



**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS  
ASSAM UNIVERSITY :: SILCHAR**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024**

The Eleventh Meeting of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Department of Statistics, Assam University was conducted in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Statistics, on 23.08.2024 at 2:30 P.M to discuss on the following agenda:

1. Informing House about the Co-Supervisorship of Dr. Rama Shanker at Patna University
2. Research Scholar- Bibhangshu Bhattacharyya related Matters
3. Changes of Admission Criteria of Ph. D program
4. Any other matter

In the meeting the following members were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee | Chairman        |
| 2. Prof. B. Indrajit Sharma       | External Member |
| 3. Prof. Sanjib Sengupta          | External Member |
| 4. Dr. Rama Shanker               | Member          |
| 5. Dr. Tanusree Deb Roy           | Member          |
| 6. Dr. Jonali Gogoi               | Member          |
| 7. Dr. Vivek Verma                | Member          |

At the very outset the Chairman welcomed all the members to the Eleventh meeting of DRC of the Department of Statistics, Assam University, Silchar. The agenda of the meeting was circulated and the discussions took place as per the agenda items.

**Item 1: Informing House about the Co-Supervisorship of Dr. Rama Shanker at Patna University**

Dr. Rama Shanker, Associate Professor of the Department after taking necessary approval from the Competent Authority accepted Co-Supervisorship of a student named Alok of Patna University in 2022. The student has now submitted his thesis to the said university. Thus, Dr. Rama Shanker

is now free from his commitment of Co-Supervisorship of Mr. Alok. He wants the matter to be informed and presented before the house.

**Resolution:** The house looked into the documents submitted by Dr. Rama Shanker in this regard and found everything in order. It is understood that Mr. Alok has submitted his thesis at Patna University, to which Dr. Rama Shanker was a co-guide. Accordingly, the house studied the documents and opined that Dr. Rama Shanker is free from his commitment of Co-guideship of Mr. Alok, as Alok has submitted his thesis. The house further urged that the matter can be informed to bodies higher in the hierarchy.

### **Item 2: Research Scholar- Mr. Bibhanshu Bhattacharyya related matters**

Mr. Bibhanshu Bhattacharyya is a research scholar of the department working under the supervisorship of Dr. Vivek Verma. The scholar is a fulltime research scholar but he is continuously absent since 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The supervisor of the scholar further informed the house that he did not appear in his last two progress seminars held on (23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024 and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024) and also did not respond to any of his email communications. In this regard as per clause number 8.5 and 8.6 of the “Assam University M. Phil/Ph. D Ordinance 2018” his RAC has claimed the cancellation of his “Title Registration”.

**Resolution:** The house was of the opinion that as Mr. Bibhanshu Bhattacharyya was admitted in November, 2022 so he shall be governed as per the “Assam University M. Phil/Ph. D Ordinance 2018”. As per the Clause 8.5 and 8.6 of the Ordinance, given the report of his RAC his title registration stands cancelled. The house resolved the matter to be placed to higher bodies for appraisal and necessary action.

### **Item 3: Changes of Admission Criteria of Ph. D program**

Dr. Vivek Verma, Assistant Professor of the Department is a subject expert in BioStatistics and Epidemiological studies. He is been approached by some medical students who completed their Post Graduation to pursue their Ph. D in the field of Epidemiology. But as per the current eligibility criteria of admission to the Ph. D programme they cannot be an applicant to the program. Accordingly, Dr. Verma urged that the eligibility criteria be relaxed so that the Medical Students with Post Graduate Degree can apply to the Ph. D Program of the Department.

**Resolution:** The members of the house opined that- as per the National Education Policy 2020 interdisciplinary research is to be encouraged. So, it was resolved that the eligibility criteria of admission to Ph. D program be relaxed, such that Medical Students with Post Graduate Degree may also apply for the Ph. D Program in Statistics provided they are interested to work in the area of BioStatistics/Epidemiology. However, such applicants need to qualify the other formalities of admission to Ph. D program.


As there was no other matter to discuss so the meeting ended with thanks from and to the chair.

  
(Dibyoyoti Bhattacharjee)


(Prof. B. Indrajit Sharma)



(Dr. Tanusree Deb Roy)

  
(Dr. Vivek Verma) 23/8/24.

  
(Prof. Sanjib Sengupta)

  
(Dr. Rama Shanker)

  
(Dr. Jonali Gogoi)