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### GAUHATI UNIVERSITY Annual Report For The Year 2018-19

#### FOREWORD

The University of Gauhati was established by an act of the State Legislature, namely the Gauhati University Act 1947, of the Govt. of Assam in the year 1948. It was the 28<sup>th</sup> University of the country and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Northeast India as per date of establishment. Since inception, the University has been sufficiently funded by the Govt. of Assam, University Grants Commission, and various State and Central Govt. agencies from time to time by releasing grants and assistance for infrastructure development, research and other academic activities. Today, the University is in its 69 years of existence; it is the oldest, largest and the most premiere seat of higher education in the entire northeast.

At present the University has forty-five post graduate departments, under the faculties: Arts, Science, Commerce & Management, Law, Engineering, Technology, Medicine. The PG departments offer a wide range of programmes of study at the UG and PG level. A number of Certificate and Diploma courses are also being offered in selected disciplines. The University has more than 300 affiliated colleges/institutes, offering Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses in various Faculties. In addition to the traditional emphasis on teaching, the University has a strong research group, led by highly- qualified and committed faculty members. While the fruits of research is typically reflected in Ph.D. research outputs, an impressive amount of research is being carried out and placement of its students in different professional organisations. In recognition to the excellence attained in academics and research, the UGC has granted financial assistance under Special Assistance Programme (SAP) to various departments of the University.

The University has been awarded an "A" grade with the score point of 3.04 on a four point scale by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2018. In the recent survey (2019) conducted by the MHRD through the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), the University has been ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> among the Universities of the country, and ranked 65<sup>th</sup> in the overall category. In the QS BRICS & India University Rankings 2019, Gauhati University was ranked 61-65 in India University Rankings 2019.

The University Grants Commission, Distance education Bureau has recognised all ODL programmes for the academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20 to be run by Gauhati University Institute of Distance and Open Learning.

Gauhati University has been giving high priority to international relations with the universities/institutions around the world. Keeping this objective in mind, academic partnership has been built up, and MoUs with universities, industries and research labs (National and International) have been signed for collaborative academic/research activities along with student exchange programmes. The alumni of this University have been able to make their mark not only within the state but at the national and international level as well. Indeed, many have been able to adorn the higher echelons of the nation's scientific, socio-cultural, administrative and political life.

During the last year, the University has taken steps for strengthening the Centre for Brahmaputra Studies and Centre for Performing Arts. Efforts are being made to streamline the functioning of these Centres along with other pre-established centres viz. Centre for South East Asian Studies, Centre for Languages and Cultural Studies and Gauhati University Institute of North-East India Studies.

The extension work of the K.K. Handique Central Library was completed during the last year and digitisation of the library has been completed. Moreover, creation of wi-fi zones in official residential quarters of the teachers and the officers has been completed. Free wi-fi is being provided in all GU Halls.

The following activities were completed to streamline the University system and make it vibrant - Introduction of centralised P.G. Admission system, Amendment of P.G. Admission Ordinance, compliance of the Gauhati University Activities amended up to date) and the implementation of the recommendations of the Common Pay Committee-2017. Construction of one new residential flat for teachers is completed, works for construction and completion of 3 other Hostels including one International Hostel is under process.

Inevitably, a state University such as Gauhati University has to aspire for infrastructure expansion with its relatively modest financial resources. Even so, the University has been able to move ahead in this regard. Efforts are being made for giving the campus a vibrant look.

Much care has been taken to present the information contained in this Annual Report as accurately as possible. In this regard, the undersigned takes pleasure in acknowledging the generous assistance and co-operation of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Heads of Departments of the University, Directors of the Institutions, Principals/Directors of the affiliated colleges/institutions, University officers and employees.

With regards

Date: 8th January, 2020

Registrar Gauhati University

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