

# The Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (Amendment) Bill, 2025

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to amend the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024 hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

Act  
No. XXI  
of 2024

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (Amendment) Act, 2025.
- (2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 2

2. In the principal Act, in section 2,
  - (i) after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(aa) “advisory board” means the board constituted under section 13;”
  - (ii) after clause (d), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—


“(dd) “Committee” means the committee constituted under section 50 of the Act.”
  - (iii) for clause (e) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(e) “constituent colleges” means a college under the direct management of the University;”
  - (iv) clause (n) shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 11

3. In the principal Act, in section 11,
  - (i) for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) Appointment of the Vice Chancellor shall be made as per section 13. The Chancellor shall nominate the member of the Advisory Board from the field of veterinary, animal husbandry, dairy and fishery sciences.”

  
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- (ii) sub-section (2) and (3) shall be deleted and sub-section (4), (5) and (6) shall be renumbered as (2), (3) and (4).

Amendment of section 13 4. In the principal Act, in section 13, for the words, "The first Vice Chancellor may be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of a search committee by the Government" the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"The first Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the State Government. The Chancellor shall appoint the subsequent Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of an Advisory Board which shall consist of three members, one each shall be nominated by the Chancellor, the Executive Council and the State Government. The Chancellor shall appoint one of them as the Chairman of the Advisory Board."

Amendment of section 24 5. In the principal Act, in section 24, in sub-section (4), the second proviso shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 35 6. In the principal Act, in section 35, in third line, for the words "ICAR" the words "Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Veterinary Council" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 36 7. In the principal Act, in section 36, in eleventh line, the words "such as "Krishi Vigyan Kendras, by whatever name called," shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 50 8. In the principal Act, for section 50, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"Committee to settle the bifurcation of the colleges and institutions

50. (1) There shall be a Committee which shall settle the bifurcation of the colleges and institutions and the posts of teachers and staff thereunder and the assets and liability of the said colleges and institutions of the Assam Agricultural University.

(2) The Committee shall consists of the following members, namely:—

(i)	Chief Secretary, Assam	Chairman
(ii)	Agriculture Production Commissioner, Assam	Member
(iii)	Registrar, Assam Agricultural University	Member
(iv)	Dean of Veterinary College	Member
(v)	Dean of Fishery College	Member

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(vi)	Senior Most Secretary, Veterinary Department	Member Secretary
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(3) The Committee as mentioned above shall exercise such powers and functions as may be notified in the Official Gazette."

Amendment of section 54 9. In the principal Act, for section 54, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

" Transitional Provision 54. (1) The colleges and institutions originally under the Assam Agricultural University and the properties, assets and liabilities and existing posts and vacant posts of the said colleges and institutions shall be distributed amicably between the Assam Agricultural University and the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University by the Committee constituted under section 50.

(2) Any conflict and dispute between the Universities shall be settled by the Committee and the decision of the Committee in this respect shall be final and binding on both the Universities.

(3) After the settlement of the placing of colleges and institutions, their assets, liabilities, the posts of teachers and non-teaching staff and vacant posts between the Universities, the Committee shall prepare two lists, one, containing the name of the colleges and institutions that shall continue to be governed by the Agriculture University, along with the assets and liabilities and the other, containing the names of the colleges, institutions and the assets and the liabilities that shall be placed under the newly created Veterinary and Fishery University and thereafter forward the two lists to the State Government for approval.

(4) The State Government after giving approval to the lists of the colleges and institutions and assets and liabilities shall notify the same in the Official Gazette.

(5) After bifurcation of the posts the teachers and non-teaching staff of the erstwhile Agriculture University whose services shall be placed under the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University shall be governed by such new rules of service condition as maybe prescribed by the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University."

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Amendment of section 55 10. In the principal Act, in section 55, for the words "Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, every student of the colleges specified in sub section (1) of section

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Amendment of section 56

54 who immediately before the commencement of the Act", the words, "After publication of the notification in the Official Gazette placing the colleges and institutions under the Veterinary and Fishery University, as per sub section (3) of section 54, every student who," shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 56

11. In the principal Act, in section 56,

(i) for sub section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) Every employee, immediately before publication of the notification under section 3 of section 54, serving in the colleges and institutions under the Assam Agriculture University but placed under the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University after publication of the notification, shall become the employee of the said University from the date of publication of the notification, and shall cease to be an employee of the Assam Agriculture University."

(ii) in sub-section (2), clause (a), for the words "As soon as may be, after the commencement of the Act" the words "As soon as may be, after publication of the notification under sub-section (3) of section 54" shall be substituted.

Omission of section 67

12. In the principal Act, section 67 shall be omitted.

  
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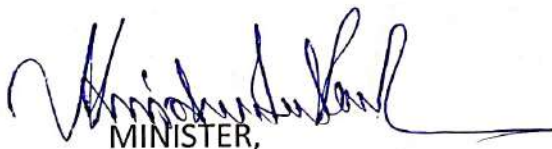


## **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This is regarding "Amendment of Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024".

The objective of the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (Amendment) Bill, 2025 is to achieve prudent distribution of the assets and liabilities between Assam Agricultural University and Assam Veterinary and Fishery University.

Department is considering for amendment of certain provisions viz. Sections, 2, 11, 13, 24, 35, 36, 50, 54, 55, 56 and 67 of the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024.



MINISTER,

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, ASSAM



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SECRETARY,

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

This being an Amendment Bill proposing amendment of the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024 to achieve prudent distribution of the assets and liabilities between Assam Agricultural University and Assam Veterinary and Fishery University, there will be no financial implication in the current Financial Year for this amendment.

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MINISTER,

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, ASSAM

## MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The provision for delegated legislation is envisaged under section 49 and section 65 of the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University Act, 2024 (principal Act). Under section 49, the Vice Chancellor with the approval of the Chancellor is empowered to delegate any of his powers or duties conferred upon, imposed by or under the principal Act, to an Officer under his direct administrative control.

Under section 65 of the principal Act, all authorities of the University shall have power to constitute or reconstitute committees and to delegate to them such of their powers, as they deem fit.

No amendment is proposed for amendment of these provisions in the Assam Veterinary and Fishery University (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

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MINISTER,

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, ASSAM