



# COMPENDIUM *of*

Initiatives / Accomplishments  
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Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University  
Rajouri ( J& K )

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# Hon'ble Vice Chancellors's Message



*Dear All,*

I took over as the Vice Chancellor of this prestigious University on February 16, 2021. I am happy to share with you all that, it has been a year of progress and great individual and collective achievements.

During the last one year the University has initiated significant academic and administrative reforms in line with National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 to promote the goals of equity, access and excellence.

New infrastructure projects have been approved which will add new facilities, augment the existing ones and will give a tremendous boost in making BGSBU as a favored destination for high quality academic attainments.

Our teaching faculties have rendered themselves creditably in teaching and research activities. During the last one year the university has got 21 Extramural Projects worth Rs.5.27crores which is a significant achievement by any University of BGSBU magnitude.

In the continuing task of nation building, BGSB University is at the forefront to promote excellence in higher education through knowledge creation and dissemination. We at BGSBU are striving hard to impart quality education to meet national and global challenges, towards accomplishing the national aspiration of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

I strongly believe that no academic excellence is achieved without a well crafted road-map. Soon after joining this University we have started the preparation of BGSBU -15 years vision document with the participation of various segments of the society to impart inclusiveness and amalgamation of ideas from all stakeholders to build-up trust and a sense of ownership.

I am confident that BGSB University will reach greater heights of excellence nationally and internationally in the days to come and attract more students from other parts of the world.

**Prof. Akbar Masood**  
**Vice Chancellor**



## **Salient achievements by Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University during last one year (2021-2022)**

The BGSBU, despite its relatively young age, in terms of its establishment has been making significant strides in the field of academics, infrastructural developments and other extra-curricular activities so much so that it has reckoned its presence as one of the premier institutions of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Briefly, its achievements during the last one year are summarized blow.**

### **A. Administrative Initiatives**

1. Started Admission process for the academic session 2021 in July with massive reduction in fee structure (up to 50% in some course).
2. **Streamlined administrative discipline** in the workplace. The teaching & non-teaching staff in the University to ensure a minimum of 9 am to 5 Pm presence in the workplace.
3. Streamlined and **refurbished IQAC and NIRF** to improve accreditation and Ranking of the University.
4. Created International **Students Cell for International students**.
5. Initiated phase-wise resumption of offline classes on March 8, 2021 providing on-campus Mess facility adhering strictly to Covid-19 prevention guidelines. Opened Gym facility for students and staff.



6. Re-initiated much needed steps to expedite long overdue Career Advancement Promotions for teachers to do away despondency.
7. On spot assessment of strength and weaknesses of all teaching Departments, Administrative blocks, Central Library, Students Amenity Centre, Students Hall of Residence, University In-House Shopping Complex, Bank, Post Office and Cafeteria to devise plans to make them state-of- the-art Units of excellence.
8. Prepared an exhaustive plan to secure the peripheral boundary of the University to prevent illegal incursions and land encroachment by unscrupulous elements.
9. Streamlined and renovated Guest House facilities at Jammu & Rajouri.
10. Constituted Committee of experts to devise **centrally monitored Online Students Feedback System** for objective appraisal of teaching faculty performance.
11. Put in place the practice of adherence to hierarchical framework.
12. Appointed Coordinators for Independent Departments such as Urdu, Islamic Studies, Civil Engineering and Biotechnology and to streamline Departments.
13. **Streamlined the file disposal system** with provisions of fixing individual accountability for undue delay.
14. Initiated **efforts to repair / renovate the University Residential accommodation** to make the in-campus living cosy and comfortably. Also waved off accommodation maintenance charges from all the residents which were being levied so far.





- 15 Revamped and overhauled the existing Campus water supply from ground zero base at Rajouri tower to campus through 6 KM long pipeline with reroute pumping sub stations. An alternative robust campus water supply proposal has been submitted through Jal Shakti Department.
- 16 **Evolved Grievances Redressal System** for timely disposal of student's grievances through concerned University offices. Consequently, BGSBU has the distinction of showing "Nil" or minimum pendency on most of Grievance Portals.
- 17 Released long pending Hardship allowance to the employees
- 18 **Delegation of financial powers** up to Rs 25,000 to Registrar and Controller of Examinations.
- 19 Delegated the **financial autonomy to the tune of Rs. 20,000/- to all the Principal Investigators** of Extramural research projects to ensure its smooth functioning.
- 20 The University has advertised the **positions of regular Registrar, Controller of Examination** and Medical Officer of the University.
- 21 Created **'Recruitment Cell'** for facilitating the expeditious recruitment process for various vacant positions
- 22 The University has initiated the process of conducting **'Regular Administrative Audit'** to streamline the Administrative expediency.

## B. Academic Achievements

Academic progression is the soul of any educational institution. We, in BGSBU, are comprehensively concentrating to make significant enhancement in our academic profile and a brief glimpse of the same is given below. These new academic initiatives are largely based on Academic Principle, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Students Centric Initiatives, External Internships as part of the Experiential Learning, Continues Formative Evaluation and merit-cum-means Scholarships.

### 1. Extramural Research Projects sanctioned by various national and international R&D agencies.

During the last one year the university has got 21 Extramural Projects worth Rs.5.27 crores which is a significant achievement by any University of BGSBU magnitude. It is noteworthy that the BGSBU University is the only institution amongst all the J&K institutions to have been sanctioned the prestigious FIST Grant by the Department of Science & technology, Govt. of India. Also, BGSBU is the only non-clinical institution to have been sanctioned a Network Mission Project on 'Paediatrics Rare Disorders' where the institution's own share of grant is to the tune of 1.11 crores.

### 2. Total number of Publications in high impact factor journals/Books/Chapter in books.

The academic worth of any academic institution is gauged by the number of publications in reputed journals. It is a matter of pride that the faculty of BGSBU has published a total of 429 research papers in high impact factor journals, often as high as 17 impact factor including, 03 Books and 14 Book Chapters.

### 3. Total number of Webinars/ Workshops/FDPs

BGSBU has the unique distinction of organising a maximum number of webinars to the tune of 110 encompassing various disciplines of Sciences, Social-Sciences, Arts, Languages and Engineering inviting eminent speakers from all over the globe. This has given a wider visibility of the institution all across the country and abroad. In addition, the University has conducted 8 Workshops and 5 FDPs on a hybrid mode.

#### **4. University Ranking**

The University has been consistently competing in various Ranking Assessment Agencies such as NIRF, QS Ranking, Times group Ranking, India today Ranking, UniRank group Ranking etc. BGSBU has achieved **35th rank in India Today** Ranking and **3rd rank in UniRank** amongst all J&K institutions.

#### **5. Strict adherence to academic calendar despite Covid-19 pandemic**

BGSBU, despite repeated pandemic interruptions resulting in either partial or often complete shutdown of the institution for an extended period, has been able to follow its academic calendar with precision and regularity.

#### **6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other prestigious institutions for collaborative research programmes**

The University has been making consistent efforts to enter into MoUs with different Universities/ Institutes and Research Centres. Recently, the University has signed MOU with **CISR, IIM Jammu, India -Japan Cooperative science programme DST, SKAUST-Kashmir and Central University Punjab** for collaborative research programmes.

7. Total **'Online Student's Feedback'** has been put in place.

8. The University has initiated the process of conducting **Regular Academic Audit** to assess the academic performance of each teaching faculty.

## C. Awards and Distinctions

1. Conferment of prestigious Young Scientist Award by Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi conferred on Dr. Asgher Mughal, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany.
2. UT level Tribal Award conferred by the Department of Tribal Affairs, J&K to Dr. Anjum Awan , Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Studies for his seminal contribution in Gojri literature.
3. Prestigious IBRO Early Career Award conferred by international Brain Research Organisation Paris on Dr. Amir Raja, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology.

## D. Fee Reduction

1. Historic step initiated by BGSBU to slash the fee to the tune of 50% in most of the academic programmes in order to make education more affordable and also accessible to all particularly those belonging to weaker sections of the society.
2. As an initiative for women empowerment, the University has granted 50% tuition fee waiver for top two girls rank holders based on the admission merit list in all the postgraduate programmes. As a result of this initiative, about 40 girls during each academic session shall be benefited.
3. Granted 50% tuition fee waiver to all its Class-IV employees wards admitted in BGSBU to facilitate the fulfilment of education ambitions of financially weaker section.

## **E. Increase in gross student enrollment.**

### **Substantial increase in gross student Enrolment in almost all academic programmes particularly that of the University Polytechnic:**

It is a happy augury that following a drastic reduction in fee, there was considerable increase in the student enrolment which resulted in the increase of the University exchequer to allay all fears of possible income loss due to considerable fee reduction. It is worth mentioning that in University Polytechnic, the number rose from a meagre 28 to 125.

## **F. Establishment of Centre for Gojri, Pahari and Kashmiri languages**

### **Establishment of Centre for Gojri, Pahari and Kashmiri languages as measure to conserve and promote the growth and the development of native regional languages.**

The University has recently established this Centre and has already submitted a comprehensive proposal to the Department of Tribal Affairs for the sanction of one Professor chair and other infrastructure facilities to facilitate the in-depth research in order to foster the growth of regional languages which, of late, are showing a dying trend.

## **G. Decentralization initiatives in compliance to the guidelines of NEP-2020**

University has taken the initiative to decentralize and delegate more powers to the respective Deans and the HoDs in order to carry out independently various important activities such as the conduct of examinations, recruitment process of contractual teaching faculties and holding of their own respective entrance tests for admissions to various PG as well as research programmes.

## H. Refurbishing of Training and Placement Cell

Placement is an important hallmark to assess the academic excellence of an institution. University is making concerted efforts to hire the services of competent professionals to boost the placement drive of the institution. Recently, 11 of our students have been recruited by a single recruitment agency with reasonably good pay package. As a matter of pride, the **University achieved 100% placement for the 1st batch of B.Sc. Nursing students**

## I. Augmentation of Sports facilities / Activities

### 1. Establishment of Fitness and Yoga Centre for girl students

Recently, the University has established Yoga Centre for girls and has augmented the infrastructure of the existing Fitness Centre such as providing motorized treadmills, provisions of new indoor facilities such as Table Tennis, Chess, Carom etc.

### 2. Promotion of Sports Activities

The University has been encouraging the regular sports activities such as Inter and Intra Hostel tournaments in various games such as cricket, football, volleyball, badminton etc, participation in inter-University events. Recently, our Volleyball team participated in inter University tournament at Kurukshetra University. The sportsmen are provided regular Sports Kits and the Captains are provided with University blazers.

### 3. Establishment of dedicated Children Park with all its amenities

There was long felt need to have the Children park / Playground for the children of the staff which so far was woefully lacking. The University has, therefore, established a well-equipped Children Park with all its amenities to provide this much needed playground for the children.

## J. Celebration of National Days and Multi Religious Festivals

The university celebrated all the important National Days such as Independence Day, Republic day, Constitution Day, Voters day and religious festivals such as Diwali, Holi, Lohri, Eid, Christmas and other regional and national festivals with gaiety and fervour to instil the feeling of Nationalism and religious brotherhood. On the occasion of Independence Day, republic day and Diwali different building of the University including the residence of the Vice Chancellor was illuminated with multi coloured lights.

## K. Cultural Activities.

1. Students of B.Sc. Nursing participated and bagged 3rd prize in the National Anthem singing competition organised by the District administration Rajouri.
2. On the occasion of Republic Day celebrations, the University organised an online singing competition in which more then 20 students participated.
3. The University organised a symposium on Atam Nirbhar Bharat. 30 students of various departments of the University participated in the symposium.
4. The University celebrated 'Foundation Day' on 15th December which was followed by a Mushaira in the evening.
5. The University organised a multi lingual cultural programme in collaboration with Department of Tourism and District Administration Rajouri.

## L. Green Campus Initiatives

The University has been taking green campus initiatives by keeping the Campus polythene free, undertaking extensive planation drive and using battery operated vehicles for the transport of students within the campus to minimize carbon footprint



#### M. Augmentation of activities under Swatch Bharat Abhyan and NSS

In keeping with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's favourite Swatch Bharat Abhyan (SBA) and the social service scheme rendered by NSS volunteers, the University carries out regular social activities towards the attainment of national policies.

#### N. Health Initiatives

The University has a Health Centre which offers 24 hours medical care and facilities to its students and staff and even to the people of neighbouring areas. In order to further strengthen the existing facilities, the University has made an **allocation of Rs.50,000** on recurring basis for the procurement off all essential and life saving medicines. Efforts are also on to procure the Auto Analysers for the instant testing for various health parameters such as **CBC, RFT, LFT and TROP-I testing etc.**

#### O. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

**Gala celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by organising large number of events to commemorate the above event:**

In keeping with the clarion call of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the University has organised nearly 120 events of the different nature and varied themes to commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. A compendium based on the above events has been presented to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### P. Close Liaison with District Administration and Armed Force Personnel

The University has maintained close ties with the Civil Administration and the military establishment to establish close coordination in administrative matters. The University thankfully puts on record the assistance extended by the GOC Palma Anti Insurgency Force for developing a football ground to facilitate the sports activity for the students of BGSBU in addition to providing a state-of-the-art gadget for the Gymnasium facility for BGSBU students.



## **Q. Preparation of a perspective 15-years vision document**

The University has envisaged the preparation of BGSBU -15 years vision document with the participation of various segments of the society to impart inclusiveness and amalgamation of ideas from all stake holders to build-up trust and a sense of ownership of the proposed vision document. In this regard, the University has already sought valuable suggestion/inputs from all the esteemed members of the Civil Society particularly of those from Rajouri and Poonch region to be the part of this proposed vision document.

*BGSB University, over the years, has emerged as popular academic destination for the students of J&K and created its own distinctive niche for academic pursuits in this hinterland. After achieving many milestones in recent years, it now looks forward to sustained future development to occupy the coveted position amongst the national Institutions in general and those of J&K Institutions in particular.*



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