



MINUTES
OF
180TH MEETING
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON
24th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 11.00 AM
IN THE HEMANGA BISWAS COMMITTEE ROOM
OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SECRETARIAT

ASSAM UNIVERSITY
(A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY AN ACT OF
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Assam University, Silchar

**Minutes of 180th Meeting of the Executive Council
held on 24th February 2026 at 11.00 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. Sivasish Biswas, **Pro-Vice Chancellor, AUDC** : Member
3. Prof. Ramiah Balakrishnan, Dean, A.M. School of Education : Member
4. Prof. Nirmal Kanti Roy, Dean of Creative Arts & Communication St. : Member
5. Prof. Pranab Behari Mazumder, Dean, School of Life Sciences : Member
6. Prof. Anindya Syam Choudhury, School of Eng. & Foreign Language St.: Member
7. Prof. Abdul Rasak T., Senior most Professor : Member
8. Dr. Narendra T., Senior most Associate Professor : Member
9. Dr. Taj Uddin Khan, Principal, West Silchar College, Barjatrapur : Member
10. Dr. Jayasree Chakrabarty, Principal, P.D.U.A.M., Eraligool, Sribhumi: Member
11. Dr. Sahabuddin Ahmed, Principal, Govt. Model College, Borkhola : Member
12. Prof. Piyush Pandey, Director, IQAC & Dean (Research) : Special Invitee
13. Dr. Subhadeep Dhar, Finance Officer i/c. : Permanent Invitee
14. Dr. Pradosh Kiran Nath, **Registrar** : Ex-officio Secretary

The following Members has participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing :

1. Shri Subhash Chand Sharu, **Nominee of Secretary, MoE, GoI** : Member
Director, (CU-I), Dept. of Higher Education, MoE, New Delhi
2. Prof. Buno Zetsuvi, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member

Members absent :

1. Prof. Kashi Nath Jena, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
2. Dr. Sarat C. Kakaty, **Visitor's Nominee** : Member
3. Director, Higher Education, Govt. of Assam : Member

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At the outset the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed all the members for attending the meeting offline and online. The Chairman also conveyed thanks to the members attended meeting for the 1st time.

Thereafter the meeting formally started with following agenda items which were taken up for discussion and resolutions were adopted accordingly.

(A) Agenda item for confirmation:

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 176th meeting, 177th meeting (emergent), 178th meeting (Emergent) & 179th meeting (Special) of the Executive Council :

EC:180:02-26:01 : The minutes of the 176th meeting, 177th meeting (emergent), 178th meeting (Emergent) & 179th meeting (Special) of the Executive Council held on 25th September 2025, 24th October 2025, 27th October 2025 and 18th December 2025 respectively along with action taken reports of the above meeting was placed in the meeting for consideration and confirmation.

Resolution : The minutes of the 176th meeting, 177th meeting (emergent), 178th meeting (Emergent) & 179th meeting (Special) of the Executive Council held on 25th September 2025, 24th October 2025, 27th October 2025 and 18th December 2025 respectively along with Action Taken Report of the meetings were circulated and perused by the members. The same was confirmed.

(B) Agenda item for approval/decision by the Council:

Item No. 2 : Appointment of "Chair Professor" under the Dr. Ambedkar Chair Scheme:

EC:180:02-26:02 : The duly constituted Selection Committee, Chaired by Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice-Chancellor, met on 15th December 2025 and interviewed two out of four shortlisted candidates for the positions advertised in No. 1/2025 dated April 25, 2025 and No. 3/2025 dated August 27, 2025. After completing the selection process, the Committee recommends the following candidate for appointment as "**Chair Professor**" under the Dr. Ambedkar Chair Scheme, supported by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, according to the MoU signed on 22nd April 2022. This matter was placed before the Council for approval.

Resolution : The Chairman placed the recommendation of the Selection Committee held on 15th December 2025 and informed the Council that no one has been found suitable. The Council decided that a fresh advertisement for the same to be initiated by the administration.

Item No. 3 : Consideration of the Recommendations of the Roster Draft Committee :

EC:180:02-26:03 : In view of the order of the Honourable Gauhati High Court dated 28-3-2025, a Roster Draft Committee was constituted vide AUR/21-1/2023 dated 23-4-2025.

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The Roster Draft Committee, after detailed examination of the sanctioned strength, existing incumbency position, reservation norms, post-based roster requirements, and relevant statutory provisions, has prepared the draft roster for teaching posts (as applicable). The Committee has ensured that the draft roster is in conformity with the prevailing reservation policy; including provisions relating to SC/ST/OBC/EWS/PwBD and other applicable categories, and that the post-based roster system has been properly maintained in terms of the O.M. dated 02.07.1997. The Draft Roster (Teaching) shall be placed in the meeting for adoption.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution : The Registrar placed before the Council the recommendation of the Roster Draft Committee. After detail discussion on the recommendations, the Council approved the same.

Item No. 4 : Adoption of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 and its subsequent amendments for the employees of the University :

EC:180:02-26:04 : The Government of India has notified the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 vide Gazette Notification, New Delhi, dated 20th December, 2021 in supersession of the earlier Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, consolidating and rationalizing the provisions relating to pension, family pension, retirement benefits, and other connected matters applicable to Central Government employees. Subsequently, amendments to the said Rules have been notified vide Gazette Notification dated 22nd May, 2025. In order to ensure uniformity in pensionary benefits, procedural clarity, and alignment with the latest statutory framework governing retirement benefits of Central Government employees, it is proposed that the University adopt the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 along with all amendments issued from time to time, mutatis mutandis, for its eligible employees, wherever applicable under the University Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations. The adoption of the said Rules will facilitate streamlined processing of pension cases, ensure compliance with Government of India norms, and remove ambiguities arising from continued reference to superseded rules. The Gazette Notifications dated 20th December, 2021 and 22nd May, 2025 were placed in the meeting.

The matter was placed before the Council for consideration and approval.

Resolution : The Registrar placed the above matter before the Council. After in-depth discussion the Council decided to adopt the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 2021 and its subsequent amendments for the employees of the University.

Item No. 5 : Approval of the recommendations of 75th meeting of the Finance Committee of Assam University slated on 23rd February 2026 :

EC:180:02-26:05 : The minutes of the 75th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University slated on 23rd February 2026 was placed on the table for consideration and approval by the Executive Council.



Resolution : The Finance Officer placed the minutes of the 75th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University held on 23rd February 2026 before the Council. On perusal of the same the Council approved the minutes of the 75th meeting of the Finance Committee of the University.

Item No. 6 : Appointment of Head, Department of Commerce, Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:06 : Dr. Subit Dutta, Department of Commerce, Assam University, Diphu Campus was appointed as Head (i/c) for a period of three years w.e.f. 08-12-2021 to 07-12-2024 vide Order No. AUDC/ACA-11/35/2007-22/1893 dated 24-11-2022. On completion of his term as Head (i/c) Dr. Dutta was again appointed as Head (i/c) until further order vide Order No. AUDC/ACA-11/35/2007/3094 dated 06-02-2025. As Dr. Dutta has been promoted from Assistant Professor Level-12 to Associate Professor Level-13A under CAS w.e.f. 13-01-2024, he may be appointed as regular Head, Department of Commerce. The matter was placed before the Executive Council for decision.

Resolution : The Council approved the proposal for appointment of Dr. Subit Dutta as HoD, Commerce as per terms and conditions of the Act & Statutes of the University.

Item No. 7 : Counting of Past Service of Shri Biswajit Chandra Deb, Deputy Registrar, Assam University, Diphu Campus under NPS :

EC:180:02-26:07 : Shri Biswajit Chandra Deb, Deputy Registrar, Assam University, Diphu Campus vide his letter dated 22-08-2024 had requested for transfer of his past service benefits from Mizoram University (his former employer). Accordingly, the matter was taken up with Mizoram University vide letter No. AUDC/DR/723/2018/2895 dated 06-09-2024. In response to the letter dated 06-09-2024, Mizoram University has transferred Gratuity amounting Rs. 2, 33,713/- (for the period of his 6 years' service) leave encashment amounting Rs. 2, 21,680/- (encashment of 59 days earned leave & 79 days Half Pay leave) along with Service Book to Assam University. The acceptance of the Gratuity and leave encashment has been confirmed by finance (H.Q. i.e. Assam University, Silchar) vide Voucher No. 264447. Shri Deb joined this University through proper channel and there is no break in service [Date of joining at Assam University 18-04-2018 (F/N) Date of release from Mizoram University 17-04-2018 (A/N)]. As per DOPT O.M. No.7/5/2012-P&W(F)/B dated 12-02-2020, the service of Shri Deb may be counted for service benefits under NPS. The matter was placed before the Executive Council for decision.

Resolution : The matter was discussed by the Council and approved the counting of Past Service of Shri Biswajit Chandra Deb, Deputy Registrar, Assam University, Diphu Campus under NPS.

Item No. 8 : Assignment of Election Duty to employees of Assam University :

EC:180:02-26:08 : A letter of demand dated 10th February 2026 from AUTA in connection with the engagement of Assam University Teachers' in the Assam Assembly Election has



been received by the administration of the University. The letter was placed in the meeting for discussion and appropriate directives for further needful.

Resolution : The Council had a comprehensive discussion on the matter and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute a Committee to hold discussion with District Administration to impress upon the District Administration about the compelling need of academics and need for compliance of academic calendar of the University. Further, the Committee shall also advise the Vice Chancellor appropriately in this regard.

Item No. 9 : Holding of Meetings of Statutory bodies in New Delhi :

EC:180:02-26:09 : The Ministry of Education vide letter F.No. 20-13/2024-CU.IV dated 20.08.2024 issued a directives that “all official meetings of the University including meetings of Executive Council (EC), Finance Committee (FC) and other statutory bodies be conducted invariably within the premise of the University campus”. Further, the said letter says, “if there be compelling need to hold such meetings outside the main campus of the University, prior information along with detailed justification must be given to the Ministry”. Following the said directives, Assam University, since then, has been holding all official meetings of the University, including meetings of Executive Council (EC), Finance Committee (FC) and other statutory bodies within the premise of the University campus. But it has been observed and felt that Assam University being located at one of the remote part of the country, it has not been always possible for some key members of the FC and EC especially, which includes the representatives of the Ministry and UGC to join offline. The physical presence of members of the Ministry and UGC helps in better discourse over agenda and drawing more meaningful resolutions. It also helps to build interpersonal relations amongst key officials which help in addressing various other key issues of the University in long run. Therefore, in compliance with the said directives of the Ministry which asks to intimate it about the necessity of holding meeting outside the main campus, a letter of intimation to the Ministry justifying the need of holding one meeting of FC and EC in New Delhi in a year has been sent from this office vide No. AUF/FC-PM/779/2014-15 dated 21.01.2026. The matter was therefore placed before the Executive Council for intimation, consideration and approval to hold one meeting of FC followed by EC in New Delhi, a year.

Resolution : The matter was discussed. The Registrar pointed out that the letter F. No. 20-13/2024-CU.IV dated 20.08.2024 of Ministry of Education nowhere imposed blanket restrictions in this regard. The Ministry rather directed that incase of compelling need for holding the meeting outside campus (i.e., in Delhi as proposed), information with justification must be submitted to the Ministry. The University has already submitted justification for holding one of the FC and EC meeting at Delhi in a year. On being heard, Director CU Bureau, MoE present in the meeting as member asked to resend the proposal to the Ministry. The Council agreed to the same.



Item No. 10 : Stock Verification report of Rabindra Library, Assam University :

EC:180:02-26:10 : The Stock Verification Report-2024 of Rabindra Library, Assam University has been finalized and approved by the Library Standing Committee vide its resolution No. 02 of the meeting dated 18th September 2025. The report was tabled during the meeting for perusal and discussion.

Resolution : The stock verification report was presented before the Council by Prof. Alok Sen, Librarian In-charge. The members perused the matter and resolved to accept the same.

(C) Agenda item for ratification by the Council:

Item No. 11 : Termination of lien in respect of Prof. Arup Barman, Department of Business Administration, Assam University :

EC:180:02-26:11 : Prof. Arup Barman, Department of Business Administration, Assam University was granted Lien for a period of five year w.e.f. 03-01-2025 vide order No.103/115/1999-Pers/49-57 dated 1st January, 2025 to enable him to join his new assignment as Registrar, Rabindranath Tagore University, Hojai, Assam but he has reported back to Assam University on 03-07-2025 and his joining has been accepted vide order No. 103/115/1999-Pers/1288 – 1294 dated 4th August, 2025 subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has also terminated the lien granted to Professor Barman w.e.f. 02-07-2025 (A/N) vide order dated 4th August, 2025 as noted above. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the termination of lien of Prof. Arup Barman.

Item No. 12 : Grant of Sabbatical Leave to Professor Piyush Pandey :

EC:180:02-26:12 : Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the Competent authority has granted the Sabbatical leave to Prof. Piyush Pandey, Professor, Department of Microbiology for a period of four months six days w.e.f. 10-01-2026 to 15-05-2026 Vide order No. 103/418/2011-Estt/2678-83 dated 04th December, 2025 to enable him to complete his research related work at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the Sabbatical Leave of Prof. Piyush Pandey.

Item No. 13 : Extension of suspension of Mr. Ajit Kumar Jena :

EC:180:02-26:13 : A disciplinary proceeding is pending against Mr. Ajit Kumar Jena, Department of Social Work and the order of suspension is in force vide order No.

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103/442/2014-Estt/2058-65 dated 30th October, 2025. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has made the extension of the said suspension on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the purpose under the provisions of Rule 10(6) & (7) of CCS (CCA) Rule-1965 vide order No. 103/442/2014-Estt/ 2121-27 dated 29th January, 2026 for a further period of 180 days. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 14 : Extension of suspension of Prof. Laxmi Narayan Sethi :

EC:180:02-26:14 : A disciplinary proceeding is pending against Prof. Laxmi Narayan Sethi, Department of Agricultural Engineering and the order of suspension is in force vide order No. 103/220/2006-Pers/Part/1141-47 dated 10th July, 2025. Subject to ratification of the Executive Council, the competent authority has made the extension of the said suspension on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee constituted for the purpose under the provisions of Rule 10(6) & (7) of CCS (CCA) Rule-1965 vide order No. 103/220/2006-Pers/Part/2104-10 dated 09th January, 2026 for a period of 180 days. The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the same.

Item No. 15 : Nomination of a member to the Finance Committee by the Executive Council :

EC:180:02-26:15 : *As per Statute 19 (1) (iii) of Assam University Act & Statute, in the Finance Committee, three persons nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council.*

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of the Executive Council of Assam University has nominated Prof. Anindya Syam Choudhury, Dean, S.K.C. School of English & Foreign Language Studies, Assam University, Silchar as a member of the Finance Committee of Assam University w.e.f. 05.02.2026 as a nominee of the Executive Council for a period of three years or till the completion of term as a member of the Executive Council, whichever is earlier, subject to ratification by the Executive Council of the University.

Prof. Anindya Syam Choudhury, Dean, S.K.C. School of English & Foreign Language Studies, Assam University, Silchar has been nominated as a member of the Finance Committee as Executive Council nominee in place of Prof. Karabi Dutta Choudhury, Dean, Albert Einstein School of Physical Sciences, Assam University, Silchar whose term as a member of the Executive Council has been completed.

The item was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the above proposal.

Item No. 16 : Grant of Extra Ordinary leave to Prof. Jai Kaushal, Department of Hindi, Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:16 : Prof. Jai Kaushal, Department of Hindi, Assam University, Diphu Campus vide Order No. AUDC/Prof.-1/777/2019/Vol-II dated 5th December, 2025 was granted six months (initially) Extra Ordinary leave w.e.f. 15-12-2025 to 14-05-2026 to enable him to join as Visiting Professor of ICCRs Chair of Hindi at Sofia University, Bulgaria. Prof. Kaushal had to join Sofia University, Bulgaria on or before 15-12-2025. On 12th December, 2025, Prof. Kaushal informed that grant of Visa for his family members were under process; hence he could not join as Visiting Professor of ICCRs Chair of Hindi at Sofia University, Bulgaria. Programme Director (Chairs) ICCR, New Delhi (Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi) vide letter No. ICCR/Ch/Sofia/2026/02/02 dated 02-02-2026 & 04-02-2026, requested for relieving Prof. Kaushal from his duties w.e.f. 16-02-2026 with an instruction to report to the ICCR Zonal Office, Guwahati on 17-02-2026, accordingly Prof. Jai Kaushal has been released on Extra Ordinary Leave (without pay and allowances) for a period of six months (initially) w.e.f. 16-02-2026 (A/N) to 15-08-2026 with an instruction to report to the ICCR Zonal Office, Guwahati on 17-02-2026 (F/N) vide Order No. AUDC/Prof.-1/777/2019/Vol-II dated 5th February, 2025.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the EOL granted to Prof. Jai Kaushal.

Item No. 17 : Grant of Deputation to Shri Amalakhya Bardhan, LDC, Assam University, Silchar posted at Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:17 : Shri Amalakhya Bardhan, Lower Division Clerk, Assam University, Silchar who was posted at Assam University, Diphu Campus granted deputation for a period of three years w.e.f. 24-09-2025 (A/N) to enable him to join his new assignment as Upper Division Clerk at Government Medical Store Depot, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services, A.K. Azad Road, Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati-781016 vide Order No. AUDC/LDC-1/843/2022-1729-34 dated 18-09-2025.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the above matter.

Item No. 18 : Grant of Deputation to Shri Shibangshu Paul, Upper Division Clerk, Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:18 : Shri Shibangshu Paul, Upper Division Clerk, Assam University, Diphu Campus granted deputation for a period of three years w.e.f. 29-12-2025 (A/N) to enable him to join his new assignment as Upper Division Clerk in Brahmaputra Board, Silchar Division vide Order No. AUDC/LDC-68/2007/2955-62 dated 24-12-2025.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the above matter.

Item No. 19 : Grant of Deputation to Dr. Chandrajit Nunia, Section Officer, Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:19 : Dr. Chandrajit Nunia, Section Officer, Assam University, Diphu Campus granted deputation for a period of three years w.e.f. 31-03-2026 (A/N) to enable him to join as Section Officer w.e.f. 01-04-2026 at Brahmaputra Board, under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources RD & GR, Basistha, Guwahati-29 vide Order No. AUDC/S.O-1/803/2021/Estt/521 dated 03/02/2026.

The matter was placed before the Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the above matter.

Item No. 20 : Appointment of Head, Dept. of English, Hindi, Anthropology, History & Political Science, Assam University, Diphu Campus :

EC:180:02-26:20 : On completion of the term of Headship the following were re-appointed as Head of the Department for a period of three years as mentioned against their names vide Office Order No. AUDC/ACA-11/35/2007/444 dated 06-01-2026 & Office Order No. AUDC/ACA-11/35/2007/517 dated 09-02-2026.

Sl. No	Name of the faculty	Department	Tenure of Headship	Name of the re-appointed/new Head of the Dept.	Tenure of re-appointment
1.	Prof. Sheetanshu Kumar	Hindi	06-01-2023 to 05-01-2026	Prof. Sheetanshu Kumar	06-01-2026 to 05-01-2029
2.	Dr. Indu Swami	English	28-03-2023 to 27-03-2026 (Dr. Indu Swami was Head i/c during the above period)	Dr. Indu Swami (Appointed as regular Head)	28-03-2026 to 27-03-2029
3.	Prof. Kh. Narendra Singh	Anthropology	14-01-2023 to 13-01-2026	Prof. Kh. Narendra Singh	14-01-2026 to 13-01-2029
4.	Prof. Paul B. Chonzik	History	14-01-2023 to 13-01-2026	Prof. Paul B. Chonzik	14-01-2026 to 13-01-2029
5.	Prof. Bikash Ch. Dash	Political Science	20-03-2023 to 19-03-2026	Dr. Niranjana Mahapatra	20-03-2026 to 19-03-2029

The matter was placed before Executive Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the appointment of HODs.

Item No. 21 : Acceptance of Voluntary Retirement of Dr. Suchismita Sinha, Senior Technical Assistant (STA), Dept. of Computer Science :

EC:180:02-26:21 : Pursuant to the application submitted by Dr. Suchismita Sinha, Senior Technical Assistant (STA), Dept. of Computer Science, the Competent Authority is pleased to accept her request for Voluntary Retirement.

As per the approval granted by the Vice Chancellor, her retirement is effective from the date of her application submission i.e, 11-11-2025.

The matter was placed before the Council for ratification.

Resolution : The Council ratified the above matter.

Item No. 22 : Item from the Chair:

EC:180:02-26:22 : Panel of External Experts for Selection Committee of the University:

The Chairman placed before the Council for approval of panel of external experts for Selection Committees of the University.

Resolution : The Council approved the same.

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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