

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHABUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT  
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

**Part- I – Preliminary**

(i)	<b>Constitution of the Expert Committee</b>	UGC Constituted the following Expert Committee to visit The North East Frontier Technical University, Aalo, Arunachal Pradesh.
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(ii)	Date (s) of the visit	September 10-11, 2024 (Virtual visit)
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak could not attend the meeting.

## **Part- II- Introduction**

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	<p>The North East Frontier Technical University (NEFTU) is situated in a picturesque location of Aalo, an emerging hub of education and the headquarters of West Siang, a hilly and green district of Arunachal Pradesh. NEFTU is the earnest endeavour by a group of visionaries and educationists. It is a State Private University established under section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, well versed to facilitate the students with quality education and higher study programs of national and international standards.</p> <p>NEFTU has been established by Act 11 of 2014 of State Legislature, Arunachal Pradesh, as the first Private Technical University of the State. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is the Visitor of the University.</p> <p>NEFTU is sponsored by the Automobile Society of India, a registered charitable trust.</p>
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	September 03, 2014

(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/ Courses	<p>The University is a State Private University which is established by Act 11 of 2014 of State Legislature of, Arunachal Pradesh. The University is currently offering programmes from Diploma to Post-graduate level in the fields of Pharmacy, Law, Arts &amp; Humanities, Engineering and Education. The University is spread over 25 acres of lush green campus surrounded by mountains. It is appreciable that the sponsoring body has made the good efforts to establish the university in such a rough terrain despite the scarcity of resources. Based upon the interaction with the senior officials of the Management and Administration, it is found that the University is catering to the higher educational needs of not only the remotely located city of Aalo but also the neighboring districts of Arunachal Pradesh and thus contributing to the economic growth of the State.</p> <p>The University is presently offering the following programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. D.Pharm</li> <li>2. LLB</li> <li>3. LLM</li> <li>4. BA</li> <li>5. MA</li> <li>6. B.Tech</li> <li>7. B.Ed.</li> </ol> <p>The University has adopted a futuristic academic model co-created a community of scholars, academicians and industry experts. The University's undivided focus on academic excellence, faculty, state-of-the art infrastructure, global institutional collaborations and unique corporate connect empower students to succeed and become socially-responsible global leaders.</p>
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	<p>Automobile Society India is a registered Trust in Bangalore pioneering the cause of improving the career opportunities for the automotive engineers in India. The Trust consists of renowned academicians.</p>

## **Part- II- Summary Report**

### **A. Legal Status**

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?  (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	The University is established by Act No.11 of 2014 of State Legislature of, Arunachal Pradesh vide gazette notification number Notification LAW/LEGN-9/2014.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	The Trust is dedicatedly working on the promotion of the objectives of the University and is not engaged in any other business or any other interest.

### **B. Organization Description**

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres  Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	The University is abiding with UGC regulations and is not running any off-campus centers.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres  Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University is abiding with UGC regulations and is not running any off-shore centers.
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?  Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	No, the University does not offer any programmes under distance or online mode as of now.

### **C. Academic Activities**

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	The programmes are adequately diverse catering to the local and State needs.
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(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes, the programmes offered by the University are in accordance with the provisions of the section 22 of the UGC Act 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council (s) UGC?	Yes, the sanctioned intake in various programmes as mentioned above is approved by the Academic Council of the University and in case of programmes like LLB, D.Pharm, B.Ed., these are approved by the respective statutory council like Bar Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India and NCTE respectively.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	Yes, the following programmes are approved by the respective statutory council:  1. LLB by Bar Council of India 2. D. Pharm by Pharmacy Council of India 3. B.Ed. by NCTE.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	University has its scholarship scheme for bright students who belong to socially disadvantaged group.  Considering the economical background of student, university forgives the late fine if any such is imposed.  Full fee deduction except examination fee has been awarded to students who are financially fragile.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Prospective students are informed about the criteria for admission, rules and regulations, facilities available, etc., through university website, electronics media (Radio & Cable Network), e-mails, advertisement, hoardings, pamphlets, education fairs and by circulating on notice boards.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	A grievance redressal mechanism is available in the university as per its Statutes. As per UGC guidelines an ombudsperson has been appointed.

(viii)	<p>Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?</p> <p>(refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)</p>	<p>The University has the academic statutory bodies like Board of Studies and Academic Council which periodically meet and review the curriculum based upon the feedback from stakeholders and need analysis. The Board of Studies of various departments recommends the change, revision in syllabus/curriculum to the Academic Council which finally approves it.</p>
(ix)	<p>How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?</p> <p>(refer 5.7 to 5.14)</p>	<p>The University follows fair and transparent system of examination. There is provision of Board of question paper setters (internal and external), Board of Examiners and Board of Invigilators. The University has the Evaluation system which comprises of the following components:</p> <p><i>1. Examination-Based System</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Examinations: Written exams include multiple-choice questions (MCQs), short answers, essay-type questions, and case studies.</li> <li>• End-Semester Examinations: These exams are conducted at the end of each semester and cover the entire syllabus.</li> <li>• Internal Assessments: Includes periodic quizzes, mid-term exams, assignments, and presentations.</li> </ul> <p><i>2. Practical-Based System</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Work and Experiments: Hands-on practical sessions in laboratories for courses related to science, engineering, and technology.</li> <li>• Project Work: Includes individual or group projects involving research, design, or implementation.</li> </ul> <p>Internships and Field Work: Practical experience gained through internships or fieldwork in industries or relevant settings.</p> <p>The evaluation of answer scripts follows a structured and standardized process.</p>

#### D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes, admissions are made in accordance with transparent admission policy & procedures. The students are selected on the basis of the marks secured by them in the qualifying examinations and on the basis of the personal interview/group discussion etc. As the population of Arunachal Pradesh is very thin about, 18.25 lakhs only, the number of applicants is very less. However, the University is trying its level best to attract students from other States as well as those students of Arunachal Pradesh who are taking admission in other states.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The university follows the state government norms for the reservation/relaxation in admission.

#### E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	The students are informed about the fees and other charges through University website and prospectus. The fee is displayed at the University website.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	The University does not charge any over and above the prescribed fee as displayed on the University website or the prospectus.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	There is transparent system of fee collection from the students. The fee receipts are issued to the students for the fee collected from them.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	The fee charges for various programmes of study at the University is at par with other private universities and seems to be affordable for the students in the State like Arunachal Pradesh.



(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government	The University has its own well defined policy for fee which is fixed by a Fee fixation Committee of the University.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No, it does not seem. It is appreciable that the University is offering the higher education in such a rough terrain which is commendable on the part of University administration.

## F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	As per the records available, the University is providing graded salary as per the 6 <sup>th</sup> pay commission.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The faculty appointed are well qualified as per the UGC/AICTE norms for the recruitment of teaching staff.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty/ Part-time faculty	The University has appointed 60 well qualified faculty members and the nature of their appointment is permanent.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	The faculty members are appointed through duly constituted Selection Committee. For recruitment, the notification is released in leading news papers and on various job portals.

## G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Land and Buildings</li><li>➤ Class Rooms</li><li>➤ Laboratories and equipment</li><li>➤ Library</li><li>➤ Sports facilities</li><li>➤ Residential accommodation including hostels</li></ul>	<p>The University is running its campus in a total land area of approx. 25 acres. It has also expanded its campus and is in the process of developing it.</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Building</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Academic Blocks including the class rooms and laboratories</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Administrative Area</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Library</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Faculty and Staff residence</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Canteen</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Hostels</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Guest House</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Playground</td><td>2</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Building	Number	1	Academic Blocks including the class rooms and laboratories	5	2	Administrative Area	1	3	Library	1	4	Faculty and Staff residence	1	7	Canteen	1	8	Hostels	2	9	Guest House	1	10	Playground	2
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## H. Financial Viability

(i)	<p>Does the University have adequate and independent funds?</p>	<p>Based upon the local requirements to run the University, it has adequate and independent funds with corpus fund of ₹3 crore.</p>
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## I. Governance System

(i)	<p>Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?</p>	<p>The University has constituted the following statutory bodies in accordance with the provisions of its Act and Statutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Board of Governors</li><li>2. Board of Management</li><li>3. Academic Council</li><li>4. Finance Committee</li><li>5. Board of Studies</li></ol> <p>The above bodies work in accordance with the provisions prescribed.</p>
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**J. Research Profile**

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?  (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	The University despite of being located in rough terrain with scarcity of resources is adequately developing its research ecosystem. The research papers are being published by the faculty members. 83 PG level dissertations have been completed during last three years.
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**K. Miscellaneous**

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes, the Non-Teaching staff is adequate and qualified and are paid as per norms of the State Government
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	The University has the independent and rigorous evaluation system which is evident from its practices of appointment of question paper setters, examiners and invigilators.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	The University should apply for accreditations from NAAC/NBA.

**L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University**

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The University has a strong management and leadership team with prior experience of operationalizing Universities and developing policies in the field of education with an extensively experienced Corporate advisory board to translate its vision into action.</li><li>2. The University has appointed well qualified and experienced faculty members from reputed universities/institutions.</li></ol>
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The curriculum has been designed following multi-disciplinary approach which has been developed in collaboration with industry and corporates.</li> <li>4. Information technology skilled Non-Teaching Professional Staffs are available to assist in labs.</li> <li>5. ICT enable campus having smart classrooms, wifi facilities, LCDs etc.</li> <li>6. Timely evaluation and result as per academic calendar.</li> <li>7. University has both Indoor and outdoor sports facilities.</li> <li>8. State of the art modern campus with the latest technology fueling both creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.</li> </ol>
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scarcity of resources in the region because of its geographical location.</li> <li>2. Difficulty to attract good number of students from outside the State owing to its geographical location.</li> <li>3. Local students are from tribal and rural background. Mostly are from backward border region therefore their grasp of English and Mathematics is not up to the mark.</li> <li>4. Being situated in geographically difficult terrain in a border region, hence recruiting experienced faculties remains a major challenge.</li> </ol>

## **PART- IV – RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **A. OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. A good infrastructure facility such as Seminar Halls, faculty rooms, Board rooms, Tutorial rooms, Hostels, Lab etc available.
2. Information technology skilled Non-Teaching Professional Staffs are available to assist in labs.
3. ICT enable campus having smart classrooms, wifi facilities, LCDs etc.
4. Timely evaluation and result as per academic calendar.
5. University has both Indoor and outdoor sports facilities.
6. Employee welfare policy is there for various provisions such as EPF, ESIC etc.
7. Maternity leave, Sick leave, etc is incorporated for staff.
8. Zero carbon footprint, lush green eco-friendly campus.
9. Committed and dedicated promoting Society/Trust.
10. University is situated in the hilly and boarder area of Arunachal Pradesh and providing various job opportunities to the local public.
11. University is having experienced and qualified faculty.
12. During interaction with the students, faculty and non-teaching staff they have shown their full their satisfaction with the university.
13. University has the sufficient land.

### **B. SUGGESTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH REQUIRE SATISFACTORY COMPLIANCE BY THE UNIVERSITY**

1. The University may apply for accreditations from NAAC/NBA.
2. NCrF may be adopted as per NEP 2020.
3. Student sanctioned intake may not be keep high.
4. Auditing of Teaching should be carried out.
5. Malpractices and grievance should be addressed as per UGC guidelines.
6. Admission may also be made on the basis of CUET.
7. Research Laboratory should be there.
8. FDP Programme may be organized.
9. Museum, Store and Preparation area are required in Pharmacy Department.
10. Student Teacher and cadre ratio needs to be maintained.
11. Important books like Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP), British Pharmacopoeia (BP), USP & Martindale: The Extra Pharmacopoeia should be procured soon for the departmental library.
12. Two Laboratory Technicians and One Store keeper with Pharmacy qualification may be appointed soon to comply with PCI norms.
13. University should have law library in the law department and accordingly all law books may be shifted from the Central Library to the departmental library. Departmental library should also have adequate number of computers with wi-fi for access to law e-resources.

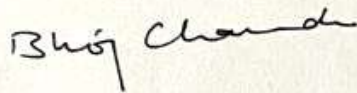
14. In addition to 30 compulsory law papers, University to have at least one paper of English language and Computer applications each. University is already having English language paper.
15. The university may have the provision of adequate text books (for all teaching departments) and basic medical facilities for the university fraternity.

### C. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

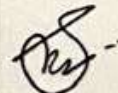
The Committee visited virtually various facilities in the University campus during two days' visit. After visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative units and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students, Non-teaching staff and after evaluation of both direct and indirect information available, the Committee is of the view that The North East Frontier Technical University, Alao, Arunachal Pradesh fulfills the prescribed standards and complies with the various requirements as laid down by the relevant statutory councils and confirm the UGC (Establishment and Maintenance of standards in Private Universities) Regulations 2003.



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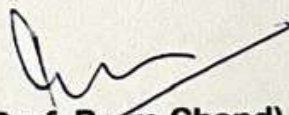
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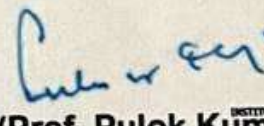


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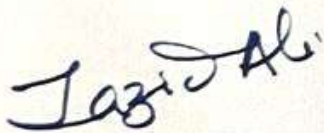
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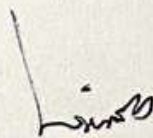


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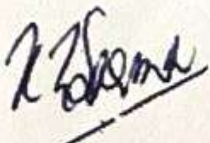
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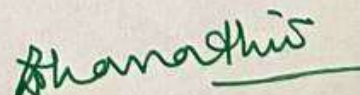
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