



## **GIRIJANANDA CHOWDHURY UNIVERSITY, ASSAM**

### **ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT 2023-24**

**Main Campus:**

Girijananda Chowdhury University (Guwahati Campus) Hathkhowapara, Azara,  
Guwahati, Assam -781017

**Constituent Campus:**

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# **ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**(From 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)**

The Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam was one of the first few universities established according to the mission of the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. It was established on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 by Act No. XLVII of 2022 of the Assam Legislative Assembly as a State Private University upgrading three premier institutes of higher learning viz. **Girijananda Institute of Management and Technology (GIMT), Guwahati, Girijananda Institute of Pharmaceutical Science (GIPS), Guwahati and, Girijananda Institute of Pharmaceutical Science (GIPS), Tezpur.** The GIMT Azara, which was established in 2006, has the reputation of being the first private engineering institute in Assam. Moreover, GIPS, which was instituted in 2007 as the second private pharmaceutical institute in Northeast India, has forged a powerful impact in the field of pharmaceutical education in Assam, and in India, at large. These institutes were imparting **professional higher education in Engineering, Management and Pharmacy** in a spirit of philanthropy and social commitment since 2006 and were the first of its kind in the entire North East.

## **Vision:**

Girijananda Chowdhury University shall create a culture of education that will provide students a transformative experience – intellectual, ethical, cultural and social. We envision a society where our students shall contribute with unparalleled professionalism, competence and integrity while upholding the basic human values of liberty, justice and equality. The educational ethos of the university is centered on unleashing the boundless potential of students by imparting knowledge and skills in their chosen fields, aiming to free their minds. At its heart, the university prioritizes instilling universal human values such as empathy and fairness to empower individuals.

**Mission:** To equip and students into ethical, competent professionals contributing positively to society with diverse skills for Industry 4.0, nurturing ties between academia and industry, fostering sustainable regional development, and promoting global competence. We encourage

contributions to a cosmopolitan, egalitarian society, emphasizing cultural connections and societal impact."

### **University Leadership**

Prof. Jayanta Kr Deka	Chancellor	Date of joining: 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.
Prof. Kandarpa Das	Vice-Chancellor	Date of joining: 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Prof. Dipankar Saha	Registrar	Date of joining: 13th April 2023

### **Matters related to State Government**

- Submission of **First Statute** of the University to the Government of Assam-22 December 2022
- Modified **First Statute** of the University was re-submitted on 15 June 2023
- Submission of **First Ordinances** of the University to the Government of Assam- 27 January 2023

### **Matters related to Regulatory Bodies**

#### **University Grants Commission (UGC)**

- Girijananda Chowdhury University applied for University Grants Commission (UGC) 2(f) status on November 18, 2022.
- The new University received approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 2(f) on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**Prof. Amulya Chandra Mazumdar, Retd HoD, Geology, Gauhati University was appointed as Ombudsman for the Grievance Redressal cell on 12<sup>th</sup> may, 2023 as per directives UGC**

#### **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**

- Received All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approval on 3rd June 2023
- Received approval for running courses in Engineering and Technology (Degree) for Working Professional for the Academic Year 2023-2024 on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- Intimation regarding recommendation of EOA (Extension of Approval) for the academic year 2024-2025 has been received through AICTE portal on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### **Pharmacy Council of India (PCI)**

- Received Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) approval on 31st May 2023.
- Applied for Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) approval for the year 2024-2025 on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### **Matters related to Accreditation**

- **NBA Accreditation:** B.Tech Mechanical Engineering and B. Pharm Undergraduate Programmes of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) received accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) from 2022 to 2025 for the third consecutive tenure.
- **NIRF Ranking:** Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Pharmaceutical Science, Guwahati is the only private pharma institute in NE ranked among top 125 pharmaceutical institutes by NIRF 2023.
- Submitted the data for National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF ) for the year 2024, on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- **First Governing Body of the University was formed on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 16 November 2022
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 13 December 2022
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 31 August 2023

Sl. No	<b>GOVERNING BODY</b>	
1	Chancellor, GCU	Chairperson
2	Vice Chancellor, GCU	Member
3	Shri Jasodaranjan Das, President, SSA	Member
4	Shri Bijoyananda Chowdhury, Secretary, SSA	Member
5	Smt. Gita Das Chowdhury, Treasurer, SSA	Member
6	Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Professor, IIT Guwahati	Member
7	Shri Arabinda Rahang, Member SSA	Member
8	Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA	Member
9	Dr. Bhupati Das, Former MD, NRL & BORL	Member
10	Registrar, GCU	Member Secretary

▪ **The First Board of Management of the University was formed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 13 January 2023
- 2nd meeting held on 30 August 2023
- 3rd meeting held on 30 December, 2023

Sl. No	<b>BOARD OF MANAGEMENT</b>	
1	Vice Chancellor, GCU	Chairperson
2	Shri Jasodaranjan Das, President, SSA	Member
3	Shri Bijoyananda Chowdhury, Secretary, SSA	Member
4	Ms. Kunki Chowdhury, Member, SSA	Member
5	Ms. Sujata Chowdhury	Member
6	Mr. Biren Das, Registrar, Tezpur University	Member
7	Prof. Joydeep Baruah, Professor, KKHSOU	Member
8	Prof. Bhanu P Sahu	Member
9	Prof. S. Robert Ravi	Member
10	Dr. Damiki Laloo	Member
11	Dr. Junumoni Das	Member
12	Ms. Namrata Kataki	Member
13	Registrar	Member Secretary

▪ **Academic Council formed on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 13 January 2023
- 2nd meeting held on 13 February 2023
- 3rd meeting held on 17 July 2023
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Sl. No	<b>ACADEMIC COUNCIL</b>	
1	Vice Chancellor, GCU	Chairperson
2	All Deans of Schools	Member
3	All HoDs	Member
4	Dr. Bhanu P. Sahu	Member
5	Dr. Minakshi Gogoi	Member

6	Dr. Damiki Laloo	Member
7	Dr. Suman Hazarika	Member
8	President, SSA	Member
9	Secretary, SSA	Member
10	Ms. Sujata Chowdhury	Member
11	Ms. Kunki Chowdhury	Member
12	Dr. Geeta Dutta Baruah, Principal, SSA Senior Secondary School	Member
13	Registrar	Member Secretary

### **Appointments of teaching and non-teaching staff:**

#### **Faculty:**

**Total 48 appointments from October 2022 to March 2024**

- Professor: 5
- Associate Professor-1
- Sr. Asst. Professor: 1
- Asst. Professor: 37
- Lab Instructor:4

#### **Administration:**

**Total 16 appointments from October 2022 to March 2024**

- Administrative Officers: 11
- Administrative Executives: 5

#### **Policies and Regulations:**

- PhD Regulations: Adopted by the Academic Council vide Resolution No. AC/2023/01/02 dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and approved by the Board of management on its Meeting held on 13 January 2023
- Student Mentoring
- Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging 2023-2024
- Students Code and Conducts Rules
- Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam Hostel Rules 2023
- University Research Policy

- Innovation and Start -up Policy
- Intellectual Property Rights Policy
- Policy for MoU and Research Collaboration
- Policy for Financial Support.

**Following committees and cells were constituted during these periods: (chronologically)**

#### **November 2022**

- Internal Complaint Committee since 21st November 2022
- Admission Committee since 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022
- Disciplinary Board since 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

#### **December 2022**

- Governing Body constituted since 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Finance Committee since 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Anti Ragging Committee and Squad since 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### **January 2023**

- UGC Cell since 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
- Appointment of Dean Student Affairs since 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- Board of Management constituted since 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Academic Council constituted since 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) since 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Student Grievance Redressal Committee (USGRC) since 11th January 2023

#### **February 2023**

- Assignment of AICTE Coordinator/Nodal Officer since 9th February 2023
- Gender Sensitization Cell since 13th February 2023
- SC/ST Committee since 13th February 2023
- Anti-Discrimination Cell since 13th February 2023
- Sports Committee since 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Web Management Committee since 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- Library Committee since 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Centre for Career Development Committee since 24th February 2023
- Academic Committee since 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Training and Placement since 24th February, 2023



### **March 2023**

- Board of Studies since 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories Cell (NABL) since 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Incubation-Innovation Cell (IIC) since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
- Institution Innovation Council Committee since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
- Departmental Research Committee since 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Constitution of Academic departments of the various schools since 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Appointment of Heads of various departments since 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Institution Industry Cell since 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **April 2023**

- Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPR) since 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023
- Public Relation and Media Cell since 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Admission Cell since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Working Committee of AICTE-Idea Lab since 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Appointment of Dean, School of Engineering & Technology since 29<sup>th</sup> April

### **May 2023**

- 2023 Uniform Committee since 12 May 2023
- Regulatory Bodies Cell since 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Ombudsman for Grievance Redressal since 12 May 2023

### **June 2023**

- NAAC Steering Committee since 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023
- NBA Coordination Team since 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023
- Nodal Officer Anti-ragging Committee since 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023
- Adhoc Research Council since 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **July 2023**

- Research Development Cell since 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023
- Alumni Association Committee since 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023



- Mentoring Committee since 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

#### **August 2023**

- Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies since 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- Examination Committee since 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

#### **October 2023**

- Foundation Day Celebration Committee since 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.
- Promotional/outreach/Marketing Coordinate Committee (2024-2025) since 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **November 2023**

- Departmental research Committee since 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

#### **December 2023**

- Viksit Bharat@2047 Cell since 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023
- Canteen Management and Monitoring Committee since 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### **January 2024**

- NAAC Steering Committee since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

**List of signed MOUs (Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Signed between</b>	<b>Date of signing and duration</b>	<b>National/International</b>	<b>Validity</b>
1.	GCU and NIELIT, Paltanbazar, Guwahati	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 2 year	National	Till 2025
2.	GCU and Kharupetia College, Assam	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
3.	GCU and Doom Dooma College, Tinsukia, Assam	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
4.	GCU and Bir Raghab Moran Government Model College, Rupai Siding, Assam	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
5.	GCU and Ledo College, Tinsukia, Assam	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
6.	GCU and Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Tinsukia, Assam	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
7.	GCU and North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Jorabat, Assam	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
8.	GCU and Guwahati Biotech Park	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
9.	GCU and Assam Agricultural University(AAU)-Assam Rice Research Institute, Titabar	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
10.	GCU and Department of Zoology and Botany, Rangapara College	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
11.	GCU and BSNL Zonal Telecom Training Centre (ZTTC), Guwahati	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
12.	GCU and The Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Russian State University for the Humanities" (Russian Federation, Moscow)	11th September 2023- 5 years	International	Till 2028
13	GCU and B. Borooah College	15th September 2023—3 years	National	Till 2026
14	GCU and The Federal state educational institution of higher education "Pushkin State Russian Language Institute"	2nd November 2023-5 years	International	Till 2028
15		21st November	National	Till 2026

	GCU and Rangia College	2023-3 years		
16	GCU and Barpeta Girls' College	29th November 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
17	GCU and Sarupathar College, Golaghat	30th November 2023- 3 years	National	Till 2026
18	GCU and Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Namti	12th December 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
19	GCU and Dikhowmukh College, Sivasagar	13th December 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
20	GCU and Pandu College, Guwahati	20th December 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
21	GCU and Dispur College, Guwahati	22nd December 2023-3 years	National	Till 2026
22	GCU and Dakshin Kamrup Girls College Mirza	12th January 2024- 3 years	National	Till 2027
23	GCU and Rabindranath Tagore University, Hojai	19th January 2024- 3 years-3 years	National	Till 2027
24	GCU and Sipajhar College, Darrang	5th February 2024- 5 years	National	Till 2029
25	GCU and Tezpur Medical College & Hospital	1st February 2024	National	Lifelong from the date of Signing
26	GCU and Nabajyoti College, Kalgachia	5th March 2024- 3 years-3 years	National	Till 2027
27	GCU and All India Institute of Medical Science, Guwahati	5th March 2024- 5 years	National	Till 2029
28	GCU and North Gauhati College	6th March 2024- 3 years	National	Till 2027
29	GCU and Sonapur College, Sonapur	19th March 2024-3 Years	National	Till 2027
30	GCU and Tezpur College, Tezpur	19th March 2024-3 Years	National	Till 2027

### **International Collaborations:**

- A team from the Department of Business Administration, Girijananda Chowdhury University comprising of 27 students and two faculty members went on a **four-day Excursion cum Educational trip to Bangkok from 28th Feb – 3rd Mar, 2024** on invitation of the Asian Institute of Technology and Thammasat University. The students and faculty members were engaged in a series of educational activities and cultural experiences. Dr. Pradeep Kr Dash, Senior Programme Specialist, Director Development Management, Asian Institute of Technology welcomed the students of GCU. He provided a comprehensive overview of AIT as well as offered valuable insights into the rich cultural heritage of Bangkok. The students had the opportunity to interact with Dr. Tenzin Rabhgyal, the Director of the Office of Student Affairs. The students visited Thammasat University and had a tour of the campus to further enrich their understanding of the academic environment. The visits were designed to foster academic collaboration and initiate discussions on potential memoranda of understanding between Girijananda Chowdhury University and the esteemed Institutions. Girijananda Chowdhury University looks forward to the success of this educational endeavour and hopes for a fruitful collaboration with the Asian Institute of Technology and Thammasat University, Bangkok.
- Girijananda Chowdhury University Assam organized **an interactive session on 28th November 2023 between Professor Svetlana Elnikova, Deputy Director, Patrice Lumumba Russian People's Friendship University, Moscow** and the students and faculty members of GCU. The purpose of the session was to build collaborative ties in different areas of higher education between GCU and Patrice Lumumba Russian People's Friendship University, Moscow.
- **The Royal Bhutanese Education Sector visited Girijananda Chowdhury University Assam on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to strengthen academic ties between India and Bhutan to create a cultural continuum with our neighbouring countries. The visit of Bhutanese delegates Mr. Rinchen Gyeltshen, Chief District Education Officer, Bhutan, Mr. Pema Tshering, Thromde Education Officer, Bhutan and Ms. Tashi Yangzom, Edulink counsellor, Bhutan contributes to expand educational avenues and dynamising learning aspirations from global perspectives.
- **The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) organized the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on "Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Indigenous Cultures Now and Then," in collaboration with the Russian State University for Humanities and Social Sciences (RSUH), Moscow, Russia. The conference was on 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at GCU, Azara campus.** Prof. Alexander Stolyarov, RSUH, Moscow, Russia, Dr. Indira Gazieva, RSUH, Moscow, Russia, Prof. Abhai Maurya, Former Vice Chancellor, EFLU, Hyderabad graced the conference as keynote speakers. After the official commencement of scholarly deliberations of the International Conference, BEYOND BORDERS AND BOUNDARIES: INDIGENOUS CULTURES NOW AND THEN Prof. Vera I Zabolotnikova, Acting Vice Rector for International Cooperation at RSUH Moscow, graced the occasion with her insightful address, enhancing the international dimension of the conference. Prof. Abhai Maurya, keynote speaker, delivered a thought-provoking address, on **pivotal aspects of the conference theme**. There was **one keynote talk, one plenary talk** (Professor Alexander Stolyarov plenary talk on the Tai Ahoms; community) and both in online and offline mode.

Total No. of Participants	112
Total No. of Papers Registered	106
Total No. of Papers Presented	101
Total No. of Participating Institutions	57
Total number of technical sessions held.	5

In the Validictory session Prof. Jayanta Krishna Sarmah gave the valedictory speech.

- The GCU participated in the **International Poetry Festival** organised on the occasion of the **International Day of Mother tongue on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024**, jointly organised with the Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow. Students and faculty members from more than 50 countries (including several Indian universities) participated. Faculty members and students of GCU recited poetry in various languages (their mother tongue) viz. Japanese, Turkish, Assamese, Bangla, Manipuri, Boro. The Vice Chancellor participated as a Guest of honour and addressed the participants.
- **Ms. Jyotishma Medhi, 8th Semester student** from Department of Civil Engineering participated in the World Youth Fest (WYF) in Sochi City, Russia. The event took place from 29th February to 7th March 2024.
- GCU has admitted 1 international student from Turkey in the Department of English (MA in English) under School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Shuichiro Mimura, Head of the International Education Planning Office, Tokyo, Kokusai Gakuen (Tokyo International Educational Cooperation) and Sugako Hirota, Book Designer, Office Sun-ra visited GCU on 30th Jan, 2024 on the first day of Euphuism 2024. They visited GCU to facilitate organizing international human resources projects and other prospective collaborations in academic arena. Mr. Koji Sato, Director General from the Japan Foundation, New Delhi, discussed upcoming Japanese cultural events on GCU campus and explored the perspective of the Japanese Language courses in the northeast region of India on February 13, 2024. On February 15, 2024, representatives from JITCO (Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organization) along with JACEEX (Japan Centre of Excellence) and NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) visited GCU. The delegation including Mr. Kume Masato, Assistant General Manager, International Affairs Department and Ms. Miho Yamanaka, Assistant Manager, Second International Affairs Division, International Affairs Department aimed to understand operations of Indian organizations and the skilling ecosystem.
- GCU received an invitation from The Institute of Russian Language of Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, named after Patrice Lumumba, to participate in the International Summer School of Russian Language and Culture, scheduled to take place

from July 19 to July 28, 2024. Applications are invited from interested UG/PG students of the Girijananda Chowdhury University for participating in the same. Within the framework of International Summer School, the students will participate in Project-based learning, an intense Russian Language course and cultural and educational events all within summer school programme. While touring the most well-known sites of interest during their visit, the participants will also get the opportunity to get acquainted with the capital of Russia. Expenses for travel, accommodation and meals for the International summer school will be covered by the Russian side.

## **Infrastructure & Resources**

### **New infrastructure:**

#### ▪ Guwahati campus:

1. Pharmacy Annex building to house Pharmacy laboratories
2. Departments of Botany, Zoology, Chemistry,
3. MLT and Physiotherapy.
4. Walking Pathway in the university premises.
5. Beautification project like wall art by the students, Plant gardening and flower gardening, construction of fountain.
6. New generator house
7. Chief Warden Quarter.
8. Admission cell cum counseling centre.
9. Girls common room
10. International department
11. Establishment of a GCU Wellness Center which includes-
  - Doctor consultation: Provides comprehensive medical consultation and health care services
  - Diagnostic Lab: Provides cost effective diagnostic services for the staff, faculty members, students and nearby local people.



- **Physiotherapy:** Provides a physiotherapy support, therapy sessions and intervention services
- **Mental Health Support:** Provide counseling services, stress management Sessions, and mindfulness sessions to enhance mental resilience and well-being
- **Pharmacy:** offers access to medicines, dispenses the prescribed medicines over the counter to the students, staff and faculties

## 12. Engineering museum.

- **Tezpur campus:**
  1. Pharmacy Laboratories (2)
  2. Girls hostels (Basement 561.13 sq mtrs  
Ground floor 561.13 sq. Mtrs)

### **New laboratories:**

#### **State-of-the-art laboratories**

- DST-FIST Lab
- Zoology lab
- Botany labs
- Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) lab
- New Chemistry Lab

### **Modern Classrooms:**

- 6 new classrooms with LED display
- Modern foreign language lab cum class room for Japanese Language

### **New Library books procured**

- From Nov'22 to March'24, the number of new books procured for the library: 1453

### **New computers procured**


- From Nov'22 to March'24, the total number of new computers procured: 120
  - Hostels have been provided with **WiFi** connectivity

### **Others:**



- The **auditorium** (6000sq. ft.) with modern sound and acoustic system was ready by June, 2023.
- Three new **conference rooms** (408 & 512 in GIMT building) and one in the **Chancellor's office** were added with modern and updated amenities and facilities.
- The new Gymnasium hall (60.47 Sq.M.) and indoor stadium (766.45 Sq.M)
- New Music rooms



  
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