

**THE ASSAM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2023**

**A  
BILL**

further to amend the Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009, hereinafter called the principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Assam Act No.  
III of 2010

Short title,  
extent and  
commencement

1. (1) The Act may be called the Assam Science and Technology University (Amendment) Act, 2023.
- (2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of  
the Preamble

2. In the principal Act, in the Preamble, for the words “an affiliating University of Science and Technology at Guwahati” appearing in between the word “constitute” and the punctuation mark “.”, the words “a teaching, research and affiliating University of Science and Technology and other allied subjects” shall be substituted.

Amendment of  
section 4

3. In the principal Act, in section 4, in clause (xvi), the punctuation mark “.” appearing at the end shall be substituted by the punctuation mark “;” and thereafter the following new clause (xvii) shall be inserted, namely:-  
“(xvii) to maintain and manage Assam Engineering College as Constituent College.”.

Amendment of  
section 10

4. In the principal Act, in section 10, in sub-section (4), in the proviso, for the words and numbers “not be less than Rs. 25,000/- per mensem including all allowances” appearing between the word “shall” and the punctuation mark “.”, the words “be as per Notification issued by Finance Department, Government of Assam” shall be substituted.

Amendment of  
section 13

5. In the principal Act, in section 13, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section (3) shall be inserted, namely:-  
“(3) The Registrar shall be appointed for a term of 5 (five) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.”.

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- Amendment of section 16 of 6. In the principal Act, in section 16, in sub-section (1), in clause A,-
- (i) for sub-clause (v) the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
“(v) the Senior-most Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Higher Education Department.”;
  - (ii) for sub-clause (viii) the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
“(viii) the Principals of all Engineering Colleges of the State of Assam affiliated by the University.”.

- Amendment of section 27 of 7. In the principal Act, in section 27,-
- (i) in clause (iii), in second line, for the words “rupees ten thousand” appearing in between the words “exceeding” and “and to advise”, the words “rupees one lakh” shall be substituted;
  - (ii) in clause (vii), the punctuation mark “.” appearing at the end shall be substituted by the punctuation mark “;” and thereafter the following new clause (viii) shall be inserted, namely:-  
“(viii) the University may also create by Ordinance made in this behalf one or more separate special funds for the administration of endowments, trust or other grants for specific purposes.”.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to amend the Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009. It is proposed that the Department seeks amendment to some section of the Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009 in order to bring about certain changes in its administration and working.

The amendments proposed are broadly explained as under:

1. Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend the Preamble of the Act.
2. Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to add Section 4 (xvii).
3. Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend the Section 10 (4) of the Act.
4. Clause 5 of the Bill seeks to add Section 13 (3).
5. Clause 6 (i) of the Bill seeks to amend the Section 16(1)A(v) of the Act.
6. Clause 6 (ii) of the Bill seeks to amend the Section 16(1)A(viii) of the Act.
7. Clause 7 (i) of the Bill seeks to amend the Section 27 (iii) of the Act.
8. Clause 7 (ii) of the Bill seeks to add Section 27 (viii).

The Bill seeks to achieve above objects.



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(Hon'ble Minister, Education, Government of Assam)



Principal Secretary,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.

FINANCIAL MEMORENDUM

The Bill proposes to amend the Assam Science and Technology University Act, 2009.

There is no provision in the Bill which would involve any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Assam.



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MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The Bill involves no proposals for delegation of legislative power to anyone.



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Sl. No.	Clause of the Act	Present narration of provision at the ASTU Act, 2009	Proposed amendment	Justification
1.	PREAMBLE	“AN ACT to establish and constitute an affiliating University of Science and Technology at Guwahati”	“AN ACT to establish and constitute a <u>teaching, research</u> and affiliating University of Science and Technology <u>and other allied subjects.</u> ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Teaching and Research activities of University are needed for satisfying UGC 12(B) regulation by ASTU.</li> <li>ii) Dropping “at Guwahati” enables ASTU to have campuses throughout the Assam State.</li> <li>iii) Inclusion of “other allied subjects” gives flexibility to the university, and would be useful for satisfying the goals of NEP 2020.</li> </ul>
2.	NO PROVISION IN THE EXISTING 4. (xvii) is to be inserted additionally	—	(xvii) to maintain and manage Assam Engineering College as Constituent College.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There is no provision in the existing Act.</li> <li>ii) This provision will help overcome the need to create new post of faculties as well as infrastructure of ASTU</li> </ul>
3.	The Vice Chancellor 10(4)	The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor: Provided that the salary of the Vice Chancellor shall not be less than Rs. 25000/- per mensem including all allowances.	The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor: Provided that the salary of the Vice Chancellor be as per Notification issued by Finance Department, Government of Assam.	As per the recommendation of the 7th Pay Commission and as accepted by the Govt. of Assam.
4.	NO PROVISION IN THE EXISTING ACT 13. (3) is to be inserted additionally	—	(3) The Registrar shall be appointed for a term of 5 (five) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There is no provision in the existing Act.</li> <li>ii) Other State Universities of Assam include this provision.</li> </ul>
5.	THE COURT: CLAUSE 16(1) A(v)	“the Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam and in his absence the Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Higher Education Department”	“the Senior-most Secretary to the Government of Assam in the Higher Education Department”	The term Senior Most Secretary implies to all Officers in the rank of Secretary and above in the Department.
6.	THE COURT: CLAUSE 16(1) A(viii)	“The Principals of all Engineering Colleges of the State of Assam,”	“the Principals of all Engineering Colleges of the State of Assam affiliated by the University.”	University representation should be limited to university stake holders.
7.	Clause 27 (iii)	“to examine every proposal for new expenditure involving a sum of money exceeding rupees ten thousand”.	“to examine every proposal for new expenditure involving a sum of money exceeding rupees one lakh”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Considering consumer price index changes over the period of time.</li> <li>ii) The limitation has been suggested in the light of limitations by other state university.</li> </ul>

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8.	NO PROVISION IN THE EXISTING ACT 27. (viii) is to be inserted additionally	_____	(viii) the University may also create by Ordinance made in this behalf one or more separate special funds for the administration of endowments, trusts or other grants for specific purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) There is no provision in the existing Act.</li> <li>ii) This provision will help the university for utilization of the specific fund accurately.</li> <li>iii) This is required for compliance power and duties of Executive Council mentioned in Clause 19(c) of the Act.</li> <li>iv) Other State Universities of Assam include this provision.</li> </ul>