

## **1. Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties**

Established under the provision of the 'Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University Act' 2005 of the State Legislature of Assam and published in the Assam Gazette (extraordinary) dated 29/09/05, the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University started functioning with Professor Srinath Baruah assuming office as its first Vice-Chancellor w.e.f. 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2006.

The University has been entrusted with the authority to prepare its own curriculum, own system of examination and to admit, examine and confer degrees, diplomas and certificates to the learners registered with it, up to degree and postgraduate level.

The University has been recognized and its academic programmes have been approved by the Distance Education Council (DEC), New Delhi vide letter No. DEC/Misci/07/5957, dated October 3, 2007 and University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, vide letter No. F.9-13/2008 (CPP-I), dated March 18, 2009. In addition to that, the Government of Assam has recognized all degree, diploma and certificate programmes of the University for job and higher study vide letter No. AHE/228/2007/330, dated May 08, 2009.

The University is functioning from its Permanent Campus at Patgaon, Rani Gate, Guwahati-781017. The University City Office is located at Housefed Complex, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati – 781006.

### **Objectives of the University**

- To provide access in higher education to large segments of the population, particularly the groups such as those living in remote and rural areas including working people, housewives and other adults who wish to upgrade or acquire knowledge through studies in various fields.
- To strengthen and diversify the degree, diploma and certificate programmes based on skill development and necessary for building the economy of the country.
- To contribute in the improvement of the educational system throughout the state by providing knowledge through open system, at par with the formal system.
- To disseminate learning knowledge by the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- To provide education and counseling to learners, raise their quality, and improve their skills.

### **Vision & Mission**

The aim of the University is to develop and provide quality higher education and training with the use of latest educational inputs and technology. Because of the inherent flexibility in terms of pace and place of learning, KKHSOU holds the promise of providing equality of opportunities for higher education and bringing into its fold the different sections including the denied and deprived sections of people of the state. With a view to reaching out to these people KKHSOU has been formulating academic programmes to suit the under educated, and

highly educated groups to achieve the goal of providing quality education and knowledge at their doorsteps. It has classified its diverse academic programmes to suit the potential learners of the following target groups:

1. Persons unable to complete higher education in the normal course of time
2. People living in rural and remote area and other disadvantageous conditions but desirous of higher education.
3. People willing to earn for a living and learn at the same time.
4. People engaged in different services, business, agriculture or other professions.
5. Persons deprived of higher education in conventional system for variety of reasons.
6. Women learners.
7. Persons with disabilities.
8. Working people who wish to develop their professional skills.

### **Motto**

The very purpose of establishing this University is to promote education and to reach the unreached through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. The motto of the University is 'Education Beyond Barriers' of age, academic background and geographical boundaries.

### **Recognition**

This University is recognized by the University Grants Commission and empowered to award degree. Its programmes have the approval of the Distance Education Bureau of Academic University Grants Commission – UGC DEB (erstwhile, Distance Education Council). Degrees, Diplomas etc awarded by this University are at par with those awarded by other conventional Universities. Assam Government has already declared acceptance of its degrees, diplomas, certificates for the purpose of job and higher education.

### **Organizational Structure**

The Governor of Assam is the Chancellor of the University. The Board of Management is the principal decision making body of the University. The authorities of the University include Board of Management, Vice Chancellor, Academic Council, Finance Committee, Planning and Development Committee. The overall functioning of the University is managed by these statutory authorities. Further details of the organizational structure are available at link [www.kkhsou.in](http://www.kkhsou.in).

### **Functions and Duties**

As per the KKHSOU Act the objects of the University shall be to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means including the use of any communication technology to provide opportunities for higher education to a larger segment of the population and to promote the educational well being of the community generally, to encourage Open University and Distance Education system in the educational pattern of the State and to coordinate and determinate the standards in such systems.

In accordance with the above objective, functions and duties of the University have been identified and those are-

**Teaching:** The University has offered teaching programme at both post graduate and under graduate and level leading to the degree of MA, MBA, MCA, MSc IT, MSW, Postgraduate Diploma, BA, BCom, BCA and BBA. KKHSOU also offer various Diploma and Certificate Courses.

**Research:** Research on diverse areas / fields are being conducted by all the departments leading to M.Phil and Ph.D degree.

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