

AC:06:01	The Chairperson calls the House to order
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**Minutes:**

**6.01.1** The Chairperson called the house to order

AC:06:02	Obituary Reference
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**[Agenda Note:**

**6.2.1** *The death of the following eminent personalities is brought before the house with deep sense of grief.*

1. *Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Former Vice President of India*
2. *Smt. Karuna Singh, W/o His Excellency The Governor of Sikkim and Chief Rector of Sikkim University*
3. *Smt. Shanka Gurung, Former Teacher of Tashi Namgyal Academy, Founding Member of Sikkim Women's Council and W/o Former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri B B Gooroong*
4. *Smt. Gurri Madhusudan Singh, Former Teacher of Enchey School, Founding Member of Sikkim Women's Council and W/o Late Madhusudan Singh, Director (Education)*
5. *Shri P O Pazo, Former Secretary, Department of Forest and Environment.*
6. *Shri Madan Tamang, President of All India Gorkha League and an eminent intellectual, Darjeeling.*
7. *Shri Badrinarayan Pradhan, Educationist, Social Worker and Former Rajya Sabha MP of Sikkim*
8. *Fr EP Burns, eminent educationist and social worker*
9. *Smt Latha Ravi, w/o Shri PV Ravi, Finance Officer of Sikkim University]*

**Minutes:**

**6.02.1** The House noted with deep sense of grief the passing away of the persons reported above and observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

AC:06:03	Performance Highlights by the Vice-Chancellor
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**Minutes:**

**6.03.1** The Vice-Chancellor made a PowerPoint presentation depicting the performance highlights of the University since the last meeting of the Academic Council. The Members complemented the Vice-Chancellor and his team for the significant progress made by the University and recorded their

appreciation. It was mentioned that Sikkim University became a role model for the newly formed Central Universities. It was suggested by the House that the University should also now focus on environmental issues.

**AC:6:04****Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meetings of the Academic Council held on 13.2.2010 and 15.4.2010****Minutes:**

**6.04.1** The Minutes of the Meetings held on 13.02.2010 and 15.4.2010 were laid before the House for confirmation. Hon'ble Member Prof. JP Sharma enquired why his suggestions in the previous meeting on introduction of Commerce and Business Administration Departments were not recorded in the Minutes. Similarly, Hon'ble Member Prof Neelima Deshmukh has enquired why her suggestions in the previous meeting on introduction of Public Administration have not been included in the Minutes. The Chairperson explained that though these suggestions have not been included in the Minutes, the University has already noted down them. He has also replied that the University is proceeding with the courses which have been approved by the UGC for the XI Plan. At this juncture, Hon'ble Member Prof AR Reddy mentioned that Sikkim University shall follow the phase of consolidation of existing departments before venturing into starting of new departments. It was observed by the House that the University shall focus on to provide holistic knowledge to the students. It was observed by Prof Karunakaran that Sikkim is a useful platform for youth development and Sikkim University shall aim to become a Regional Development University. The University can also plan to have quarterly lectures by the think-tanks for the benefit of students on various areas.

**6.04.2** With the above observations the House confirmed the Minutes of the last meetings of the Academic Council held on 13.2.2010 and 15.4.2010.

**AC:06:05****Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last meeting of the Academic Council held on 13.02.2010 and 15.4.2010.****Minutes:**

**6.05.1** The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last meetings held on 13.02.2010 and 15.4.2010 were laid before the House for confirmation. While considering the ATR, it was suggested

that along with 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Babu Rajendra Prasad, the University may consider celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore also. In this regard the House put on record that Rabindranath Tagore is not only a poet but also a multi-faceted personality and University while celebrating the birth anniversary shall duly consider this fact also. Hon'ble Member Prof. Iftekhar Ahmed mentioned that he is willing to produce a documentary film on "The relevance of Babu Rajendra Prasad" for the University to which the Chairperson replied that the same will be considered by the University.

**6.05.2** With the above suggestions the House confirmed the Action Taken Report placed before it.

AC:06:06	<b>Report on the very First Convocation of the University</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.06.1** The House took note of the Report on the very First Convocation of Sikkim University and congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team for highly successful Convocation in the presence of the Her Excellency the President of India Madame Pratibha Devi Singh Patil.

AC:06:07	<b>Report of Inspection Committee - Pakim Palantine College</b>
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**Minutes:**

**6.07.1** The House considered in detail the agenda item and also the Reports of the Inspection Committees on Pakim Palantine College. Prof. Subba observed that the University may take note of the UGC (Affiliation of Colleges) Regulations, 2009 while considering the cases for affiliation of fresh courses etc. He had expressed that after seeing the Reports of Inspection of both the teams it appears that both the teams of Inspection have not made any specific findings. On this the Hon'ble Members who headed the inspection teams have intervened and stated that the teams have conducted the inspection based on the Terms of their Reference and all the findings have been made on the basis what the teams have actually noticed in the colleges they have inspected. The First inspection committee took into consideration all UGC norms and the Second committee worked on the report of the First committee of inspection and the recommendations have been made considering the remoteness of the college and also the Academic interest of the State of Sikkim. Prof. Srivastava stated that as Sikkim University being the only territorial University shall

come out with a policy on affiliation and the Executive Council may be requested to provide complete guidelines on this. It was also suggested that the University may consider formation of a Committee to look into all the affiliation rules. It was further noted by the House that there is at present no Academic Staff College in the State of Sikkim. Prof. A.R. Reddy suggested that the University may consider setting up a “Center for Training of Academics”. The House also suggested that the University may consider for setting up e-class rooms for students of Arts courses, who are scattered throughout the state.

**6.07.2** The House noted that between the first inspection and second inspection the University did not call for any compliance report from the colleges inspected and it was suggested that in future the University shall insist for compliance report after each inspection. It was further explained that Academic Council is essentially concerned that Sikkim University as Central University to respond with its own perspective and the relationship of the University with the college is also to be considered. Prof T B Subba reiterated that the inspection report should specifically mention as to which are the conditions the colleges have not fulfilled, the period for which the affiliation is recommended etc. He also desired that the University should constitute the College Development Council at the earliest. It was further felt by him that only finer points should be placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**6.07.3** The House later considered collectively the requests for affiliation for new courses reported under Agenda item No. 6.07 to 6.10 by the following colleges also with that of Pakim Palantine College namely.

1. Government College, Rhenock
2. Damber Singh College, Gangtok
3. Namchi Government College, Namchi

**6.07.4** Considering the recommendations made in the respective Reports of the Committees of Inspection, the House recommended that each of the above college may be allowed to start two new programmes during the Academic Session 2010-11 with the specific stipulation that they will be implementing the various recommendations/observations made by the inspection committees during the Academic Year. The colleges may be given the choice of selecting the two programmes by themselves by the University. The University, however, shall ensure compliance of all the recommendations by a subsequent inspection to the colleges concerned. The House noted that once the affiliation is granted even for 2 courses, the same has to be continued for 3 years till the course is over. Therefore, it is necessary that the University shall intimate the colleges concerned

that the renewal of affiliation for the new courses would not be done automatically for second and third years unless the college concerned fulfills all the stipulations made by the University.

**6.07.5** The House made the above recommendations for approval by the Executive Council.

AC:06:08	Report of Inspection Committee - Government College, Rhenock
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**Minutes:**

**6.08.1** As already mentioned under Agenda item 6.07 the House after duly considering the recommendations made in the respective Reports of the Committees of Inspection, recommended that the above college may be allowed to start two new programmes during the Academic Session 2010-11 with the specific stipulation that it will be implementing the various recommendations/observations made by the inspection committees during the Academic Year. The college may be given the choice of selecting the two programmes by itself or by the University. The University however, shall also ensure compliance of all the recommendations by a subsequent inspection to the college concerned. The House noted that once the affiliation is granted even for 2 courses the same has to be continued for 3 years till the course is over. Therefore, it is necessary that the University shall intimate the colleges concerned that the renewal of affiliation for the new courses would not be done automatically for second and third years unless the college concerned fulfills all the stipulations made by the University.

**6.08.2** The House made the above recommendations for approval by the Executive Council.

AC:06:09	Report of Inspection Committee - Dambar Singh College
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**Minutes:**

**6.09.1** As already mentioned under Agenda item 6.07, the House after duly considering the recommendations made in the respective Reports of the Committees of Inspection, recommended that the above college may be allowed to start two new programmes during the Academic Session 2010-11 with the specific stipulation that it will be implementing the various recommendations/observations made by the inspection committees during the Academic Year. The college may be given the choice of selecting the two programmes by itself or by the University. The University however shall also ensure compliance of all the recommendations by a subsequent inspection to the colleges concerned. The House noted that once the affiliation is granted even for 2

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**6.09.2** The House made the above recommendations for approval by the Executive Council.

AC:06:10	Report of Inspection Committee - Namchi Government College
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**Minutes:**

**6.10.1** As already mentioned under Agenda item 6.07 the House after duly considering the recommendations made in the respective Reports of the Committees of Inspection, recommended that above college may be allowed to start two new programmes during the Academic Session 2010-11 with the specific stipulation that it will be implementing the various recommendations/observations made by the inspection committees during the Academic Year. The college may be given the choice of selecting the two programmes by itself or by the University. The University however shall also ensure compliance of all the recommendations by subsequent inspection to the colleges concerned. The House noted that once the affiliation is granted even for 2 courses the same has to be continued for 3 years till the course is over. Therefore, it is necessary that the University shall intimate the college concerned that the renewal of affiliation for the new courses would not be done automatically for second and third years unless the college concerned fulfills all the stipulations made by the University.

**6.10.2** The House made the above recommendations for approval by the Executive Council.

AC:06:11	Report of Inspection Committee - Government B.Ed College, Soreng
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**Minutes:**

**6.11.1** The Committee considered the agenda item in detail and also the subsequent developments reported by the Chairperson. It was informed to the House that in the Inspection Team of NCTE which conducted the inspection of B.Ed College, Soreng, a member from the University was nominated. However, without the signature of the University representative the Inspection

Committee has finalised the Report of Inspection. The House suggested that it should be suitably taken up with the Chairperson, NCTE by the Chairperson.

**6.11.2** The House later on considered various issues the University has faced with reference to the Government B.Ed College, Soreng. The Chairperson also explained to the House of various facts obtained on the issue to the House.

**6.11.3** The House thereafter recommended that as much in as NCTE has accorded approval for the starting up of the college and that the college has shown substantive improvement in placing of required infrastructure pointed out by the University Inspection Team, the college may be given temporary affiliation for one year for starting up of the course from the Academic Session 2010-11. This is however, without prejudice to implementation of various recommendations of the Inspection Team by the College in a phased manner. The University may also conduct another inspection of the college by the end of 2010 to ensure compliance.

**6.11.4** The House accordingly resolved to make the above recommendations for the approval of the Executive Council.

**AC:06:12**

**Approval of the Syllabus for Integrated Course in Chinese Language**

**Minutes:**

**6.12.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

**AC:06:13**

**Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Geography and Natural Resource Management**

**Minutes:**

**6.13.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

**AC:06:14**

**Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Chemical Sciences**

**Minutes:**

**6.14.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:15	Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Mass communication
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**Minutes:**

**6.15.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:16	Approval of the Syllabus for Post Graduate Course in Economics
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**Minutes:**

**6.16.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:17	Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Microbiology
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**Minutes:**

**6.17.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:18	Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in International Relations
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**Minutes:**

**6.18.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval. It was however suggested that the University may consider introduction of an Optional Paper on “India’s Foreign Policy” in the Course.

AC:06:19	Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Sociology
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**Minutes:**

**6.19.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:20

Approval of syllabus for M.Phil/Ph.D.in Peace & Conflict Studies

**Minutes:**

**6.20.1** The House considered the syllabus placed before it and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval. The House has also recommended that the University may also consider introduction of an Optional Paper on “Peace Movement” in the Course.

AC:06:21

Results of Entrance Examination for admission in 2010-11

**Minutes:**

**6.21.1** The House considered the Agenda item in detail and noted the same. It was observed that in the case of M.Phil/Ph.D programme the University may consider that 8 seats in each discipline shall not be limiting factor as maximum and can kept flexible to some extent in the overall interest of the University.

AC:06:22

Guidelines for availing Semester Break for students of the University Departments and students of Affiliated Colleges.

**Minutes:**

**6.22.1** The House considered the Draft Guidelines for availing Semester Break placed before it and recommended the same for the approval of the Executive Council.

AC:06:23

Review of Undergraduate Syllabus of existing courses

**Minutes:**

**6.23.1** The House noted the agenda item placed before and accorded its approval of the exercise.

AC:06:24

**Amendment to Ordinance of Examination on Credit & Grading System**

**Minutes:**

**6.24.1** The above amendment could not be placed before the House. The House however, authorized the Vice-Chancellor to draft suitable amendment to Ordinance of Examination on Credit & Grading System for obtaining the approval of the Executive Council.

AC:06:25

**Request of HPI for introduction of new discipline of M.Pharm Course**

**Minutes:**

**6.25.1** The House considered the Agenda item in detail and decided that it would not be possible to consider the request of the college for the Academic Session 2010-11 as the required formalities have to be complied with. It was also decided in principle to constitute the Inspection Committee for the purpose after receipt of complete details from the College including the approval from AICTE.

**6.25.2** The House decided to place the above recommendations before the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:26

**Request for establishment of Himalayan Institute of Engineering Technology**

**Minutes:**

**6.26.1** The House considered the request made by the Rhenock Educational Society. The House has also noted that Sikkim University for the present did not have the required infrastructure to monitor the establishment of an Engineering Institution. It was accordingly recommended that the University may decline the request since Sikkim University is not planning to start any programme in Engineering and Technology at the present stage.

**6.26.2** It was decided to place the above recommendation before the Executive Council for approval.

AC:06:27

**Constitution of Second Academic Council**

**Minutes:**

**6.27.1** The House considered the Agenda item and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

**AC:06:28**

**Amendment of Statute for setting up of various Schools and Departments permission of the Chair**

**Minutes:**

**6.28.1** The House considered the Agenda item and recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

**AC:06:29**

**Approval of the list of experts for selection committees of faculty members in various Schools and Departments**

**Minutes:**

**6.29.1** The House considered the List of experts placed before it and approved the same. The House has also requested the Chairperson to expand the same considering the names of various experts associated with the University in its various programmes so far.

**6.29.2** The House with the above suggestion recommended the same to the Executive Council for approval.

**AC:06:30**

**Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**Minutes:**

**6.30.1** There being no other item the meeting ended with thanks to chair.

Sd/-  
(PV Ravi)  
Finance Officer,  
Secretary-in-charge, Academic Council