

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

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THE OBJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. The University shall endeavour through education, research, training and extension to play a positive role in the development of the North-Eastern Region, and, based on the rich heritage of the region, to promote and advance the culture of the people of the State of Assam and its human resources. Towards this end, it shall—

(a) strive to offer employment oriented and inter-disciplinary courses, mostly at post-graduate level, to meet the local and regional aspirations and the development needs of the State of Assam;

(b) offer courses and promote research in areas which are of special and direct relevance to the region and in emerging areas in Science and Technology;

(c) promote national integration and the study of the rich cultural heritage of the region and, in particular, the diverse ethnic, linguistic and tribal cultures of the State;

(d) utilise distance education techniques and modern communication technologies to provide access to higher education for large segments of the population, and in particular, the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote and rural areas; to upgrade the professional knowledge and skills of in-service personnel, in particular, school teachers, medical personnel and extension staff; and to provide opportunities for life-long learning for adults; and

(e) provide an innovative system of university level education, flexible in regard to methods and pace of learning, combination of courses, eligibility for enrolment, age of entry, conduct of examination and operation of the programmes with a view to promote learning and encourage excellence in new fields of knowledge.