

# A REPORT

## ON

### The First Convocation



ASSAM RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF COOPERATIVE  
MANAGEMENT, SIVASAGAR, ASSAM, INDIA

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## PROLOGUE

The Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management was established in 2010 by passing an Act in Assam Legislative Assembly. This is the first university in the country established as a specialized University with a mandate to develop and manage Cooperatives, Government organizations, Agriculture & allied sectors, and small and medium scale Enterprises. Though the University has been actively contributing to the academic fraternity since its inception, but due to some unavoidable constraints the hosting of convocation was never happened until 28<sup>th</sup> December of 2022.

The maiden convocation of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, Sivasagar, was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The venue was the Permanent Campus at Demow Pathar, Joysagar, Sivasagar.

The Hon'ble Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, who is also the Chancellor of the University, presided over the Convocation. Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, currently Member, North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, graced the convocation as the Chief Guest.

Dignitaries from the academic world, industries and the government also graced the occasion such as Prof. Ramesh Chandra Deka, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University, Prof. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Birangana Sati Sadhini Viswavidyalay, Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, K.K Handique State Open University, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Assam Women's University, Prof. J.P Verma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sri Sri Anirudhadeva Sports University, who is also the Executive Council Member of our University and Dr. R. Murugesan, Director, NIRD & PR-NERC. The convocation was graced by august presence of host of invited guests including Mrs Leena Gogoi, wife of the Chief Guest, Mrs. Manju Rani Bora, wife of Vice Chancellor, Principals of local colleges and the district administration of Sivasagar district. In the academic journey of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, a total of 188 students earned the eligibility to obtain their degrees in different disciplines viz., BBA, MBA, M.COM, MCA, LLM and PhD. Among them, 95 students were physically present for the convocation and remaining 93 students received their degrees in absentia.

## CONVOCATION EVENTS

Date	Event Name
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Alumni Meet-Reminiscence 2022
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Convocation 2022

### **1<sup>st</sup> REMINISCENCE, 2022**

The first alumni meet of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, was organised on the eve of the maiden Convocation on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 with zeal and enthusiasm at the hall of University. It was an incredible reunion of alumni coming from all over the state and out of the State as well with the present students, faculties, and staff members at the event hall. The Alumni meet was conducted to reconnect with the alumni and celebrate their success and various achievements. The University has extended special welcome to the alumni from the 1<sup>st</sup> batch to the immediate passed out batch from this University in various courses such as BBA, MBA, MCOM, MCA, LLM & PHD from 2016 to 2022.

To start the occasion on an auspicious note, the meet started with the State Anthem of Assam “O Mur Apunar Desh”. On behalf of all alumni, Dr. Samudra Gupta Kashyap & Dr. Sthitaprajnya Pattanaik felicitated Hon’ble Vice Chancellor by offering a Fulam Gamusa and a memento as a token of appreciation.

Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof Debabrata Das addressed the gathering and thanked all the alumni for responding to the invitation for the first Alumni meet and being present for the meet despite their busy schedule. In his speech, it was mentioned that such alumni meet should be arranged every year so that new bond, linkage and feeling of happy get togetherness is achieved. He also shared the aims and objectives of the Alumni Association and lastly, he focused on the Alumni contribution towards the University in terms of Training, Placement, Consultation and mentoring the current batch students for progress and achievements.

Thereafter, the Registrar and Dean of the University also addressed the Alumni. In this event, the first Syeda Taufiqun Nisa memorial award to topper (Girl) was conferred to Ms. Riya Mishra, MBA 2020-22 batches of the University. The Syeda Taufiqun Nisa memorial award to topper (Girl) was presented by Dr. Rashida T. Noorain, Registrar (i/c) of the University in loving memory of her Mother-in-law.

Next session of the Meet was the launching of the Alumni Association portal prepared by the existing students at the University. Alumni discussed and highlighted the important points for the formation of Alumni Association for the first time in the University regarding its registration fees and selection of members for the association.

The event at the University campus was a great success in its prime motive of connecting and networking the alumnus and the present faculty and the existing students. The smiles, hugs, and togetherness witnessed as the meet is not just an assemblage of old students, but a wonderful coming together of people from different walks of life to reminisce the great moments that they spent with their friends in the good old days.

The formal event ended with the National Anthem. After the event all participated in the Alumni Dinner, where also the alumni shared their different memories in this university with all.

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Hon'ble Governor of Assam cum Chancellor of the University arrived the campus at about 12.20 PM. Hon'ble Governor was received by Prof Debabrata Das, Vice Chancellor of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management along with the Registrar and offered a Guard of Honor by the Assam Police.

A luncheon meeting was arranged at the Conference Hall of the University where Vice Chancellors of different Universities and invited guests were present.

At 1:00 P.M the Academic Procession entered the Convocation Hall followed by playing the National Anthem to mark the beginning of the convocation. The Hon'ble Chancellor of the University presided over the 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of the University.

Prof. Debabrata Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University in his Welcome Address expressed gratefulness to Honourable Chancellor for extraordinary support and guidance at every walk of the University. In his speech, he congratulated each and every student and appreciated the hard work of the students to attain their degree and urged students to contribute to the society by continuously striving for debate and discussion and create India, a stronger nation. He also praised that in line with NEP 2020, the University is in the process of

redesigning its course curriculum and also in the process of institutional transformation into a multi-disciplinary University.

The Chief Guest Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Retd.) in his Convocation Address praised the inclusion of an “Armed Forces officer” in the prestigious event reflects a commitment to the new mantra of ‘inclusive growth’ and addressed the graduating students as the stars of the convocation. In his convocation address, he flagged a few issues for consideration to the graduating students such as “be grateful, choose something you like to do, cut and paste ideas to prosper your ideas, development of bio-economy in the development of the North Eastern region and Contribute to the National Security and Development of the Nation.” He also advised the graduates on leading lives in the VUCA world balancing knowledge, skills, ethics and morale.

Hon’ble Chancellor of the University in his address at the very outset congratulated the students who formally graduated on the day after the successful completion of their course of studies and urged the students to use the knowledge acquired by them to make a difference in the lives of people around them, and especially to those who are less privileged. During the insightful address, the Hon’ble Chancellor of the University highlighted the rich historical and cultural heritage of Sivasagar and emphasized the potentialities of the University to become a multidisciplinary university of excellence. The Honorable Governor also expressed the importance of National Education Policy 2020 in revolutionizing the Education system of 21<sup>st</sup> Century India. In the address, the need to provide quality education, global outreach, and the creation of lifelong learning opportunities were also brought up. The speech was concluded by highlighting the importance of producing a skilled workforce for building self- dependent Nation.

At the end of the programme National Anthem was played and Guard of Honour was offered to the Hon’ble Chancellor cum Governor of Assam.

## MINUTE-TO-MINUTE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Date: 28/12/2022**

**Place: Sivasagar**

TIME	ACTIVITY
12:00 P.M	Student Procession starts.
12:15 P.M	The procession of the candidates for degrees reaches the Convocation Hall and candidates take their seats.
12:30 P.M	The members of Court, Executive Council, Academic Council assemble.
12:45 P.M	The academic procession starts
12:50 P.M	The academic procession arrives at the convocation hall (all present rise from their seats as the procession enters the convocation hall and remain standing till the Hon'ble Chancellor and the Chief Guest take their seats)
12:55 P.M	National Anthem
12: 58 P.M	Declaration of opening of convocation by the Hon'ble Chancellor
01:00 P.M	The Vice Chancellor delivers his welcome address.
01:10 P.M	Convocation Address by Chief Guest Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Rtd.)
01:30 P.M	Awarding of Degrees onwards
02:45 P.M	The Hon'ble Chancellor's Address
03:00 P.M	Declaration of closure of the convocation by the Hon'ble Chancellor
03.01 P.M	National Anthem
03.05 P.M	The Academic Procession leaves the Convocation Hall

## PHOTO GALLERY

- i. **1<sup>st</sup> Reminiscence, 2022:** Some of the memorable moments of the events are highlighted in the form of photos.



Felicitation of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor by Dr. S.G Kashyap



Felicitation of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor by Dr. S.Pattanayak



Speech of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor



Speech of Registrar



Syeda Taufiqun Nisa Memorial Award to topper (Girl) of MBA



Discussion over Alumni Dinner



ii. 1<sup>st</sup> CONVOCATION, 2022



Dignitaries at the Dice



Academic Procession



Welcome Address of Hon'ble Vice  
Chancellor



Address of Chief Guest Air Marshal Anjan  
Kumar Gogoi (Rtd.)



Hon'ble Chancellor's Address



Falication of Hon'ble Chancellor



Felicitaton of Chief Guest Air Marshal  
Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Rtd.)



Photos of Vice Chancellor and other  
Dignitaries with Hon'ble Chancellor



## Award of Degree



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"Thank You" is such a prayer that cannot be seen or touched. It must be felt by the heart.

First and foremost, on behalf of the entire family of the Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor cum Governor of Assam Prof. Jagdish Mukhi Sir, who graced the event with his majestic presence and presided over the 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of the University.

We would also like to convey our deep regards and hearty thanks to Air Marshal Anjan Kumar Gogoi (Retd), currently member of North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong, who adorned the convocation as the Chief Guest and enlightened the graduating students with his golden words.

We would also like to thank all our distinguished guests Prof. Ramesh Chandra Deka, Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University, Prof. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Vice-Chancellor, Birangana Sati Sadhini Viswavidyalay, Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, K.K Handique State Open University, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain RajKonwar, Vice-Chancellor, Assam Women's University, Prof. J.P Verma, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Sri Anirudhadeva Sports University, who is also the Executive Council Member of our University and Dr. R. Murugesan, Director, NIRD & PR-NERC, principals of different colleges who blessed us with their presence.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner, Sivasagar, Superintendent of Police, Sivasagar, and all other delegates of the Sivasagar district administration, who helped us in obtaining the necessary administrative approvals for successfully organizing the event.

Last but not the least, this journey would not have been successful without the constant support and guidance of Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Debabrata Das, and the efforts of all members of the Steering committee, sub-committees, student volunteers, and staff.

Thank you all for your contributions in making this Maiden Convocation of the Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management a grand success.

# COMMITTEES OF CONVOCATION

## 1. Steering Committee

To organize the Maiden Convocation of the University, a **Steering Committee** has been formed by the Vice Chancellor with the following members:

- i. Vice Chancellor as the Chairperson
- ii. Controller of Examination – Chief Convenor
- iii. Registrar- Member
- iv. Dean (i/c)- Member
- v. All HoDs- Members
- vi. FAO - Member
- vii. Dr. Kuntala Boruah - Member
- viii. Ms. Ipsita Kaushik - Member

## 2. Sub-Committees

For smooth functioning of the 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Cooperative Management, the following sub-committees have been formed with the following faculties and non-faculty members:

### a. Venue Arrangement Committee-

**Head of the committee:** Dr. Mridusmita Das, Dean (i/c)

**Members:** Ms. Rinku Moni Roy  
Ms. Rituparna Bora

### b. Reception Committee-

**Head of the committee:** Dr. Deepom Baruah, HoD (i/c), SPPL

**Members:** Ms. Amrita Devi  
Mr. Jahnab Konwar

### c. Academic Committee-

**Head of committee:** Dr. Ranjan Sarmah, COE(i/c)

**Members:** Dr. Kuntala Boruah  
Ms. Ipsita Kaushik  
Mr. Subhasis Borpujari

### d. Food, Logistic and Transportation Committee-

**Head of committee:** Syed Parwaj Munnaf Ur Rahman, FAO

**Members:** Ms. Bhuyashi Boruah,  
Mr. Jahnab Konwar

### e. Registration and Alumni Affairs-

**Head of committee:** Dr. Rashida Tahira Noorain, Registrar (i/c)

**Members:** Ms. Bhupali Saikia,  
Mr. Ankur Mahanta

### f. Media and Publicity-

**Head of the committee:** Dr. Deepom Baruah, HoD (i/c), SPPL

**Members:** Ms. Amrita Devi,  
Mr. Jahnab Konwar

**Volunteers:**

1. Dilip Kumar Baruah
2. Raj Kallol Dutta
3. Moni Sankar Dutta
4. Kakoli Dutta
5. Hafiza Sultana Parveen
6. Jayshree Poddar
7. Trishna Pradhan
8. Nabapankaj Bhuyan
9. Pinky Dhar
10. Satyakam Sarma
11. Monalisha Gogoi
12. Neelutpal Das
13. Faiza Almas Ahmed
14. Amlan Jyoti Sharma
15. Ritwik Gogoi
16. Rahul Hussain
17. Subhankar Maitra
18. Swastika Bhagowati
19. Kaushik Gogoi
20. Dipika Neog
21. Dolimoni Gowala
22. Lubnaa Shah
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25. Harish Dutta
26. Aurnob Jyoti Saikia
27. Kakoli Dutta
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