
E-GOVERNANCE POLICY

Connecting Bodoland University Digitally

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E-Governance at Bodoland University: The advent of Information and Communication Technology has been instrumental in revolutionizing the concept of e-governance. This mechanism has not only increased efficiency but has also broadened the scope of governance by converging easy accessibility with effectiveness. Bodoland University has tapped in the potentials of e-governance to augur its seamless benefit to all stakeholders including the colleges affiliated to the University. E-governance at Bodoland University was initiated from the moment of its inception and is now fully operational. It has also contributed to better administrative connectivity to various units like Library, Medical facility, and the academic departments. The university strives to incorporate more aspects of governance in coming days. National Informatic Center (NIC) is the support provider for e-governance of the University.

(Triple E's of E-Governance): Economic, Eco-Friendly, Easily Accessible

Economic: E-governance is an economic way of governance as it replaces the traditional method of storing information in a cost-effective way by reducing the need of physical space and maintenance cost. The use of bio-metric devices aids in ensuring regular attendance of employees and other stakeholders of the university. The university also plans to introduce digital attendance for the students.

Eco-Friendly: By making governance digital the university contributes to the saving of papers. As a result of digital functioning there is a reduction in wastage, thereby making it environment friendly.

Easily Accessible: E-governance has been proved to be the best governance during the pandemic. At a time when travel restrictions were normal, e-governance helped in the smooth functioning of the university without any major constraints. Various university related works like Admission, form fill-ups, payments, etc were powered by it and were easily accessible to students. They did not have to travel to the university to get their works done but it was made available to them at a click away owing to the adoption of e-governance by Bodoland University.

Performatives of E-Governance:

- a. **Students:** E-governance proves to be student friendly as they do not have to stand in long queues in banks, offices, payment counters, etc for admission, examination related works or acquiring marksheets and relevant certificates. Such a process also helped avoiding long rush hours without having to physically move from one place to other. Taking into consideration the welfare of the students, the university extended the idea of e-

governance to almost all the sectors related to students by opening individual student accounts so that they can upload their documents and relevant information which are verifiable online. Provisions are also made for students' feedback which can be submitted online without any hassle.

- b. **Teachers:** E-governance has also been introduced with regard to teaching in the university. Not only did it help in conducting classes and holding examinations online during the pandemic, e-governance continues to be a major aspect in teaching even after the lockdown was lifted eventually and classes got resumed normally. Digital blackboards are introduced in each department to help teachers teach using the power of technology. Also Head of the Department's accounts were opened so that the HOD's office can verify students' accounts online without having to physically skim through loads of documents.
- c. **Administrators:** E-governance has also been introduced to various aspects of administration in the university. In fact the whole mechanism of the university is managed through the power of e-governance. This reliance on e-governance has contributed to maintaining better transparency in administration. For instance, notices, circulars, tenders, etc are all updated through the university website which is evidence of the fact that it is management friendly, aids in better organisation and help in getting things done on time. Again, students' and teachers' feedback are collected online, meetings being conducted virtually and interviews being held online under certain circumstances are other similar examples of using e-governance in the administration of the university.
- d. **Researchers:** E-governance also helps research scholars in conducting research and contribute towards the production of knowledge in an easy manner. The university library hosts a number of reputed e-journals which help the research scholars immensely in their pursuit of scholarship. The lending out of the books are also monitored electronically in the library. Other facilities like applying library cards, Identity cards are all handled online by the Bodoland University central library. The university looks forward to introduce digital libraries which will be accessible online in the near future.
- e. **Employers:** The use of e-governance is also aimed at connecting students to their potential employers after the successful completion of earning their respective university

degrees. As a result, the data of qualified students are updated and compiled in an attempt to make them available to employers who are interested in hiring passed out students from the university. Thus, e-governance is used to initiate the hiring process and generate employment opportunities in the university. Although campus recruitment is yet to begin in an extensive way, nevertheless attempt is made by the university to make campus recruitment operational through e-governance.