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55TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
SIKKIM MANIPAL UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
55TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
20 MAY 2024 (MONDAY)

Time: 11.30 AM

Venue: Conference Hall, Level III, SMIMS

Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor & Chairman: Governing Council, Sikkim Manipal University greeted and welcomed all the members of Governing Council and expressed gratitude for their gracious presence.

Members present: Dr. K. Ramnarayan, Pro Chancellor, SMU; Dr. Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG; Shri Vaitheeswaran S., Vice Chairman & MD, MEMG; Dr A. B. Karki, SCS, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, GoS; Shri Somnath Das, Group President-Special Projects, MEMG; Shri Shridhar Hegde, Senior Vice President-Finance, MEMG; Air Vice Marshal (Dr) D C Agarwal (Retd), VSM, Vice Chancellor, SMU; Prof (Dr) K.S. Sherpa, Registrar, SMU; Dr Muralidhar V Pai, Dean, SMIMS; Prof (Dr) G.L. Sharma, Director, SMIT; Prof (Dr) Kalpana Sharma, Director, Directorate of Research, SMU; Dr Sanjiba Dutta, Associate Dean (Academics), SMIMS; Prof (Dr) Sangeeta Jha, Associate Director (Academics), SMIT; Dr Bidita Khandelwal, Professor, Department of Medicine, SMIMS

Member Present Online: Shri R. Telang, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, GoS, Shri Nishith Mohanty, Group President (HR & Academia), MEMG.

Special Invitee: Dr Keerthilatha M. Pai, Controller of Examination, SMU; Dr Sudip Dutta, Medical Superintendent, CRH ; Shri Subhendu Prakash COO, CRH; Prof (Dr) Sourav Dhar, Director, SMU-CDOE; Shri S.V. Ravi Sankar, Senior Finance Officer, SMU.





The committee discussed and deliberated on various agenda points and the decisions taken (against each agenda point) are mentioned below:

PART – I

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 54TH GOVERNING COUNCIL/ 54TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND 55TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AGENDA: Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of 54th Governing Council 54th Executive Committee and 55th Finance Committee Meetings were circulated to all members.

All the members concurred the Minutes of Meeting.

Placed before the Council for confirmation.

Decision: Confirmed

PART – II

AGENDA POINTS FOR 55TH GOVERNING COUNCIL

AGENDA: Budget as Passed by 56th Finance Committee Meeting

Budget as passed by the 56th Finance Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2024.

Placed before the Council for ratification.

Decision: Ratified





AGENDA: Decisions Passed by 55th Executive Committee Meeting

Decisions made during 55th Executive Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2024.

Placed before the Council for ratification.

Decision: Ratified

AGENDA: Nominee of Government of Sikkim Representative in Executive Committee

With the assumption of office by Shri Bhim Thatal as Director, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Sikkim in place of Mrs Hondala Gyaltsen, he has accepted the membership of Executive Committee of Sikkim Manipal University as a nominee of Government of Sikkim.

Placed for the concurrence of the Council.

Decision: Concurred

AGENDA: Status Update - Infrastructure

1. Good for Construction (GFC) design received from MEMG. BOQ being processed.
2. Phases & Time Plan





Phase 1	Details	Time	Remarks
a) Sports Block	Basketball & Futsal	BOQ being completed by 25 May, 2024	Construction likely commence wef 01 Oct 2024
b) Multiutility Block	(i) HR (II) COE (III) FHSS&LA (IV) GYM & CAFÉ	BOQ shall be ready by 25 June 2024	-do-

Tentative Cost

▶ A) Sports Block	(Total 20,000sqft)	6.5cr
▶ B) Multiutility Block	(Total 30,000sqft)	8cr
▶ C) Up gradation of Infra		
▶ (i) Badminton Court	(2x Badminton Court at SMIMS) (1x Badminton Court at MBBS hostel)	
▶ (II) Gym	(PG & MBBS Hostel)	
▶ Volleyball court	(Sports Ground)	
		3.10 cr
Total	-----	17.6 cr

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved





AGENDA: Annual Salary Hike of SMU Regular Employees

According to the existing policy of SMU, there were a provision of annual increment and salary hike every alternate year.

This year onwards SMU proposes to implement hike in salary annually in consonance with the policy introduced by MEMG.

This has concurrence of University Management Committee.

Placed for the approval by the Council.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA: Revenue Share Between SMU and UNext

According to the draft of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), revenue share of 75% and 25% is proposed between UNext and SMU respectively.

Draft MoA is at the final stage.

Placed for the information of the Council.

Decision: Noted

AGENDA: Status of MaGE Employees

Presently, SMU has 42 employees under MaGE roll in Finance, HR & IT. With reduction in the scope of MaGE all throughout the Group, future status/retention modalities of these MaGE employees under SMU is sought for.

Decision: Shri Nishith Mohanty, Group President (HR & Academia), MEMG, informed the Council that all the employees working for SMU under MaGE will be transferred to SMU roll w.e.f. 1 April 2025. All the concerns and issues will be addressed before transfer of the employees.





AGENDA: Advance Payment of Examination Fee of Centre of Distance & Online Education (CDOE)

Merittrac is the agency entrusted to conduct the online examination for Centre of Distance and Online Education (CDOE). According to the draft MoA, Rs 250 + GST per student per scheduled examination in OTBS (excluding GST) is the examination proposed by Merittrac.

Merittrac demands 50% of the total examination fees to be paid in advance by SMU.

Placed before the Council for approval.

Decision: Approved. On proposal of SGST share to the state of Sikkim by Shri Ravindra Telang, ACS, Education Department, Government of Sikkim, Mr Somnath Das – Group President, Special Projects, MEMG said that possibilities will be explored and seek opinion of the Income Tax Consultant about the feasibility.

AGENDA: 24th Convocation of SMU

24th Convocation of Sikkim Manipal University is proposed to be scheduled on 8/ 9 November and 15/ 16 November 2024.

Confirmation on these blocks of dates can only be intimated 2 – 3 weeks in advance.

Hon'ble Chancellor – cum – Governor of Sikkim confirms dates not more than 3 weeks in advance.

Placed for the information and blocking of dates.

Decision: Noted. The Council suggested the avoidance of dates of Convocation with MUJ & MAHE





AGENDA: Financial Limit of University Level Purchase

Reference: Office Order on Purchase Policy of SMU vide letter number SMU/VC/ 2016 – 64; dated 21 October 2016

The financial power for authorising payment for purchase of stores/ equipment, maintenance contracts, electricity/ water/ sewerage bills etc are given as:

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| (a) Medical Superintendent | - | upto Rs 15.0 Lakhs |
| (b) Head of Institution | - | upto Rs 20.0 Lakhs |
| (c) Vice Chancellor | - | upto the budget approved in the Board Meeting |

It is proposed to amend these limits to

- Upto Rs 10.0 Lakhs at the level of (Medical Superintendent/ Chief Operating Officer, CRH) / Head of Institution
- Above Rs 10.0 Lakhs at the level of Vice Chancellor

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA: SMU Promotion Policy for Teaching Cadre

(Annexure: I)

SMU has revisited the promotion policy for the teaching cadre and proposed to introduce vacancy-based promotion_ and time bound promotion against no vacancy in the cadre.

This has concurrence of the Group President (HR & Academia), MEMG.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.





AGENDA: Performance Based Variable Pay (PBVP) on Research Activities

As a step towards SMU as a Research-Intensive University, faculty members and students are encouraged towards research.

SMU proposes to introduce PBVP on research activities by faculty members. Minimum score of 1.6 (out of 3) is required to be eligible for incentive under PBVP with maximum of Rs 36000 per annum.

Further, faculty members with score of 1 and less in research activities will have annual PMS grade a level one lower than PMS obtained.

Placed for the approval of the Council.

Decision: Approved.

Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, SMU thanked all the Esteemed Members of Governing Council for their presence and valued inputs and concluded the meeting.



Prof (Dr) K.S Sherpa
Registrar, SMU
Registrar
Sikkim Manipal University
5th Mile Tadong (Gangtok)



PART – III

UPDATE ON SMU AND ITS CONSTITUENT UNITS

Item-1: CME/ Seminars / Workshops / Conference / Trainings/ Webinars/ Events

a. Number of CMEs/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences/ Trainings/ Webinars/ Events **organised** since last GC is given in the table below.

54 th GC			55 th GC		
Unit	Webinars/ Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops	Total	Webinars/ Seminars/ Conferences / Workshops	Focused Campus Training	Total
SMIMS	23	23	05	03	08
SMIT	32	32	25	06	31
FHSSLA	09	09	09	02	11
DoR	05	05	07	02	09

b. Number of CMEs/Workshops/Conferences/Trainings/ Webinars **attended** since last GC is given in the table below.

54 th GC					55 th GC			
Unit	Seminars/ Conf/ Workshop	Focused Campus Training	CME	Tot	Seminars/ Conf/ Workshop	Focused Campus Training	CME	Tot
SMIMS	122	-	-	122	173	-	46	219
SMIT	54	-	-	54	89	27	-	116
FHSSL A	21	03	-	24	14			14

Item-2: Highlights of Major Conferences / Workshops/ Webinars

MAJHITAR CAMPUS

- The **7th International conference in Communication, Device, and Networking (ICCDN 2024)** was held at SMIT on 19 – 20 January, 2024.
- The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, SMIT organized a **Guest Talk** by prof. (Dr.) Rabindranath Bera, 50





Hackathon Awardee of DOT, Govt of India, Former Prof & HOD- ECE, HOD- AI& DS, SMIT on '**6G Radio Cross Layer Realization with AI optimization in meeting UNSD Goals at 6G Use Case Lab, Kolkata**' on 22 March 2023.

- In collaboration with **Department of AI & DS and Quality Cell**, SMIT, Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized One Day **Workshop** on **Data Analytics on 16 March 2024**.
- **Department of Computer Applications**, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology Organized a two days International Conference on '**Computing and Machine Learning (CML)**' sponsored by Soft Computing Research society, India.
- The **Department of Computer Science**, SMIT conducted a Lecture **Workshop** on '**Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity**' for the students of the Darjeeling Polytechnic.
- The **Training Placement and Industry Link Cell**, SMIT organized one day **Workshop** on '**EY TechConnect Session- Major Digital Transformations in Government Sector**' on 28 March 2024.
- The **Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering**, SMIT in collaboration with Centre for Computers and Communication Technology (CCCT), Chisopani organized **Hands-On Workshop** on '**Unmanned Aerial Vehicle(Drone)**' on 05 April 2024.
- A **boot camp** for BBA/MBA students of Majhitar Campus was held on 24 January 2024, at a local eco-resort, aimed to immerse participants in **teamwork, leadership, supply chain management, creativity, mindfulness, health awareness, entrepreneurship, and management**.
- **The Department of Management Studies**, in collaboration with the Student Research Forum (SRF) at SMIT, organized a **Workshop** titled '**Research to Publication**' on 19 February 2024.
- **Mathematics Dept**, SMIT organised **2nd International Conference** on **Nonlinear Dynamics and Applications (ICNDA)** on 21 – 23 February 2024.
- **Department of Electronics and Communication** and Department of Information Technology, SMIT in collaboration with **Sampling and Official Statistic Unit, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata**,



organised a 5 Days **Workshop on 'Official Statistics and Data Science Essentials: Sampling, Visualization, Reporting'**.

- **SMIT** organises **Open Sports Tournaments** from 04 - 13 March 2024.
- **SMIT** organized **Run with SMIT 2.0 : For Healthy Mind and Body** on 17 March 2024 with 552 participants.

TADONG CAMPUS

- **11th East Zonal Conference of Association of Physicians of India, EZAPION-2023** was held for the first time in Sikkim at **Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences on 02 – 03 December 2023.**
- **Department of Psychiatry, SMIMS** in collaboration with **Sikkim State Branch of Indian Psychiatric Society organized 48th Annual conference of Indian Psychiatric Society- Eastern Zonal Branch** from 23 – 25 November 2023.
- **11th East Zonal Conference of Association of Physicians of India, EZAPION-2023** was held for the first time in Sikkim at **SMIMS on 02– 03 December 23.**
- Five days of **Critical Care course** was conducted by Staff Faculty Capacity Development Council (SFCDC), SMU on **Basic Assessment & Support of Critically ill patients (BASIC)** and **Basic Assessment & Support of Critically ill patients** for nurses on ward (BASIC4NOW) for Nurses of Central Referral Hospital (CRH), was conducted from 29 January – 02 February 2024.
- **Anatomy Dept, SMIMS** organized **CME on The nuances of Anatomy in Congenital & Progressive Nephrological Disorder** on 08 February 2024
- The Directorate of Research (**DoR**), SMU organized a successful **Training Session on 'Plagiarism & Ethical Consideration in Research'** at FHSSLA Building, Tadong Campus on 27 February 2024.
- Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (**SMIMS**) under SMU conducted Workshop on **'Deceased Organ Donation'** as a part of Project VARDAAN by Zuble Foundation in association with Nedfi on 28 February 2024.





- **A Mass Health Awareness Programme** was organized by the students of 1st year MSc. Nursing, Department of Mental Health Nursing, SMCON on 5 March 2024 at **Center for Addiction Medicine (CAM) and De-addiction Treatment Clinic**, Chuwatar, West Pandem, Gangtok District.
- **Department of ENT**, SMIMS along with AOI Siliguri organised the **6th Annual ENT Conference** at Hotel Days Inn Daragaon & CRH, on 01 - 02 December 2023.
- **CME** was organized by **Institutional Animal Ethics Committee** in collaboration with **Department of Pharmacology** with the theme: '**An Update: Animal Experimentation and Ethics in Biomedical Research**' on 20 November 2023.
- On World Disability Day, **SMCPT** organised **Sensitization Program on Disability and Role of Physiotherapy** at CRH on 03 December 2023.
- **SMCON** organised **State Level Conference** on '**Current Methods of Teaching and Learning in Nursing**' on 04 December 2023.

Item-3: Highlights of Major Events held : SMU

- On 24 January 2024, **Sikkim Manipal University** entered into a **MoU with Information Data Systems (IDS)**, marking its inclusion in the **prestigious Bharat Blockchain Network**. This partnership establishes a **Center of Excellence for Blockchain development at SMIT**, supported by AICTE and the Ministry of Education, GoI.
- **Sikkim Manipal University and L&T EduTech signed MoU** at the L&T headquarters in Chennai on 16 January 2024 leading to the establishment of a **State-of-the-Art Laboratory** by L&T EduTech, envisioned as a **Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Electric Vehicle (EV)** training and practical learning at SMIT.
- **Sikkim Manipal University (SMU)** announced the launch of **Center for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)** to offer its comprehensive **online UG & PG degree programme** from the Academic Year 2023-24.
- Sikkim Manipal University held its **SMU Retreat**, themed "**Connect, Reflect, Rejuvenate**" on 1 - 2 March 2024, in Kalimpong. Academic **Year 2024** was declared as **Year of Research** and two schemes were





launched to promote the culture of research: **Mentor-Mentee Scheme(Sarathi)** for students and **Sathi Scheme** for faculty.

- **Sikkim Manipal University** signed **MoU** with the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), New Delhi** on 08 November 2023 that shall facilitate a comprehensive partnership in the areas of joint academic research, innovation, capacity building, professional and faculty development programmes.
- **Sikkim Manipal University** started **Bi-monthly Newsletter** with the release of its Inaugural Issue on **126th Birth Anniversary of its founder Dr. T.M.A Pai**.
- An interaction session **of SMU students and Ombudsperson, SMU** (Students Grievance Redress) as per UGC notification, was held at the Majhitar and Tadong Campus on 21 March & 04 April 2024 respectively.
- **Central Referral Hospital, SMU** received **NABH Entry Level Certificate** on 18 March 2024
- **Central Referral Hospital (CRH), SMU** implemented **Laboratory Information System (LIS)** integrating **15 LAB** machines into LIS. Facilitate automated SMS with Link to patient for report download.
- **CRH, SMU** introduced **Picture Archiving Computerized System (PACS) integrating 13 Modalities** (CT, MRI, X-Ray, USG and console workstations).
- **CRH, SMU** introduced **MedQPro, Hospital Quality software** to enhance Patient care & Operations Quality aligned to **NABH** Guidelines.
- **SMU** implemented **Asset Management Application: QR Code enable Fixed Asset Registration process**.
- **Directorate of Research, SMU** organized a **Workshop** on “**Free Content Explore using Scopus Platform**” on 24 November 2022.
- **Indian Society of Clinical Research (ISCR)** and INFLOCLIN Consultancy & Department of Pharmacology, SMIMS and Directorate of Research, SMU organized one day **Workshop** on ‘**Good Clinical Practice in Clinical Research**’ on 04 July 23.





- **Staff Faculty Competency Development Council (SFCDC)**, SMU organized one day Workshop on **'Lecture Capturing'** on 12 April 2024.
- **SMU** selected as **Training partner with NSDC** under the PMKVY 4.0 program of Ministry of Skill Development, GOI.
- **Faculty of Humanity, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts (FHSSLA)**, SMU organised the panel discussion, **'Youth Accelerating Tripling-Up Renewables'** in collaboration with the **Youth of India Foundation and the WFUNA Foundation²** at Sikkim Manipal University.
- **HR Dept., SMU** organized **Employees Sports Meet 3.0** from 08 Jan - 04 Feb 2024
- **AIC-SMUTBI startup: AGSPERT Technologies** amongst the **first in the North East** to receive the **International Fund for Agroecology Development (\$1.5M)**, GAP Awards.
- **AIC-SMUTBI startup: AUGTRAVELER** shortlisted by **Smart Cities Mission**, MoHUA as a startup curating heritage and cultural circuits in Smart cities. **AUGTRAVELER secured 13L Project Revenue** from Mizoram Government.
- **AIC-SMUTBI** Received the **HDFC CSR Parivartan Grant of Rs 35 Lakhs** to support AgriTech and Sustainable Livelihood Startups in North East India

Item-4: Research Publications, Patent & Book Publication

(a) **Research Publications:** The number of research publications by faculty members since last GC are given in the table below:

Unit	54 th GC					55 th GC				
	Journal		Conference		Total	Journal		Conference		Total
	Int	National	Int	National		Int	National	Int	National	
SMIMS	04	23	-	-	27	1	11	-	-	12
SMIT	49	02	0	44	95	82		37		121
FHSSLA		4	1	2	7		2		1	3





(b) Patent Details:

SL	Name of Faculty Member	Title of Patent	Co-Inventor Name (s)	Nationality	Status
1	Mr. Samrat Kumar Mukherjee, SMIT	Analysis of Growth and Development of 'Make in India' Towards Energy Sector	Dr. Abhijit Sarkar	Indian	Published
2	Ayesha Mohanty	Deep Learning Based Plant Growth and Harvesting Prediction Device and Method	Prof. Ajeya Jha	Indian	Published
3	Arun Kumar Singh, Dr. S. N. Sur, SMIT	IOT Based Medicine Container Management System	Dr. Akash Kumar Bhoi, Dr. Ranjit Panigrahi, Mr. Jitendra Tamang	Indian	Granted
4	Dr. S.Visalakshi, SMIT	Patent-Secure IOT framework for remote healthcare services using machine learning Authentication and Authorization, Bio-Medical Engineering, Intellectual Property, India,		Indian	Published
5	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, SMIT	Hand Operated Flexible Load Puller	Dr. Rahul Kumar, Shiv Kumar Ray	Indian	Published
6	Dr. Bikash Sharma, SMIT	IoT Based Digital Plant Whisperer	Krishna Prakash, Prince Jain, Shonak Bansal, Raj M. Upadhyay, Anna Eswara Kumar	Indian	Published





(c) Book Publication Detail

Sl. No.	Name of Faculty Member	Title	Co-author Name	Publisher
1	Dr Aditya Rai, Asso. Prof, FHSS&LA	Impact of Annual Reports in the Share Price Returns and its Volatility.	-	Notionpress, ISBN: 979889277 1443. Jan 2024
2	Prof(Dr) Ajeya Jha, Management Studies. SMIT	Ethno-Herpetology of Sikkim		
3	Dr Bidita Khandelwal contributed, SMIMS	08 Chapters in the Hypertension Manual		Jaypee Publishers
4	Dr. Saumya Das, SMIT	Machine Learning for Mobile Communication: Security & Privacy (Book Chapter)	Om Prakash Sreejith, L Das T Somassoundaram, Satheesh Kumar Jaganathan	CRC Press
5	Partha Protim Das, SMIT	Multi-Criteria Decision-Making Methods in Manufacturing Environments: Models and Applications	Shankar Chakraborty, Prasenjit Chatterjee	Apple Academic Press
6	Suveksha Tamang (Student), SMIT	Advanced Nanomaterials and Their Applications: Properties and Supercapacitor Applications of Graphene-Based Materials- (Book Chapter)	Sadhna Rai, Rabina Bhujel, Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya, Joydeep Biswas	Taylor & Francis Group
7	Samrat Kumar Mukherjee, SMIT	Mobile Health Applications: Variables influencing user's perception and adoption intentions	Shubhangi Jangle, Rajiv Yeravdekar, Ankit Singh, Ajeya K. Jha	Academic press





8	Samrat Kumar Mukherjee, SMIT	Balancing patient empowerment and online security considerations from impact of social media promotion of prescription drugs: Physician perception	Abhijit Sarkar, Jitendra Kumar, Ankit Singh, Ajeya K. Jha	Academic press
9	Dr. Samarjeet Borah, SMIT	Advanced Computational and Communication Paradigms, Proceedings of ICACCP 2023	Samarjeet Borah, Tapan K. Gandhi, Vincenzo Piuri	Springer Singapore
10	Dr. Rabindranath Bera, SMIT	Artificial Intelligence in Telemedicine: Processing of Biosignals and Medical Images	Jayanta Kumar Ray, Ramsundar Ghorai, Rogina Sultana, Arpita Sarkar, Sanjib Sil, Quazi Mohmmad Alfred	CRC Press , Traylor and Francis Group
11	Dr. Swarup Sarkar, SMIT	Artificial Intelligence Based Student Feedback System in Higher Education	NA	RFI, INDIA
12	Dr. Sanat Kumar Das, SMIT	Transition Metal Dichalcogenides Properties, Synthesis and Application in Nanoelectronics Devices (Book Chapter)	Bibek Chettri, Prasanna Karki, Pronita Chettri, and Bikash Sharma	Taylor & Francis Group
13	Dr. Samrat Kumar Mukherjee, SMIT	Influence of Age on Patient Beliefs Related to Social Media Promotion of Branded Drugs (Book Chapter)	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Dr. Ankit Singh Prof. Ajeya Jha	Taylor & Francis Group
14	Vivek Pandey, SMIT	Sreejith L Das T Somassoundaram Satheesh Kumar Jaganathan	Dr. Samrat Kumar Mukherjee Dr. Bibeth Sharma Sonia Munjal Prof. Ajeya Jha	Taylor & Francis Group
15	Dr. Bikash Sharma, SMIT	Transition Metal Dichalcogenides Properties,	Bibek Chettri, Prasanna Karki	CRC Press





		Synthesis, and Application in Nanoelectronics Devices	Pronita Chettri, Sanat Kr Das	
16	Dr. Samarendra Nath Sur; SMIT	Addressing computational complexity issues in telehealth systems using artificial intelligence and blockchain technology	Friday Udeji1, Agbotiname Lucky Imoize2, K. V. N. Kavitha3, Vinoth Babu Kumaravelu4	IET

Item-5 (a): Awards and Achievements – Institute & Faculty

Majitar Campus

- **Dr C T Singh, CEO AIC - SMUTBI**, SMIT, was appointed as an **Advisory Member in the National Startup Advisory Council** in December 2023.
- **Prof. Dr G L Sharma, Director, SMIT**, was awarded the title of **Global Ambassador of Education Excellence** by International Institute of Education and Management in October 2023.
- **Dr Asit Saha**, Assistant Professor, Dept of Mathematics, SMIT, has been enlisted as a **Top 2% most influential scientists in the world** by Stanford for the year 2023.
- **Dr. Asit Saha**, Asst. Prof(SG), Mathematics Dept SMIT has been selected for the **Best Researcher Award** by the *Institute of Technical and Scientific (ITSR) Foundation Award 2024*.
- **Dr. Bikash Sharma**, Assoc. Prof., ECE Dept., SMIT has been selected for the **Best Researcher Award** by the *Institute of Technical and Scientific (ITSR) Foundation Award 2024*.
- **Dr. Krishna Vijay Kumar Singh**, Asst. Prof(SG), Dept. of Computer Applications, SMIT has been appointed as a **Master Trainer in High – Performance Computing** (HPC) by AICTE.
- The **World HRD Congress** has awarded **Skill Development Leaderships Award** to SMIT on 15 Feb 24 at Mumbai.





- **Dr. Biswajit Deb**, Department of Mathematics, **SMIT** received a grant of Rs **15 lakhs from Mathematics Training and Talent Search Trust (MTTS)** for conducting **Mathematics Training and Talent Search program Level O camp** at SMIT from 27 May – 22 June 2024.
- **Dr Ajeya Jha**, Professor, Department of Management Studies, authored book titled '**Ethno-Herpetology of Sikkim**', funded by the Sikkim Biodiversity Board, Govt. of Sikkim.
- **Prof (Dr.) Tej Chingtham**, CEO, AIC-SMUTBI contributed one chapter as the **Sectorial Expert for Vision Document 2047** for Government of India.
- **Dr. Pankaj Chettri**, Additional Registrar, SMIT was invited as a Mathematics Subject Expert in 5 days Workshop organized at **Darjeeling Govt. College, Darjeeling**, 18 - 22 Dec 2023.
- **Dr Barnali Dey**, Assistant Professor (SG), IT Dept., SMIT gave talk in Two Day **Symposium on Young Women Engineers: Technologies for Sustainable Development in Northeast Region** in Tezpur University, Assam from 20 - 21 November 2023.
- **Dr Barnali Dey**, IT Dept., SMIT delivered lecture on '**Latest Trends in Information Technology and its application in various Areas**' in the **University Of Aurel Vlaicu, Arad, Romania**.
- **SMIT** is one of the 100 proud recipients of the prestigious **5G National Labs** and only one from Sikkim-Total amount **Rs 2 crore with 20% contribution from institution**. Equipment worth Rs. 70 Lakhs received for setting up of 5G Lab.
- **SMIT** was granted **Grant worth Rs. 98.32 lakhs** received under **MOU with iHub DivyaSampark** for projects and infrastructure development.
- **SMIT** secured **2nd Rank in Category of Super Excellence, 1st Rank in Sikkim and 1st Rank in Eastern & Central Region** in **GHRDC Engineering College Survey 2024** Award.





Tadong Campus

- **Dr Muralidhar V Pai**, Dean **SMIMS**, was accorded as a non-member **Honorary Fellow (Honoris Causa)** at the **Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologist**.
- **Dr. Bidita Khandelwal** received the **Elsevier Reviewer Recognition Certificate** for her contribution as a reviewer to Elsevier.
- **Dr. Sukirti Chauhan**, HOD Neurosurgery, CRH completed her Fellowship in Neurovascular Surgery '**Hybrid Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery** (Aneurysm surgery and stroke neuro-intervention + neuroendoscopy)' at **Batane Health University, Nagoya, Japan**.
- **Dr. Sanjay Kumar** received '**National Award for the Best Teacher in Physiology-2023**' at ICON BAP-2023 held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 24 December 2023.
- **Dr. Mingma Lamu Sherpa**, HoD, Biochemistry, SMIMS qualified as **External Assessor for National Quality Assurance Scheme**, National Health System Resource Center (NHSRC), GoI.
- **Dr Bidita Khandelwal** delivered a guest lecture on '**The Good Bad and Ugly of AI in Healthcare**' on 25 February 2024 during the 79th Annual Conference of API.
- **Dr Bidita Khandelwal** received the '**VR Joshi JAPI Award for Outstanding Referee**' for the year 2023 for scrutinizing the articles published in the Journal of the Association of Physicians of India (JAPI).
- **Department of Medicine**, SMIMS as part of **Sikkim Association of Physicians of India** has received **1st Prize for best state in API** activities for the year 2023.
- **Dr Bidita Khandelwal** was the organising **Chairperson of the 11th East Zonal Conference of Association of Physicians of India**, EZAPICON 2023, held on 2 - 3 December 2023 at SMIMS, Gangtok.

Item 5 (b): Awards and Achievements – Students

- Students of Sikkim Manipal University took part in **Vikshit Bharat@2047 'Hamro Sikkim -Viksit Bharat-Puspit Sikkim'** program held at Raj Bhavan on 17 February 2024.





- **The Innovation Council '24 of SMIT** organized a comprehensive training session titled '**101 Series Hackathon Training**' on 6 February 2024.
- **Miss Sheelu Pradhan**, a bright student from the Mechanical Engineering department, SMIT, has secured a coveted **placement with Mercedes-Benz** through the campus hiring organized by the Training and Placement(T&P) Cell.
- **Ms. Ayushi Chourasia**, 1st Year B.Sc. Nursing students received the **Consolation Prize on Hindi Essay Writing Competition** among all the states of India at 30th Biennial conference at New Delhi on the theme '**Empowering Nursing students: Prospectus and Challenges**' from 28 - 29 November 2023.
- **Alison Chettri (Intern)**, Dept. of Physiotherapy **secured 2nd place in Street Model, 3rd in Fitness Model and 4th in Men's bodybuilding in I Compete Natural (ICN) India's Premier Natural Fitness** event in Goa.
- **Dr. Kondaveety Jeevitha**, PG(ENT) , was awarded **3rd Prize** in Presented a Poster theme '**Nasal Schwannoma-A rare Presentation**' at 6th Annual Conference.
- **Dr. Neeraj Chhabra**, PG(ENT), 2nd Year presented a paper "**Hearing Impairment in Patients undergoing Haemodialysis** " 6th Annual Conference on 01 December 2023 and was Awarded 2nd Prize for his paper.
- **Dr. Anusha Subba** (PG 2nd Year) Dept. of Microbiology was awarded **1st position in oral presentation** on '**Deciphering Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) trends: A cross-sectional Analysis of carriage rates and antibiotic susceptibility among health care workers in critical care units in Sikkim**' EZAPICON, 11th East Zonal Conference Association of Physicians of India in association with Sikkim Chapter. on 02 December 2023 Organised by the Department of Medicine SMIMS.





Item-6: Placement Statistics

DEPTT	NO OF STUDENTS	NO OF JOB OFFER	PLACEMENT %
CSE	190	164	86.31
ECE	26	17	65.38
EEE	15	9	60.00
IT	56	49	87.50
ME	23	06	26.09
	310	245	

B-TECH PLACEMENT PERCENTAGE (OVERALL)-79.03%

COMPANY & BRANCH WISE DISTRIBUTION OF JOB OFFER (B. TECH), 2024 PASSOUTS

S. No	Company	Comp (INR)	CSE	ECE	IT	EEE	ME	Tot No	Inter Stipend	Job/ Internship
1	NOMURA	10.63	10					10	25000	Internship+Job
2	KEYSIGHT	8.00	24	1	1			26	50000	Internship
3	SALES FORCE	8.50	4	1	4			9	25000	Internship+Job
4	DELL	9.00	12					12	35000	Internship+Job
5	NCOMPASS	6.50	2					2	25000	Internship +Job
6	MICROSOFT	12.20	8					8		Job
7	WATCHGUARD	9.44	1					1	35000	Internship+Job
8	STATE STREET	8.60	10		3			13	30000	Internship
9	PWC	6.00	12	3	1			16	35000	Internship+Job
10	RSM ASTUTE	2.64	3	1				4	15000	Internship+Job
11	JLL	3.75		4		1	3	8	10000	Internship+Job
12	NEXTUPLE	7.00	2		1			3	20000	Internship+Job
13	BOSTON SCIENTIFIC	6.00	5		1			6	25000	Internship
14	V- GUARD	3.00		4		8		12	12500	Internship+Job
15	EY	6.37	7		3			10	35000	Internship+Job
16	ACCENTURE	4.61	5		1			6		Job
17	SMITHS DETECTION	4.00	3					3	12000	Internship
18	EMOTORAD	4.00		1			2	3	20000	Internship
19	ELEVATION	4.20	28	1	13			42	10000	Internship+Job
20	MERCEDES BENZ	8.00					1	1		Job
21	ATIAD TECH	4.00			1			1	10000	Internship
22	IQNEXT	4.00			1			1	12000	Internship
23	EDU VERSITY	6.00	4	1				5	25000	Internship+Job





24	GRIT WORKS	10.00	1				1	20000	Internship+Job
25	XMARTECH		1	5			6		Internship
26	BYTEPROC			2			2		Internship
27	AIRTEL			1			1		Internship
28	MAXGEN TECH			3			3		Internship
29	INTENEXT			1			1		Internship
30	ROBOQUESS			1			1		Internship
31	DEFT INFOSYSTEMS			1			1		Internship
32	IDEAS			1			1	10000	Internship
33	THE DIGITAL			1			1		Internship
34	JAI HIND AUTOTECH INDUSTRIES			1			1		Internship
35	CSM TECH			1			1		Internship
36	DIGITAL INTEGRITY			1			1		Internship
37	KOTAI ELECTRONICS		2				2		Internship
38	DEFT INFOSYSTEMS		1				1		Internship
39	MAXGEN TECH		1				1		Internship
40	FINDFLAMES		1				1		Internship
41	CASHFLO		1				1		Internship
42	DATAFLOW		1				1	20000	Internship
43	SALESSINE		3				3		Internship
44	RAPIPAY		1				1		Internship
45	STAR SIRIUS TECHNOLAB		1				1		Internship
46	INTERNZVALLEY		1				1		Internship
47	ARTIFICIAL PENETRATION		4				4		Internship
48	OLA		1				1		Internship
49	NEOPHYTE		1				1		Internship
50	AAVENIR SOFT		1				1	12000	Internship
51	BELTECH AI		1				1		Internship
52	EXABYTE INFOTECH		1				1		Internship
TOTAL			164	17	49	9	6	245	

HIGHEST SALARY OFFER	36.00 LPA
HIGHEST SALARY RECEIVED	12.20 LPA
AVERAGE SALARY	6.42 LPA





Placement Status for 2025 Pass-out Batch

- The below table presents the placement status for 2025 pass-out batch.
- The below hiring was institute's initiative to explore career opportunities for students in early stage.
- The usual hiring for 2025 will commence from Aug 2024.

Course	Name of Company	No of Selects	Comp (Rs/Month)	Nature of Selection
B.Tech	DELL	15	35000	Internship leading to placement
B.Tech	Providence	03	40000	Internship leading to placement
MBA	PVH Arvind – Calvin Klein	03	26000	Internship leading to placement
B.Tech	AMAZON	01	1.2 L	Internship leading to placement

Other course wise placement statistics

Department	No of Students	No of Job Offer	No of Student Placed
Computer Applications	24	4	4
Management Studies	53	19	19
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	19	13	13
Master of Physiotherapy	14	10	10
B.Sc Nursing	100	100	100
Total	220	146	146





Major Activities Conducted by TP&IL

Sl. No	Activities
1	Microsoft Learning Program by Mr. Aditya Oberai (Microsoft MVP and an Developer Advocate at Appwrite).
2	Placement Preparedness session for B-Tech 2024 passout batch by Mr. Kiran Gautam (Asstt Prof-CSE), Ms. Nitisha Pradhan (Asstt Prof-CSE), Ms. Tanuja Subba (Asstt Prof-CSE).
3	CII NE Industries meet at Delhi & other Industry visit by HOI and Head T&P
4	Ericsson Talk Tech on Cyber Security (Speaker- Mr. Lokesh Madan)
5	PWC- Cyber Security Talk
6	A self-belief building session was conducted by TCS
7	Launch of Telent Development Program by Ericsson
8	Indian Navy as a career choice- session by Commodore S. Sabesan
9	TCS conducted ' Sharpen your aptitude and soft skills with Cognitive Webinar Series on TCS Launchpad '.
10	Learn how to embrace opportunities. Join TCS Launchpad now! By TCS
11	Industry Academia Meet-23
12	Dell Hack 2 Hire Event organized twice.
14	Campus engagement program for B-Tech (CSE/ECE/IT and AI & DS) 2025 pass-out batch by PwC
15	ISRO START program nodal Centre
16	NASSCOM future prime centre

The Council noted all the updates presented.

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