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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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Minutes of grievance meeting held between members of grievance committee, Department of Environmental Science and PG Students of II and IV Semesters on 18/04/2025 under the chairmanship of Coordinator, Dr. Sami Ullah Bhat.

Participants: Members of the Departmental Grievance Committee and PG Students (II and IV Semesters)

Agenda: To receive feedback, suggestions, and grievances from PG students of Environmental Science (II and IV semesters) regarding academic matters and related issues.

Proceedings: As per established practice, the meeting was convened to engage with students and understand any issues or grievances they wished to raise. Students were encouraged to freely and openly express their genuine concerns in a cordial and supportive environment under the chairmanship of the Coordinator. During the course of the discussion, the following feedback, suggestions, and grievances were presented. The Departmental Grievance Committee's responses and actions taken are also recorded alongside each point.

S.No.	Grievance/observations	Action Taken
1	Dedication of Semester-IV exclusively to project work; removal of theory papers.	The Chairman informed students that the matter has been previously discussed in departmental meetings. The department is seriously considering the suggestion and plans to present it before the Board of Studies (BORS) during the next syllabus revision meeting.
2	Installation of smart boards for interactive teaching, as available in other departments.	Students were informed that the procurement process for smart boards is ongoing. The Chairman expressed optimism that the University would provide smart boards within a week. The committee recognized this as a longstanding student demand and assured efforts to establish smart classrooms in the department.
3	Concern over additional charges for Ecological Tours.	Students were briefed that, due to the University withdrawing funding for the Ecological Tour component of the syllabus, students are currently required to bear the associated costs. The Chairman assured that the department would take up the issue with the concerned authorities to seek funding support and reduce the financial burden on students.
4	Completion of the syllabus before examinations.	The committee explained the (Lecture-Tutorial-Practical) structure and assured students that additional resource persons would be engaged to ensure timely syllabus completion before exams.



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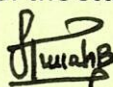
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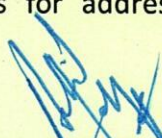
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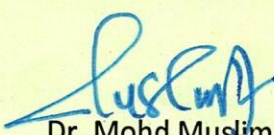
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5	Concerns about maintaining a CGPA of 9 in comparison with other departments.	Students were apprised that grading and marks allocation are strictly based on academic performance and internal assessments, ensuring a fair and transparent evaluation system.
6	Mental health support for students.	It was agreed that the department would introduce a regular schedule of mentor-mentee meetings. Additionally, counseling sessions focusing on mental health, academic stress, and examination preparedness will be organized.
7	Provision of 10-minute breaks between consecutive classes.	Students were informed that this concern has already been addressed, and 10-minute breaks have been incorporated into the revised timetables for Semester II and Semester IV.
8	Managing stress and anxiety related to studies and examinations.	It was decided to organize "zero-hour" sessions, providing students an opportunity for informal discussions, peer interaction, and stress-relieving activities, in collaboration with mentors and seniors.
9	Extension of Departmental Library hours beyond official timings.	The committee discussed the request and agreed that, based on student interest, the department would consider opening the library earlier in the morning.

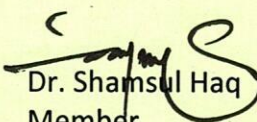
The meeting closed with a positive note that the Department will try its best to take all possible necessary steps and measures for addressing the concerns and genuine grievances of the students.


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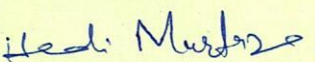

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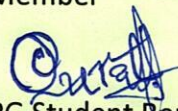

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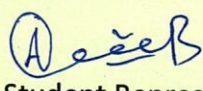

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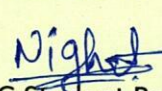

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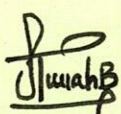

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