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**OF THE**  
**PLANNING BOARD**

HELD ON  
2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022 AT 12.00 NOON  
IN THE PREMENDRA MOHAN GOSWAMI  
SHABHA KAKSHA OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
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The following members were present :

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor : Chairman
2. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, Pro-Vice Chancellor i/c, AUDC : Member
3. Prof. Bela Das, Dean, School of Languages & Cultural Studies : Member
4. Prof. Jayashree Rout, Dean, School of Environmental Sciences : Member
5. Prof. Sarbani Giri, Dean, School of Life Sciences : Member
6. Prof. Sajal Nag, Dean, School of Social Sciences : Member
7. Prof. G. P. Pandey, Dean, School of Creative Arts & Comm. Studies : Member
8. Prof. A. Nataraju, Dean, School of Philosophical Studies : Member
9. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies : Member
10. Prof. Geetika Bagchi, Dean, School of Educational Studies : Member
11. Prof. Supratim Ray, Dean, School of Medical & Paramedical Sciences: Member
12. Prof. Nagendra Pandey, Dean, School of Earth Sciences : Member
13. Prof. R. R. Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member
14. Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Dean, School of Library Sciences : Member
15. Prof. C. R. Bhattacharjee, Dean of Physical Sciences : Member
16. Dr. Bibhash Deb, Principal, G. C. College, Silchar : Member
17. Dr. S. S. Nath, Principal, Cachar College, Silchar : Member
18. Dr. R. Chakrabroty, Principal, Karimganj College, Karimganj : Member
19. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c : Permanent Invitee
20. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC : Special Invitee
21. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, Registrar : Ex-officio Secretary

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At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Board welcomed all the members of the Planning Board for attending the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed the members who have attended the meeting for the first time as Dean of Schools. Further, it was noticed that there has been some error in serial number of agenda (No. 5 was not mentioned), which has been corrected accordingly in the minutes (i.e, in the minutes serial 6 will be corrected as serial 5).

Thereafter following agenda items were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

**Item No. 1 : Confirmation of Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Planning Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 :**

**PB:21:05-22:1** : Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 were distributed to the members for perusal and the minutes as placed may be considered for confirmation.

**Resolution** : The members of the Board perused the resolutions taken in the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Board and after detail discussion on the same the Board confirmed the minutes.

**Item No. 2 : Reviewing of current academic programmes offered by the University :**

**PB:21:05-22:2 :**

Sl No.	Name of the School	Sl No.	Name of the Department	Name of the Course	Name of the Centre under the Dept.
1.	Rabindranath Tagore School of Indian Languages & Cultural Studies	1.	Department of Linguistics	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		2.	Department of Bengali	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. D.Litt.	Centre for Endangered Language, Manuscriptology & Folkloristics
		3.	Department of Indian Comparative Literature	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D, D.Litt.	
		4.	Department of Hindi	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		5.	Department of Hindi (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		6.	Department of Manipuri	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D, D.Litt.	
		7.	Department of Sanskrit	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. D.Litt.	
		8.	Department of Urdu	M. A.	
		9.	Department of Assamese (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
2.	Suniti Kumar Chattopadhyay School of English & Foreign Languages Studies	10.	Department of English	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. D.Litt.	
		11.	Department of English (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		12.	Department of Arabic	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. D.Litt.	

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		13.	Department of French	M. A., Certificate & Diploma Course, Ph. D.	
3.	Mahatma Gandhi School of Economics & Commerce	14.	Department of Economics	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		15.	Department of Commerce	M. Com., M. Phil. & Ph. D., PGDMM	
		16.	Department of Commerce (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. PGDEI	
4.	Jadunath Sarkar School of Social Sciences	17.	Department of Political Science	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		18.	Department of Political Science (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		19.	Department of History	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		20.	Department of History (Diphu Campus)	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	Centre for Tribal Studies
		21.	Department of Sociology	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D. D.Litt.	
		22.	Department of Social Work	M. S.W., Ph. D. & D.Litt.	
		23.	Department of Anthropology (Diphu Campus)	M. A./M.Sc M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
5.	Abanindranath Tagore School of Creative Arts & Communication Studies	24.	Department of Mass Communication	M. A., M. Phil. Ph. D. & D.Litt.	
		25.	Department of Visual Arts	B.V.A., M.V.A. & Ph D.	
		26.	Department of Performing Arts	BPA	
6.	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan School of Philosophical Studies	27.	Department of Philosophy	M. A., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
7.	Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay School of Educational Sciences	28.	Department of Education	M.A., M. Ed., B.Sc. B.Ed., M. Phil. & Ph. D., D.Litt., PGDEPM	Centre for Educational Planning and Management
8.	Albert Einstein School of Physical Sciences	29.	Department of Physics	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		30.	Department of Physics (Diphu Campus)	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.,	
		31.	Department of Chemistry	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	Centre for Soft Matter
		32.	Department of Mathematics	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		33.	Department of Statistics	M. A./ M. Sc. & Ph. D.	
		34.	Department of Computer Science	M. Sc. (Integrated), M. Sc., M. Tech. M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
9.	Hargobind Khurana School of Life Sciences	35.	Department of Life Science & Bio-informatics	M. Sc., PGDBI, M. Phil. & Ph. D. D. Sc.	Centre for Bio-informatics
		36.	Department of Life Science & Bio-informatics (Diphu Campus)	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		37.	Department of Microbiology	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		38.	Department of Biotechnology	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D., D.Sc.	
10.	Jawaharlal Nehru School of Management	39.	Department of Business Administration	MBA, & Ph. D.	

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	Studies	40.	Department of Hospitality & Tourism	MBA	
11.	E.P. Odum School of Environmental Sciences	41.	Department of Ecology and Environmental Science	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D. PGDBC	Centre for Studies in Bio-Diversity and Natural Resource Conservation
12.	Triguna Sen School of Technology	42.	Department of Agricultural Engineering	B. Tech, M. Tech. & Ph. D.	
		43.	Department of Computer Science & Engineering	B. Tech, M. Tech. & Ph. D.	
		44.	Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering	B. Tech, M. Tech. & Ph. D.	
		45.	Department of Applied Science and Humanities	Introductory course for B.Tech.	
13.	Sushruta School of Medical and Paramedical Sciences	46.	Department of Pharmaceutical Science	B. Pharm.	
14.	Aryabhatta School of Earth Sciences	47.	Department of Earth Science	M. Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
		48.	Department of Geography (Diphu Campus)	M.A./ M. Sc.	
15.	Swami Vivekananda School of Library Sciences	49.	Department of Library and Information Science	M.Lib. I.Sc., M. Phil. & Ph. D.	
16.	Deshabandhu Chitta Ranjan School of Legal Studies	50.	Department of Law	B.A. LL.B (Hons.), LL.M & Ph. D.	

**Following independent Centre/Courses running in the University :**

- (i) Computer Centre : Course - PGDIT (Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology)
- (ii) Centre for Studies in Human Development.
- (iii) Bachelor of Vocational (B.Voc) Degree : (a) Food Processing & (b) Farm Machinery & Power Technology under SOT.

The matter was placed before the Board for perusal and for consideration of review of the same, if any.

**Resolution :** The members discussed in detail on the academic programmes offered by the University and observed little corrections in respect to adding D.Litt. in Sl. No. 4, 5, 11 & 50 and Ph.D. in Sl. No. 48. Also, regarding courses under Self Finance scheme the Board observed to add all Self Financing Courses of the University in the lot with the observation that the concrete policy to be framed on detail of the courses and the fees structure applicable. The Board was in the opinion that all matters to be referred to the Committee to be reconstituted alongwith representation from AUDC and report to be submitted to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

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**Item No. 3 : Intake capacity, diversity of students and students facilities :**

**PB:21:05-22:3 :** There are challenges for number of intake, diversity of students (out of state & out of country) and appropriate facilities to the students of the University for which number of steps required to be taken in respect to permanent infrastructure for boarding of students, transportation to and from University, providing of sufficient water and electricity, medical facilities, canteen etc. The facilities by the University towards the students considered not upto the mark and as such more funding is required to proceed further.

The matter was placed before the Board for perusal and for consideration and to suggest appropriate course of action to be initiated by the University.

**Resolution :** The members discussed in detail on the issue and it was observed that the last sentence of the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph required to be modified whereas it is required to explore more facilities to be provided to the students specially for the ramps, toilets etc. for differently challenged students.

**Item No. 4 : Proposal for starting of new Departments/ Centres/Courses :**

**PB:21:05-22:4 :** The 91<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council vide resolution No. AC:91:04-22:34 and the 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Council vide resolution No. EC:148:04-22:23-34 has recommended for starting of new Departments and Centres at Assam University Diphu Campus subject to consent from the concerned Ministry/UGC. The new departments as proposed for AUDC are :

- (i) Department of Education Science
- (ii) Department of Business Economics
- (iii) Department of Mass Communication
- (iv) Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management

Also the Department of Ecology & Environmental Science added later by the EC.

Opening of Centres as proposed :

- (i) Centre for Northeast Studies
- (ii) Centre for Entrepreneurship Development

The matter was placed before the Board for perusal and for consideration.

Addition if required :

- 1) Department of Civil Engineering
- 2) Department of Mechanical Engineering
- 3) Department of Electrical Engineering
- 4) Department of Para Medical Sciences

**Resolution :** The members had detail discussion for starting of new Departments/ Centres/Courses as proposed in 91<sup>st</sup> AC and 148<sup>th</sup> EC where as it was recommended for starting of Departments/Centres/Courses with consent from the concerned

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Ministry/UGC. However, the Planning Board on summery of the discussion it was resolved that the entire matter be referred to Director, IQAC for their views with reference to the Vision documents of the University and the same shall be reported back to the Vice Chancellor at the earliest.

### **Item No. 5 : Improvement in academic/teaching learning infrastructure**

**PB:21:05-22:5** : The University has taken steps for developing new teaching learning process which are combination of lectures, tutorials, seminars, demonstrations and self studies etc. The University installed and commissioned Interactive Panel Devices for Twenty Nine(29) Academic Departments including Two(2) in Diphu Campus, and One in Computer Centre, One in Central Library and another one in Finance branch of Administrative building. Total expenditure thus incurred is Rs.1,84,84,023/-.

However, proposal for providing of same type of devices for all other remaining department is made for consideration. Also all departments are required to be provided with Camera Devices with an approximated cost of Rs.1.7 Lakhs /devices. Further, at least one "High-tech Teaching Learning Enabled Studio classroom" for all the Academic Depts. are necessary for development in academic field.

Most importantly, adequate number of faculties and non-teaching staff are required to be appointed to maintain the teaching-nonteaching ratio prescribed by the UGC.

The matter was placed before the Board for perusal and for consideration.

**Resolution** : The Board agreed to the proposal and approved the same for taking it up with the appropriate Ministry.

### **Item No. 6 : Report on Infrastructure development in Assam University for its Silchar and Diphu Campus:**

**PB:21:05-22:6** :

SI No.	Name of the buildings/ projects Silchar/Diphu Campus	Estimated Cost (Rupees in Crore)	Status	Remarks
1	Construction of KV School building and 9 nos. of staff quarters including all sanitary applications and water supply at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 19.97 cr	100%	Work is completed and the KV has been shifted to the new building
2	Construction of 100 Bedded Boys' Hostel at AU Silchar Campus (Fund- partly UGC and partly HEFA)	Rs 8.00 cr	100%	Work is completed and ready for use
3	Construction of 100 Bedded Girls' Hostel at AU Silchar Campus (Fund- partly UGC and partly HEFA)	Rs 8.00 cr	100%	Work is completed and ready for use
4	Construction of Canteen and Departmental Store at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 1.17 cr	100%	Work is completed and ready for use
5	Construction of Vertical Extension of Non-teaching Staff Quarters at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 1.40 cr	100%	Work is completed and quarters are allotted

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6	Construction of Vertical Extension of Education Building (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 4.51 cr	100%	Work is completed and Department has taken over the building
7	Construction of Pharmaceutical Science building (Wing-A) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 9.00 cr	70%	Work is going on and expected to be completed by May, 2022
8	Construction of RCC structured Examination Building at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 10.85 cr	65%	Work is going on and expected to be completed by December, 2022
9	Construction of Horizontal and Vertical Extension of Computer Centre at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 1.71 cr	35%	Work is in progress and expected to be completed by March, 2023
10	Construction of Central Animal House at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 0.37 cr	100%	Completed and handed over to the Departments
11	Construction of Girls' Hostel-5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 6.11 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
12	Construction of Boys' Hostel-4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 5.61 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
13	Construction of Multipurpose Academic Building (Vertical Extension over Economics Building) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 8.43 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
14	Construction of Multipurpose Academic Building (Vertical Extension over Electronics Building) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 5.20 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
15	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Innovation Hub and vertical extension of International Guest House at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 25.00 cr	In planning stage	DPR will be submitted to Govt. of Assam for funding
16	Construction of 100 bedded Boys' Hostel (G+2) at AU Diphu Campus	Rs 9.00 cr	75%	Work is in progress and expected to be completed by June, 2022
17	Construction of 100 bedded Girls' Hostel (G+2) at AU Diphu Campus	Rs 8.41 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
18	Construction of Laboratory building at AU Diphu Campus	Rs 3.00 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
19	Construction of Multipurpose Academic Building (Vertical Extension over Life Science & Physics Building) at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 6.00 cr	A/A issued	Work will be started soon
	<b>Water supply, electricity, road, renovation and solar related works:</b>			
20	Construction of Tube well near Hostels including iron removal filter, UG storage tank, motor shed and connection to Hostels separately from motor	Rs 0.35 cr	100%	Work is completed and services are being rendered
21	Construction of Tube well near Lecturer quarter and repairing of Tube well near Professor quarter including construction of iron removal filter and UG storage tank, motor shed and connection to quarters from motor	Rs 0.23 cr	100%	Work is completed and services are being rendered
22	Renovation and renewing of water supply pipe line for residential complex of AU Silchar Campus	Rs 0.21 cr	100%	Work is completed and services are being rendered



23	Installation & Commissioning of 100 kW Solar PV Power Plant at AU Silchar Campus		100%	Project is implemented by SECI. Work is completed and services are being rendered
24	Renovation and Dynarroofing of International Guest House at AU Silchar Campus	Rs 0.79 cr	100%	Work is completed
25	Chain link fencing at Sports Complex of Assam University Silchar	Rs 0.12 cr	100%	Work is completed
26	Supplying, Installation, testing and commissioning of 10 passenger lift for Administrative building	Rs 0.36 cr	100%	Work is completed and services are being rendered
27	Repairing and renovation of approach road from main road towards all teaching and non-teaching staff quarters including repairing of existing drain & construction of new drain with brick at Assam University Campus Silchar	Rs 1.55 cr	20%	Work is in progress and expected to be completed by May, 2022

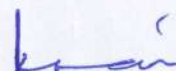
**Resolution :** The Board perused and noted the report on infrastructure development in Assam University.

**Item No. 7 : Report from Director i/c, College Development Council, AUS :**

**PB:21:05-22:7 :** The Director i/c, College Development Council has reported the following progress in Colleges affiliated with Assam University during the year 2020 and 2022 :

- a) 2 New Govt. Model Degree Colleges, one at Borkhola and another at SultaniCherra started functioning under the affiliation of Assam University.
- b) 2 District Institute of Education and Training, one at Kalachand, Dima Hasao and another at Diphu started 2 year B.Ed Course under affiliation of Assam University.
- c) Bachelor of Science stream introduced in 2 Colleges, viz. Eastern Karbi Anglong College and Patherkandi College.
- d) Proposal of starting one new Degree College at Dholai, is under process. The permission from DHE, Govt. of Assam is yet to be received.
- e) Proposal of S.P.M. College for starting of 4 year B.A. B.Ed programme under composite college scheme is under process. The permission from DHE, Govt. of Assam is yet to be received.
- f) Opening of Bachelor of Science stream in S. V. College Chandkheera, and Maibong Degree College still pending due to non-appointment of faculty members.
- g) Proposal of opening of new streams/ introduction of new subjects at KNB College, Srigouri and R.G .Degree College are under process. The permission from DHE, Govt. of Assam is yet to be received.

The same was reported for perusal by the Board.



**Resolution :** The Board perused and noted the report.

**Item No. 8 : Opening of new Centres at Assam University, Silchar :**

**PB:21:05-22:8 :** The University has initiated for opening/starting of following Centres and signing of MoU in this regard wherever applicable is in progress. The detail was delivered in the meeting for consideration by the Board.

- 1) Centre for DACE (Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence)
- 2) Centre for promotion of Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS)
- 3) Centre for Media Dynamics.
- 4) Dr. Ambedkar Chair

**Resolution :** The Registrar put forward the details about the above projects Board noted the same. On hearing the details the Board noted the same.

**Item No. 9 : Planning and monitoring the programmes of the University :**

**PB:21:05-22:9 :** As per Assam University Act the Planning Board may constitute Committees as felt necessary for Planning and monitoring the programmes of the University and accordingly to maintain the provision of the Clause 16 (8) of AU Act, suggestion sought from the Board in this regard for necessary guidance. The matter was placed before the Board for consideration.

**Resolution :** After threadbare discussion on the issue the Board decided that the Vice Chancellor may be authorized to re-constitute the Committee for Planning and monitoring the programmes of the University.

**Item No. 10 : Item form the Chair :**

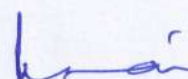
**PB:21:05-22:10 : Matter related to MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Assam University :**

The Chairman placed before the Board the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Assam University for revisit the same.

**Resolution :** After detail discussion the Board decided to set up a Committee with the following members to look into the MoU with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and suggest future course of action.

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| (i)   | Prof. Geetika Bagchi          | : Chairperson |
| (ii)  | Prof. R. R. Mishra            | : Member      |
| (iii) | Mr. Jayanta Bhattacharjee     | : Member      |
| (iv)  | Assistant Registrar (Finance) | : Member      |
| (v)   | Nodal Officer (K.V.)          | : Convenor    |

The Committee shall submit its report to the Vice Chancellor at the earliest.



**Item No. 11 : Any other matter with permission from the Chair.**

**PB:21:05-22:11.1 : Total tuition fee waiver for socially and economically deprived students :**

**Resolution :** The Board decided to refer the matter to Admission Committee of the University.

**PB:21:05-22:11.2 : Proposal for setting up Wing - B of Pharmaceutical Science building.**

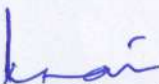
**Resolution :** The Board advised the University authority to forward the matter to the concerned Ministry.

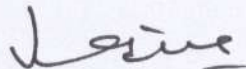
**PB:21:05-22:11.3 : Proposal for setting up of Govt. E-office :**

The Director, i/c, College Development Council has apprised the Board about steps taken for E-office for consideration.

**Resolution :** The Board accepted the proposal in principle. The Board advised that views of outside experts shall be obtained in this regard. The Board decided to constitute a Committee with Director i/c, CDC as Chairperson of the Committee to look into the matter.

There being no other item to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

  
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 Ex-officio-Secretary  
 Planning Board  
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 Vice Chancellor & Chairman  
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