

Meeting Minutes

Date: 20th October, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Members Present:

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| 1. Fr. Joseph Nellanatt | 2. Prof. Manoranjan Kalita | 3. Mr. Arup Baruah |
| 3. Mr. Sunil Deka | 4. Dr. Rashmita Baruah | 5. Mr. T. Johnson Singh |
| 6. Dr. Supriyo Sen | 7. Mr. Anuran Patgiri | 8. Titoka H. Chishi |
| 9. Mr. Siddhartha Bora | 10. Mr. Rishab Saha Choudhury | 11. Mr. Jayantajit Gogoi |
| 12. Mr. Gautam Kumar | 13. Mr. Pranjal Konwar | 14. Mr. Manoj Jajodia |
| 15. Mr. Putul Sarma | 16. Mr. Amrit Sangma (on behalf of Mr. Kanti Das) | |

Members Absent:

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| 1. Mr. Hironmay Deb | 2. Dr. Vikramjit Kakati | 3. Dr. Bikramjit Goswami |
| 4. Dr. Uzzal Sharma | 5. Mr. Chandan Dutta | 6. Mr. Victor Narzary |
| 7. Mr. Jai Kishan | 8. Mr. Prince Salim | 9. Ms. Arindita Bhagawati |

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The meeting started with Prof. Manoranjan Kalita welcoming the esteemed external members of the committee followed by brief introduction of the NISP policy. Mr. Arup Baruah then listed the members of ADBU Innovation and Start-up Cell. The objectives, activities and KPIs of ADBU Innovation and Start-up policy was then presented. This was followed by comments from each of the distinguished external members of the committee. Mr. Gautam Kumar stressed on the need to motivate students to be job creators than only be job seekers. He also announced about the 'Startup Innovation Zone' being set up at STPI, Guwahati, which will enable students and professionals to tinker with their ideas. Mr. Pranjal Konwar mentioned that entrepreneurship is only the 3rd career option of the youths from the region. He stressed on the need to change this mindset. He also mentioned about the capacity building programme conducted by IIM Calcutta Innovation Park for institutes from the region. Mr. Manoj Jajodia stressed on the need to expose students to successful startups in the region, and to successful bussiness so that students learn how run a business and manage it. He mentioned that doing so may lead to change in their mindset of the students to opt for entrepreneurship as a career option. He also mentioned about the need to set up an incubation center at the institute. Mr. Putul Sarma mentioned that entrepreneurs should observe the problems faced by common people and by the society in large and offer solutions for these problems. He also welcomed the students to his workshop and study his innovations. Mr. Amrit Sangma assured support from Genesis Creations in implementing NISP at ADBU. Dr. Rashmita Baruah shared the success stories and experiences of ADBU EDIC cell. Dr. Supriyo Sen mentioned about his success story and how the mentorship he has received from Assam Startup and Startup India has helped him. Mr. T. Johnson Singh raised the need for continuous support to the start-ups to ensure their success. Mr. Pranjal Konwar provided that statistics of the kind of support that Assam Startup provides to the start-ups. The meeting ended with the closing remarks from Fr. Joseph Nellanatt and the vote of thanks from Mr. Sunil Deka.

Action Item: Mr. Arup Baruah should consult Mr. Pranjal Konwar for a possible capacity buildup programme to be organized at ADBU