


Minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2024

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**The following members were physically present in the meeting**

1. Prof. (Dr.). Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti – Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipankar Datta- Judge, Supreme Court of India
3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashim Kumar Roy- Hon'ble Lokayukta, Former Judge, High Court at Calcutta
4. Hon'ble Shri Molo Ghatak, Minister-in-charge, Law & Judicial Department, Government of West Bengal.
5. Prof. (Dr.) S. Surya Prakash -Vice Chancellor, NLIU, Bhopal
6. Shri. Pradip Kumar Panja, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Law, Govt. of West Bengal
7. Shri. Binod Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal
8. Shri. Sandipan Ganguly, Senior Advocate, High Court at Calcutta
9. Prof. (Dr.) Kavita Singh, Professor, WBNUJS
10. Prof. Sandeepa Bhat, Professor, WBNUJS
11. Ms. Sampa Karmakar Singh, Assistant Professor, WBNUJS
12. Dr. Surjakanta Balaadhikari, Assistant Professor, WBNUJS

**Hon'ble members not able attend the meeting due to prior engagement.**

1. Hon'ble Shri. Kishore Datta, Ld. Advocate General, State of West Bengal
2. Prof. (Dr.) Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director-in-Charge, IIM, Calcutta
3. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal
4. Prof. (Dr.) Prof. Poonam Saxena, Former Vice Chancellor, NLU, Jodhpur.

**Shri. Raja Chakraborty, Registrar & Secretary was physically present in the meeting.**



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1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 96 <sup>th</sup> Executive Council	<p>Resolved that the Minutes of the 96th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Minutes of the 96th Meeting of the Executive Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 which had been circulated to Members and on which no comments had been received, were taken as read and confirmed.is confirmed.</b></p>																		
2	Appointment of New Faculties approved in the last Meeting and Joining Report of the persons selected	<p>As per the approval of the 95<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, the following Teaching and Non-Teaching staffs has joined the University and their joining reports are enclosed in Annexures as mentioned below;</p> <table> <tr> <th>Name of the Faculty</th><th>Name of Post</th><th>Date of Joining</th></tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Debdeep Das</td><td>Assistant Professor in Law &amp; Technology</td><td>04.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Vandana Prasad</td><td>Assistant Professor in Forensic Chemistry/ Forensic Science</td><td>07.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Ujal Kumar Mookherjee</td><td>Assistant Professor in Human Rights Law</td><td>11.12</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Maneesha Mishra</td><td>Assistant Professor in Criminology</td><td>29.11</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mr. Premanand M</td><td>Assistant Professor in Criminology</td><td>16.11</td></tr> </table>	Name of the Faculty	Name of Post	Date of Joining	Mr. Debdeep Das	Assistant Professor in Law & Technology	04.11	Ms. Vandana Prasad	Assistant Professor in Forensic Chemistry/ Forensic Science	07.11	Mr. Ujal Kumar Mookherjee	Assistant Professor in Human Rights Law	11.12	Dr. Maneesha Mishra	Assistant Professor in Criminology	29.11	Mr. Premanand M	Assistant Professor in Criminology	16.11
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3	<b>Promotion of Faculties under UGC-CAS Scheme and Acceptance of the same by the faculties who got promoted.</b>	<p>As per the approval of 96<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, the following Faculty Members got promoted through UGC-CAS Scheme has joined the respective promoted posts from the date as per Selection Committee recommendations are enclosed in Annexures as mentioned below;</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No</th><th>Name of the Faculty</th><th>Post Promoted</th><th>Academic Pay Level</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Dr. Atul Alexander</td><td>Assistant Professor</td><td>Stage 1 to Stage 2</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Dr. Vijay Kishor Tiwari, Assistant Professor</td><td>Assistant Professor</td><td>Stage 1 to Stage 2</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Dr. M.P. Chengappa</td><td>Assistant Professor</td><td>Stage 2 to Stage 3</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Dr. Sanjay Kumar</td><td>Associate Professor</td><td>13A</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Dr. Sujata Roy</td><td>Associate Professor</td><td>13A</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Dr. Sanjit Kumar Chakraborty</td><td>Professor</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Dr. Tillotama Roy Chowdhury</td><td>Professor</td><td>14</td></tr></table>	Sl. No	Name of the Faculty	Post Promoted	Academic Pay Level	1	Dr. Atul Alexander	Assistant Professor	Stage 1 to Stage 2	2	Dr. Vijay Kishor Tiwari, Assistant Professor	Assistant Professor	Stage 1 to Stage 2	3	Dr. M.P. Chengappa	Assistant Professor	Stage 2 to Stage 3	4	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	Associate Professor	13A	5	Dr. Sujata Roy	Associate Professor	13A	6	Dr. Sanjit Kumar Chakraborty	Professor	14	7	Dr. Tillotama Roy Chowdhury	Professor	14
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		10	Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan	Professor	14		
		11	Dr. Anupama Ghosal	Professor	14		
		<p>It may be noted that Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has constituted a Pay Fixation Committee with the following members for fixation of pay in appropriate Pay Level and computation of Arrears within two months from the date of constitution of the Committee.</p> <p>1. Shib Sankar Basak of IESTS, Shibpur – External Member  2. Biswajit Das of IISER, Kolkata – External Member  3. Ashok Kr. Das, A.R. (Finance), WBNUJS</p> <p>Submitted for information.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Executive Council has noted the joining report of the faculties who got CAS promotion. The council has further directed that in future the process of CAS promotions be initiated well in advance as per UGC guidelines.</b></p>					
4	<p><b>Issues of prayer for further lien and the letter by the Registrar to join by 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024 and to consider the resignation letter received from Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha.</b></p>	<p>Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha who was on Lien from the University since August 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 and again from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 &amp; further another period up to January, 2024, has applied for extension of his Lien period for a further tenure of 5 years till 2029 and the same was referred in the 96<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. The note in this regard as placed in the last meeting is placed in Annexure-4A.</p> <p>The Executive Council upon perusal of the papers unanimously resolved that the Registrar of the University shall communicate with Dr. Manoj Sinha, requesting him to confirm whether he wishes to resume his duty as Professor of the University by November 10,</p>					

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		<p>2024. Further, in case Dr. Sinha fails to respond or resume his duty by the specified date, it will be presumed that he is no longer interested in continuing as a Professor of the University. Consequently, there shall be severance of relationship of Dr. Sinha with the University and the post may be declared vacant whereupon, the University will proceed to fill up the said post of Professor in accordance with the University Act and Regulations.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Registrar has sent a letter on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 Copy of the Letter sent to Prof. Sinha is enclosed in Annexure- 4B.</p> <p>However, on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha has submitted his resignation letter, copy of the resignation letter is enclosed in Annexure-4C</p> <p>The resignation may be accepted as prayed for.</p> <p>Submitted for approval</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has considered the letter of resignation submitted by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha and accepted the same. Further, it also directed to take necessary steps for filling up the vacant post and release the due Provident Fund of Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha as per the University Act, Regulations and Rules as applicable.</b></p>
5	<p><b>Reporting of the case before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi regarding Online course on MA in Business Law with iPleader</b></p>	<p>The 94<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 has resolved to file a review petition against the order passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court at New Delhi, on the writ petition filled by one Mr. Kapil Mishra seeking Degree Certificate from the University for online course in M.A. in Business Law. Copy of the 94<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Minutes is enclosed in Annexure-5A</p> <p>Accordingly, a review petition was filed before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court at New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> May,</p>

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		<p>2024 and However, the Hon'ble High Court has dismissed the review petition by an order dated on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.</p> <p>The Opinion of the advocate is to make an appeal before the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi.</p> <p>The copy of the order dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and draft appeal petition is enclosed in Annexure-5B.</p> <p>Submitted for further directions in this regard.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has perused the order of Hon'ble Delhi High Court dated 18.10.2024 against the review petition by the University in the Kapil Misha &amp; Ors case and directed for appeal against the said single bench order before the Division Bench.</b></p> <p><b>The Council also perused the draft petition for appeal as submitted by the University Advocate and directed that all the relevant point for the cause of appeal needs to be included. The draft may be placed before the Ld. Senior Advocate and Hon'ble Executive Council Member Shri. Sandipan Ganguly for vetting before filling the appeal. Registrar is directed to take immediate steps as the University is already late in filing the Appeal.</b></p>
6	<b>Recommendation of the Academic Council regarding approval of MoUs.</b>	<p>The matter was referred in the 96<sup>th</sup> Executive Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and the Council after perusal has directed to place the same before the Academic Council for its recommendations.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) pertaining to various Academic, Research and Medals to Students with the following organizations were placed before the 50<sup>th</sup> Academic Council and their recommendations will be placed on table:</p> <p>1. The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) -</p>

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		<p>Mumbai – Annexure-6A                  2. Income Tax Bar Association, Calcutta – Annexure-6B                  3. National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kolkata – Annexure-6C                  4. NALSAR, Hyderabad -Annexure-6D                  5. King's College London- Annexure-6E</p> <p>Submitted for consideration and approval</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b>                  The Council has considered the recommendation of the Academic Council at it's meeting held on 19-12-2024 and approved all the listed MoUs placed before the Executive Council. Further resolved that in future the University shall send all the proposed MoUs to Government of West Bengal, Department of Legal Remembrancer with a request to send back the vetted MoUs within a period of fifteen days. The Law Officer of the University will coordinate the process.</p>
7	<p><b>To discuss representations received from the Mr. Tapas Bhattacharyya, Former Assistant Registrar (Academic) regarding payment of Gratuity.</b></p>	<p>The University has paid retirement benefits to the tune of Rs. 76,00,484/- which Provident Fund -cum-Gratuity &amp; Leave Salary to Mr. Tapas Bhattacharyya. However, Mr. Bhattacharyya has claimed as per NUJS Contributory Provident Fund -cum-Gratuity Rules.</p> <p>The matter was placed before the 96<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, the Council upon perusal of all the relevant documents placed in the meeting and discussion on the matter resolved to defer the matter for further consideration in the next Executive Council meeting. Meanwhile, the Registrar was directed to place all the relevant documents pertaining to the Payment of Gratuity including any documents placed before the State Legislature for amendment of the NUJS Act/Rules/Regulations and to inform the retired officer the decision of the Council.</p> <p>Accordingly, the decision of the Council was communicated to the retired officer on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and copy of the same is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Meanwhile, Law Department, Government of West</p>

	<p>Bengal vide letter no.        dated 22.10.2024 has stated that "it appears that sub-section (2) of section 8 of the Provident Fund Act, 1925 has not been complied with in making the NUJS Contributory Provident Fund cum Gratuity Rules, as no direction, by way of notification in the Official Gazette, as required, appears to have been issued by the appropriate Government." Copy of the Letter dated 22.10.2024 is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Section 8 (2) of Provident Fund Act, 1925 states that "The appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that the provisions of this Act shall apply to any Provident Fund established for the benefit of the employees of any of the institutions specified in the Schedule, or of any group of such institutions, and, on the making of such declaration, this Act shall apply accordingly, as if such Provident Fund were a Government Provident Fund and the authority having custody of the Fund were the Government." Copy of the section of PF Act, 1925 is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>The full list of Institutions as declared by various appropriate authorities as per the said section of the Provident Fund Act, 1925 is enclosed in Annexure-7D for ready reference.</p> <p>Further, it may also note that as per WBNUJS Act, 1999 vide clause no 13 (4) "All regulations made by the Executive Council shall be submitted, as soon as may be for approval, to the Chancellor and to the General Council at its next meeting, and the General Council shall have by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present, the power to cancel any regulations made by the Executive Council and such regulations shall, from the date of such resolution, cease to have effect". Annexure-</p> <p>In the instant case, as per available records it is unable to find any such approval was taken from the General Council of the University and also as confirmed by the Law Department no such Official Gazette is available with the State Government.</p> <p>Hence, the matter is placed for appropriate directions.</p>
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		<p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p>The Executive Council has perused the letter of intimation by the Law Department, Government of West Bengal with regard to "NUJS Contributory Provident Fund cum Gratuity Rules" and noted that said Rules was not placed before the appropriate Government for official Notification as per section 8 (2) of the Provident Fund Act, 1925.</p> <p>The Council also deliberated other applicable provisions of Provident Fund schemes for the University including Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.</p> <p>Upon threadbare discussion the Council has deferred the matter and directed the Registrar to place all the relevant documents for further consideration. Meanwhile, the Council directed to place the Gratuity computation of Mr. Tapash Bhattacharya, Ex-Official of the University, with and without application of Dearness Allowance on the Gratuity in the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><b>Final Report with regard to the issues of Non-settlement of Accounts of UGC Grants for setting up of Computer Centre in WBNUJS</b></p>	<p>The matter was referred in the 91<sup>st</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and the Executive Council has resolved to conduct a preliminary enquiry by the Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Government of West Bengal and Ex-Officio Member of the Executive Council and Registrar of NUJS will assist him.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Member has submitted his final report on the matter with observations. The copy of report is enclosed in Annexure- .</p> <p>The conclusion of the Report stated below:</p> <p>"The Undersigned is of the opinion that UGC claimed the refund rightly and WBNUJS was bound to make such payment. Thus, a correct decision was taken in 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of E.C. on 27.11.2023 and 21.12.2023 for refund of the money amounting to Rs. 13,86,669/- and if the money has been properly refunded back to UGC then the interest, if any, cannot be claimed by UGC with</p>

		<p>effect from the date of such refund”.</p> <p>Submitted for directions</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has considered the Final Report submitted by the Principal Secretary, Department of Law, Government of West Bengal and Ex-Officio Member of the Executive Council and noted the findings in the Report.</b></p>
9	<p><b>To consider the Application for Renewal of appointment of Prof. Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS</b></p>	<p>The matter was referred in the 95<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and the Council has resolved that “in the larger interest of the Institution in general and the students’ interest in particular, it was unanimously decided that the tenure of Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti as the Vice Chancellor of the University extended till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 for the present and directed to place the matter in the November, 2024 Executive Council Meeting”. However, in view of NAAC Peer Team visit in the University during November, 2024 the proposed Executive Council Meeting was not held.</p> <p>The earlier Applications of Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti are enclosed as Annexure-</p> <p>Hence, the appeal letter dated 12.12.2024 of Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti along with earlier appeal letters are placed for consideration of the Executive Council.</p> <p>Copy of his appeal letter dated 12.12.2024 is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Submitted for consideration and directions.</p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p>

		<p><b>When the item pertaining to the request of Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor of the University for renewal of his term upon expiry of his present term taken up for consideration, Prof. Chakrabarti has recused himself from the deliberations.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Sampa Karmakar Singh, Assistant Professor, one of Prof. Chakrabarti's Ph.D student has also recused herself from the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>The other Members of the Executive Council present in the Meeting have unanimously appointed Hon'ble Justice Dipankar Datta as the Chairperson of the Meeting in respect of this agenda item.</b></p> <p><b>The Council has perused the appeal letter dated 12-12-2024 submitted by Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, the Vice Chancellor of the University.</b></p> <p><b>The Members present in the Meeting have all expressed their opinion individually on this agenda item. All the Members appreciated the leadership shown by Prof. Chakrabarti, for getting NAAC A+ grade for the University and observed that he may be given extension as appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>The council after threadbare discussion and in the larger interest of the Institution in general and the students' interest in particular, has unanimously decided that the tenure of Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti as the Vice Chancellor of the University be extended till 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 for the present.</b></p> <p><b>Further, the Council has decided that the matter be placed in the meeting of the Executive Council in the month of June/ July, 2025 for further decision.</b></p>
10	<b>Approval of recommendation of the Selection Committee for</b>	<p>The Executive Council has adopted UGC norms for promotion under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for the Faculty Members. Accordingly, the applications were invited from the eligible faculty members as per UGC Regulations 2010/ 2018 in a UGC prescribed form along</p>

<p><b>promotion under UGC-CAS Scheme in favour of Mrs. Ruchira Goswami, from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in Sociology.</b></p>	<p>with relevant supporting documents under the said scheme.</p> <p>Accordingly, Ms. Ruchira Goswami, Assistant Professor (Academic Pay Level 12) has applied for promotion under UGC-CAS Scheme for the post of Associate Professor (Academic Pay Level 13A).</p> <p>The application was placed before the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee and the Committee with the following Members has met on 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for processing her CAS application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Rajat Acharyya- Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University &amp; Director (Additional Charge), UGC-HRDC, Jadavpur University.</li> <li>2. Professor Dr. Sachi Chakrabarti - Calcutta University.</li> <li>3. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, Professor, University of Burdwan.</li> </ol> <p>The Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee upon perusal of the documents has recommended to the Selection Committee for further process and also recommended the promotion with effect from 1.10.2015. Copy enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>The Selection Committee comprising the following Members has met on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 and pursued the documents and recommendation of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS &amp; Chairman</li> <li>2. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice Chancellor, NLSIU &amp; Chancellor's Nominee.</li> <li>3. Prof. Dr. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee, University of Calcutta</li> <li>4. Prof. Dr. Dalia Chakrabarti, Jadavpur University</li> <li>5. Prof. Dr. Dipankar P. Gupta, Department of Political Science, Calcutta University</li> <li>6. Prof. (Dr.) Manik Chakrabarty, Professor of Emeritus, Sister Nivedita University</li> </ol> <p>The Selection Committee has unanimously has recommended the promotion from Assistant Professor (Level 12) to Associate Professor (Level 13A) with effect from 1.10.2015. Copy enclosed in Annexure-</p>
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		<p>Submitted for consideration and approval</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p>The Council has perused the recommendations of the Selection Committee and approved the promotion to the post of Associate Professor as per recommendation of Selection Committee and Scrutiny cum Evaluation Committee.</p> <p>The Council has further resolved that, in future necessary steps may be taken to complete the UGC CAS promotion process for the individual faculty members well before the date of eligibility of the promotion as per UGC guidelines.</p>
11	<p><b>Approval of recommendation of the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculties -One Associate Professor in DNA Technology and other in Guest Faculty/ Teaching Assistant in English/ Linguistics.</b></p>	<p>a) <b>Associate Professor (Genome Sequence/DNA Technology):</b> Application for the post of Associate Professor (Genome Sequence/DNA Technology) for one vacancy on contractual basis for a period of five years was invited through newspaper Advertisement was made on 23.08.2024. Copy enclosed in Annexure- .</p> <p>In response to the advertisement, we have received five (5) no. of applications for the said post and four (4) candidates were shortlisted for the Interview.</p> <p>The Selection Committee members comprising the following members:</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS.</p> <p>Prof.(Dr.)Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University</p> <p>Prof. Maitree Bhattacharyaa, Director, Jagadish Bose National Science Talent Search</p> <p>Dr. C.N. Bhattacharya, Former Director CFSL, Kolkata</p> <p>The recommendation of the Selection Committee will be placed on table for consideration and approval for appointment.</p>

	<p><b>b) <u>Guest Faculty/ Teaching Assistant in English (Linguistics):</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Ankita Mukherjee, Guest Faculty who is teaching English and Dr. Arka Banerjee, Teaching Assistant (Linguistics) has resigned from their respective posts on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Copy enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>In view of urgent requirement, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has called a Walk-in-Interview for the above said vacancies by a public notification through WBNUJS Website. Copy enclosed in Annexure- 11D</p> <p>The Walk-in-Interview was held on 16-12-204 by comprising the following Selection Committee Members:</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, Vice Chancellor, WBNUJS</p> <p>Prof.(Dr.) Arup Kumar Poddar, Professor of Law, WBNUJS</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Sanjit Kumar Chakrabarty, Professor, WBNUJS</p> <p>The recommendation of the Selection Committee will be placed on table for consideration and approval for appointments.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Members have perused the documents placed in the meeting in respect of the item and upon consideration thereof, has unanimously approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee recommending Dr. Pijush Basak for the post of Associate Professor. The offer of appointment may be issued as per the University Rules and Regulations. The Candidate may be allowed 60 days' time to accept the offer and join the post failing which the next recommended candidate, Dr. Amitabh Biswas may be offered the appointment on the same terms and conditions.</b></p> <p><b>The Council has also approved the following names</b></p>
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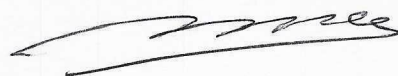


		<p><b>for the post of (1)Teaching Assistant (English) and (2) Guest Faculty in English as per the recommendation of the Selection Committee and directed to issue necessary appointment orders as per University Act, Rules and Regulations;</b></p> <p><b>The persons are:</b></p> <p><b>1.Ms. Swatilekha Maity - Teaching Assistant (English))</b></p> <p><b>a. Dr. Mahua Bhattacharyya- Guest Faculty (English)</b></p> <p><b>The appointments of Teaching Assistant and the Guest Faculty are for a period of one year which may be renewed on satisfactory service.</b></p>
12	<p><b>To constitute Advisory Committee and Organizing Committee to celebrate SILVER JUBILEE of the University from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 to August, 2026.</b></p>	<p>The matter of was referred in the 90<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023 for declaring 3<sup>rd</sup> August as WBNUJS Foundation Day and decide the Silver Jubilee Year 2024-25. The Executive Council has resolved to observe "3<sup>rd</sup> August" of every year as Foundation Day of the University and deferred the decision of celebrating Silver Jubilee year to the next meeting. Copy of the Minutes is enclosed in Annexure-.</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> Batch of students were admitted during 2000-01 Academic Year and the University is in the Silver Jubilee year in 2025-26. Over the years the WBNUJS has sustained its Academic excellence and proved its eminence in the legal education and ranked top five Law Universities in the Country.</p> <p>In order, to commemorate its existence in last twenty-five years, a befitting celebration in the name of Silver Jubilee is proposed and to make it a memorable and to improve its visibility in the Legal Education in the Country.</p> <p>Hence, an Advisory Committee and Organizing Committee may be constituted for planning and executing the Silver Jubilee year of the University.</p> <p>Submitted for consideration and directions</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council after threadbare discussion has approved the proposal to celebrate the Silver</b></p>

		<p><b>Jubilee Celebration of the University from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 onwards.</b></p> <p><b>Further resolved that the Vice Chancellor is authorised to constitute Advisory Committee, Organizing Committee and other sub-committees for this purpose. The proposed Advisory Committee and Organizing Committee for the same shall be circulated to Members for approval.</b></p> <p><b>The Vice Chancellor will form The Organising Committee shall be consisting of Faculties, Non-Teaching Staffs, Students and Alumni of the University.</b></p>												
13	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Service of Non-Teaching Staff on completion of Probation Period</u></b></p>	<p>The following staff members who have completed one year of service in the University and Probation period:</p> <table><tr><th>Sl.No</th><th>Name of the Staff</th><th>Designation</th><th>Date of join</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Sambit Chatterjee</td><td>Assistant Secretary to VC</td><td>27.07.2023</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Subhendu Kundu</td><td>Hostel Manager</td><td>07.08.2023</td></tr></table> <p>In view of the satisfactory performance by the above two staff members, it is recommended for confirmation of service of Mr. Sambit Chatterjee and Mr. Subhendu Kundu in the University with effect from 27.7.2024 and 7.8.2024 respectively.</p> <p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p><b>The Council has perused the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor and approved the confirmation of services of the following non-Teaching staffs in the University upon</b></p>	Sl.No	Name of the Staff	Designation	Date of join	1	Sambit Chatterjee	Assistant Secretary to VC	27.07.2023	2	Subhendu Kundu	Hostel Manager	07.08.2023
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14	<p><b><u>To consider and approve proposed Budget for the year 2025-26 with the revised Budget 2024-25 recommended by the Finance Committee.</u></b></p>	<p>The Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024-25 has been revised based on the Actuals up to October, 2024 and Budget Estimates for 2025-26 has been estimated accordingly. Copy of the Budget is enclosed in Annexure</p> <p>The highlights of the Revised and Estimates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 is stated below;</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th></th><th><b>Revised Estimate (2024-25) Rs. lakhs</b></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>i</b></td><td>Income from Students Fees</td><td><b>3300</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>ii</b></td><td>Grant from Govt. of West Bengal</td><td><b>452</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>iii</b></td><td>Other Income (including Interest</td><td><b>578</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>iv</b></td><td>Utilization of Campus Development Fund</td><td><b>900</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>v</b></td><td>Total</td><td><b>5230</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>vi</b></td><td>Academic Expenses</td><td><b>342</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>vii</b></td><td>Establishment Expenses</td><td><b>2927</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>viii</b></td><td>Administrative Expense</td><td><b>394</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>ix</b></td><td>Maintenance, Security and Housekeeping Expenses</td><td><b>390</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>x</b></td><td>Capital Expenditure</td><td><b>1405</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>xi</b></td><td>Silver Jubilee Celebration</td><td><b>0</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>xii</b></td><td>Total</td><td><b>5458</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>xiii</b></td><td>Deficit (v -xii)</td><td><b>228</b></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Capital Asset creation:</b></p> <p>The vertical expansion of the University for 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> floor is in final stage and as per PWD estimate an amount of Rs. 900.00 Lakhs for the FY 2024-25 and Rs. 500.00 Lakhs for the FY 2025-26 is</p>			<b>Revised Estimate (2024-25) Rs. lakhs</b>	<b>i</b>	Income from Students Fees	<b>3300</b>	<b>ii</b>	Grant from Govt. of West Bengal	<b>452</b>	<b>iii</b>	Other Income (including Interest	<b>578</b>	<b>iv</b>	Utilization of Campus Development Fund	<b>900</b>	<b>v</b>	Total	<b>5230</b>	<b>vi</b>	Academic Expenses	<b>342</b>	<b>vii</b>	Establishment Expenses	<b>2927</b>	<b>viii</b>	Administrative Expense	<b>394</b>	<b>ix</b>	Maintenance, Security and Housekeeping Expenses	<b>390</b>	<b>x</b>	Capital Expenditure	<b>1405</b>	<b>xi</b>	Silver Jubilee Celebration	<b>0</b>	<b>xii</b>	Total	<b>5458</b>	<b>xiii</b>	Deficit (v -xii)	<b>228</b>
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	<p>provided in the Budget from the Campus Development Fund.</p> <p>ii) The Grant-in-aid from the Government of West Bengal was estimated of Rs. 1000 lakhs for the FY 2024-25. However, as per the sanctioned order an amount of Rs. 451.50 lakhs were expected. Further to be noted that the University intends to undertake the following Capital Expenditures:</p> <p>i) Completion of the Vertical Extension of the Academic Building – An amount of Rs. 9 crore was already paid to the PWD and balance of Rs. 8 crores out of Rs. 17 crores estimate needs to be paid to the PWD during 2025-26.</p> <p>ii) Construction of Guest House above the Convention Centre funded through MPLAD Fund - At present the University do not have any Guest House, since the Convention Centre is made in the First Floor of the MPLAD Fund and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor guest house is proposed to be constructed.</p> <p>iii) Modernization of the Forensic Laboratory.</p> <p>iv) Silver Jubilee celebration of the University is proposed to the tune of Rs. 50 lakhs for the FY 2025-26.</p> <p>It may be noted that as per Income Tax Act, 1961 Section 11 (2), the University needs to spend 85% of the surplus accumulation within five years from the financial year in which Form 10 filled. date filling for the objective of the University – Copy of the Income Tax Rule is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Accordingly, University has filled Form No. 10 for the Financial year 2023-24, therefore, the 85% of accumulated surplus to the tune of Rs.1697.90 lakhs need to be utilized within the financial year 2028-29. Copy of Form 10 of Income Tax is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Hence, an amount Rs. 1697.90 has been considered in the Revised Budget for 2024-25 and proposed Budget for 2025-26. as applicable.</p> <p>The Revised Budget for 2024-25 and Budget Estimates for 2025-26 was placed before the Finance Committee of</p>
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		<p>the University through Agenda by circulation and no observation was received as at 16.12.2024. Copy of the Agenda by Circulation is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p>Hence, the Revised Estimates for 2024-25 and Budget Estimates for 2025-26 is placed for consideration and approval.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has perused the Revised Budget (RE) 2024-25 and Budget Estimates (BE) for 2025-26 as placed along with the proposal of utilizing the accumulated surplus for various Capital Expenditure of the University.</b></p> <p><b>The Council noted the Agenda by Circulation to the Finance Committee of the said Agenda item and no observations was made by the Finance Committee on the said Agenda item.</b></p> <p><b>The Council also noted the Income Tax provisions for utilizing 85% of accumulated income.</b></p> <p><b>After detailed discussion the Council has approved the Revised Estimate for 2024-25 and Budget Estimate for 2025-26 along with Utilization of accumulated surplus for the Capital Expenditure of the University.</b></p>
15	<p><b><u>To consider and approve the Audited Accounts of the University for the year 2023-24 as recommended by the Finance Committee.</u></b></p>	<p>The Audited Statement of Annual Accounts for the financial year 2023-24 was circulated to the Finance Committee for approval and recommendations to the Executive Council in view of various statutory compliances including preparation of Grants proposal and Tax compliances. Copy of the Audited Statement of Accounts is enclosed in Annexure-</p> <p><b><u>The key highlights of the Audited Statement of Accounts for FY 2023-24 are stated below:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The income from Student Fees amounts to Rs. 2768.88 Lakhs in FY 2023-24.</li> <li>ii) The surplus amounts to Rs. 1383.21 Lakhs in FY 2023-24.</li> </ul>

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- iii) The Educational Expenses amounts to Rs. 483.91 lakhs in FY 2023-24.
- iv) The University spend an amount of Rs. 49.33 lakhs on grant of Scholarship and Academic support during the FY 2023-24.
- v) The University expended an amount of Rs. 1080.45 Lakhs on Capital Assets creation during the FY 2023-24.
- vi) The University spend an amount of Rs. 80.72 lakhs on Research Activities during the FY 2023-24.

Rs in lakhs

	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>
Students	□ 1,376.94	□ 2,174.91	□ 2,868.07	□ 2,768.88
	□ 117.80	□ 332.37	□ 392.40	□ 1,922.90
State	□ 129.53	□ 266.79	□ 174.93	□ 227.46
	□ <b>1,624.27</b>	□ <b>2,774.07</b>	□ <b>3,435.40</b>	□ <b>4,919.24</b>
	□ 45.79	□ 125.72	□ 209.43	□ 2,265.40
es	□ 1,329.07	□ 1,368.16	□ 2,010.49	□ 483.90
s	□ 88.76	□ 154.03	□ 150.14	□ 246.54
es	□ 25.00	□ 36.00	□ 48.19	□ 30.38
tion	□ 137.22	□ 132.52	□ 242.44	□ 282.36
	□ 129.53	□ 266.79	□ 174.93	□ 227.46
<b>E</b>	□ <b>1,755.37</b>	□ <b>2,083.22</b>	□ <b>2,835.62</b>	□ <b>3,536.04</b>
<b>IT (-)</b>	-□ <b>131.10</b>	□ <b>690.85</b>	□ <b>599.78</b>	□ <b>1,383.20</b>

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee has not made any observation as at 16.12.2024 except the Principal Secretary, Law Department, Government of West Bengal who has sought clarifications towards Auditor's Qualified opinion and other observations. Copy of the letter dated 12.12.2024 is enclosed in Annexure- 15B

Accordingly, a detailed reply against each qualified audit observations was furnished to the Hon'ble Member on 13-12-2024 for his consideration. Copy of the reply is

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		<p>enclosed in Annexure-15C</p> <p>Hence, the Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2023-24 is placed for consideration and approval.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has perused the Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2023-24 .</b></p> <p><b>The Council has noted the observation made by the statutory Auditor and directed the Registrar to submit a detailed report on the outstanding advances to various students' committees as mentioned at page no. 306 of the agenda papers within one month. Further, it also directed to place the reason for not able to get FCRA registration for the University.</b></p> <p><b>Meanwhile, in view of various statutory compliances to be made by the University, the Council has approved the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2023-24.</b></p>
16	<b>To consider and approve recommendations of the Academic Council on Draft Regulation for creation of Departments and its powers and functions</b>	<p>The 50<sup>th</sup> Academic Council has recommended for creation of various Departments in the University and Heads of Departments as per WBNUJS Act.</p> <p>The Resolution of the Academic Council will be placed in Table. It may please be noted that the Heads of Department will be treated as Officers of the University as per Section 12(b) of the WBNUJS Act 1999.</p> <p>Submitted for recommendation to the General Council.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p><b>The item has been deferred for the next Executive Council meeting</b></p>
		<b>REPORTING ITEMS</b>
18	<b><u>Joining of Law Officer in the</u></b>	The Law Department, Government of West Bengal vide notification No. 1242-L/LW/O/5T-01/2015 (Part-II)

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	<b><u>University</u></b>	<p>dated 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 has entrusted Mr. Indrajeet Dey, WBSL, Law Officer, Department of Forests as additional charge as Law Officer in the University. Copy of the Notification is enclosed in Annexure-18</p> <p>Mr. Indrajeet Dey, WBSL, has joined as Law Officer in the University with effect from 13.11.2024.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has noted the joining of Mr. Indrajeet Dey, WBSL, as Law Officer in the University with effect from 13.11.2024.</b></p>
19	<b><u>WBNUJS has been awarded NAAC A+ for a period 5 years</u></b>	<p>The University has successfully completed the NAAC process including NAAC Peer Team visit during 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 in the University.</p> <p>Based on the Self Study Report (SSR) of the University and NAAC Peer team Inspection report, University has been awarded NAAC A+ for a period of five years. The copy of the intimation letter from NAAC is enclosed in Annexure</p> <p>Submitted for information.</p> <p><b>Resolution:</b></p> <p><b>The Council has noted the NAAC A+ grade obtained by the University. The Council appreciated the efforts taken by Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti, the Vice Chancellor of the University and his leadership for obtaining such standard for the University. The Council also appreciated the efforts taken by Faculty Members, Administrative staffs, Students and other stakeholders of the University.</b></p>
20	<b>Any other matter</b>	<p><b>20-(1). Construction of Hostel Building on the land provided by the State Govt. behind existing NUJS campus.</b></p>

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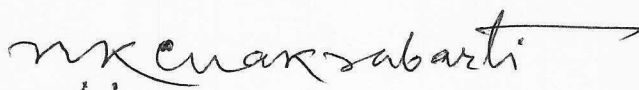
	20 (1).	<p>Keeping in view of the fact that a land had been transferred to the University in 2017 for construction of Hostel Building which is yet to start, it is decided to utilize the vacant land for further infrastructural development of the University and to start the process immediately.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council requested the Vice Chancellor to take necessary steps towards construction of proposed Hostel Building in the said vacant land.</p>
	20-(2)	<p><b>Introduction of B.A.LL.B. (Hons. In Dispute Resolution and Justice System or Judicial Administration.</b></p> <p>Hon'ble Justice Dipankar Datta, proposed that keeping view of the needs of our justice system we may introduce a course B.A.LL.B.( Hons. In Dispute Resolution and Justice System or Judicial Administration), initially with 30 intakes . This course will supply the manpower needed in our emerging technology driven Justice System.</p> <p>The Vice Chancellor is requested to prepare a Course Curriculum and place the same to next Executive Council meeting through the Academic Council. Necessary approval of the BCI be initiated in this regard.</p>

The Meeting ended with vote of Thanks to the Chair



(RAJA CHAKRABORTY)

REGISTRAR & SECRETARY



(PROF. Dr. N.K. CHAKRABARTI)

VICE CHANCELLOR & CHAIRMAN