

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
MANAGEMENT OF KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN
UNIVERSITY HELD ON 24.09.2021 AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE
HALL, CITY OFFICE, KHANAPARA**

Members Present:

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| 1) Vice Chancellor (i/c) | : Chairperson |
| 2) Prof. Amalendu Chakrabarty | : Member |
| 3) Prof. Muneesh Kumar | : Member (online) |
| 4) Prof. Hem Chandra Gautam | : Member |
| 5) Dr. Mridul Hazarika | : Member |
| 6) Prof. Anil Kumar Boro | : Member |
| 7) Dr. Sangeeta Gogoi | : Member |
| 8) Ms. Tarali Das
Deputy Secretary
Representative from Secretary,
Education (Higher) Deptt., Govt. of Assam | : Member |
| 8) Ms. Geetanjali Ahmed Nayyar,
Joint secretary
Representative from Commissioner & Secretary
Finance Deptt., Govt. of Assam | : Member |
| 9) Dean (Study Centre) | : Member |
| 10) Dean (Academic) i/c | : Member |
| 11) Registrar | : Member Secretary |

Item No. 1 : Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory briefing.

Before calling the meeting to order, the Vice Chancellor (i/c), on behalf of the University, welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board to the 63rd meeting of the Board of Management. He then appraised the following information concerning the period since the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 10.08.2021 before the Board of Management:

1. An official communication was received from the Governor's Secretariat dated 13th August, 2021 informing that Prof. Kandarpa Das, Vice

Chancellor, KKHSOU has been placed under suspension with immediate effect in relation to his previous association with Gauhati University as Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning. Further, Dr. Nripendra Narayan Sarma was handed over the charge of VC, KKHSOU until further order to continue the normal functioning of the University.

2. The University celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15.08. 2021 with flag hoisting by the Vice Chancellor (i/c) followed by a drawing competition among the members of KKHSOU family.
3. The Vice Chancellor (i/c) and the Registrar appraised the Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor of Assam about the functioning of the University on 23 August, 2021 at 11 AM at the office of the Hon'ble Chancellor.
4. As per UGC guidelines, the University started the Admission process for the session 2021-2022. Like the previous year, ten MTS of the University has been deployed at the City centre as *Sikharthee Mitra* to help the new learners and facilitate the admission process. Around 3200 learners got enrolled in various programmes till date. The admission will continue till September 30, 2021. However, a letter has already been sent to the UGC requesting for extension of the last date of admission as most of the Universities in the State of Assam has not declared their UG results till date.
5. The Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), KKHSOU organized two online workshops on Leadership Development for the officers and on Question Paper Setting for the faculty members of the University.
6. During the last period the Schools of Studies continued their academic activities and organized a number of web lectures such as:
 - I. Special web lecture organized by Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences on "Reading the Northeast from the Perspective of Social Exclusion" delivered by Virginius Xaxa, Former Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics.
 - II. Special web lecture organized by Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences on "Vulnerable migrants in Contemporary India" delivered by Deepak Kr. Mishra, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

III. Online Seminar organized by Padmanath Gohain Baruah School of Humanities on Ongoing Research in Languages & Literatures.

8. In view of the upcoming NAAC peer team visit and in order to streamline and ensure the smooth functioning of the Schools/Centres/Cells, the University has undertaken the following restructuring in some functional areas.
 - a. Dr. Limpon Bora, Deputy Registrar (Academic) is assigned as Dean (Academic) i/c.
 - b. Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor, Discipline of Commerce is assigned as Director i/c, Maniram Dewan School of Management.
 - c. Dr. Pranab Saikia, Associate Professor, Discipline of Education is assigned as Director i/c, CIQA.
 - d. Dr. Prasenjit Das, Associate Professor, Discipline of English is assigned as Director i/c, Banikanta Kakati Research Institute.
 - e. Teams and Committees are formed for various activities related to NAAC preparedness.
9. Seven online meetings were conducted with various study centres of KKHSOU to discuss various issues primarily related with the Examination systems on 14th, 15th and 17th September. Total 186 coordinators and Centre-in-charges participated in these interactive meetings and discussed various issues. Other than examinations, issues related with ongoing admission procedure and SLM were also discussed in the meetings.
10. The Course work term end examinations for M.Phil/Ph.D scholars of the session 2020-21 were held offline at the University City Office on 18th and 19th September, 2021.
11. The conduct of examinations for 2nd/4th/6th semester of UG programmes and Diploma/Certificate programmes are planned in October-November, 2021. The 2nd & 4th semester examinations of the PG programmes are planned in November-December, 2021. The process of evaluation is going on for the remaining examinations.
12. The University has applied for Cycle – 1 Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) and got pre-qualified on 1st September 2021. As such, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has requested to provide

suitable dates for three slots for the NAAC peer team visit and the following slots have been provided to NAAC for the peer team visit.

1. 21.10.2021 to 23.10.2021

2. 07.11.2021 to 09.11.2021

3. 24.11.2021 to 26.11.2021

Resolution No. BM/63/1/2021: Resolved that the above appraisal of the Vice Chancellor be noted and endorsed.

Item No. 2: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Management.

The copy of the Proceedings of the 62nd meeting of the Board of Management was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/63/2/2021: Resolved that the proceedings of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Management be approved as reproduced below.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 62nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY HELD ON 10.08.2021 AT 11 AM IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, CITY OFFICE, KHANAPARA

Members Present:

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| 9) Vice Chancellor | : Chairperson |
| 10) Prof. Amalendu Chakrabarty | : Member |
| 11) Prof. Hem Chandra Gautam | : Member (Online) |
| 12) Dr. Mridul Hazarika | : Member (Online) |
| 13) Prof. Anil Kumar Boro | : Member (Online) |
| 14) Dr. Sangeeta Gogoi | : Member |
| 15) Ms. Tarali Das | : Member |
| Deputy Secretary
Representative from Secretary,
Education (Higher) Deptt., Govt. of Assam | |
| 7) Ms. Geetanjali Ahmed Nayyar,
Joint secretary
Representative from Commissioner & Secretary
Finance Deptt., Govt. of Assam | : Member |
| 8) Dean (Study Centre) | : Member |
| 9) Registrar | : Member Secretary |

Item No. 1 : Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory briefing.

Before calling the meeting to order, the Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the University, welcomed all the esteemed members of the Board to the 62nd meeting of the Board of Management. He then appraised the following

information concerning the period since the last meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.02.2021 before the Board of Management:

1. The University held the 4th Convocation on 21st March, 2021, where a total of 482 learners received their degrees for undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, PG Diploma, M.Phil and Ph.D programmes. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi delivered the Convocation Speech as the Chief Guest. The University conferred upon the Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Literature to Prof. Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami and Doctor of Philosophy to Shri Dipok Borthakur, Shri Surath Narzary and Shri Adil Hussain.
2. An Academic and Administrative Audit was conducted at the University by an external audit committee from 25th to 27th February, 2021. The committee was comprising of Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, IGNOU as Chairperson and Professor Swaraj Basu, IGNOU and Prof. Nirode Baruah, Dibrugarh University as Members. The main objective of the audit was to assess the quality of academic and administrative services of the University and to scrutinize the preparedness of the University for submission of Self Study Report (SSR) to NAAC for accreditation.
3. The Self Study Report (SSR) was submitted to the NAAC for assessment and accreditation on 9th March, 2021. The assessment is under process and expected to be visited by the NAAC Peer Team very soon.
4. The second phase of admission for the Academic session 2020-21 was concluded on 30th April, 2021. A total of 1799 learners got admitted in various post graduate programmes in the second phase.
5. The scheduled examinations of the University for Undergraduate & Postgraduate Degree intermediate semesters were to be postponed due to the situation arising out of COVID-19 Pandemic. All examinations are now being conducted online as Open Book Examinations.
6. A special Open Book examination was held for the learners of Degree 6th semester who could not appear in the online examination held in 2020 due to various technical issues.
7. In order to provide uninterrupted counselling to the learners during the current Pandemic situation and to strengthen the teaching-learning mechanism, the University has introduced the system of e-mentoring groups. Each learner, after enrolment, will be assigned to one of the faculty members of the University who will act as the mentor of the group. Every learner of the group will be connected via Whatsapp and Telegram, where they may attend the e-counselling classes and also get all necessary information regarding SLMs, Home assignments, Examinations etc. The learners also get an opportunity to interact between themselves through these groups and get the benefit of peer to peer learning.
8. The University has introduced 13 new helpline numbers in addition to the existing 2 numbers in order to provide the necessary support to the learners regarding any issues related to the University. Learners/general public may seek advice and express their concerns through these helplines in all days of the week including the holidays and their issues and queries will be resolved positively within 7 working days.
9. The University has decided to send the Study materials (SLM) to the learners by post to their respective addresses in order to solve the problems related to non-receipt of study materials by the learners.
10. The University has decided to introduce MA in Nepali Language from the forthcoming Academic Session as desired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam. Accordingly, the University has already applied to UGC for approval.
11. As per the decision of the Academic Council, the University has applied to UGC for approval of three new programmes viz. MA (Mass Communication), B.Sc (General) and BA (Liberal Arts) Online.
12. The University also submitted a proposal to the Govt. of Assam for introduction of 2-year B.Ed programme through open and distance learning mode in order to cater the need of training about 40,000 untrained secondary teachers of the State. The University has requested the Govt. of Assam to apply to NCTE for necessary approval.
13. A letter has been sent to the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Assam showing the willingness of the University to provide enrolment to a considerable section of students who wants to get admitted in general undergraduate programmes which will help in managing the situation arising after the declaration of Higher Secondary results with relatively higher pass percentage. The Government is also requested to provide special financial assistance towards production of Self-Learning Materials of the University in view of the exceptional situation emerging out of the current pandemic.

14. For smooth conduct of the online examinations, the University has decided to take service from a professional software firm to conduct the entire process of online examination. The process of outsourcing has already been started with floating of Tender.
15. The University has recently registered in the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal. Henceforth, all procurements of the University will be done through the GeM Portal.
16. As per decision of the Finance Committee in its 35th meeting held on 13-11- 2020 and subsequently approved by the Board of Management in 60th meeting held on 23.12.2020 to engage a full time Project Manager preferably a Civil Engineer for the construction project at Khanapara, the University has advertised and appointed Shri Manoranjan Das, a retired Civil Engineer of Govt. of Assam as Project Manager initially for a period of 6 months.
17. A Panel discussion on "Rethinking Netaji – Some reflection" was organized on 28th May, 2021 to celebrate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
18. The University celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June, 2021 with a virtual lecture delivered by Shri Rituraj Phukan, National Coordinator for Biodiversity, the Climate Reality Project, India.
19. The University donated an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- from its Mother Teresa Social Welfare Fund to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund during the COVID -19 Pandemic.
20. Due to the prevailing Pandemic situation, the 7th Krishna Kanta Handiqui Memorial Lecture was organized in virtual mode on 20th July, 2021. The lecture was delivered by Sir John Daniel, Chancellor, Acsenda School of Management, Vancouver, Canada on the topic " From Response to Resilience: Preparing for the use of Open and Distance Learning in the next crisis".
21. During the last period the schools of studies continued their academic activities and organized a number of web lectures such as:
 - IV. A panel discussion on "Entrepreneurial Challenges in Assam" was organized by the Maniram Dewan School of Management to celebrate the birth anniversary of Maniram Dewan.
 - V. Webinar on "Role of HEI in implementing NEP, 2020 – Awareness, Orientation, Challenges and Responses" was organized in Collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal and Niti Aayog.
 - VI. Special web lecture on "Is it possible to predict Earthquake?" delivered by Dr. Shantanu Baruah, Sr. Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat.
 - VII. Web Lecture on "Pandemics and Public Health Ethics" delivered by Amar Jesani, Independent Researcher, Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.
 - VIII. Surya Kumar Bhuyan Memorial Lecture on "The Intervention of Experience –Officering in the Northeastern Frontier of British India" organized by Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences was delivered by Dr. Bodhisattva Kar, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Resolution No. BM/62/1/2021: Resolved that the above appraisal of the Vice Chancellor be noted and endorsed.

Item No. 2 : **Confirmation of the proceedings of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Management.**

The copy of the Proceedings of the 61st meeting of the Board of Management was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/62/2/2021: Resolved that the proceedings of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Management be approved as noted.

Item No. 3: **To appraise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Management.**

The action taken report on the decision of the 61st meeting of the Board of Management was circulated to the members of the Board of Management.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the report.

Resolution No: BM/62/3/2021: Resolved that the action taken reports on the decision of the 61st meeting of the Board as Management be noted as noted.

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the proceedings of 37th Finance Committee meeting held on 27.07.2021.

The copy of the proceedings of the 37th Finance Committee meeting held on 27.07.2021 was placed before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. BM/62/4/2021: Resolved that the proceedings of the 37th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.07.2021 be approved as noted.

Action to be taken by: Finance Officer, KKHSOU

Item No. 5 To consider and approve the proceedings of 32nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.06.2021.

The copy of the proceedings of the 32nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.06.2021 was placed before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. BM/62/5/2021: Resolved that the proceedings of the 32nd meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.06.2021 be approved as noted.

Action to be taken by: Dean (Academic), KKHSOU

Item No. 6 To consider and approve the project proposal for production of e-content for KKHSOU Online portal in regional language

The current pandemic has thrown-up a huge challenge disrupting education delivery mechanism in a massive way shifting the focus on online delivery mode. Learners now need a flexible online open education system giving them the convenience of learning at their own pace and with flexibility of schedule. E-portals like SWAYAM and satellite television channels like Swayam Prabha have started to cater to learners on these lines on pan-India basis. However, online learning resources in regional languages are yet to be developed in these platforms.

To overcome this, KKHSOU has planned to develop an online portal of curriculum-based, learning resources, in regional languages, in OER format licensed under Creative Commons which will be accessible to general public free of cost. This portal is named Ekalabyalive which will host multi-media E-content that accessed by anyone, at anytime, from anywhere giving them the flexibility of time and pace. Necessary steps have been taken to develop the online portal and the process for selection of vendors for developing the portal has already been initiated.

It is estimated that a total of 5000 multi-media E-content will be needed to cover all available UG and PG courses of KKHSOU. A detailed proposal to produce these multi-media E-content through the EMPC, KKHSOU in four phases over a period of one year, each phase spanning three months, is enclosed. It is estimated that the cost of producing each multi-media E-content will be Rs 4000/- (rupees four thousand). An additional 10% cost will be for quality assurance. A total of 30% of the multi-media E-content will be produced in-house and 70% of them will be outsourced.

It is proposed to produce a total of 1250 multi-media E-content in the first phase spanning September-November 2021. Out of these, 875 multi-media E-content will be outsourced. An amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- (rupees fifteen lakhs) will be saved by producing 375 multi-media E-content in-house. The total cost of producing these multi-media E-content in the first phase will be Rs. 38,50,000/- (rupees thirty-eight lakhs fifty thousand).

The detail proposal of the said project was placed before the Board for consideration and approval.

Resolution No. BM/62/6/2021: The Board suggested that an External Media Advisory Committee may be constituted to assess all aspects of the project including costing, quality of outcome, technical requirements etc. while implementing the same. However, the Board resolved that the project proposal for production of e-content for KKHSOU Online portal in regional language be approved after being vetted by the external committee.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 7 To advise the future course of action regarding the remaining stock of the volumes of Assam Sishu Sahitya Kosha (ASSK)

The Board was appraised that as per decision of the 36th Board of Management meeting held on 28.03.2017, the University submitted a proposal for financial assistance of Rs. 150.00 Lakhs to the Government of Assam to publish books (initially 20 volumes) compiling the available children literatures of Assam under the project "Asom Sishu Sahitya Kosha". During the process, it was observed that the compilation would cover more than 50 volumes and subsequently, a revised proposal of Rs. 4,97,48,550/- duly approved by the 44th Board of Management meeting held on 11.07.2018 was submitted to the Government of Assam. Accordingly the Government of Assam released an amount of Rs. 300,00,000 lakhs (Rupees three crores only) for the same. The project was completed in 2020 with publication of 500 sets of 41 volumes and the books were released on 29 February, 2020 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

The printed price of each set of 41 volumes is Rs. 41,000/- (Rupees forty one thousand only). However, the Board of Management, in its 55th meeting on 08.03.2020, fixed the rate for selling the sets as follows

- a) Rs. 30,000/- on purchase by Educational Institutes
- b) Rs. 25,000/- for interested readers
- c) Rs. 20,000/- for the family members of KKHSOU in five equated installments.
- d) Rs. 20,000 /- for the writers and publishers whose atleast five books have been incorporated.

Further, the Board of Management in its aforesaid meeting also decided to distribute complimentary sets of "Asom Sishu Sahitya Kosha" to some selected persons and Institutions.

Accordingly, the University already distributed 42 complimentary sets and sold 38 sets. Total 420 sets are at the University as on date.

In view of the above, the Board was requested to advise the future course of action for distribution of the remaining sets of books including writing to the Government for their consent regarding the matter.

Resolution No. BM/62/7/2021: After deliberate discussion on the matter and considering all possible aspects, the Board has suggested the following regarding the future course of action:

Phase I: To sell as many sets as possible with high discounted rate with extensive marketing and advertisement. The discounted rate was fixed at Rs. 15,000/- per set with a deliver charge of Rs. 1,000/- (if applicable).

Phase II: The Board will again review the matter after 3 months and based on the status, the Board may consider distribution of the remaining sets of volume in a more rational way in consultation with the State Government.

Moreover, the Board resolved further to offer 1 complimentary set each to the Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management, KKHSOU; Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of Assam and Adviser, Education, Govt. of Assam.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 8 To consider and approve declaration of Ph.D results by the University

The following scholars have submitted their thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D Degree –

1 Mr. Suryya Kumar Chetia submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 23rd February, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Abhijit Bora, Professor, Department of Mass Communication, Tezpur University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Mr. Suryya Kumar Chetia for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Suryya Kumar Chetia (R. No.- 12050100010) Sivasagar, Assam
Title of the thesis	"Trends in Science Writing in Assamese Periodicals With special reference to four major periodicals of the 19 th Century."
Name of the guide	Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury Registrar, KKHSOU
Name of the Examiners	1. Dr. Abhijit Bora, Professor, Department of Mass Communication, Tezpur University. (External) 2. Dr. Ram Mohan Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Nehru Gram Bharati University. (External) 3. Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Registrar, KKHSOU. (Guide)

2. Mr. Samir Baruah submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 25th February, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Homeshwar Goswami, Retd. Professor, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Mr. Samir Baruah for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Samir Baruah (R. No.- 14045948) Guwahati, Assam
Title of the thesis	"An Investigation into the low Credit-Deposit Ratio of Banks in Assam (With special reference to Kamrup (Metro & Rural) Districts.)"
Name of the guide	Dr. Chandrama Goswami, Supervisor, K.R.B. Girls' College
Name of the Examiners	1. Dr. Homeshwar Goswami, Retd. Professor, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University. (External) 2. Dr. Kanak Kanti Bagchi, Professor, Department of Economics, North Bengal University. (External) 3. Dr. Chandrama Goswami, Supervisor, K.R.B. Girls' College. (Guide)

3. Ms. Manisha Sarmah submitted her Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 29th June, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Chandan Goswami, Professor, Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Ms. Manisha Sarmah for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Ms. Manisha Sarmah (R. No.- 12050100004) Guwahati, Assam
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<i>Title of the thesis</i>	<i>"Customer Awareness and Adoption of Auto LPG as an Alternative Automobile Fuel in Assam – A Study on Managerial Issues and Scope."</i>
<i>Name of the guide</i>	<i>Prof. N.N. Sarma Professor, KKHSOU</i>
<i>Name of the Examiners</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Dr. Chandan Goswami, Professor, Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University. (External)</i> <i>2. Dr. Amit Kr. Singh, Professor, Department of Management, Mizoram University. (External)</i> <i>3. Prof. N.N. Sarma, Supervisor, KKHSOU. (Guide)</i>

4. Ms. Roopa Roy submitted her Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 30th June, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Dulumoni Goswami, Professor, Department of Education, Gauhati University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Ms. Roopa Roy for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

<i>Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate</i>	<i>Ms. Roopa Roy (R. No.- 13046862) Lakhimpur, Assam</i>
<i>Title of the thesis</i>	<i>"Evaluation of Preschool Services Provided in the Anganwadis of Lakhimpur District, Assam."</i>
<i>Name of the guide</i>	<i>Dr. Pranab Saikia Associate Professor, KKHSOU</i>
<i>Name of the Examiners</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Dr. Dulumoni Goswami, Professor, Department of Education, Gauhati University. (External)</i> <i>2. Dr. Rajarshi Roy, Professor, Department of Education, Visva-Bharati. (External)</i> <i>3. Dr. Pranab Saikia, Supervisor, KKHSOU. (Guide)</i>

5. Ms. Meena Kumari Das submitted her Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 15th July, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Kanak Ch. Saharia, Professor, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Ms. Meena Kumari Das for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

<i>Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate</i>	<i>Ms. Meena Kumari Das (R. No.- 15005477) Guwahati, Assam</i>
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Title of the thesis	"Panchatirtha Bhumi Hajo Anchalar Stree Lokachar: Ek Samajik Sanskritik Adhyayan."
Name of the guide	Prof. Umesh Deka Retired Professor
Name of the Examiners	1. Dr. Kanak Ch. Saharia, Professor, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University. (External) 2. Dr. Arpana Konwar, Professor, Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University. (External) 3. Prof. Umesh Deka, Supervisor, (Guide)

6. Mr. Dulal Hazarika submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 17th July, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. P.C. Pattanaik, Professor, Department of MIL & LS, Delhi University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Mr. Dulal Hazarika for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Dulal Hazarika (R. No.- 14045944) Jorhat, Assam
Title of the thesis	"Sattranusthan Kendrik Bhaonar Nat Aru Eyar Paribesan."
Name of the guide	Dr. Mrinal Jyoti Goswami Assistant Professor, KKHSOU
Name of the Examiners	1. Dr. P.C. Pattanaik, Professor, Department of MIL & LS, Delhi University. (External) 2. Dr. Binal Mazumdar, Professor, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University. (External) 3. Dr. Mrinal Jyoti Goswami, Supervisor, (Guide)

7. Mr. Debajyoti Goswami submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 4th August, 2021. The examination was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Dean Academic i/c where Dr. Pranjal Bezborah, Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University was present as the subject Expert (External). The committee recommended the name of Mr. Debajyoti Goswami for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Mr. Debajyoti Goswami (R. No.- 15005470) Guwahati, Assam
Title of the thesis	"Financing of State Universities in Assam – A Study with reference to Budgetary Provision of Government of Assam."
Name of the guide	Prof. N.N. Sarma Professor, KKHSOU

<i>Name of the Examiners</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Dr. H.K. Singh, Professor, Department of Commerce, Banaras Hindu University. (External)</i> 2. <i>Dr. Pranjal Bezborah, Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University. (External)</i> 3. <i>Prof. N.N. Sarma, Supervisor, (Guide)</i>
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The matter was placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval (ex-post facto approval for Shri Surya Kumar Chetia and Shri Samir Baruah).

Resolution No. BM/62/8/2021: *Resolved that the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) to Ms. Manisha Sarmah, Ms. Roopa Roy, Ms. Meena Kumari Das, Shri Dulal Hazarika and Shri Debajyoti Goswami be approved. Further, the award of Ph.D degree to Shri Suryya Kumar Chetia and Shri Samir Baruah be approved ex-post facto.*

Action to be taken by: Dean (Academic), KKHSOU

Item No. 9 *To consider and approve the confirmation of services of Ms. Manalisha Mahanta after completion of the Probation Period.*

It is for kind information of the Board of Management that Ms. Manalisha Mahanta, Junior Accounts Assistant has completed her probation period satisfactorily on 26.12.2020. On the basis of the confidential report, her service may be confirmed for the remaining period of her term of appointment.

The Board is requested to consider and approve the confirmation of her service.

Resolution No. BM/62/9/2021: *Resolved that the service Ms. Manalisha Mahanta be confirmed after successful completion of her Probation Period with effect from 27.12.2020.*

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

*Sd/-
(Kandarpa Das)
Vice Chancellor
KKHSOU*

*Sd/-
(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar
KKHSOU*

Item No. 3: To appraise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Management.

The action taken report on the decision of the 62nd meeting of the Board of Management was circulated to the members of the Board of Management.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the report.

Resolution No: BM/63/3/2021: *Resolved that the action taken reports on the decision of the 62nd meeting of the Board as Management be noted as reproduced below.*

Action taken report of the Registrar on the Resolutions adopted in the meeting of Board of Management held on 10.08.2021 (62nd meeting)

Agenda Item No.	Resolution No.	Action Taken
<i>Item No.1: Vice Chancellor's address of welcome and introductory briefing.</i>	<i>BM/62/1/2021</i>	<i>Noted and endorsed</i>
<i>Item No.2: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 61st Meeting of the Board of Management.</i>	<i>BM/62/2/2021</i>	<i>Noted</i>
<i>Item No.3: To apprise the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 61st Meetings of the Board of Management</i>	<i>BM/62/3/2021</i>	<i>Noted</i>
<i>Item No.4: To consider and approve the Proceedings of 37th Finance Committee meeting held on 27.07.2021</i>	<i>BM/62/4/2021</i>	<i>Noted and Action taken</i>
<i>Item No.5: To consider and approve the proceedings of 32nd meeting of Academic Council held on 19.06.2021</i>	<i>BM/62/5/2021</i>	<i>Noted and Action taken</i>
<i>Item No.6: To consider and approve the Project Proposal for production of e-content for KKHSOU online portal in regional language</i>	<i>BM/62/6/2021</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
<i>Item No.7: To advise the future course of action regarding the remaining stock of the volumes of Asom Sishu Sahitya Kosha (ASSK)</i>	<i>BM/62/7/2021</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
<i>Item No.8: To consider and approve declaration of PhD Results by the University</i>	<i>BM/62/8/2021</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
<i>Item No.9: To consider and approve the confirmation of service of Ms. Manalisha Mahanta after completion of the Probation Period.</i>	<i>BM/62/9/2021</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>

*Sd/-
Registrar, KKHSOU*

Item No. 4 To consider and approve the proceedings of Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 09.09.2021.

The copy of the proceedings of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 09.09.2021 was placed before the Board of Management for approval.

Resolution No. BM/63/4(A)/2021: Resolved that the proceedings of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 09.09.2021 be approved as reproduced below.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on 09.09.2021 in Conference Hall, KKHSOU City Campus, Khanapara

Members Present:

1. Vice Chancellor i/c, KKHSOU
2. Dr Sangeeta Gogoi, Hon'ble Member, BoM, KKHSOU
3. Er. Saleh Ahmed Choudhury, Supdtg. Engineer, PWD
4. Ms. Tarali Das, Dy.Secretary to Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Deptt.
5. Dean (Study Centre) and Dean (Academic) i/c, KKHSOU
6. Finance Officer, KKHSOU
7. Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 1: To discuss about completion of the work "Construction of City Campus for KKHSOU at Khanapara, Guwahati"

The Committee was appraised by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor i/c that the completion time of the work "Construction of City Campus for KKHSOU at Khanapara, Guwahati" was till 30.06.2021 as per the work order issued to M/S Om Construction by the Director, Physical Plant, AAU. In this regard, M/S Om Construction has informed that the physical and financial progress of the work as on date is 65% and 60% respectively as the work is delayed by almost 6 months in financial year 2020-21 and 3 months for financial year 2021-22 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

However, they have assured to complete the entire project by 31.03.2022 prior to condition that the decisions and drawing are issued timely and the payment flow of the running bill against the work are done as early as possible. Further, as there is no escalation clause in the tender agreement and increasing price of the raw material resulting in the cost overrun for them, they, therefore, have requested for permission to go ahead as per the design and plan of the architect in order to complete the entire project by the target date.

The Committee was requested to recommend whether the permission may be given to M/S Om Construction to go ahead as per the design and plan of the architect as proposed.

Resolution: The Committee recommended that M/S Om Construction may be allowed to complete the project by 31.03.2022 and they may go ahead as per the design and plan of the architect. Further, the Committee has suggested the following in connection with the said project:

1. M/S Om Construction should be asked to submit modified work schedule for the extended period of time which should be approved by the appropriate authority of the University
2. Monthly monitoring at the University level should be done with physical site verification.

Item No. 2: To discuss about the payment of share money to the Study Centres.

The Committee was requested to discuss about the amount of the share money payable to the study centres of the University which is due for Degree 1st semester and Master Degree 1st semester for the year 2020.

Resolution: After detailed discussion on the matter, the Committee recommended that the share money payable to the Study Centres be released as per the prevailing procedures. In addition to that, the Committee has suggested the following:

1. After approval of the Study Centre, monitoring at different levels and deployment of adequate mechanism like compliance to the provisions in the Study Centre Handbook needs to be strictly followed for ensuring smooth function of the Study Centres .

2. The University should take up the matter with Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam regarding non-compliance of the provision in the Handbook in respect of term of the co-ordinators of study centres beyond the period mandated by the University.

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

Sd/-
(Arupjyoti Choudhury)
Registrar
KKHSOU

Sd/-
(Nripendra Narayan Sarma)
Vice Chancellor (i/c)
KKHSOU

Resolution No. BM/63/4(B)/2021: Resolved that the resolution taken in the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 09.09.2021 regarding the ongoing construction project at City Office, Khanapara be appraised to the Hon'ble Chancellor, KKHSOU and Governor of Assam.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No. 5 To consider and approve the Annual Reports of the University for the Session 2020-21.

The draft of the Annual Report for the Session 2020-21 was circulated among the Hon'ble Members of the Board and they were requested to offer their suggestions/views on the report.

Resolution No. BM/63/5/2021: The Board opined that the draft Annual Report will be approved in the next meeting of the Board of Management after getting suggestions regarding modifications (if any) from the Hon'ble Members.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.6 To consider and approve revision of the special budget for creation of infrastructure and constitution of Empowered Purchase Committee in view of NAAC peer team visit.

A. The Board was appraised that a special budget of Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees fifty lakhs only) for development of infrastructure in the University Campus in

view of NAAC peer team visit was approved in the 61st meeting of the Board of Management held on 11.02.2021 with the following breakups.

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| a) Day Care centre | - Rs. 10,00,000/- |
| b) Special room for women employees,
lactating mothers and babies | - Rs. 5,00,000/- |
| c) Recreation room for staff | - Rs. 20,00,000/- |
| d) Miscellaneous | - Rs. 15,00,000/- |

While examining the particulars and requirements in the Self Study Report submitted by the University, it has been found that the University will have to make arrangement for the following among others.

- a) 12 nos. of ICT enabled classrooms with wall TV/Projector/ White Boards/Notice Boards etc.
- b) Yoga cum meditation centre
- c) NAAC Secretariat and confidential room for NAAC Experts
- d) Rooms for Placement Cell/ Career Counselling Cell/ BKRI/ Alumni Association/ Associations of the University.
- e) Additional facilities for Conference Hall.
- f) Furniture, fixers and facilities like drinking water provisions for various offices of the University.
- g) Paintings of noted personalities
- h) Library circulation desk etc.
- i) Tablet/iPad for live videography during hybrid peer team visit.

The Board was requested to consider the matter and advise whether the special budget of Rs. 50 Lakhs could be revised to 60 lakhs to meet the requirements of additional facilities.

B. The Board was also requested to consider and approve the proposal to constitute an Empowered Purchase Committee with senior functionaries of the University for emergency procurement strictly related to NAAC peer team visit. It was also proposed that the Board may authorize the Vice Chancellor to form the said Committee.

Resolution No. BM/63/6(A)/2021: Resolved that the Special Budget of Rs. 50 Lakhs for creation of infrastructure in view of NAAC Peer team visit be revised to Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees sixty Lakhs only) to meet the additional requirements.

Resolution No. BM/63/6(B)/2021: Resolved that the proposal to constitute an Empowered Purchase Committee for emergency procurement strictly related to NAAC peer team visit be approved and the Vice Chancellor be authorized to constitute the Committee with senior functionaries of the University.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Item No.7 Any other matter.

A. To consider the declaration of Ph.D. degree to Ms. Shyamali Hazarika.

Ms. Shyamali Hazarika submitted his Ph.D. Thesis for evaluation and award of Ph.D. Degree. On the basis of the recommendation of the examiners, the viva-voce examination of the candidate was held on 23rd September, 2021 in presence of subject expert Dr. Sauravpran Goswami, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Gauhati University, Internal examiner, Director of concerned discipline and Dean Academic i/c,. The committee recommended the name of Ms. Shyamali Hazarika for the award of Ph.D. degree. The details are furnished below.

Name, Registration No. and Address of the candidate	Ms. Shyamali Hazarika (R. No.- 15005481) Dhemaji, Assam
Title of the thesis	“A Study on Social Philosophy of Sankaradeva with Special Focus on his Eka Sarana Nama Dharma.”
Name of the guide	Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya Assistant Professor, KKHSOU
Name of the Examiners	1. Dr. Sauravpran Goswami, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Gauhati University. (External) 2. Dr. L. Biswanath Sharma, Professor, Head of Department of Philosophy, Manipur University. (External) 3. Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharyya, Supervisor, (Guide)

Resolution No. BM/63/7(A)/2021: Resolved that the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) to Ms. Shyamali Hazarika be approved.

Action to be taken by: Dean (Academic), KKHSOU

B. To approve the release of enhanced Dearness Allowance to the employees of the University ex post facto.

In pursuant to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department notification No. FEG.08/2017/95 dated 18.08.2021, the University enhanced the rate of Dearness Allowance as regards to its regular employees as per the rate below vide notification No. KKHSOU/Acctt/Notification/21/2018/09 dated 01.09.2021

Period from which payable	Rate of enhancement	Rate of DA per men sum
From 01/07/2021	11%	28% of Basic Pay

The matter was placed before the Board for ex-post facto approval.

Resolution No. BM/63/7(B)/2021: Resolved that the release of enhanced Dearness allowance to the employees of the University be approved ex-post facto.

C. To consider and approve the proposal to constitute a committee for the Study Centres of the University.

It was proposed before the Board of Management that a Study Centres Committee may be constituted with the following composition

- i. Vice Chancellor - Chairperson
- ii. Registrar - Member
- iii. Controller of Examinations - Member
- iv. Dean (Academic) - Member
- v. Director, CIQA - Member
- vi. Two members from the faculties of the University
- vii. Two Members from the Board of Management
- viii. Two Members from the Study Centres
- ix. Dean (Study Centres) - Convenor

The Board was requested to consider and approve the proposal to constitute the committee.

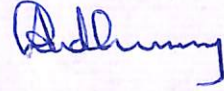
Resolution No. BM/63/7(C)/2021: Resolved that the Vice Chancellor be authorized to constitute the Study Centres Committee as proposed.

Action to be taken by: Registrar, KKHSOU

Further, the Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management suggested that a strategic planning exercise needs to be conducted by constituting a Committee for development of a perspective and long term plan of the University with adequate emphasis on research component.



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Registrar
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