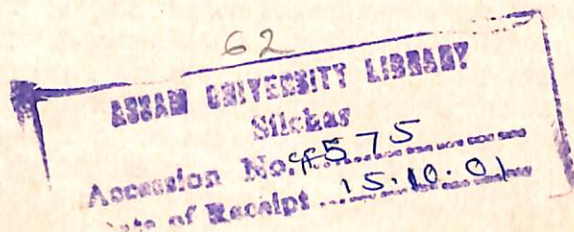


# ASSAM UNIVERSITY

(A Central University Constituted under  
Act XIII of 1989)



## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT 1993 - 94

Assam University  
Silchar - 788014

## FORWARD

It gives me great pleasure to present the First Annual Report of the Assam University. The report covers a very brief period of the year 1993-94. Nevertheless, it was a crucial period in the life of the newly established Central University. As soon as the University took-off on 21 January 1994, we had to organise our offices in temporary accommodations, formalise the connections with the colleges within the jurisdiction of the University which were hitherto affiliated to the Gauhati University, make arrangements for 1994 examinations for the students in the affiliated colleges, prepare budgets and estimates, take steps for the recruitment of administrative and academic staff and to initiate formalities for the opening of post-graduate departments in the forthcoming academic session. The task seemed to be up-hill, but as the annual report for the next year will speak for itself, several important beginnings were made in those historic last seventy days of nineteen ninety four.

It may be evident from this slim document that most of the important positions in the organisational structure of the University remained unfilled till the end of the year under report and the authorities of the University—the court, Executive Council, Academic Council and the Planning Board—were yet to be constituted. These were but natural, as the appointments involve a long process of formalities and the nomination of distinguished personalities of the academia and consultations for memberships of authorities also take time. The appointment of First Chancellor and First Finance Officer was under consideration of the Visitor. Only the First Registrar and an Assistant Registrar were in office, and a small number of administrative staff was appointed on temporary basis. In spite of these constraints, we engaged ourselves in visualising the academic thrusts as well as short-term and long-term plans and perspectives of the University. As many as thirty draft First Ordinances were ready by the end of the year under report. A large number of educationists in the region as well as from the rest of the country and abroad were consulted and an extensive perspective paper was prepared for the consideration of a local Advisory Committee.



This Committee identified ten Schools of Studies with forty Departments and sixty Centres to be opened in phases over next few years which would represent both traditional and non-traditional applied and job-oriented-subjects-on 50:50 ratio-in-conformity with the objective of the University as enjoined in Sec.4 of the Assam University Act and considering the relevance to socio-economic needs and prospects of the region. The Committee also listed six departments to be opened in 1994 at the post-graduate level. The University Grants Commission approved the proposal for six departments and sanctioned an optimum complement (1:1:1) of faculty positions in these subjects which were advertised before 31 March through national press for selection of competent teachers. The process for the recruitment of non-teaching staff on permanent basis was also initiated during this period. On the whole, the eventful seventy days of 1993-94 shall go down in the history of the University for intensive groundwork.

The hardwork of a small community of youthful workers in the University was inspired by the challenges of matching the expectations of the people of the area. The establishment of the University by the Central Government is a positive response of the Nation to the aspirations of the people. The task before the University community is to translate this response into an instrument of socio-economic change and development for the society at large in this border region of the country. We are aware of this charter and our endeavour is to instill in our students conviction, confidence and creativity to enable them to the challenges of life and to be the architects of their destiny. The support and cooperation we received from the academic community in the area to our work reinforced our strength, confidence and resolution.

SILCHAR  
1 September 1994

( J. B. Bhattacharjee )  
Vice-Chancellor

# ANNUAL REPORT, 1993-94

(Period 21.1.94 to 31.3.94)

## ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

|                               |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Visitor                       | : | Dr. Shankardayal Sharma<br>President of India |
| Chief Rector                  | : | Shri Lokenath Mishra<br>Governor of Assam     |
| Chancellor                    | : | -   |
| Vice-Chancellor               | : | Professor J.B.Bhattacharjee                   |
| Deans of Schools              | : | -   |
| Heads of Departments          | : | -   |
| Directors of Centres          | : | -   |
| Dean, Students Welfare        | : | -   |
| Proctor                       | : | -   |
| Registrar                     | : | Shri P.S.Bhattacharjee                        |
| Finance Officer               | : | -   |
| Controller of Examinations    | : | -   |
| Librarian                     | : | -   |
| Director, College Development | : | -   |
| University Engineer           | : | -   |
| Director of Sports            | : | -   |
| Planning Officer              | : | -   |
| Medical Officer               | : | -   |
| Publication Officer           | : | -   |
| Deputy registrar              | : | -   |
| Deputy Librarian              | : | -   |
| Assistant Registrar           | : | Shri K. M. Deb                                |
| Assistant Librarian           | : | -   |



## Introduction

1. The Assam University, Silchar is a Central University instituted under the Parliament's Act No. XIII of 1989. The Government of India, Ministry of Human resources Development, Department of Education enforced the Act by a notification (No. F.9-8/93 Desk (U) on 15 January 1994). By a parallel Notification (No. F.20-34/94-Desk (U) part-I), Government of India, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Education dated 15 January 1994), Professor J. B. Bhattacharjee was appointed as the First Vice-Chancellor of the University. Professor Bhattacharjee arrived at Silchar on 18 January. He formally notified the assumption of charge as the Vice-Chancellor on 21 January. On the same day, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao inaugurated the University and introduced the Vice-Chancellor in a mammoth public meeting at the proposed permanent site of the University at Dorgakona, near Silchar in the Cachar District of Assam.

2. Shri P.S. Bhattacharjee was appointed as the First Registrar of the University on 1st February 1994 (Vide No. F. 13-5/89-Desk (U), Ministry of Human resources Development, Department of Education, dated February 1, 1994), Shri Bhattacharjee assumed charge on 18 February 1994.

## Objectives

3. "The Assam University Act (Act XIII of 1989) was enacted by the Parliament" to establish and incorporate a teaching and affiliating University". The objective of the University has been laid down in section 4 of the Act in the following words: "The objective of the University shall be to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit and by the example of its corporate life to make provisions for integrated courses in humanities, natural and physical sciences and social sciences in the educational programmes of the University; to take appropriate measures for promoting inter-disciplinary studies and research in the University; to educate and train manpower for development of the State of Assam; and to pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of that State, their intellectual, academic and cultural development."



## **Jurisdiction**

4. The Jurisdiction of the University has been defined in Section 6 of the Act :

- “1. The Jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the whole of the State of Assam.
2. On and from the commencement of this Act, all Colleges situated in the Districts of Cachar, Karimganj, North Cachar Hills and Karbi-Anglong shall stand affiliated to the University.
3. The University may grant affiliation to any other College in the State provided the University concerned in whose jurisdiction the College is located has no objection.”

## **Beginning**

5. The Vice-Chancellor started functioning on 21 January from Silchar Circuit House. On 22 January 1994, he issued a notification informing the Colleges in the Districts of Cachar, Hailakandi, Karimganj, North Cachar Hills and Karbi Anglong that all the Colleges within these districts which were hitherto affiliated to Gauhati University now automatically stand affiliated to the Assam University under section 6 (2) of Act XIII of 1989. The Colleges were asked to stand by for instructions about examinations from Gauhati University and Assam University. By a parallel notification (No. Ex/TDC/2/94/1931-55 dt. 22.1.94) the Gauhati University also dis-affiliated these Colleges with effect from 21 January 1994. As a result, 15 degree Colleges, 1 Medical College, 1 Engineering College, 1 B.T. College and 2 Law Colleges came under the University.

6. The Vice-Chancellor then entered into an agreement with the Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University about the conduct of 1994 examinations under which it was decided that the examinations shall be conducted by the Gauhati University, but the examinations shall be supervised and the result shall be processed and declared by the Assam University.

7. In February-March, the Vice-Chancellor visited all the affiliated colleges to study on the spot the academic standard



and performance and to identify the areas which required improvement and re-enforcement. The visits made a strong impact on the academic community within the jurisdiction of the University. Everywhere the Vice-Chancellor was greeted with warm receptions and the academic community pledged support and co-operation to the efforts of the University authority in developing itself as a national University.

8. The semester examinations in the Regional Engineering College were held in February under the supervision of the Assam University and the arrangements were made for the degree examinations to be held in April-May 1994.

9. In March 1994, the University became a member of the Association of Indian Universities. The Vice-Chancellor was invited to attend the UGC-AIU sponsored "Round table on University Management" to be held at Delhi in May 1994. In the meantime Vice-Chancellor participated in the conference on Development strategies in North East India in march 13-16, sponsored by UGC and held at NEHU, Shillong, which was attended by the Vice-Chancellors of the region.

### Administration

10. The Regional Engineering College, Silchar provided the University with a space measuring 15,000 sq.m. consisting of 5 halls and 10 rooms for temporary office and teaching departments. Accordingly, the University office was formally inaugurated on 1 February 1994 by a veteran educationist of the region, Shri Premendra Mohan Goswami in a solemn ceremony. The office started functioning since that day in the REC Campus.

11. The Registrar assumed charge on 18 February. Six officers and staff (1 Asstt. Registrar, 1 Private Secretary, 1 Section officer, 1 Junior Engineer and 2 Assistants) joined the University on deputation from NEHU/ 5 retired Govt. servants were re-employed on contract and some adhoc appointments were made locally in various categories to run the administration.

12. In a meeting with the UGC Chairman on 8 February 1994, the Vice-Chancellor submitted the budget estimates



for 1993-94 and 1994-95. The Vice-Chancellor also created a complement of various categories of non-teaching posts with the knowledge of the UGC. The recruitment process against these posts were initiated through public advertisement in press in March 1994. The recruitment process was on till the end of the year under report.

### Academic Programme and Planning

13. In February 1994, the Vice-Chancellor constituted a number of adhoc committees to advise and assist him on the academic programmes and planning of the University. The committees included a local advisory committee, a study group on educational profile of South Assam, a study group on vocalisation of the degree courses, a Library advisory committee, a committee to prepare plan for computerization of the University and another advisory committee on campus development at the permanent site of the University.

14. On the recommendation of local advisory committee, the Vice-Chancellor proposed to the University Grants Commission the opening of six post graduate departments, namely English, Bengali, History, Economics, Commerce and Mathematics with effect from the 1994 session. The Committee also prepared a scheme of 10 schools, 40 departments and 60 centres to be introduced in the University in next 5 years. The UGC approved the opening of 6 departments in 1994 and sanctioned a complement of 3 teachers (1 Professor, 1 Reader and 1 Lecturer) for each department. The teaching posts were advertised through national press in March 1994.

### Library

15. The groundwork for building up of the University Library was initiated by ordering books selected by the Committee. The UGC sanctioned four technical posts for the Library.

16. Alongside establishing the office, conducting examination and preparation for opening Post-Graduate departments, the steps were taken for defining the academic thrusts of the University. The Vice-Chancellor appealed to the academic community through Press and Platform to



come forward with their suggestions about the academic perspective of the University. He also prepared a scheme of Schools - Departments-Centres in the line suggested by the Local Advisory Committee. This document was circulated to the Principals and teachers in the affiliated colleges and to a large number of distinguished educationists all over the country. The scheme was revised and modified on the basis of comments and suggestions of the academic for the consideration of the planning Board and the Executive Council. This scheme has been prepared on the promise that the University will like to promote studies and research in modern scientific and technical disciplines, particularly in such subjects which are relevant to the socio-economic development of the region. However, since it is an affiliating University with a geographical area under its jurisdiction it was found necessary to make provisions for post-graduate teaching and research in all such subjects which are taught at degree level in the affiliated colleges. It was also noted that the people in South Assam had been aspiring for last two decades for a teaching-cum-affiliating University at Silchar on the ground that after completing college education the students from this area do not get chances for higher studies. Therefore, the disciplines opened at the post-graduate level should be a mix of old and new subjects. To begin with, the course contents at the P.G. level may be updated to accommodate the latest advancements in concerned disciplines and it may be possible within few years to modernise the U.G. Syllabus also. It was also felt that the University departments may have provisions for under-graduate and post-graduate teaching and also research leading to M.Phil and Ph. D. The P.G. departments may be grouped into Schools of Studies. In some departments there may be Centres (e.g. Adult Education, Rural Development etc.) within the department where the teachers from University's related departments can undertake inter-disciplinary studies and projects. The under-graduate sections can serve as model for improvement in standard in the affiliated Colleges. The same set of teachers in the departments may be involved in Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate teachings, subject to the work-load prescribed by the UGC. The non-traditional/new disciplines can be started at the under-graduate level and gradually upgraded to



P.G.level after the University has its own buildings in the permanent campus. It was also felt that the the Medical College and Engineering College may require improvement to fulfill the conditions of the MCI and the AICTE respectively. The post-graduate studies and research facilities may be provided in these institutions. However, the scheme was for the consideration and approval of the appropriate authorities of the University like Planning Board and Executive Council.

### **Academic Ordinances**

17. Immediately after the establishment of the University the process was initiated for the preparation of Academic Ordinance under various provisions of the Act. and the Statutes. About 30 academic Ordinances were made by the Vice-Chancellor under section 28 (2) of the Act and submitted to the Visitor for approval.

### **Syllabus**

18. At the same time, steps were initiated for the revision of the Under-Graduate syllabus and preparation of the Post-Graduate syllabus. The Vice-Chancellor initiated discussions with the Principals and teachers in the affiliated colleges and distinguished academics in the Country to work out syllabus for various levels which would be appropriate to the requirement of the region and helpful to maintain parity with other Central Universities as per the guidelines issued by the UGC's M.C.I., AICTE, DCI and other organisations. It was felt that the proposed syllabus should contain three elements, namely, regional, national and global in course contents. The dialogue continued till the end of the year under report.

### **Finance and Accounts**

19. The University started functioning from 21 January, 1994. During the period from 21.1.94 to 31.3.94, there was no internal receipts. The University departments were yet to be opened and the fees from the affilliated colleges and examination fees were received by the Gauhati University. In this period, the University received only one instalment of grant of Rs. 10 lacs from the UGC towards initial expenses for establishment of the University. Another instalment of Rs. 20 lacs was released by the UGC on 31.3.94, but it was actually received on 5 April and credited to the University Accounts for 1994-95.



Receipts and Expenditure for the period 21.1.94 to 31.3.94 are:

Receipts  
Payments

Rs. 10,00,000.00

Rs. 9,78,797.85

The accounts for the year 1993-94 was closed on 31.3.94 and submitted to the Accountant General, Assam. The Accounts have since been audited by the A.G (Audit) Assam, the quarries have also been attended. In the meantime, the Vice-Chancellor has been informed that the Audit Report, 1993-94 for the University has been forwarded to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for placing before the Parliament and that till then the Report should be treated as 'Confidential'. Abstract of the Accounts is placed in Annexure-A.

**Permanent Campus**

20. The University has also taken initiative towards the development of the permanent campus. A plot of land measuring 600 acres was handed over by the State Govt. on 19th Feb, 1994. The University requisitioned the services of five Home Guards for the protection of the site. An announcement was made in March 1994 through National Press inviting offers from the Design architects for the preparation of the Master Plan. In addition a proposal was sent to the UGC for financial sanction for boundary walls.

**Affiliated Colleges**

21. The details of the affiliated colleges during 1993-94 are furnished in Annexure-B.



**Estimated Receipts/Expenditure and Actual Receipts/Expenditure**  
(Inclusive of Internal Receipts and Receipts out of grants from UGC)  
Period : 21.1.94 to 31.3.94

( Figures in Rs. Lakhs )

| Receipt           |                   |                 |        | Expenditure       |       |                    |                   |      |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|------|
| Estimate Receipts |                   | Actual Receipts |        | Estd. Expenditure |       | Actual Expenditure |                   |      |
| Grants            | Internal Receipts | Total           | Grants | Internal Receipts | Total | Grants             | Internal Receipts |      |
|                   |                   |                 |        |                   |       |                    |                   |      |
| 29.76             | Nil               | 29.76           | 10.00  | Nil               | 10.00 | 29.76              | Nil               | 9.79 |

**N.B :** All receipts and expenditures of the University for the first five years is accounted for under plan head.



## ANNEXTURE-B

| Name of the College                     | Year of Estt. | Year of Affiliation | Name of the Principal          | No. of Teaching Staff | No. of Students |      | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
|   |               |                     |                                |                       | Sc.             | Arts |       |
| 1. A.K. Chanda Law College, Silchar     | 2<br>1960     | 3<br>1975           | 4<br>Prof. K.S.Sharma          | 5<br>9                | -               | 6    | 216   |
| 2. Rgional Engineering College, Silchar |               |                     |                                |                       |                 |      |       |
| 3. Silchar Medical College              |               |                     |                                |                       |                 |      |       |
| 4. Teachers Training College, Silchar   | 1960          | Up to 1993          | Shri Pannalal Chatterjee       | 12                    | -               | -    | 150   |
| 5. Cachar College, Silchar              | 1960          | 1966                | Shri Sisir Chakraborty         | 70                    | 264             | 710  | 1138  |
| 6. G.C.College, Silchar                 | 1935          | 1948                | Mrs. R.L. Dayanathan           | 103                   | 577             | 900  | 1705  |
| 7. Janata College, Kabuganj             | 1964          | 1965-66             | Shri Subhash Ch. Nath i/c      | 22                    | -               | 467  | 467   |
| 8. N.C.Das College, Sonai               | 1972          | 1975                | Shri Tajamul Ali Mazunder      | 22                    | -               | 625  | 625   |
| 9. Nehru College, Pailapool             | 1965          | 1971-72             | Dr. Arun Kr. Datta             | 20                    | -               | 472  | 472   |
| 10. Radhamadab College, Silchar         | 1971          | 1971                | Shri Rathindra Kr. Brahmachari | 21                    | -               | 807  | 807   |



| 1  | 2    | 3       | 4                                  | 5  | 6    |      |
|--|------|---------|------------------------------------|----|------|------|
| 11. Women's College,<br>Silchar                | 1963 | 1971-72 | Dr.(Mrs.) Aparajita<br>Choudhury   | 24 | 379  | 379  |
| 12. Karimganj College,                         | 1946 | 1994    | Dr. S.K.Das                        | 71 | 979  | 1527 |
| 13. Nabin Chandra<br>College, Badarpur         | 1969 | 1969    | Shri Kajal<br>Bandapadhyay         | 19 | 546  | 546  |
| 14. Rabindra Sadan Girls<br>College, Karimganj | 1962 | 1962-63 | Dr.(Mrs.) M.<br>Bhattacharjee      | 32 | 757  | 757  |
| 15. Ramkrishna Nagar<br>College, R. Nagar.     | 1964 | 1964    | Shri Nirmal Kr.<br>Deb Purkayastha | 19 | 751  | 751  |
| 16. Lala Rural College,<br>Lala                | 1964 | 1964    | Shri Monoranjan<br>Sinha           | 24 | 775  | 775  |
| 17. S. S. College,<br>Hailakandi               | 1950 | 1958-60 | Shri T. K.<br>Bhattacharjee i/c.   | 54 | 1721 | 2073 |
| 18. Haflong Govt.s<br>College, Haflong         | 1961 | 1962    | Dr. S. Roy<br>Chowdhury            | 54 | 374  | 444  |
| 19. Diphu Govt. College,<br>Diphu              | 1964 | 1965    | Ms. Nirupoma<br>Buragohain         | 64 | 786  | 900  |
| 20. Diphu Law College                          | 1979 | 1980    | Shri U. N. Datta                   | -  | -    | 74   |