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting:**

- i. **Results of Odd Semester and Supplementary Examinations conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 29.12.2023, 03.01.2024 and 15.01.2024.**
- ii. **Results of Ph.D Course Work Examinations conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 02.01.2024.**
- iii. **Results of Second Semester Examinations of M.Sc. Wildlife Science (Ornithology) programme offered by SACON, Coimbatore conducted during November 2023, and the results were published on 16.02.2024.**
- iv. **Results of Odd Semester Examinations of B.Voc. in Digital Journalism and Multimedia Applications and B.Com Programmes and the Even Semester Examinations of Diploma in Epigraphy and Heritage Management (Community College) conducted during December 2023, and the results were published on 28.02.2024.**
- v. **Results of Odd Semester Examinations of Bachelor of Vocation in Production Technology and Diploma of Vocation in Production Technology (1st Semester) programmes of ELGI-EVTS, Coimbatore conducted during February 2024, and the results were published on 14.03.2024.**

**Agenda Item 27/14: Ratification of results of Ph. D., Viva –Voce Examinations conducted after the 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting: -**

The Academic Council noted that Ph.D. and M. Phil. Scholars have submitted their theses, and the examiners evaluated the theses as prescribed in the University Ordinances and the Viva-Voce examinations were conducted.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council ratified the results of Ph.D., and Viva-Voce Examinations conducted after the 26<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting.**

**Agenda Item 27/15: Approval for the list of Graduands of 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held in the month of April/May 2024.**

The list of Graduands who are eligible to get the Degree in the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of CUTN scheduled to be held in the month of April/May 2024 were placed before the Academic Council for ratification.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council ratified the list of Graduands of 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held in the month of April/May 2024.**

**Agenda Item 27/16: The approval for the list of Ph.D., and M.Phil., degree Graduands for the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of CUTN.**

The list of Ph.D., and M.Phil. Research Scholars who are eligible to get the Degree in the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of CUTN scheduled to be held in the month of April/May 2024 were perused by the Academic Council.

**Recommendation:**

**The Academic Council approved the list of Ph.D., and M.Phil., degree Graduands for the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of CUTN.**

**Agenda Item 27/17: Upgradation of UGC / CSIR JRF into SRF**

As per the UGC Guidelines for Upgradation of Ph.D., JRF into SRF, the tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the JRF scheme. On completion of this

period, the work of the Research fellow will be evaluated by experts as per the funding agency norms. Based on the recommendations of the three members assessment committee the tenure of the fellowship may be extended for a further period of three years under the enhanced emoluments of the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).

As per UGC Norms, "In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory, an additional year will be given to him/her for improvement. However, during this period he/she will be designated as a Junior Research Fellow. In such cases work will be evaluated again after three years, and if improvement is found, the Fellow will get two more years under the SRF. Thus, the total period of fellowship (JRF and SRF) is five years and there is no further provision of extension".

- As per UGC Guidelines(Page No. 6), at the time of upgradation one National / one International publication is mandatory. The date of acceptance of manuscript may be considered as the eligibility date.
- The scholar has to publish at least two Research Papers (one National and one International) on completion of research work.
- The supervisor has to conduct the three member's assessment committee meeting for up-gradation on time as per the norms of UGC / CSIR / INSPIRE.
- On completion of the Research work the student has to submit the research work in the INFLIBNET repository along with the research papers published.

**Recommendation:**

In view of the importance of good/quality publications laid down by Assessment agencies like NAAC, NIRF etc., the Academic Council recommended to constitute a Three-member Committee to frame a Policy in this matter related to number of research publications and also to the requirements for submission of Ph.D. Thesis for the students registered from AY 2023-2024.

The Academic Council insisted the faculty members to submit the proposal for upgradation of any registered scholar within three months after completion of two years by the Scholars. Pre-date approval of upgradation of fellowship should not be entertained and UGC will not accept the same.

**Agenda Item 27/18: Proposal to start B.Sc., (Honours) in Materials Science Programme.**

The Department of Materials Science has proposed to start B.Sc. (Honours) Programme in Materials Science. This programme will be offered as a four years degree programme as per NEP 2020 guidelines.

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Council recommended to constitute a Committee to examine the programme feasibilities, job opportunities and equivalence. On recommendation by the Committee, Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take the final decision for the programme which may be offered from the Academic Year 2025-2026.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by the Registrar.

  
MEMBER SECRETARY

  
CHAIRPERSON