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FIRST MEETING OF RESEARCH COUNCIL (INTERIM) OF NORTH LAKHIMPUR UNIVERSITY

The first meeting of the Research Council (Interim) of North Lakhimpur University was held on 29/12/2025 at 3:30 pm in the O/o The Registrar

The following members attended the meeting :

- 1) Mukul Chandra Barua
- 2) Biman Ch. Chetia
- 3) Kekeli Bhuyan - Wt 29/12/25
- 4) Dr. Bindu Sah - Btch
- 5) Dr. Dipankar Chetia - JChetia 29/12/25
- 6) Dr. Achinta Sikia - Aikia 29/12/25
- 7) Dr. Tarun Chandre Taid - Taid 29/12/2025
- 8) DR. ARABINDA RAJAKHONJA - 29/12/25
- 9) Dr. Ishmirekha Basukia Karmar - 29/12/25
- 10) Dr. Chukengpa Gogoi - Gp 29/12/25
- 11) Dr. Diganta Hach-boruah - 29/12/25

MEETING OF THE INTERIM RESEARCH COUNCIL

Date: 29/12/2025

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Chairperson takes chair
- ✓ 2. Discussion on Draft North Lakhimpur University Regulations for the Research Council & Award of the Degree of Ph.D. for 2026
- ✓ 3. Discussion on existing Ph.D. programme started under North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous)
- ✓ 4. Discussion on North Lakhimpur University RAT, 2026
- ✓ 5. Discussion on adoption and approval of existing DRCs & Ph.D. supervisors of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) to North Lakhimpur University
6. Discussion on select resolutions adopted in meeting of IQAC
7. Any other matter

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERIM RESEARCH COUNCIL
NORTH LAKHIMPUR UNIVERSITY**

Date & Time: 29th December 2025 at 3:30 pm

Venue: Office of the Registrar, North Lakhimpur University

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A meeting of the Interim Research Council of North Lakhimpur University was held on 29th December 2025 at the conference hall of office of the Registrar to discuss the introduction of PhD programme in North Lakhimpur University from Winter session 2026 as per UGC Notification No. F. 1-2/2024 (CPP-II) (C.No. 143903) dated 19th June 2024.

Members Present:

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, North Lakhimpur University, Chairperson, Interim Research Council, NLU
2. Registrar, North Lakhimpur University & Member Secretary, Interim Research Council, NLU
3. Dean, Research and Development, NLU
4. Dr. Achinta Saikia, Chairperson, DRC, Economics
5. Dr. Tarun Chandra Taid, Chairperson, DRC, Zoology
6. Dr. Diganta Hatiboruah, Chairperson, DRC, Political Science
7. Dr. Bindu Sah, Chairperson, DRC, English
8. Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Chairperson, DRC, Assamese
9. Dr. Ishmi Rekha Handique Konwar, Chairperson, DRC, Education
10. Dr. Dipankar Chetia, Chairperson, DRC, Physics
11. Dr. Chuchengfa Gogoi, Member
12. Academic Registrar (i/c), Convener

The Member Secretary welcomed all members to the first Interim Research Council's meeting and requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to Chair the meeting.

Agenda Item: Discussion on the Draft North Lakhimpur University Ph.D. Regulations 2026.

Discussions/Notes: The members present discussed in detail the possible provisions of the Draft North Lakhimpur University Ph.D. Regulations 2026. A clause-by-clause discussion was made on the draft Regulation prepared in accordance with UGC's latest regulation for Ph.D. programmes. After the discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution No. 1: The meeting resolved to constitute a four-member committee to finalise the Draft North Lakhimpur University Ph.D. 2026, as follows:

- 1) Dr. Bindu Sah (Convener)
- 2) Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, Member
- 3) Dr. Dipankar Chetia, Member
- 4) Dr. Chuchengfa Gogoi, Member

Resolution No. 2: The meeting resolved to approve in principle the North Lakhimpur University Ph.D. Regulations 2026, after finalisation by the committee and forward the same to the Chairman RC to be placed in the first Academic Council and Executive Council for further necessary action.

Agenda Item 2: Discussion on existing Ph.D. programme under North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous).

Discussion/Notes: The Chairperson mentioned the second item on the agenda for discussion. The Registrar of North Lakhimpur University stated that, since the existing Ph.D. scholars are registered in North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) are under Dibrugarh University and their rules and

regulations are to be governed by the North Lakhimpur College Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2021. The Chairperson also noted that the earlier Ph.D. programmes of the erstwhile North Lakhimpur College should be conducted in accordance with the earlier regulations. Dr. Kakali Bhuyan, Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa and Dr. Ishmi Rekha Handique Knowar also noted the same and after thorough discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No 3: The meeting resolved to continue the existing Ph.D. programmes in accordance with the North Lakhimpur College Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2021 until the last student is awarded a Ph.D. and the existing Research Council of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) shall remain as the nodal research committee to monitor the programme.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion on North Lakhimpur University Research Entrance Test (NLURET) 2026

Discussion/notes: The Chairperson invited discussion on NLURET 2026, and the members discussed the commencement of NLURET and opined that it should be organised twice in a year in the Winter and Summer Sessions. The members discussed and agreed that NLURET 2026 shall commence in February 2026. The notification for NLURET shall be issued in the second week of January 2026 and for smooth conduction of the entrance examination, the meeting resolved to constitute an NLURET board. After the thorough discussion, the following resolutions were made.

Resolution No. 4: The meeting resolved to commence NLURET 2026 in February 2026, with notification to be issued in the second week of January 2026.

Resolution No. 5: The meeting resolved to constitute a NLURET Board 2026 to conduct the NLURET 2026 with the following members:

- 1) The Vice-Chancellor, Chairperson, NLURET Board
- 2) The Registrar, Member Secretary, NLURET Board
- 3) The Controller of Examinations (i/c), Member
- 4) The Academic Registrar (i/c), Member

Agenda Item 4: Discussion on adoption and approval of existing DRCs of North Lakhimpur College to North Lakhimpur University.

Discussion/Notes: The Chairperson introduced the above item for discussion. The members present discussed the approval and adoption of the existing DRC of erstwhile North Lakhimpur College (A) under North Lakhimpur University. The Chairperson mentioned that he is in possession of the list of approved DRCs for North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous), which the competent authority has already approved. The members present agreed that these DRCs may be approved and adopted by North Lakhimpur University. After the discussion, the following decision was made.

Resolution No. 6: The meeting resolved to adopt the existing DRCs from North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) under North Lakhimpur University as it is, and a notification shall be issued to the concerned DRCs regarding the approval, with immediate effect.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion on the adoption and approval of the existing Ph.D. Supervisors of erstwhile North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) under North Lakhimpur University

Discussions/Notes: The Chairperson then discussed the adoption and approval of the existing Ph.D. Supervisors of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) under North Lakhimpur University. The Chairperson mentioned that the existing supervisors of North Lakhimpur College shall be recognised as Ph.D. Supervisors of North Lakhimpur University and shall be notified as Ph.D. supervisors of North Lakhimpur University. However, the Chairperson noted that any new eligible supervisors

must apply to the Chairperson of the DRCs for recognition as Ph.D. supervisors and upon due approval, the application must be submitted to the Research Council (RC) for approval. He further said that any eligible supervisors who desire to apply for Ph.D. Supervisorship and the department does not have a DRC must submit a new proposal for Ph.D. Supervisorship to the Chairperson of the Research Council. After the discussion, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolution No. 7: The meeting resolved to approve and adopt the existing recognised Ph.D. supervisors of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) as the Ph.D. supervisors of North Lakhimpur University with immediate effect.

Resolution No. 8: The meeting resolved to issue a notification of approval of Ph.D. Supervisorship to the following recognised Ph.D. Supervisors and to issue a common notification from Chairman RC in this regard. The list of present eligible PhD supervisor is given in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Supervisor	Department
1	Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa	Assamese
2	Dr. Hemanta Sarmah	Assamese
3	Dr. Dhiraj Patar	Assamese
4	Dr. Diganta Hatiboruah	Political Science
5	Dr. Chuchengfa Gogoi	Political Science
6	Dr. Kamala Kanta Bori	English
7	Dr. Binda Sah	English
8	Dr. Ishmirekha Handique Konwar	Education
9	Dr. Binod Chetia	Education
10	Dr. Chitta Ranjan Bora	Botany
11	Dr. Budhadeb Basumatary	Botany
12	Dr. Dharitri Borgohain	Botany
13	Dr. Achinta Kumar Saikia	Economics
14	Dr. Ratul Kumar Lahon	Economics
15	Dr. Tarun Chandra Taid	Zoology
16	Dr. Akash Kachari	Zoology
17	Dr. Dipankar Chetia	Physics
18	Dr. Manoranjan Dutta	Physics

Resolution No. 9: The meeting resolved that fresh proposals for Ph.D. supervisorship shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the concerned DRC; in cases where there is no DRC, interested faculty members shall submit the proposal directly to the Chairperson of the Research Council

Agenda Item 5: Discussion on select resolutions adopted in the meeting of IQAC

Discussions/Notes: The Chairperson invited discussion on the above-mentioned matter. The Registrar said that the resolutions made on Research at the IQAC meeting need to be discussed, particularly the continuation of the FIRST Scheme, extension activities, field studies, community engagement programmes, travel grants for faculty members to attend Research Programmes and seminars/ conferences. After elaborate discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 10: The meeting resolved to forward the matter for discussion and approval to the Research Advisory Council to be formed as per University Statute, Regulations and Ordinances for taking up the issue in its next meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion on Anti-Plagiarism Software

Discussions/Notes: The Chairperson then invited members to discuss any other research-related matters. Dr. Chuchengfa Gogoi highlighted the importance of Anti-Plagiarism software for the University and was seconded by Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa and Dr. Dipankar Chetia. The Chairperson mentioned that it is essential to purchase anti-plagiarism software for the university and requested the Registrar to initiate the purchase. The Registrar noted that the Government will provide free software under the ONOS programme; however, the university must first purchase its own software. He also suggested asking the Librarian of the university be entrusted to procure the same from the Original Developer of this software. Dr. Kakali Bhuyan and Dr. Diganta Hatiboruah suggested that quotations may be obtained for Turnitin, a widely accepted anti-plagiarism software, and after thorough discussion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 11: The meeting resolved to purchase anti-plagiarism software initially for a limited number of subscribers and to issue orders to the Librarian to initiate the process.

The meeting ended with a note of acknowledgement from Chairperson to the members present in the meeting for their co-operation.

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(Member Secretary)

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(Chairperson)

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