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ASSAM ACT NO. LVIII OF 2023

(Received the assent of the Governor on 22nd November, 2023)

THE NORTH LAKHIMPUR UNIVERSITY ACT, 2023

AN ACT

to constitute and establish a teaching, research-oriented, affiliating and semi-residential University by upgrading the existing North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) into North Lakhimpur University and to establish an Open and Distance Learning Center under this University.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient to constitute and establish a teaching, research-oriented, affiliating and partially residential University at North Lakhimpur by upgrading the existing North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) into a University having Open and Distance Learning (ODL) facilities and matters connected therewith.

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the North Lakhimpur University Act, 2023.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context-
 - (a) "Affiliated College" means a college affiliated to the University under section 6(iii) and section 53;
 - (b) "Affiliated Institution" means an institution affiliated to the University under section 6(iii) and section 53;
 - (c) "Board of Studies" means a Board of Studies constituted under section 37;
 - (d) "Campus" means a campus of the North Lakhimpur University in different geographical locations;
 - (e) "Court" means the Court constituted under section 25;
 - (f) "Department" means an academic department of the University and designated as such by it with reference to a subject or group of subjects of study in the University;
 - (g) "Executive Council" and "Academic Council" means the Executive Council and the Academic Council constituted under section 28 and section 30, respectively;
 - (h) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;
 - (i) "Finance Committee" means the Finance Committee constituted under section 39;
 - (j) "Governor" means the Governor of the State of Assam;
 - (k) "Graduate" means a degree holder having a bonafide certificate from the University;
 - (l) "Hall" means a unit maintained or recognised by the University in which provision is made for imparting tutorial and supplementary instructions, holding meetings, University functions, convocations, etc.
 - (m) "Hostel" means a unit of residence for the students of the University maintained by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
 - (n) "Librarian" in relation to the University means a Librarian or any other person holding the post of Librarian, appointed or recognised by the University;

- (o) "Post-Graduate Board" and "Under-Graduate Board" means the Post-Graduate Board and Under-Graduate Board constituted under section 33 and section 35 respectively;
- (p) "prescribed" means prescribed by the Statutes, Ordinance, Regulations or rules made thereunder;
- (q) "Principal" means the Head of an affiliated college;
- (r) "Selection Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under section 41;
- (s) "State Government" means the Government of Assam;
- (t) "Statutes", "Ordinances", and "Regulations" mean the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, respectively, of the University made under this Act;
- (u) "Teachers" means Professors, Associate Professors or Assistant Professors of the University;
- (v) "University" means the North Lakhimpur University constituted and established by upgrading the existing North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) into a University under this Act;
- (w) "University Laboratory" means a laboratory maintained or managed by the University, whether established by it or not;
- (x) "University Library" means a library maintained by the University whether instituted by it or not;
- (y) "University Professor", "Associate Professor", or "Assistant Professor" means a Professor, an Associate Professor, or an Assistant Professor for teaching and research in the university.
- Legal Entity of the University 3. (1) The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the members of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The North Lakhimpur University".
- (2) The University shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said name.
- Upgradation of the existing North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) to University 4. From the commencement of this Act, the existing North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) shall be deemed to have been upgraded to North Lakhimpur University. All aspect of teaching and research shall be decided by the University.
- Property of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) to be vested to the University 5. From the date of commencement of this Act, the existing property, land, buildings, and all assets and liabilities of North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) shall be transferred to the North Lakhimpur University.
- Powers of the University 6. The University shall have the following powers, namely:—
- (i) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning, including the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) courses as the University may think

fit and to make provision for research to secure advancement, diffusion and extension of knowledge in all spheres of learning;

- (ii) to establish within the university area or outside that area such field stations and specialised laboratories and such other units for research and instruction as are necessary for the furtherance of each objects;
- (iii) to affiliate with it or admit to any of its privileges or to recognise for any purpose, either in whole or in part, any college or institution or members or student thereof, on such terms and conditions as may, from time to time, be prescribed, and to withdraw such affiliation, privileges or recognitions;
- (iv) to incorporate any Provincialised College of the State as a Constituent College of the University with prior approval of the Government of Assam;
- (v) to organise and undertake extramural teaching and extension education service;
- (vi) to hold examinations, grant and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates or other academic distinctions on persons who-
 - (a) have passed a course of study in the University or in any affiliated college, or
 - (b) are teachers in educational institutions under conditions laid down in the statutes, ordinances and regulations and have passed the examinations of the University under like conditions, or
 - (c) have passed a course of study by correspondence or open and distance mode, whether residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the University or not, or
 - (d) have been registered by the University, subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations as external candidates, being persons residing within the territorial units to which the powers of the University extend;
- (vii) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions;
- (viii) to grant such diplomas and to provide such lectures and instructions for persons not being members of the University, as the University may determine;
- (ix) to deprive or withdraw any degrees, diplomas, certificates or other distinctions granted to or conferred upon by the University for good and sufficient cause;
- (x) to propose to the Government for creation of such teaching, administrative and other posts as the University may deem necessary from time to time and to make appointments thereto after the posts has been created by the Government of Assam, and due approval is accorded for recruitment;
- (xi) to recognize and appoint eminent scholar in their respective fields as "Professor of Practice", "Visiting faculties", "Professor Emeritus";
- (xii) to appoint or recognise persons as Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors or otherwise as teachers of the University only against posts sanctioned by the State Government;
- (xiii) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions and prizes;
- (xiv) to regulate and enforce discipline among students and employees of the University and to take such disciplinary measures in this regard, as may be deemed necessary;

- (xv) to make arrangements to promote the health and general welfare of students of the University;
- (xvi) to determine conditions and make provision to conduct entrance examinations for admission into the University;
- (xvii) to cooperate or collaborate with any other Universities, authorities or associations, or any other public or private body having purposes and objectives similar to those of the University or appoint one or more representatives of the Universities to act upon any such body, authority or association for such purposes, as may be agreed upon, on such terms and conditions, as may be prescribed from time to time;
- (xviii) to enter into a contract or MoU or agreement with any other organization or institution, recognized by the Government of India, Government of Assam and any other state government, for the transfer of knowledge and technology on well-defined terms and conditions to raise funds for the University, for technical collaboration and any other collaboration with due approval of Government of Assam;
- (xix) to enter into any agreement for the incorporation in the University of any other institutions and for taking over its rights, properties and liabilities and for any other purposes not repugnant to this Act with prior approval of the Government of Assam;
- (xx) demand and receive payment of such fees and other charges, as may be prescribed from time to time and to hold, manage and dispose of any movable or immovable, including trust or endowed property within or outside the university area for the purpose or objects of the university and to invest any funds representing such property in such manner, as the University thinks fit;
- (xxi) to purchase a property for furthering the cause and objective of the University;
- (xxii) to maintain bank accounts in the name of the University;
- (xxiii) to receive grants from State and Central Government, University Grants Commission, and any private or central Government agencies, as prescribed in Statutes, Ordinances or Rules;
- (xxiv) to provide for the benefit of its members, such pension or provident fund as the University may deem fit;
- (xxv) to borrow with the approval of the State Government, on the security of university property, money for the purposes of the University;
- (xxvi) to provide for the printing, reproduction and publication of research activities;
- (xxvii) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be required in order to further the objectives of the University.

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| Jurisdiction | 7. | The jurisdiction of North Lakhimpur University shall extend throughout the State of Assam and shall extend to the areas and colleges and research and experimental stations or other institutions and authorities of University and other constituent units of the University which are under the full management and control of the University. |
| University to be open to all | 8. | The University shall be open to everyone regardless of gender, race or creed. It shall not be lawful for the University to adopt or impose on any person any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession to entitle him to be admitted to it as a teacher or as a student or to hold any office therein, or to graduate or to |

enjoy or exercise any particular benefaction accepted by the University, where such test is made a condition thereof by any testamentary or other instrument creating such benefaction.

Officers of the University

9. The following shall be the Officers of the University:-

- (i) The Chancellor;
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) The Registrar;
- (iv) Academic Registrar;
- (v) Controller of Examinations;
- (vi) Deputy Controller of Examinations;
- (vii) The Dean, Student Welfare;
- (viii) Finance Officer; and
- (ix) Such other persons in the service of the University as may be declared by the states to be the officers of the University.

Chancellor

10. (1) The Governor of Assam shall be the Chancellor of the University.
(2) The Chancellor, when present, shall preside over the meeting of the Court and Convocation of the University.

Powers and Duties of the Chancellor

11. (1) The Chancellor shall have the power to cause an inspection, by himself or by such person or persons as he may direct, the properties of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment and Colleges or Institutions or Centres maintained by the University and also of the examinations, teaching and other works conducted or done by the University and to cause an enquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall, in every such case, give notice to the Executive Council of his intention to cause an inspection or enquiry to be made, and the Executive Council shall be entitled to appoint a representative who shall have the duty and right to be present and be heard at such inspection or enquiry.

(3) The Chancellor may address the Vice Chancellor with reference to the result of such inspection and enquiry, and the Vice Chancellor shall communicate to the Executive Council the views of the Chancellor with such advice as the Chancellor may offer upon the action to be taken thereon.

(4) The Executive Council shall communicate through the Vice Chancellor to the Chancellor such action, if any, as it is proposed to take or has been taken upon the result of such inspection or enquiry.

(5) When the Executive Council, within a reasonable time, does not take action to the satisfaction of the Chancellor, the Chancellor may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Executive Council, issue such directions as he may think fit, and the Executive Council shall be bound to comply with such directions.

(6) Expenses that may be incurred in connection with such inspection or enquiry and certified as such by the Chancellor shall be a charge on the University.

(7) The Chancellor shall have such other powers as may be conferred on him by or under the provisions of this Act.

(8) The Chancellor, as the Head of the University, shall have the power to suspend the activities of the various authorities of the University as and when circumstances so demand and vest all powers and functions

- of these authorities in his own hand or to control the affairs of the authority or authorities so suspended in such manner and for such a period as deemed fit and reasonable by him.
- Vice-Chancellor** 12.
- (1) The Chancellor shall appoint the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of an Advisory Board constituted by the Chancellor for the purpose and consisting of three members, of whom the Executive Council shall elect one member, the State Government shall nominate one member, and the Chancellor shall nominate one member. The Chancellor shall appoint one of them as Chairman of the Advisory Board.
 - (2) The Advisory Board shall recommend a panel of names of three persons to the Chancellor, who may appoint one of the recommended persons as Vice-Chancellor. If the Chancellor does not approve any of the person recommended by the Advisory Board, he may call for a fresh recommendation.
 - (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a full-time officer of the University who shall hold office for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment and shall retire on the date he attains the age of 70 years.
 - (4) Whenever there is any temporary vacancy in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor by reasons for leave, illness or other causes, the Chancellor shall make such other arrangements as he may think fit, for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor during the absence.
 - (5) The Chancellor shall determine the emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor, provided that the salary of the Vice-Chancellor shall not be less than Rs. 75000/- per month, as revised from time to time and all other allowances as are admissible under relevant rules.
- Powers and Duties of Vice-Chancellor** 13.
- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and Convocation of the University. He shall be an ex-officio member and Chairman of the Executive Council, the Standing Finance Committee, the Construction Committee, and the Academic Council and shall be entitled to be present and to speak at any meeting of any authority or other body of the University, when present, he shall preside over all such meetings.
 - (2) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations are duly observed.
 - (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene meetings of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee and the Construction Committee.
 - (4) In any emergency, which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, requires immediate action to be taken, the Vice-Chancellor shall take such action as deemed necessary, and shall at the earliest opportunity, report his action to the authority or other body who or which in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter.
 - (5) When any such action taken by the Vice-Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer an appeal to the Executive Council through the officer, authority or other body of the University within thirty days from the date on which such action is communicated to him.

- (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to any order of the Executive Council regarding the appointment, dismissal or suspension of an officer or a teacher of the University or regarding the recognition or withdrawal of the recognition of any such teacher. He shall exercise general control in the University. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of the discipline of the University.
- (7) The Vice Chancellor shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.
- Registrar** 14. (1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Executive Council on such terms, conditions and remunerations as may be prescribed.
- (2) The term of the Registrar shall be for five years, but he may be eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The Registrar shall be the Ex-officio Secretary of the Court, Executive Council, and Construction Committee. All communications, in general, to be addressed to and on behalf of the University shall be in the name of the Registrar.
- Power and Duties of the Registrar** 15. The powers and duties of the Registrar shall be the following, namely:-
- (i) to be the custodian of the records, common seal, and such other property of the University as the Executive Council shall commit to his charge and to manage such properties;
- (ii) to sign and verify all appointments, contracts and agreements made on behalf of the University and to act as Secretary of such other Committees as may be prescribed by the Statutes;
- (iii) to conduct the official correspondence between the Court and the Executive Council;
- (iv) to issue all notices of convening meetings of all such Committees or Councils or Boards of which he is the Secretary;
- (v) to arrange for and conduct the examination of the University till such time when the University appoints other officers, if any, for this purpose;
- (vi) to perform such other work as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive Council;
- (vii) to represent the University in any Court of Law and to sue any party for any liability to the University and breach of any contract entered into with the University.
- Controller of Examinations** 16. (1) The Controller of Examinations shall be a full-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on a full-time basis;
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Controller of Examination to hold various examinations of the University and its constituent and affiliated Colleges;
- (3) The Controller of Examinations shall be the authority to hold examinations and ensure that the results are declared in time.
- Deputy Controller of Examinations** 17. The Deputy Controller of Examinations shall be a full-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on a full-time basis.
- Academic Registrar** 18. (1) The Academic Registrar shall be appointed by the Registrar on recommendation of the Executive Council. He shall be the Secretary of the Academic Council and shall be responsible for preparation of

- curriculum, syllabus and text books for different courses of the University. The term of the Academic Registrar shall be for five years but may be reappointed if found eligible.
- (2) The Academic Registrar shall support the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar on all academic matters.
- Dean of Students Welfare 19. The Executive Council shall appoint the Dean of Students Welfare from among the Professors/Associate Professors of the University.
- Director of Open and Distance Learning 20. The Executive Council shall appoint the Director for the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning from among the Professors/Associate Professors of the University.
- Directors 21. The Executive Council shall appoint Directors for different Multi or Inter-Disciplinary programmes.
- Term of Deans and Directors 22. The term of the Deans and Directors of the University shall be for a period of three years.
- The Finance Officer 23. (1) The Finance Officer shall be a full-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on a full-term basis.
- (2) The Finance Officer shall exercise general supervision over the funds of the University and advice in regard to its financial policy. He shall be responsible for the preparation of the balance sheet at the end of each financial year.
- (3) Subject to the control of the Executive Council, he shall manage the investments of the University and be responsible for preparing and presenting the annual estimates and statements of accounts and for proper maintenance of the funds.
- (4) Subject to the powers of the Executive Council, the Finance Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that all expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which they are generated.
- (5) The Finance Officer shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.
- (6) The officer shall be responsible for the auditing of accounts of the University at least once in every year and at interval of not more than fifteen months and the audit shall be done by Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- Provided that the Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council in the case of a casual vacancy, may ask the Registrar to perform the duties of Finance Officer.
- Authorities of the University 24. The following shall be the authorities of the University:—
- (i) The Court;
- (ii) The Executive Council;
- (iii) The Academic Council;
- (iv) The Research Council;
- (v) The Post-Graduate Board;
- (vi) The Under-Graduate Board;
- (vii) The Board of Studies;
- (viii) The Finance Committee;
- (ix) The Selection Committees;
- (x) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

The Court

25. (1) The Court shall constitute of the following members, namely:—

(A) Ex – officio Member :—

- (i) The Chancellor;
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) The Minister of Education, Assam;
- (iv) The Registrar;
- (v) The Academic Registrar
- (vi) The Controller of Examinations;
- (vii) The Finance Officer;
- (viii) All Deans of the University;
- (ix) All Directors of the University;
- (x) The Senior-most Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Higher Education Department;
- (xi) The Director of Higher Education, Assam;
- (xii) The Director of Technical Education, Assam;
- (xiii) The Director of Medical Education and Research, Assam;
- (xiv) The Director of Agriculture, Assam;
- (xv) The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Assam;
- (xvi) The Vice-Chancellor of the Dibrugarh University;
- (xvii) The Vice-Chancellor of the Gauhati University;
- (xviii) The Director, Information and Technology, Electronics and Communication;
- (xix) Two members nominated by the Executive Council;
- (xx) One-third of the Principals of the Degree Colleges affiliated to the University, at a time, by election from amongst themselves and shall retire after every three years in the manner prescribed by the Statutes;
- (xxi) Two Heads of the Academic Departments of North Lakhimpur University (to be selected on the basis of seniority).

(B) Other Members:—

- (xxii) two persons distinguished in Literature, Law, Medicine, Science, Engineering, Technology, Commerce, Public life etc., nominated by the Chancellor;
- (xxiii) two members (one female) of the North Lakhimpur University Alumni (to be nominated by the Chancellor).
- (xxiv) two representatives with good records to be elected by the Post-Graduate Students of the University from amongst themselves:

Provided that a student to be elected must have been a student of the University for at least one year prior to his election.

- (xxv) two representatives from Assam Legislative Assembly to be selected by the Hon'ble Speaker.

- (2) Save as otherwise provided and except that ex-officio members and student members, all other members shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that no person nominated or elected in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as holder of a particular appointment shall be a member after he ceases to be a member of that body or holder of that appointment, as the case may be:

Provided further that any member elected or nominated under clause (xxiv) shall hold office for a period of one year only from the date of his election or nomination, as the case may be. He shall cease to be a member of the Court on his ceasing to be a student of the University.

- (3) When a person ceases to be a member of the Court, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities or committees of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of the membership of the Court.
- (4) With the approval of the Court, the Vice Chancellor may remove an elected or selected member.

Meeting of the Court

26. The Court shall meet at least twice a year on a date or dates to be fixed by the Vice Chancellor. One such meeting shall be held in January and shall be called the Annual General Meeting. The Court may also meet at such times, as it may from time to time determine.

Powers and Duties of the Court

27. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

- (i) to review, from time to time, the broad policies and programmes of the University and suggest measures for the improvements and development of such policies, programmes, works and other affairs;
- (ii) to consider the annual report, the annual accounts, the audit report and the statement of the financial estimates for the ensuing year, to approve the financial estimates, with such comments, if any, to express its views on the annual report and to suggest such measures, as it may be deemed proper on the matters covered by them;
- (iii) to approve, with or without modifications, the Statutes submitted by the Executive Council:

Provided that before making any modification to the Statutes submitted by the Executive Council, the Executive Council shall be given an opportunity to consider the modifications proposed by the Court and the Court shall consider the opinion expressed by the Executive Council on such modifications.

- (iv) to consider the annual balance sheet prepared at the end of each financial year but not later than six months from the end of such financial year, along with the Receipts and Payment Account and Income and Expenditure Account, all of which should be in conformity with the existing accounting practices as notified from time to time by various oversight committees and the Government of Assam. These should be held up for review by the Finance Committee before it is placed for scrutiny by the Executive Council and then for approval by the Court. Such audit report, along with the audited financial statements, shall form part of the Annual Report of the University and shall be placed in the house of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

The Executive Council

28. (1) The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the University. It shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(A) **EX – OFFICIO MEMBERS :—**

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) The Registrar;
- (iii) Academic Registrar
- (iv) Two Members of Assam Legislative Assembly;
- (v) The Director of Higher Education, Assam;
- (vi) The Director of Technical Education, Assam;
- (vii) The Director of Medical Education, Assam;
- (viii) The Director of Agriculture, Assam;
- (ix) The Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Assam;
- (x) One Principal of a Degree College affiliated with the University, at a time, selected by election from amongst themselves and shall retire after every three years in the manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes,
- (xi) Two Heads of Departments of the University who are Professors/Associate Professors, to be chosen by the Vice-Chancellor by rotation according to seniority for a period of two years;
- (xii) Two members to be elected by the Court from amongst its members at its Annual General Meeting other than employees and students of the University;

(B) **OTHER MEMBERS:—**

- (xiii) Two distinguished academicians of the district where the University is situated to be nominated by the Government;
 - (xiv) Two members (one female) from North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous)/ North Lakhimpur University Alumni (to be nominated by the Vice- Chancellor);
 - (xv) One 'Professor of Practice' to be nominated by the Governor;
 - (xvi) One successful entrepreneur to be nominated by the Governor.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided, and except the ex-officio members, all other members shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that no person nominated or elected in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as a holder of a particular appointment shall be a member after he ceases to be a member of that body or holder of that appointment, as the case may be.

- (3) When a person ceases to be a member of the Executive Council, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Executive Council.

Powers of the Executive Council

29. (1) The Executive Council shall hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University and shall appoint a Finance Committee to advise it on matters of finance consisting of six members, of whom the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman, the Finance Officer shall be the Secretary and the other four members shall be appointed as follows:-

- (i) two members to be elected by the Executive Council from among its members and;
- (ii) two members are to be nominated by the State Government, one from the Finance Department and the other from the Higher Education Department of the State Government.

(2) It shall do all acts appertaining or incidental to the construction of buildings, roads, tanks, pipelines and other structures of the University and, for the purpose, shall appoint a Construction Committee consisting of seven members of whom the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman, the Registrar shall be the Secretary, the Finance Officer, a member and the remaining four members shall be appointed from among the members of the Executive Council with power to co-opt experts as members who shall have no power to vote:

Provided that at least one member of the Committee shall be appointed from amongst the members elected to the Executive Council by the Court.

- (3) It shall determine the form and regulate the use of the Common Seal of the University.
- (4) It shall lay before the State Government annually a full statement of the financial requirements of the University.
- (5) It shall administer funds placed at the disposal of the University for any specific purpose, including those given for the purpose of buildings, roads, tanks, pipelines and other structures of the University.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes and also Acts and Rules of the State Govt. of Assam, it shall appoint the officers (other than the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor), teachers, office and technical staff and other employees of the University and define their duties and conditions of service and shall provide for the filling up of temporary vacancies.
- (7) It shall have the power to accept, on behalf of the University, bequests, endowments, donations or transfer of any movable or immovable property.
- (8) It shall arrange for holding/conducting examinations of the University and publishing the results.
- (9) It shall, subject to the powers conferred by this Act on the Vice Chancellor, regulate and determine all matters under this Act concerning the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances:

Provided that the Executive Council shall take no action with respect to the numbers, qualifications or emoluments of teachers without consultation with the Academic Council.

- (10) The Executive Council shall be the authority to decide on matters related to the examination, affiliation, remuneration, promotion, and appointment of both regular and contractual staff.
- (11) It shall exercise all other powers of the University, of which no specific provisions have been made in this Act or in the Statutes.

The Academic Council

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(1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members:-

(A) **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:-**

(i) The Vice-Chancellor;

- (ii) The Registrar;
- (iii) Academic Registrar;
- (iv) The Director of Higher Education, Assam;
- (v) The Director of Technical Education, Assam;
- (vi) The Director of Medical Education and Research, Assam;
- (vii) The Director of Agriculture, Assam;
- (viii) The Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Assam;
- (ix) The Director, Information Technology, Electronics and Communication;
- (x) The Professors of the University;
- (xi) The Associate Professors of the University who are Heads of the teaching Departments;
- (xii) Librarian of the University;
- (xiii) One Principal of a Degree College affiliated with the University, nominated by the Vice Chancellor for a period of three years,

(B) OTHER MEMBERS:—

- (xiv) A maximum of three persons possessing expert knowledge in subjects having relevance to the University shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to the Academic Council.
 - (xv) Two persons to be elected by the Court who are not employees or students of the University; and
 - (xvi) Two members (one female) of the North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) or North Lakhimpur University Alumni (to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor).
- (2) Save as otherwise provided, and except the ex-officio members, all other members shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their election or nomination as the case may be.
- (3) When a person ceases to be a member of the Academic Council, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Academic Council.

Powers of the Academic Council

31. Powers of the Academic Council:-

The Academic Council shall have the following powers, namely:-

- (i) to make proposals to the Executive Council for the institution of Professorship, Associate Professorship, Assistant Professorship or other teaching posts, and in regard to the duties and emoluments thereof;
- (ii) to submit to the Executive Council draft Regulations regarding methods and manner of conducting examinations, including setting up of Moderation Boards and to award Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals and other rewards in accordance with such Regulations;
- (iii) to recommend examiners for appointments to be made by the Vice-Chancellor after a report from the faculties concerned;
- (iv) to control the University Library, to frame Regulations regarding its use, and to appoint a Library Committee under the general control of the Academic Council to manage the affairs of the library;

- (v) to assign subjects to the faculties;
 - (vi) to assign teachers to the faculties;
 - (vii) to promote research within the University, including the establishment of a Research Council and to call for reports on such research from the persons employed thereon;
 - (viii) to organise teaching in the University and control the engagement of teachers; and
 - (ix) such other powers and duties as may be assigned to it under the Statute.
- Research Advisory Council** 32. There shall be a Research Advisory Council (RAC) headed by the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee as the apex body of the Research Development Cell (RDC) as prescribed by the University Grant Commission (UGC). The Executive Council shall nominate other members, as per the UGC Guidelines for the Establishment of Research and Development Cell in Higher Education Institutions.
- Post-Graduate Board** 33. There shall be a Post-Graduate Board to monitor all Post Graduate programmes pertaining to admission and evaluation. The Post-Graduate Board shall have the following members, namely :—
- (1) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (2) six persons from amongst the Professors and heads of Departments of Post-Graduate departments of the University selected by the Academic Council;
 - (3) two members of the Academic Council who are not Professors or Heads of Departments of the University elected by the Academic Council;
 - (4) four persons who may or may not be professors of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (5) one member of the Examination Committee to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- Powers and duties of the Post-Graduate Board** 34. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Post-Graduate Board shall have the following powers and duties:-
- (i) to recommend to the Academic Council the pattern of Post-Graduate courses, the examinations to be held for such courses, and their revision;
 - (ii) to approve the curricula and syllabi for the post-Graduate courses and to modify them, as deemed necessary, after considering the recommendations of Boards of Studies;
 - (iii) to recommend to the Executive Council for the institution and award of fellowships, scholarships, prizes, honorary degrees and other awards or other academic distinctions; and for instituting and conferring of degrees, diplomas, titles, certificates and other academic distinctions in the Post-Graduate courses on the basis of examinations and for the withdrawal of the same;
 - (iv) to make recommendations to the Executive Council for the institution of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships or other posts of teachers required for the Post-Graduate Courses and for the recognition of persons as teachers of the University for such courses, and regarding their emoluments, duties and terms and conditions of their services;
 - (v) to recommend to the Academic Council the conditions for the admission of students to Post- Graduate courses and to make regulations for their attendance and progress;

- (vi) to make Regulations with regard to the residence and discipline of students in the departments and the affiliated colleges and institutions imparting Post-Graduate courses and for the promotion of their health and welfare;
 - (vii) to make recommendations to the Executive Council regarding the allocation of funds to the Post-Graduate Departments and Colleges or Institutions or Centres engaged in Post-Graduate courses or research; and to the libraries, laboratories, and museums established by the University;
 - (viii) to review the works of the Post-Graduate Departments and Colleges or Institutions or Centres engaged in Post-Graduate courses and research, and to call for a report thereon and to take all steps necessary for the improvement of the standards of research and teaching and other affairs therein;
 - (ix) to consider the measures suggested by the Academic Council on any matter affecting the academic work of the University and to express its views on them; to consider any matter referred to it by the Executive Council or the Academic Council and to submit reports thereon to the Executive Council or the Academic Council, as the case may be;
 - (x) to approve the panels of the examiners for Post-Graduate Examinations, with or without modifications, after considering the recommendations of the Boards of Studies and to modify the same at any time after consultation with the Boards of Studies concerned.
 - (xi) to appoint committees and to fix their terms of reference in regard to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Post-Graduate Board.
 - (xii) Such other powers and duties as may be assigned to it under the statute.
- Under-Graduate Board** 35. There shall be an Under-Graduate Board to monitor all Under Graduate programmes pertaining to admission and evaluation. The Under Graduate Board shall have the following members, namely:—
- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (ii) three persons from among the Professors and the Heads of Departments of the University selected by the Academic Council;
 - (iii) three Principals selected by the Academic Council from the affiliated colleges;
 - (iv) three persons who may or may not be members of the Academic Council, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (v) ten persons to be elected from amongst the teachers of the affiliated Colleges; and
 - (vi) one member of the Examination Committee to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
- Powers and Duties of the Under-Graduate Board** 36. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Under-Graduate Board shall have the following powers and duties, namely :-
- (i) to recommend to the Academic Council the pattern of Under-Graduate courses, the examinations to be held for such courses, and their revision;
 - (ii) to approve the curricula and syllabi for the Under- Graduate courses and to modify them wherein necessary after considering the recommendations of Boards of Studies;