



BEST PRACTICES FOR NEP 2020 IMPLEMENTATION

Bhattadev University, Bajali

A Public State University established by upgrading Bajali College under Assam Act No. XXXVI of 2017

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PREFACE ::

On July 29, 2020, the National Education Policy 2020 was dedicated to the country. It offers a road map for a paradigm change in the nation's educational system, making it more in line with the rapidly evolving global ecosystem and knowledge base. This strategy is the result of 34 years of great advancements in science, technology, politics, socioeconomics, and the arts.

The implementation of significant changes that bring the greatest standards of quality, equity, and integrity into the system is necessary to close the gap between the current level of learning outcomes and what is needed. The current policy places a strong emphasis on the holistic development of the individual, including the development of higher-order cognitive skills like creativity, critical thinking, multilingualism, and problem solving in addition to literacy and numeracy. These skills are crucial for employability as well as the development of social and life skills. Emphasis is also placed on orientation towards social, cultural, ethical, environmental, national, and emotional capacities and dispositions.

In line with the NEP 2020, many initiatives have been taken by the University to implement the provisions of the new policy which have been highlighted in this document.

GENERAL PROFILE OF THE UNIVERSITY ::

Bhattadev University, Bajali, is the realization of a long-cherished dream of the people of the greater Bajali region, Assam, which came into being on the 24th of June, 2019, after the first Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Birinchi Kr. Das, assumed office. The University was upgraded from the erstwhile Bajali College, which had a glorious history of more than six decades and was widely recognized as one of the prominent educational institutions in the state of Assam. The University was established by an Act of the State Legislature - Bhattadev University Act, 2017, to which the Governor of Assam gave his assent on the 16th of October, 2017. It is named after an illustrious son of Assam, Baikunthanath Bhagavat Bhattacharya, popularly known as Bhattadev, who is acknowledged as the father of Assamese prose. Bhattadev's erudition in Sanskrit grammar and literature, along with his command over the *Shrimadbhagavata Purana*, earned him the title of Bhagavat Bhattacharya.

Bajali College was the fruition of the vision and dedication of many prominent individuals of Bajali, as well as the toil and sacrifice of the local agrarian community, who contributed from their earnings of selling rice paddy to the establishment of the college. Bajali College was established under the dynamic leadership of Kameswar Das, a Gold Medalist from Calcutta University. Starting from its humble origins in the year 1955, Bajali College strived towards academic excellence and

came to be known as one of the best colleges for science education in Assam. It is worth mentioning here that Bajali College had started postgraduate programmes in Geography and Zoology way back in the early 1980s, with the M.Sc programme in the Department of Geography being the second oldest one in Assam after that of Gauhati University. The College was Bajali accredited with “A” Grade in its 2nd cycle by NAAC in the year 2016.

A larger parcel of land has been allotted by the Assamese government to the University for the construction of a second campus. New construction has already started in Medhikuchi, a nearby town, thanks to the government's generous support. The following study programmes will be available at the university during the 2024–2025 academic year.

1. **Three Year Bachelor degree & Four-Year Bachelor degree with Honours/Honours with research in Arts** in Assamese, Economics, Education, English, Geography, History, Mass Communication and Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit and Sociology
2. **Three Year Bachelor degree & Four-Year Bachelor degree with Honours/Honours with research in Arts** with *Double Major* Assamese, Economics, Education, English, Geography, History, Mass Communication and Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit and Sociology
3. **Three Year Bachelor degree & Four-Year Bachelor degree with Honours/Honours with research in Science** in Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Zoology
4. **Three Year Bachelor degree & Four-Year Bachelor degree with Honours/Honours with research in Arts** with *Double Major* in Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Zoology
5. **Five-Year Integrated M.A.** (Master of Arts) Programme in Sanskrit
6. **Five-Year Integrated M.Com.** (Master of Commerce)
7. **Five-Year** Integrated M.Sc. (Master of Science) Programme in Chemistry
8. **Two-Year Master of Arts:** M.A. in Assamese, Economics, English and Political Science
9. **Two-Year Master of Commerce** (M.Com.)
10. **Two-Year Master of Science:** M.Sc. in Chemistry, Botany, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Zoology
11. **Doctor of Philosophy** (Ph.D.) in those departments with eligible Ph.D. supervisors

INITIATIVES TAKEN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEP 2020 AT BHATTADEV UNIVERSITY ::

Ever since the launch of the National Educational Policy 2020, the University has taken several steps for the implementation of NEP 2020:

- Constitution of a NEP Cell under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University dated 24/12/2021
- Constitution of a NEP Task Force for implementation of NEP 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Registrar, Bhattadev University dated 02/05/2022
- Constitution of various Working Groups for the preparation of curriculum design of various courses like AEC, VAC, Vocational, Skill Enhancement courses. Notification date 12/05/2023
- Assigning Nodal Officer to Mr. Arindam Talukdar for NEP 2020, dated 26/06/2023
- Assigning NEP Coordinator to Mr. Arindam Talukdar for NEP 2020, dated 05/04/2024
- Decision to develop the Institutional Development Plan of Bhattadev University as per the requirement of NEP 2020.

BEST PRACTICES OF BHATTADEV UNIVERSITY FOR NEP 2020 IMPLEMENTATION ::

In fulfilling the goals outlined in NEP 2020, the University has initiated the actions mentioned below under the following broad areas:

1. **Increase of Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) :** To realize the goal of reaching 50% GER by 2035, Bhattadev University has introduced several new programmes like B.A. (and B.A. honours with research) in Sociology, B.Sc. (and B.Sc. honours with research) in Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence & Data Science) and Integrated M.Com. from the current academic session 2024 -25 which have been already published in its admission brochure.
2. **Students Induction Program :** The University conducted a week long induction program about the features of NEP 2020, curriculum structure before the commencement of the semester classes.
3. **Multiple Entry and Exit :** Bhattadev University has adopted the UGC guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit in its Academic Programmes.

4. **Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education** : The University's bachelor's degree programmes in arts, science, and commerce take a multidisciplinary approach, combining courses in environment science and languages (either Hindi or English) with skill-enhancing courses drawn from other study programmes in addition to the discipline-specific core and elective courses. Learners are allowed to select courses from a variety of courses from different fields. To actively engage with the practical side of their learning and, as a by-product to further increase their employability, courses offered are having practicals, fieldworks, internships, dissertation etc. as a compulsory component.
5. **Activation of Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) system** : The University has registered on the ABC Portal through the office of the Academic Registrar to which 1861 students have registered already
6. **Access, Equity & Inclusion** : Since Bhattadev University has been established in a semi-urban locality, it has made efforts to reach out to its learners including the socially and economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs) located in inaccessible remote areas through UNNAT Bharat Abhiyan by conducting awareness programs and through NSS activities as well.
7. **Professional Development** : The university is also providing administrative help to the faculty members to participate in FDPs. Dr. Banashree Sarkar, Dept. Of Sanskrit attended a FDP on Indian Knowledge Tradition at IIT Kharagpur in 2022. Mrs Sharmistha Das, Dept. Of Mass Communication and Journalism attended a program “ NEP 2020 & Higher Education : Design and Development of Audio-Video Programme at IGNOU, Delhi 2023. Dr. Upakul Mahanta, Dept. Of Physics and Dr. Amborish Adhyapok, Dept. Of Sanskrit attended a week long FDP on IKS at MMTTC Gauhati University, 2023. Dr. Bikul Barman, Dept. Of Geography and Dr. Upakul Mahanta, Dept. Of Physics attended a two day workshop at Gauhati University on Quality Assurance in HEIs of NE region conducted jointly by NIEPA and Dept of Information and Technology, Gauhati University 2024. Dr. Parag Barman, Dept of Economics and Dr. Upakul Sarma participated a program on financial management organised by NIEPA and Manipur University 2024.
8. **Vocational and Skill-based Education** : Bhattadev University has undergone a series a seating with the teams of ITI, Titka for its learners for their skill development and to provide vertical mobility. Also workshops are also being organised of programs offered by NSQF which will be in sync with NHEQF to ease the integration of vocational education into higher education has been initiated in the University.
9. **Internship** : The NEP curriculum of Bhattadev University has an intership course in the 4th Semester of Credit 2 (two). For successful running of the said course Bhattadev University

has already signed an MoU with the Assam Downtown University for professional and academic exchanges. Another MoU exists under Skill Development Center (SDC). One more MoU was done between Bhattadev University and Fish Farm of Mr. Debojit Barman, was awarded Assam Gaurav Title by Govt. of Assam last year, Nakarbhaira, Nalbari. Any Training programme that will be arise as per course can be done in the farm as per MoU.

10. **Promotion of Indian Languages, Arts and Culture :** Bhattadev University has already introduced courses in BA/BSc programmes which are from the IKS background in the 4th semester. Also the University administration has assigned faculty members from each departments to develop/write books in local language (Assamese).
11. **Online and Digital Education :** The University has digitized the some Self Learning Materials (SLMs) of all the programmes and they are available to the learners through the university website and Google Classrooms. Moreover some of the faculty members are also given the responsibilities of Local Chapter and Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to facilitate the online courses offered by NPTEL/SWAYAM.
12. **Preparation of an Academic Calender :** To ensure an efficient NEP 2020 implementation the an Academic calender has been prepared which provides information about the date of commencement of the semester, Internal Assessment, Test schedule, End Semester examinations, Holidays etc. Printed copies are distributed to faculty members and the same is is published on the institutional website as well.
13. **Physical Education Faculty Recruitment :** Physical Education, Sports and Yoga professionals will contribute in bringing Health and wellness at every aspect of one's personality which has been made an integral part NEP 2020 policy. Bhattadev University haa already published a notification to recruit a faculty of Physical Education.
14. **Financial Assistance to the Researchers :** Research and innovation are important aspects of enhancing quality education in the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 too, envisages the promotion of quality research within the Higher Education system. In line of the NEP 2020, Bhattadev University has made a policy to assist faculty members by having a budget allocation of Rs 15 lakhs per annum. Also the research scholar will be given a grant of Rs. 5000/- per month to assist their Ph.D. work. However this scholarship will be given strictly on the basis of merit. SEDGs will be given preferences.

