MINUTE OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF RABINDRANATH THAKUR VISHWAVIDYALAYA, HOJAI

Date: 12th October 2026
Time: 1:30 PM
Venue: Gitobitan Conference Hall, Sir J. C. Bose Campus, RTV, Hojai

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of Minute of 23rd meeting of the EC
2. Discussion on progress of Departmental Proceedings
3. RTV Ordinance Matter
4. Misc.

Members Present:

1. Prof. Manabendra Dutta Choudhury:	Chairman
2. Prof. Dolly Phukon:	Hon'ble Chancellor's Nominee
3. Prof. Ashok Kr. Bora:	Nominee of Govt. of Assam (Online)
4. Dr. Navajyoti Borah:	Nominee of Govt. of Assam
5. Prof. Rezina Ahmed:	Member
6. Prof. Kaushik Chanda:	Member
7. Mr. Kamal Dutta:	Nominee of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
8. Mrs. Jayanti Chakraborty:	Nominee of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
9. Dr. Satyajeet Kumar:	President, Teachers' Association
10. Dr. Akshya Jyoti Sarma:	Secretary, Teachers' Association
11. Dr. Manoj Kr. Swami:	Member
12. Dr. Sandip Ratna:	Registrar (i/c) & Member-Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 23rd meeting and consideration of the Action Taken Report

The minutes of the 23rd meeting and the Action Taken Report were placed before the Council.

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The Council unanimously confirmed the minutes of the 23rd meeting and approved the Action Taken Report.

Agenda 2: Discussion on progress of Departmental Proceedings

The Registrar-in-Charge informed the Council that, in anticipation of the meeting scheduled for 12 October 2026, a communication dated 5 October 2026 had been addressed to the Enquiry Officer seeking an update on the departmental proceedings against Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar.

The Registrar-in-Charge further informed the Council that Dr. Dibakar Goswami, Enquiry Officer, had submitted his enquiry report dated 10 October 2026, which was received by the Registrar on the same date. The report was placed before the Council and read out in detail by the Vice-Chancellor.

The Council noted that the report recorded the Enquiry Officer's findings on the Six Articles of Charge contained in the Memorandum of Charges bearing No. **PRF/RTUNT/2023/1/4146 dtd. 24-03-2026.**

CHARGES OF ARTICLE–I

1. That, the LL.M. Marksheet (2012-2014) of the said Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar reflects two registration numbers, one on 2nd Semester Mark Sheet and the other on 4th Semester Mark Sheet. This is an invalid degree as per clarification of UGC and written reply of Karnataka State Open University officially received by the Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Hojai. Bar Council of India (BCI) also clarified that LL.M. degree pursued online is invalid. As such, LL.M. degree pursued online is invalid.

2. That, the Karnataka State Open University was a de-recognized University by UGC when the said Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar completed final semester of LL.M. Further, the Karnataka State Open University clarified that the said Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar pursued his LL.M. degree not directly from Karnataka State Open University but from erstwhile collaborative institute of Karnataka State Open University. Such franchising with collaborative institute was never recognized by UGC. It is clear from the letter of Karnataka State Open University that the erstwhile collaborative institute did not take approval of Bar Council of India for the said LL.M. course.

3. That, as per the available record, the LL.M. degree from Karnataka State Open University was the only PG degree of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar at the time of his appointment to the post of Deputy Registrar Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya i.e., in the year 2023. As per report of the Screening Committee dated 20.06.2023, the candidature of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar for the post of Deputy Registrar of

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Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya was recommended only on the basis of his LL.M. examination Mark Sheet.

4. The said appointment of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar to the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Hojai, is likely to be illegal and void ab-initio.

5. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar applied fraudulent and misleading way to get appointed in the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Hojai.

CHARGES OF ARTICLE–II

1. That, at the time of pay protection of the said Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar in the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, he submitted photocopies of two experience certificates before Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya reportedly issued by Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva Viswavidyalaya dated 19.12.2025. However, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva Viswavidyalaya intimated that those letters are not issued by them.

2. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar produced forged documents before the University and failed to maintain ethical standards and honesty.

CHARGES OF ARTICLE–III

1. That, the office of the Registrar (i/c), vide letter No. RTU/REG/MISC/2025/594 dated 08.01.2026 asked Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar to return his original application for the post of Deputy Registrar which was taken away by him from his personal file as per the report of Mr Chandra Kanta Kalita, Head Assistant and In Charge of Personal Files. The said Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar have not even given a suitable reply to the letter dated 8.1.2026.

2. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar has acted in a manner which is unbecoming of a Government Servant, failed to maintain ethical standards and honesty

CHARGES OF ARTICLE– IV

1. That, at the time of appointment of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar to the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Hojai, he claimed his experience as Deputy Registrar of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva

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Viswavidyalaya (MSSV) and which was considered at that time. Vide letter No. MSSV/R/27(AM)/2017/322-75 dated 5.01.2026, MSSV informed the undersigned that at the time of his appointment to the post of Deputy Registrar of MSSV against UGC pay scale from Govt. grant in the year 2022, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar did not disclose that he was a dismissed Employee- dismissed from APRO as punishment for Misconduct. He got appointed as Deputy Registrar of MSSV on 08.04.2021 and got UGC pay scale from Govt. Grant from 2022 but till 17th May 2023 he was dismissed employee. He became removed employee as per verdict of Hon'ble Gauhati High Court dated 17.05.2023

2. That, a dismissed employee cannot get appointment against Govt. post. Taking the benefit of said appointment of MSSV which happened during the period of dismissal from the service, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar could grab the position of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya. Concealment of material fact has put the appointment of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar to the post of Deputy Registrar of MSSV under question. Also, he did not disclose the fact in 2023 at the time of his appointment to the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya that during his period of dismissal from service, his appointment to the post of Deputy Registrar of MSSV was made.

3. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar applied fraudulent and misleading way to get appointed in the post of Deputy Registrar of Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Hojai.

CHARGES OF ARTICLE– V

1. That, violating the order of the University, as Deputy Registrar, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar remained present in the venue of selection committee meeting at IIT Guwahati when his wife Dr. Jhumpa Dey was a candidate. In an unauthorized manner he has verified the documents of candidates putting his own signature on both the days of selection committee meeting (24th and 25th June 2025). On document verification report he has put some symbolic signal in favour of some candidate and in against of some other.

2. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar has committed another misconduct.

CHARGES OF ARTICLE-VI

1. That, during the period of additional charge of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar as PIO of the University, he has issued reply to an RTI application vide dated 4.11.2025. As per his written note on the RTI application, the application was received on 22.10.2025, but as per official record, no such application was received by the office

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of the University. The report based on which he has prepared the said RTI reply, was obtained by him and prepared on 30.08.2025. Moreover, the person from whom he obtained the said report, was not the authorized person to issue the same and as per the statement of the staff, the report dated 30.08.2025 was prepared as per the direction of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar.

2. That, the Speed post consignment number mentioned on the envelope in which Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar received the RTI application from Mr. Dibakar Chakraborty is fake. No such consignment was booked from Guwahati GPO as per report of APM, CS, Guwahati GPO vide dated 19.01.2026. No such consignment was received by Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya in actual as per consignment tracking record. Moreover, the RTI applicant is also fake as Postal Index Number (PIN) of applicant's address Geetanagar, Zoo Tiniali is 24, whereas on both the IPO and on Envelope it is written 34. Also, the e mail account provided in the RTI application does not physically exit.

3. By his above act, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar has acted in a manner which is unbecoming of a Government Servant, failed to maintain ethical standards and honesty.

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The Executive Council examined the enquiry report dated 10 October 2026 submitted by Dr. Dibakar Goswami with reference to each of the 06 (six) Article of Charges and noted that the Enquiry Officer had recorded findings that all six Articles of Charge stood proved.

The Council unanimously resolved to accept the report and decided that the report would be processed in accordance with the applicable disciplinary rules and the requirements of procedural fairness. Accordingly, it is resolved that the Charged Officer Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar, Dy Registrar, (Under Suspension) be issued 2nd Show Cause notice providing with a complete and legible copy of the enquiry report dated 10 October 2026 asking him to submit his reply within 15 days.

Resolution No. RTV/EC/24/02(a)/12.10.2026

The Executive Council resolved authorise Member Secretary and Registrar i/c for issuing the 2nd Show Cause notice to Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (Under Suspension) taking approval of the Chairman of the Executive Council i.e., the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of RTV, Hojai.

Agenda No. 3: Proposed incorporation of disciplinary and conduct rules into the University's Second Ordinance

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The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the Executive Council and the University Court had previously adopted the Assam Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1964, and the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965, for the University employees.

The Vice-Chancellor placed before the Council the correspondence exchanged with Dibrugarh University concerning the incorporation of such provisions into its ordinance framework. The Council considered the proposal to incorporate the relevant rules into the University's Second Ordinance.

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The Executive Council approved, the proposal to incorporate the applicable disciplinary and conduct rules into the University's Second Ordinance, as Discipline and Appeal Rule and Conduct Rule for the Employees of the University as per Section 48 of Rabindranath Tagore University Act 2017.

Agenda No. 4 (a): Ratification of the promotion of Mr. Ranjit Singha

The Registrar-in-Charge informed the Council that the Departmental Promotion Committee had recommended Mr. Ranjit Singha for promotion from Grade-IV to Junior Assistant, Grade-III, on the basis of the personal interview and computer proficiency test conducted for that purpose.

The Council was further informed that a promotion order had been issued subject to ratification by the Executive Council

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The Executive Council unanimously resolved to ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in issuing the promotion order in favour of Mr. Ranjit Singha from Grade-IV to Junior Assistant, Grade-III, pursuant to the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC).

Agenda No. 4 (b) Placement of a photograph received by email

The Registrar In-Charge placed before the Council a document received by email containing a photograph stated to depict the felicitation of Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar on assuming additional charge as Registrar (i/c) in the Vice-Chancellor's conference hall at the University's old campus. This photograph may have relevance to the Charges under Article-III of the Memorandum of Charges issued to Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (under suspension)

The Council noted that the photograph displayed the date and time as 2 July 2025 at 10:37 A.M.

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The Executive Council resolved that the document be taken on record and preserved for future reference.

Agenda No. 4 (c) Representation submitted by Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar and communication reported by a Council member

The Registrar In-Charge placed before the Council the representation submitted by Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar concerning the conduct of the departmental proceedings. The main issue raised by the Charged Officer is that during Departmental Proceedings the principle of Natural Justice was not maintained.

The members discussed the matter and are of opinion that the enquiry report submitted by the Enquiry Officer is accepted by the Executive Council and authorised the Registrar i/c to serve a 2nd Show Cause notice to the Charge Officer, Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar, Deputy Registrar (under suspension) as per applicable principle of Departmental Proceedings. As per the rule, the Charged officer in his reply to the 2nd Show Cause may raise issue if he has any. The members noted that the Charged Officer has attempted to contact all members of the Executive Council over phone which he cannot do at this stage.

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The Executive Council resolved that Dr. Shekhar Kanti Sarkar – the Charged Officer (under suspension) may raise these issues in his reply to 2nd show cause as per applicable law. The Charged Officer may supplement his existing representation within the period specified in the 2nd Show Cause notice.

Agenda No. 4 (d): Media and social-media allegations concerning the University and related communication the Council members

Prof. Ashok Kr. Bora drew the Council's attention to allegations circulating through media and social-media platforms concerning the University and requested clarification regarding the University's position.

In connection with the same matter, Prof. Dolly Phukon, Hon'ble Chancellor's nominee to the Executive Council, informed the Council that a person identifying himself as Mr. Satya Ranjan Borah had contacted her by telephone and stated that he might lodge an FIR against the Vice-Chancellor if the Council did not take what he considered appropriate action on his allegations.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that he had personally apprised the Hon'ble Chancellor of the matter on the media allegations and submitted supporting documents. The Council took note of the statements placed before it and discussed the related issues.

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After deliberation, the Council expressed serious concern regarding the media and social-media allegations concerning the University and the related telephone communications made by the person and resolved to condemn it.

The Council further resolved that the University's position concerning these allegations be published through a public notice on its official website, confined to verified facts and relevant records.

The Registrar In-Charge has been authorised to prepare the public notice and arrange its publication after obtaining the Chairman's approval.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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Prepared by:

12/10/2026

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12/10/2026

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