

Internal Academic & Administrative Audit Peer team Visit Report of Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Patel Nagar/ Pathri Bagh, Dehradun (Academic session 2023-24)

The Internal Academic & Administrative audit of the University (academic session 2023-24) was scheduled from 12th Sep to 18th Sep 2024.

The Internal Audit committee consisted of Prof. (Dr.) Kumud Saklani, Dean (Academics), Prof. (Dr.) Suman Vij, Director IQAC, Dr. R.P. Singh, University Coordinator, Dr. Lokesh Gambhir, Dean Research, Dr. H.S. Sharma, OSD, SGRREM and Mr. Ashok Swamy, Chief Finance Officer, SGRRU. As scheduled, the Internal Audit team visited the 11 Schools, administrative offices & 03 libraries of Shri Guru Ram Rai University.

On the basis of interaction with faculty members, head of Departments (HoDs) Deans/Principals, students, other stakeholders of the University and the documents shown to the audit team, the following observations and suggestions are provided for the improvement of University as far as NAAC is concerned.

Salient Observations

- The exceptional, innovative, and visionary leadership provided by the Honourable President in guiding the administration and governance is highly commendable. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor's robust leadership is also duly acknowledged and appreciated.
- The University is equipped with land resources, lab facility which is duly maintained and observed in all the Schools/College/Institute at Patel Nagar and Pathri Bagh.
- All the records of Registrar office, COE office & Finance has been duly maintained as per the act, statutes and ordinance.
- The meetings of University Statutory bodies are conducted and documented regularly.
- Admissions in all Schools are as per the University norms or as per respective statutory bodies. Fee concession policy and Fee Refund policy of University is implemented accordingly.
- The University/School Committees constituted/revised are fully operative. These are constituted as per the guidelines of respective statutory bodies as issued from time to time.
- All the Schools/Institute are maintaining infrastructural facility and educational standards mandated by their respective Regulatory bodies (NMC, INC, UPC, PCI, ICAR, NCTE, UGC).
 - SGRRIMHS (Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Medical & Health Sciences) - (National Medical Committee)
 - SGRRIM&HIS-College of Nursing - (Indian Nursing Council)
 - SP&AHS (School of Paramedical & Allied Health Sciences) - (Uttarakhand Paramedical Council)
 - SPS (School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) - (Pharmacy Council of India)
 - SAS (School of Agricultural Sciences) - (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
 - SOE (School of Education) – (National Council for Teacher Education)
 - SBAS (School of Basic & Applied Sciences), SMCS (School of Management & Commerce Studies), SE&T (School of Engineering & Technology), SHSS (School of Humanities and Social Sciences), SYSN (School of Yogic Science & Naturopathy) (As per UGC).
- Shri Mahant Indires Hospital (SMIH) which is NABH accredited under Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Medical and Health Sciences (SGRRIMHS) caters to a large number of outpatients from Uttarakhand as well as adjacent states such as Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

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- The entire university campus is eco-friendly, with abundant greenery, solar energy installations, and a strong commitment to cleanliness.
- The preclinical, paraclinical, and clinical departments are equipped with excellent infrastructure and facilities. The newly introduced Mch courses are operating in full compliance with regulatory norms.
- The University's IQAC cell is highly active and proactive in ensuring quality enhancement across academic and administrative functions. Apart from other regular activities like the Eminent Lectures, workshops, awareness programmes etc., a 5-day FDP (online) was organized by IQAC on 'Development of e content & MOOCs' in Nov 2023.
- Training, and research opportunities are provided in Central Molecular Research laboratory (CMRL), the Central lab for clinical Investigation at SGRRIM&HS.
- University has focused the efforts in attaining EMR Grants from Govt. & Non govt. agencies. Government-sponsored R&D projects and seed money projects across various Schools/Colleges are progressing efficiently under their respective PIs/Co-PIs.
- Faculty members are proactive and committed to research, ensuring a strong focus on producing high-quality research publications within their respective departments.
- Collaborative efforts, patent achievements, EMR grants, tangible outcomes, and strong work cultures across Schools/College is appreciated and considerable credit is given to the School of Basic and Applied Sciences and School of Pharmaceutical Sciences in this direction.
- School of Engineering and Technology has introduced engineering programme (2024-25), marking significant progress.
- It was seen that in the current session University Academic calendar (2024-25) was uploaded on the website giving daywise schedule of all activities of University such as Internal and external examinations, Annual sports & cultural week, Convocation, mentor-mentee sessions, FEST -2025, and all the other activities at School/University level. It was informed that the same was done for the session 2023-24.
- 05 Schools (SBAS, SHSS, SMCS, SE&T, SYSN) have conducted Board of Studies (BOS) meetings (2023-24) in line with NEP 2020 Guidelines and regulatory norms as mandated by UGC under its Curriculum Framework for Undergraduate students 2022, NHEQF 2023.
- The curriculum framework for Undergraduate students, as outlined by UGC (2022) was revised in 2023-24 and fully implemented in 05 schools of SGRR University. (*Additionally, it was informed that Curriculum Framework and guidelines 2023 & Multiple entry & multiple exit policy of the University approved by Academic Council 2024-25 is also operational).
- Significant initiatives for research empowerment have been implemented with proper documentation and records. Research incentive per month is given to all faculties for research publications in UGC Care List I/II.
- MoUs are functional and active. It was informed that an international tie up with Perm National Research Polytechnic University, Russia is initiated recently.
- Effective student teaching & learning process is present. All the academic activities of Schools such as courses taught, course outcomes, attendance records etc. are through ERP with uploading of e content on LMS.
- The Examination and evaluation system is efficiently automated through ERP.
- The value-added courses are offered in each school/college and efforts to extend their reach to all students have been highly effective.
- The initiatives aimed at supporting students' financial need are highly commendable.

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- School of Agricultural Sciences has made impressive progress toward achieving ICAR accreditation. First State Private University accredited in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The farm of SAS is in excellent condition, with notable results from Shivansh Farming supported by the Hans Foundation. The meteorological station aims to provide commendable benefits to farmers.
- The adoption of organic farming as the best practice at School of Agriculture (SAS), benefitting both farmers and society, is a significant achievement.
- Regular extension activities in the health and agriculture sectors are being conducted across all Schools of the University, with active involvement of the Student Council in organizing student-centric festivals and activities.
- Student participation in sports and cultural events is remarkable, with several awards won at the national level. The Annual Cultural and Sports Week (2023-24) was held in February-March 2024, culminating in the University FEST 2024, which was a grand event featuring Sunidhi Chauhan as the star performer.
- Efforts to promote and preserve Uttarakhand's culture through Garhwali language training are commendable and stand as a valuable best practice especially at SHSS.
- University has constituted Independent Committee, Mental Health Counseling Committee, for psychological counseling of undergraduate and postgraduate students at university and help promote the mental well-being of the students.
- CAS guidelines 2018 are followed for promotions of Faculties. For faculty empowerment, it was informed, that PBAS and APAR proformas submitted offline in previous years have been digitalized for seamless submission through ERP.
- The University's Training and Placement Cell is playing an active role in facilitating placement opportunities for students and consistently organizing Personality Development Programs (PDP) across various Schools/Colleges.
- Alumni contribution in University is appreciated. The database of alumni is maintained with annual meetings conducted.
- Library upgradation is appreciated. All the 03 libraries (SGRRIM&HS, Patel Nagar & Pathri Bagh) are fully automated and digitalized through ERP. Medical Central library is highly organized and praiseworthy. It was observed that all are upgraded with RFID.
- The IT department is active and fully operative with 800 mbps.
- Fully functional Directorate of International Affairs. Guidelines for admissions of international students at SGRRU is uploaded on website. It was informed that Director and Associate Director of DIA and Director IQAC have visited the Foreign embassies at Delhi for promotion of international admissions at SGRR University.

Suggestions:

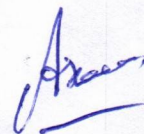
- It is essential to attract and accommodate international students to enhance the University's global presence.
- Efforts shall be made to maintain the academic excellence and achieve good NIRF rankings, along with the initiation of international student and faculty exchange programs to foster global collaboration.
- Central Library upgraded with RFID shall further be enriched with e-books/ e- journals.
- Lift/ramp in Institute of Medical and Health Sciences library as well as in some other building (like School of Paramedical and Allied Health Sciences should be installed. Reference section enrichment and Academic Book conclave shall be organized by Library.

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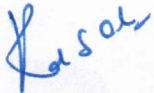
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- Extended efforts must be done in tapping the NRF, ICMR & DBT projects of the University. There is need to appoint adjunct faculty in each school to motivate and enlighten the faculty, for writing winning proposals and knowledge about research.
- Enhancing the smart classroom infrastructure across all Schools.
- Implementation of a Digital Teacher's Diary, with Mentor-Mentee sessions to be managed via ERP, including future uploads of information for Academic and Administrative Audits of University.
- The Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework shall be strengthened through ERP, with question papers automatically generated via ERP once subject teachers submit their respective question bank.
- More focus should be given on development of e-content at each School and Career counselling activities/classes for the students.
- International/National conference shall be organised every year from each school in SGRRU.
- Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) shall take the lead in instilling the entrepreneurship skills in the students & enrol them as incubatee.
- A separate e-portal for the active/direct alumni may be created.
- Placement cell shall further enhance the industry linkages across all sectors of the University. Regular PDP sessions for making students interview ready may be conducted with HR.
- A University Scientific Journal shall be started for broad readership.
- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and School of Engineering & Technology shall invest more efforts towards 'earn while you learn' program.
- Best Research Project at UG/PG level for students may be introduced for enriching the research culture.
- Community Fest as organized in previous year with celebrity shall be continued every year.
- Convocation shall be organized in the session 2024-25.



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