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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
EDUCATION (HIGHER) DEPARTMENT

Dated, Agartala, the 21st February, 2014

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure coordinated and planned development of higher education sector in the State of Tripura, it has been decided to set up a State Council of higher education in the State. The State Higher Education Council is constituted with the following as Chairman and Members.

1.	Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Deptt., Tripura	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., Govt. of Tripura	Vice-Chairman
3.	Director, I & C Govt. of Tripura	Member
4.	Additional Secretary, Finance Deptt. Govt. of Tripura	Member
5.	Dr. Haradhan Debnath, Professor (Retired), Tripura University.	Member
6.	Dr. Gita Debnath, Principal, Women's College	Member
7.	Sri Dipak Lal Roy, Principal, Women's Polytechnic, Hapania	Member
8.	Dr. B.C.Sinha, Controller of Exam. Tripura University	Member
9.	Sri Monimoy Paul, Asst. Professor, IASE, Agartala	Member
10.	Director of Higher Education Deptt., Govt. of Tripura	Member-Secretary

The State Councils for Higher Education would be responsible for planned and coordinated development of higher education in the State and to foster sharing of resources between universities, benefit from synergy across institutions, lead academic and governance reforms at the institution level, establish principles for funding institutions, maintain a databank on higher education and conduct research and evaluation studies.

The Council would function as an independent and autonomous body that would deal with the National Implementing Agency, with universities, with Colleges/Institutions under State Higher Education Department as well as the State Government and UGC.

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Powers and functions of State Higher Education Council will be as follows:

Strategy and Planning:

- Preparing the State Higher Education Plan (Perspective Plan, Annual Plan and Budget Plan).
- Providing state institutions inputs for creating their plans and implementing them.
- Coordination between apex bodies, regulatory institutions and government.
- Promoting use of technology in learning especially deployment of ICT tools.

Monitoring and evaluation:

- Monitoring the implementation of State Higher Plan.
- Creating and maintaining the Management Information Systems.
- Compiling and maintaining periodic statistics at state and institutional level.
- Evaluating state institutions on the basis of norms and indicators developed under RUSA (the Council may, for its own use, developed additional norms as it thinks fit).

Quality assurance and academic functions:

- Faculty quality enhancement initiatives.
- Quality of examinations.
- Maintaining quality of Curriculum.
- Promoting innovation in research.
- Protecting the autonomy of state institutions.

Advisory functions:

- Advising State Govt. on strategic investments in higher education.
- Advising universities on statute and ordinance formulation.
- Advise on matters of regulation of existing private institutions and permission to new ones.
- Advise on Open and Distance Education (ODE) strategies.

Funding Function:

Fund managed by the State Higher Education Council will come from RUSA as well as the State Govt.

- Determine the methodology for timely transfer of State's share of funds to institutions.
 - Disburse funds to state universities and colleges on the basis of the State Higher Education Plan and transparent norms.
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The Higher Education Council would start functioning from the date of issue of this notification and its office would be set up in the newly constructed building of IASE, Kunjaban, Agartala.

By order of the Governor

[Signature]
20/02/14
Under Secretary to the
Government of Tripura

To
All Concerned.....

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- 1. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Governor of Tripura.
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- 3. PS to the Chief Secretary, Tripura.
- 4. PS to the Joint Secretary, MHRD, Department of Higher Education.

Copy also to:

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Departments.....
- 3. The Registrar, Tripura University.
- 4. The Manager, Government Press with request to publish in the next extra ordinary issue of Tripura Gazette notification.

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