



# MINUTES

OF

## 166<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON

22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 11.30 AM

IN THE HEMANGA BISWAS COMMITTEE ROOM  
OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT

### ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF  
PARLIAMENT)

### SILCHAR



# Assam University, Silchar

**Minutes of 166<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Emergent)) of the Executive Council  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 11.30 A.M. in the Hemanga Biswas  
Committee Room of the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat,  
Assam University, Silchar.**

**The following Members were present :**

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, **Vice-Chancellor** : Chairman
2. Prof. Alok Sen, Dean, School of Economics & Commerce : Member
3. Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mishra, Dean, School of Legal Studies : Member
4. Prof. Parthankar Choudhury, Dean, School of Environmental Sc. : Member
5. Prof. Asoke K Sen, Senior most Professor : Member
6. Dr. Narendra T., Senior most Associate Professor : Member
7. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, **Registrar** : Ex-officio Secretary

**Members participated through online in the meeting :**

1. Prof. Sivasish Biswas, **Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC** : Member
2. Dr. Sarat C. Kakaty, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
3. Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
4. Prof. Baby Pushpa Sinha, Dean of English & Foreign Lang. Studies : Member

**Members absent :**

1. Prof. Krishna Pal Singh, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
2. Prof. Kashi Nath Jena, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
3. Dr. Anil Ch. Das, Principal, Eastern Karbi Anglong College, Sarihajan: Member
4. Mr. Atiqur Rahman, Principal, Nilambazar College, Nilambazar : Member
5. Mr. B. S. Kar, Principal, A. L. Choudhury College, Algapur : Member
6. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC, : Special Invitee
7. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c. : Permanent Invitee

*K. N. Jena*

At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting and also participating online.

Thereafter the meeting formally started and following agenda item was taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

**(A) Agenda item for approval by the Executive Council:**

**Item No 1: Nomination of personality to be offered Honoris Causa in the forthcoming Convocation of the University:**

**EC:166:04-24:01 :** The Chairman cum the Vice Chancellor placed the issue of Selection of personality to be offered Honoris Causa (Ph. D.) in the forthcoming Convocation of the University.

**Resolution:** After a detail discussion, the members agreed to nominate Sri Kabindra Purkayastha, Sri Rongbong Terang and Sri Diganta Biswa Sarma for offering Honoris Causa (Ph.D.) in the forthcoming Convocation of the University. Detail of the nominated personalities as resolved in the meeting, are as follows:

**1. Sri Kabindra Purkayastha**

A Brief Biography of Sri Kabindra Purkayastha

Sri Kabindra Purkayastha is a well known Social Worker and Politician. He was born on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1931 in Kamarkhal, Sylhet district (now in Bangladesh). Presently he is a resident of Silchar in Cachar district of Assam. He started his career as a teacher and gradually turned to active politics.

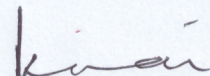
**Education:** M.A., B.T.

**Positions Held**

- 1991 Elected Member to the 10th Lok Sabha of the Indian Parliament
  - Member, Committee on Estimates
  - Member, Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution
  - Member, Committee on Official Language
  - Member, Committee on Human Resource Development
- 1998 Re-elected Member to the 12th Lok Sabha (2nd term) of the Indian Parliament
- 19 Mar. 1998 Union Minister of State for Communications, Government of India
- 2009 Re-elected Member to the 15th Lok Sabha (3rd term) of the Indian Parliament
- 6 Aug. 2009 Member, Committee on Estimates
- 31 Aug. 2009 Member, Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas
  - Member, Committee on Human Resource Development
- 1 May 2010 Member, Committee on Estimates

**Social and Cultural Activities**

Member and advisor of various social organisations serving the society



### **Special Interests**

Educational reforms and development; cooperative movement; literature and language; reading and writing

### **Other Information**

Sri Kabindra Purkayastha is a well-known person of Cachar district of Assam. He is associated with a number of social organisations which contribute to the development of the society on a regular basis and in situations of crisis. Though he is a political leader and a former Union Minister of State, Government of India, Sri Purkayastha is very well-known, and highly respected, as a teacher. His philanthropic approach and his concern for the downtrodden of the society is the hall mark of his personality. He has a proven track record of serving for the betterment of socio-economic condition of the people. He worked hard to extend relief and shelter to the persecuted Hindus coming from the Erstwhile East Pakistan, 1950-51.

As recognition of his selfless service to the society, Assam University, Silchar unanimously proposes to confer on him the Honoris Causa (Ph.D.) in the next Convocation of the University to be held in 2024.

## **2. Sri Rongbong Terang**

A Brief Biography of Sri Rongbong Terang :

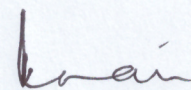
Rongbong Terang is a well known literary figure of Assam. He is an academician, a novelist, a short story writer and a poet. He was born on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1937 in Lumbungdingpi, a village near Mikir Hills (now Bakaliya Ghat) in Karbi Anglong district of Assam. He belongs to a Karbi family. His father's name was Rupsing Terang and his mother's name was Ba-ik Terang.

### **Education:**

He started his primary education at Kaki Lalung Village Primary School. After completing his primary education, he attended Lanka High School and after that he enrolled himself at Nowgong College in Assamese. Rongbong Terang and other students were able to earn the honour of graduating in Assamese subject for the first time from Nowgong College. Sri Terang post-graduated from Gauhati University in Assamese in 1966. He was also recognised as a radio artist in Guwahati Radio Station while studying in Gauhati University.

### **Works:**

Rongbong Terang started his career as a teacher at Lanka High School; he also worked as a teacher in Kaki High School and Diphu Balika Vidyalaya. Then he joined as a Lecturer in Assamese at the Department of Assamese, Diphu Government College and acted as Principal-in-charge from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000 and retired on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2002. Sri Terang was the President of Asam Sahitya Sabha for two terms. Rongbong Terang served the Karbi Sahitya Sabha from 1966 to 1983.



### Literary works:

Rongbong Terang's first published book is *Karbi Lamkur* (1967), Mahatma Gandhi (Translated into Karbi Language, 1969), *Karbi Lamtasam* (A Karbi-English-Assamese Dictionary, 1974), *Karbi Kalkha Akitap* (Numerical book, 1974), *Karbi Sadhu* (1977), *Karbi Axomiya Path* (1981), *Rongmilir Hanhi* (1981), *Karbi Sahitya Sanskritit Abhumuki* (1982), *Srimad Bhagawad Gita* (Translated into Karbi, 1986), *Samanway Prabah* (1989), *Faringor Geet* (1990), *Smritir Papori* (1998), *Neela Orchid* (2001), *Krantikalar Ashru* (2005), *Jak Herowa Pakhi* (2005), *Langsoliator Kukrung* (2007), *Mirbin* (2009). Apart from these, Rongbong Terang's unpublished story collections are *Bakul's Diary*, *Dhunja Khamor Sithikhan*. Rongbong Terang played an important role in the development and preservation of Karbi language and literature by writing various books on diverse subjects like Karbi Introductory Exercises, Karbi Assamese Dictionary etc.

### Award:

He has received several Awards for his literary work. He is a **Padmashree awardee** for his novel *Rangmilir Hanhi* in 1989. He has also received Asam Sahitya Sabha's Bishnu Rabha Award (1982), Asom Prakashan Parishad Award (1983) Assam Valley Literary Award (2008), Asam Sahitya Sabha's Basudev Jalan Award (2008), Mahapurush Madhavdev Award (2008), Su-Ka-Fa Award (2009) etc. Terang was given Lifetime Achievement Award at Pratidin Achiever Award 2021, Lummer Dai Award in 2019. He was conferred with **Honorary D.Litt.** from Cotton University in May 2022.

As recognition of his selfless service to the society, Assam University, Silchar unanimously proposes to confer on him the Honoris Causa (Ph.D.) in the next Convocation of the University to be held in 2024.

### 3. Sri Diganta Biswa Sarma

#### A Brief Biography of Sri Diganta Biswa Sarma

Diganta Biswa Sarma, Professor of Practice, Dibrugarh University, is a **Sahitya Akademy Translation Awardee** and a devotee of Sri Aurobindo. Born into a notable family, he achieved academic excellence in his schooling and higher education, earning accolades and scholarships. Sarma's early leadership roles, such as Magazine Secretary and General Secretary during his student days, reflected his commitment to extracurricular activities. His prowess in debating set him apart, winning prizes at both East Zone and National Inter University Youth Festivals. Despite starting a career as a District Transport Officer, Sarma's profound interest in spirituality and philosophy led him to resign to the job in 2012 to align his life with the teachings of Sri Aurobindo, Sri Ramakrishna, and Swami Vivekananda. As a prolific translator, he has translated significant works into Assamese, earning the **Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize in 2020** for translating Sri Aurobindo's *The Foundations of Indian Culture*. Sri Sarma's public speaking engagements on Spirituality, Indian Culture, Education and Philosophy have garnered recognition, including invitations from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). He has, so far, delivered more than four hundred (400) online and over one hundred fifty (150) offline academic lectures at various academic institutes on issues encompassing spirituality and Indian Knowledge System, besides a few hundred other lectures delivered as speaker invitee at various levels, showcasing his commitment to education.

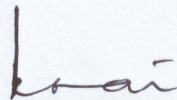
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His involvement at University-level academic initiatives and roles at Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University as Members of the Executive Councils underscores his dedication to academia. At present, he acts as a Member of the General Council & Executive Board of Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. He also acts as the Convener, Assamese Language Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi. The recipient of the Dr. Moidul Islam Bora Literary Award in 2022, Sarma's influence extends beyond Assam, with invitations to speak at various institutions nationwide. His unique blend of academic excellence, literary contributions and spiritual commitment positions him as a prominent figure in Assam's cultural and educational landscape.

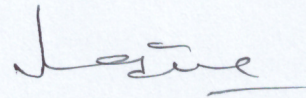
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The University shall forward the above proposal to the Ministry for consent.

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



**(Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath)**  
**Registrar & Ex-officio-Secretary**  
**Executive Council**  
**Assam University, Silchar**



**(Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant)**  
**Vice Chancellor & Chairman**  
**Executive Council**  
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