

**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
GUWAHATI**

**Proceedings of the 45th meeting of the Board of Management
(Emergency) held on 30.07.2018 in the Conference Room of Housefed
Complex, Dispur, Guwahati at 11:00 AM**

Members Present:

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| 1) | Vice Chancellor | : Chairman |
| 2) | Prof. Munin Kakati | : Member |
| 3) | Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury | : Member |
| 4) | Shri Ramendra Narayan Kalita | : Member |
| 5) | Dr. Atindra Kumar Adhikari | : Member |
| 6) | Shri Ramen Sarma | : Member |
| 7) | Prof. Sudeshna Bhattacharjee | : Member |
| 8) | Ms. Anjali Saikia, Joint Secretary (HE)
(Representative from the Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department) | : |
| 9) | Ms. Geetanjali Ahmed Nayyar, Dy. Secretary:
(Representative from the Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Assam, Finance Department) | : |
| 10) | Dean, Academic | : Member |
| 11) | Dean, Study Centre | : Member |
| 12) | Registrar (i/c) | : Member Secretary |

Shri S. N. Misra, Secretary to Vice Chancellor and Public Relations officer was present for recording the proceedings.

Before calling the meeting to order, the Vice Chancellor welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board of Management with a special mention to Ms. Anjali Saikia and Ms. Geetanjali Ahmed Nayyar who had attended the meeting as representative of Principal Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department and Principal Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Finance

Department respectively. The Chairman explained in detail the purpose of holding emergency meeting being held today which is as follows:

As per UGC guideline the University at present decided not to conduct any examination at any private organization. In compliance with the above guideline, the University decided to conduct degree 1st semester and Degree 3rd semester examination for Katigorah Junior College at Satya Ranjan College, Kalain, Cachar which is a provincialised college. The examination for 1st semester and 3rd semester started with effect from 24.01.2018. On 3rd and 4th February, 2018; Examination Monitoring Officer Sanjeev Ghimire, Academic Consultant, Commerce Department from KKHSOU visited S R College and reported about unfair means in large scale and some other irregularities. Few students also stated that they were charged Rs. 10,000/- extra for allowing them to use unfair means at the examination hall. On receipt of the report, the Controller of Examinations wrote a letter to the centre in-Charge, S R College regarding his views on mass unfair means. In reply to the letter of the Controller of examinations, the Centre-in-charge, S. R. College expressed his helplessness to interfere in the matter. Being convinced of the ground reality of the fact, the Controller of Examinations proposed to Vice Chancellor to cancel the examination of degree 1st and 3rd Semester, in view of the report received from the Monitoring Officer and the Centre In-Charge of S R College. Accordingly, the Controller of Examinations issued a cancellation notice of the above examinations on 21.02.2018. A number of letters came requesting to reconsider the issue and not to cancel the examination, as they claimed that the learners were not guilty. So a team of one faculty member and an officer were deputed from KKHSOU to collect the related documents. The team from KKHSOU also visited S R College to verify and they submitted a report on 08/05/2018. The report reflected about the irregularities and unfair means during the examination. The matter was also placed in the Examination Committee. But the Committee decided to stick to the decision already taken by the University.

However, the result of degree 3rd semester declared on 18.05.2018 and the degree 1st semester on 17.06.2018 despite the cancellation notice of the examination held in S R College.

The vice Chancellor came to know only on 12.07.2018 that the result of the examination held at S R College, Kalain, were declared by the Controller of Examinations ignoring the notification issued on 21.02.2018. He immediately sought a clarification from the Controller of Examinations on 12.07.2018. The Controller of Examinations vide his letter dated 15.07.2018 admitted the serious lapse on the part of examination department.

In view of the above facts, the Vice Chancellor requested the Registrar to constitute a one man Enquiry Committee to inquire into the matter and at the same time to obtain a Legal Opinion from our Standing Legal Advisor. The Registrar appointed Shri Dharendra Nath Saikia, IAS (Retd. Commissioner and Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Home and Political etc.) to enquire into the matter with the following terms and references:

1. To fix the responsibility/ies on the person(s) for which such type of major lapse has taken place.
2. To find out the remedial measures.
3. To suggest necessary steps to be taken in future to prevent such type of mistake.

Shri D N Saikia has in the mean time completed the enquiry and submitted his report in respect of the terms of reference no: 1.

A Legal Opinion has also been obtained from our Standing Legal Advisor Shri A C Borbora, Senior Advocate, Gauhati High Court.

The Board is requested to consider the matter on the basis of the Enquiry Report and the Legal Opinion received from the Standing Legal Advisor Shri A C Borbora.

The members of the Board of Management have gone through the Legal Opinion and the Enquiry Report and deliberated upon the above matter seriously. The members of the Board of Management expressed its displeasure on the functioning of the examination branch for which the image of the University will be tarnished before the learners as well as the general public.

After detailed discussion, the Board of Management in unison resolved as follows:

Resolution No: BM/45/1/2018: Today's meeting resolved to accept the Enquiry Report submitted by Shri D.N. Saikia, IAS (Retd.) in respect of Examination matters.

Resolution No: BM/45/2/2018: Today's meeting resolved that in view of the decision dated 21/02/2018 and various reports, communications and opinions received, on different dates both prior to 21/02/2018 and after 21/02/2018 and in view of the admitted position of mass copying and adoption of various unfair means of 1st and 3rd Semester held on 3rd & 4th February, 2018, the result of the concerned candidates from Satya Ranjan College centre, though declared along that of the other centres are liable to be cancelled immediately. Today's meeting further considered the views taken by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in various decisions wherein it was clearly observed that in the event of mass copying at any examination at any centre, a University is left with no other alternative but to cancel the same and that for such cancellation on the ground of mass copying the examinees are not entitled to any opportunity of natural justice. It is therefore resolved to cancel the said two examinations held at the centre in question i.e Satya Ranjan College.

Resolution No: BM/45/3/2018: Today's meeting also resolved that barring those blacklisted and deregistered on being caught red handed while adopting unfair means who appeared from Satya Ranjan College, fresh examination for 1st semester and 3rd semester of B.A. Degree examinations be held at an alternate examination centre in the district of Cachar .

Resolution No: BM/45/4/2018 : It is further resolved that the University registration of the examinees caught red-handed while adopting unfair means as reported by the Monitoring Officer should be kept under suspension for a period of one year.

Resolution No: BM/45/5/2018: Today's meeting further resolves to cancel the selection of Satya Ranjan College tagged with Katigorah Jr. College for any further examination under the University in future.

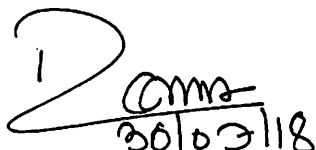
Resolution No: BM/45/6/2018: After threadbare discussions with regard to unwarranted declaration of results of the 1st Semester and 3rd Semester held at the Satya Ranjan College Examination centre in spite of earlier notification dated 21/02/2018 of the University, the Board of Management hereby resolves to put the Controller of Examinations, Deputy Registrar (Exam) under immediate suspension pending drawal of Disciplinary Proceedings against each of them as they are prima-facie responsible.

Resolution No: BM/45/7/2018: The Board also resolves that a show cause notice be issued to the Assistant Registrar, Examinations and the other staff members who were associated with the result processing system of the University.

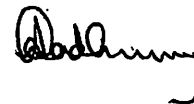
During the course of discussions, the members of the Board of Management viewed that the University should explore the possibility of reducing the number of examination centres to the extent possible. Keeping the above spirit in mind the University may consider restricting the examination centres within subdivision/ district headquarter whichever is suitable and applicable to the University. After detailed discussion the Board resolved as follows:

Resolution No: BM/45/8/2018: Resolved that the Controller of Examinations and the Dean, Study Centre be entrusted to explore the possibility of conducting the examinations of KKHSOU only in the District Head quarter or Sub divisional headquarters of all Districts across the State of Assam.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.


(Hitesh Deka)

Vice Chancellor &
Chairman, BoM
KKHSOU



(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar (i/c) &
Member Secretary, BoM
KKHSOU