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MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.98/LA/2026/2. – The Meghalaya Official Languages Bill, 2026 introduced in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

THE MEGHALAYA OFFICIAL LANGUAGES BILL, 2026

(As passed by the Assembly)

A

Bill

to provide for the languages to be used for the official purposes of the State of Meghalaya and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title, extent and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Official Languages Act, 2026.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Meghalaya.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definitions

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Garo Hills Division" shall include the districts of West Garo Hills, East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills, North Garo Hills and South West Garo Hills and the civil sub-divisions and blocks contained therein;

(b) "Government" means the Government of the State of Meghalaya;

(c) "Khasi and Jaintia Hills Division" shall include the districts of East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, Ri-Bhoi, South West Khasi Hills, Eastern West Khasi Hills, West Jaintia Hills and East Jaintia Hills and the civil sub-divisions and blocks contained therein;

(d) "Notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette; and

(e) "Official Gazette" means the Gazette of Meghalaya.

Official languages of the State

3. With effect from such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf, the English, Khasi and Garo languages shall be the official languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the State of Meghalaya:

Provided that the English language shall continue to be used in all Civil and Criminal Courts in the State:

Provided further that the business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly shall be transacted as per the provisions of the Meghalaya State Legislature (Continuance of the English Language) Act, 1980 (Act No. 8 of 1980).

Use of Official languages

4. The Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, provide for the use of any one or more of the official languages for such official purposes, at such levels of administration, and in such areas, as may be specified.

Protection of linguistic rights

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the rights of various linguistic groups in respect of medium of instruction in educational institutions as laid down in the Constitution of India.

Power to make rules

6. The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Repeal and saving

7. (1) The Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005 (Meghalaya Act No. 10 of 2005) and the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance 2026 (Meghalaya Ordinance No. 1 of 2026) are hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the repealed Act or Rules or the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005 provides for English as the official language of the state, while Khasi and Garo are recognised as associate official languages for limited use only in Districts and Sub-Divisions. Article 345 of the Constitution empowers States to adopt one or more official languages. Repeal of the 2005 Act will remove inconsistencies and enable for adoption of Khasi and Garo languages as Ofcial languages of the State in addition to English language.

In view of the above, since the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya was not in Session, the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya has promulgated the Meghalaya Official Languages Ordinance, on the 27th April, 2026 repealing the Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005 under Article 213 (1) of the Consitution of India.

Therefore, the above said Ordinance is now required to be replaced by a Bill, namely, the Meghalaya Official Languages Bill, 2026.

Hence the Bill.

CONRAD K. SANGMA
Chief Minister,
Government of Meghalaya.

MALTHUS S. SANGMA
Secretary,
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

There will be no additional expenditure required from the Consolidated Fund of the State for implementing this Bill.

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NOTIFICATION

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No.LB.99/LA/2026/2. – The International Open University (Repealing) Bill, 2026 introduced in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

THE INTERNATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (REPEALING) BILL, 2026

(As passed by the Assembly)

A

Bill

to repeal the International Open University Act, 2011.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the International Open University (Repealing Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Repeal and Savings.

2. The International Open University Act, 2011 (Meghalaya Act No. 1 of 2013) is hereby repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not:-

(i) affect the previous operation of the Act so repealed, or anything duly done or suffered thereunder; or

(ii) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the Act so repealed.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The International Open University Act, 2011 was enacted in 2011 and assented by Hon'ble Governor on 17th January 2013 but no progress on esablishment and start of the University have been shown by the sponsor. Further, only in 2022, application for opening the campus of the University from the Attorney of the sponsor namely MERIT (Millenium Educational and Research Initiatives Trust) was received. However, the Government directed the sponsor to deposit the Endowment Fund amounting to ₹ 2 crore as per provision in Section 41, sub-section (1) of the IOU Act, 2011, which the sponsor failed to comply with. Subsequently, it was further detected that there was internal dispute between the founder Trustee named Mr. Lawrence Malik and the holder of power of Attorney named Shri Jay Murat Kumar and till date their dispute has not been resolved. Although POA to Shri Jay Murat Kumar was revoked by the Trust with effect from 20th February, 2024 but Shri Jay Murat Kumar signed 2 (Two) MOU's with Gautam Buddha Research Foundation for transfer of sponsorship from MERIT, one on 22nd December, 2023 and another on 23rd February, 2024, accordingly validity of the MOU signed on 22nd December, 2023 cannot be disregarded which may lead Government of Meghalaya to be involved in their disputes if University is allowed to be set up. Therefore, the Government has decided to repeal the Act.

Hence, this Bill.

LAHKMEN RYMBUI
Minister,
I/c Education, Law, Revenue &
Disaster Management & IPR

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

No fnancial expenditure will be involved from the consolidated fund of the State or from any other fund of the Government for passing this enactment.

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NOTIFICATION

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No.LB.76/LA/2026/2. – The Meghalaya Forest Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026 introduced in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

THE MEGHALAYA FOREST AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

(As passed by the Assembly)

A

BILL

further to amend the Meghalaya Forest Authority Act, 1991 (Meghalaya Act No. 3 of 1991).

Be it enacted by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in the Sixty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

Short title and Commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Forest Authority (Amendment) Act, 2026.

2. It shall come into force with effect from the date of notification in the Official Gazette.

Insertion of additional Section

2 In the Meghalaya Forest Authority Act, 1991 (Meghalaya Act No.3 of 1991), after section 6, the following new sections 6A and 6B shall be inserted, namely:-

Grants of money by State Government to Authority

6A. The State Government may, after due appropriation made by the State Legislature by law in this behalf, pay to the Authority by way of grants or loans such sums of money for being utilized for the purpose of this Act.

Constitution of Meghalaya Forest Authority Fund

6B. (1) There shall be constituted a Fund to be called the Meghalaya Forest Authority Fund where: -

(a) Any grants and loans made to the Authority by the State Government or any other source as may be decided by the State Government, could be received.

(b) Sums could be incurred as expenditure for the purpose of the Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Operationalisation of the Meghalaya Forest Authority Act, 1991 (Meghalaya Act No.3 of 1991) requires specific provisions in the Act to provide for grants of money by the State Government to the Authority and constitution of a Fund to be known as the Meghalaya Forest Authority Fund to credit such money and other amounts to be received by the Authority.

It is therefore proposed to insert additional sections 6 A and 6 B in the Meghalaya Forest Authority Act, 1991 (Meghalaya Act No. 3 of 1991) to provide for the above.

Hence the Bill.

(CONRAD K. SANGMA)
Minister In-charge,
Forest & Environment Department.

Secretary
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly
Shillong.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill will involve annual expenditure of about Rs. 50,00,000 (rupees fifty lakh) only from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Meghalaya.

MEGHALAYA ACT 3 OF 1991

THE MEGHALAYA FOREST AUTHORITY ACT, 1991

(As passed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 1st April, 1991)

[Received the assent of the Governor on the 16th April,1989]

(Published in the *Gazette of Meghalaya,* Extraordinary,

dated 17th April, 1991)

An

Act

To provide for the constitution of an Authority for the unified control of forest in the State

WHEREAS, there is need to further adopt measures to prevent indiscriminate felling of trees in the State.

AND WHEREAS, for that purpose it is exeedient to have an authority with persons from the State Government and the District Council as members;

AND WHEREAS, concurrence of all the Chief Executive Members of the District Councils in the State have been obtained;

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Forty-Second Year of the Republic of India as follows :-1. (1) Short title, extend and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Forest Authority Act, 1991.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Meghalaya.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd March, 1991.

2. Definitions. – In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context –

(a) "Authority" means the Meghalaya Forest Authority constituted under Section 3;

(b) "District Council" means an Autonomous District Council constituted under the provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India; and

(c) "Forest" means all classes of forests but excludes reserved forests, Government or Government protected forests and any area recorded as forests in Government records.

3. Constitution of the Authority.- (1) There shall be constituted the Meghalaya Forest Authority with a Board of Governors comprising of the Chief Minister, the Minister-in-charge, Forests and Environment and the Chief Executive Members of the Autonomous District Councils in the State.

(2) The Chief Minister shall be the Chairman, the Minister-incharge, Forests and Environment, the Deputy Chairman and an Officer of the State Forests Department, not below the rank of a Conservator of Forests to be nominated by the State Government; the Member - Secretary of the Board of Governors.

(3) In the event that there is no Council of Ministers in the State or Executive Committee in any District Council the Governors as the case may be, of the Board shall, for the time being, *be appointed* by the Governor of Meghalaya.

4. Functions of the Authority.– (1) The functions of the Authority shall be to advise the State Government and the District Council on proper co-ordination and implementation of States and District Council Forest lows and the preparation of forest plans and schemes and other matters connected with the preservation of forest in the State.

5. Meetings of the Authority and Quorum.– (1) The Authority shall meet as often as may be necessary and all matters in a meeting shall be decided by the majority members present with Chairman casting his votes only in case of a tie.

(2) The quorum for any meeting shall be four including the person presiding.

(3) Every meeting shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence, by the Deputy Chairman.

6. Officers and Staff.– (1) The Member-Secretary shall be the Chief administrative officer of the Authority and shall exercise, supervision and control over its day to day affairs, authenticated letters other papers emanating from it and maintain or cause to be maintained accounts and other records.

(2) The Authority may with prior approval of Government appoints such other officers and staff as may be necessary for carrying out its functions under this Act.

7. Power to make Rules.– The state Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

8. Act not to be in derogation of any other laws.– The provisions of this Act shall not be in derogation of any other law on forests operating in the States.

9. Repeal and Saving.– (1) The Meghalaya Forest Authority Ordinance, 1991 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal any action taken or anything done under the Ordinance so repealed shall be deemed to have been taken or done under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

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THE MEGHALAYA MONEY LENDERS AND ACCREDITED LOAN PROVIDERS'

BILL, 2026

A

BILL

to consolidate the law relating to money lending in the State of Meghalaya and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

Whereas, it is expedient to make provisions for protecting the interests of borrowers, for regulating the transactions of money lending and to secure more transparency in such transactions in the State of Meghalaya;

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

Chapter I

PRELIMINARY

Short title, extent and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers' Act, 2026.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Meghalaya except those covered under Para 10 of the VI Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint:

Provided that different dates may be appointed for different sections of the Act.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Act" means the Meghalaya Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers' Act, 2026;

(b) "Accredited Loan Provider" means a person who has a contractual arrangement with an institutional creditor for receiving finance from such institutional creditor for the purpose of onlending to the borrowers in his or its own name;

(c) "bank" means -

(i) a banking company or a cooperative bank to which the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (Central Act 10 of 1949) applies;

(ii) the State Bank of India constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955 (Central Act 23 of 1955);

(iii) a corresponding new bank constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 (Central Act 5 of 1970);

(iv) a corresponding new bank constituted under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980 (Central Act 40 of 1980); and

(v) a regional rural bank established under the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 (Central Act 21 of 1976);

(d) "batta" means an extra payment over and above the pay;

(e) "borrower" means a person to whom, a loan is advanced and includes a successor-in-interest or surety;

(f) "co-operative society" means a society registered or deemed to have been registered under the Meghalaya Cooperative Societies Act (Assam Act No. 1 of 1950 as adapted by Meghalaya) or any other Act relating to Cooperative societies and includes a multi-state cooperative society registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 (Central Act 39 of 2002);

(g) "dharmada" means an amount charged as endowment or gift for religious or charitable purpose;

(h) "institutional creditor" means any bank which has advanced or agreed to advance monies to accredited loan providers for the purpose of on-lending;

(i) "interest" includes the return to be made over and above what is actually lent, whether the same is charged or sought to be recovered specifically by way of interest or otherwise, but does not include any sum lawfully charged by a money lender or accredited loan provider as costs, charges, expenses towards evaluation, assessment and creation of the security;

(j) "Loan" means an advance whether of money or kind at interest, with or without security, and includes advance, discount, money paid for or on account of or on behalf of or at the request of any person, or the forbearance to require payment of money owing on any account whatsoever, and every agreement (whatever its terms or form may be) which is in substance or effect a loan of money, and also an agreement to secure the repayment of any such loan, but does not include, -

(i) a deposit of money or other property in a Government Post Office or Bank or in a Government Savings Banks;

(ii) a loan advanced by the State Government or by any local authority authorised by the State Government;

(iii) a deposit of money with or a loan advanced by a co-operative society;

(iv) a loan advanced by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development established under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981 (Central Act 61 of 1981);

(v) a loan advanced by the Export-Import Bank of India established under the Export-Import Bank of India Act, 1981 (Central Act 28 of 1981);

(vi) a loan advanced by the Small Industries Development Bank of India, established under the Small Industries Development Bank of India Act, 1989 (Central Act 39 of 1989);

(vii) a loan advanced by the National Housing Bank, constituted under the National Housing Bank Act, 1987 (Central Act 53 of 1987);

(viii) a loan advanced by State Financial Corporations established under the State Financial Corporation, Act, 1951 (Central Act 63 of 1951);

(ix) a loan advanced by any institution established by or under an Act of Parliament or the legislature of a State, which grants any loan or advance in pursuance of the provisions of that Act; or notified in this behalf by the State Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank;

(x) an advance made to a subscriber, or a depositor in a Provident Fund from the amount standing to his credit in the fund in accordance with the rules of the fund;

(xi) a loan to or by an insurance company as defined in the Insurance Act, 1938 (Central Act IV of 1938);

(xii) a loan or debenture in respect of which dealings are listed on any Stock Exchange;

(xiii) a loan or deposit to or by a Non-Banking Financial Company as defined in Clause (f) of section 45-I of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and registered with Reserve Bank under Chapter III B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (Central Act 2 of 1934);

(xiv) a loan to, or by, or a deposit with, any charitable society or association registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, 1983;

(xv) an advance made on the basis of a negotiable instrument as defined in the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (Central Act XXXVI of 1881) other than a promissory note;

(xvi) a loan or advance made by a trader bonafide carrying on any business, other than money lending, if such loan is advanced to the regular course of such business;

Explanation. - For the purposes of clause (xvi), "trader" means a person who in the regular course of business buys and sells goods or other property, whether movable or immovable and includes a wholesale or a retail merchant.

(k) "Lok Adalat" means the Lok Adalat established under the provisions of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 (Central Act 39 of 1987) and includes a Permanent Lok Adalat;

(l) "money lender" means a person whose main or subsidiary occupation is the business of advancing and realising loans in the State;

(m) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(n) "principal" means in relation to a loan; the advance actually made to a borrower;

(o) "register" means a register of money lenders or accredited loan providers maintained under this Act;

(p) "registering authority" means a person or an officer appointed by the Government to perform the functions of a registering authority under this Act;

(q) "registration" means a money lender's registration or accredited loan provider's registration granted under this Act;

(r) "salami" means a lump sum payment by the tenant to the Land Lord as consideration for parting his rights under lease of a holding;

(s) "Reserve Bank" means the Reserve Bank of India constituted under Section 3 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (Central Act 2 of 1934);

(t) "rules" means rules made under this Act; and

(u) "State Government" means the Government of the State of Meghalaya; and

(v) "State Legislature" means the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya.

Chapter II
Appointment and Powers of Registering Authority, Registration of Money Lenders etc.

Appointment of registering authority.

3. The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint such persons, whether public officers or not, as it thinks proper, to be registering authorities of the money lenders and accredited loan providers for the purposes of this Act and may define the areas within which each such authority shall exercise his powers and perform his duties.

Register of Moneylenders.

4. (1) Every registering authority shall maintain for the area under its jurisdiction, the registers of all money lenders having valid registration, in such form as may be prescribed.

(2) The registers maintained under sub-section (1) shall be published in such manner and at such intervals as may be prescribed.

Money lender to obtain registration.

5. (1) No money lender shall commence or carry on the business of providing loans at any place to which this Act applies, without obtaining a registration under this Act.

(2) Every application for a money lender's registration and for a renewal of the money lender's registration shall be in writing in the prescribed manner and form and shall be made to the registering authority along with the prescribed fee.

(3) Every registration granted by the registering authority shall be in such form and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(4) A registration shall be valid within the local areas as specified in the registration for a period of three years:

Provided that when an application for renewal of a registration has been received by the registering authority within the prescribed

period, the registration shall, until the application is finally disposed of, be deemed to be valid.

(5) The registering authority may, at any time for sufficient cause, suspend or cancel a registration granted under sub-section (3):

Provided that no order suspending or cancelling the registration shall be passed except after giving the money lender an opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

Explanation: For the purposes of sub-section (5), prosecution or conviction of a money lender for violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be sufficient cause for suspension or cancellation of his registration.

(6) The existing money-lenders if any, shall comply with the provisions of this Act within a period of one month from the date of commencement of this Act.

Chapter III
Maintenance of Book of Accounts and Submission of Returns

Duty of money lender to maintain accounts and furnish copies.

6. (1) Every money lender shall keep and maintain a cash book, a ledger, register of securities and such other books of accounts in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Every money lender shall, -

(a) deliver or cause to be delivered, to the borrower within seven days from the date on which a loan is made, a statement in the prescribed form showing in clear and distinct terms the amount and date of the loan and of its maturity, the nature of the security, if any for the loan, the name and address of the borrower and of the money lender and the rate of interest charged:

Provided that no such statement shall be required to be delivered to a borrower if he is supplied by the money lender with a pass book in the prescribed form containing an up-to-date account of the transactions with the borrower;

(b) require to make a written agreement with the borrower which is duly subscribed by at least two subscribers.

(c) upon repayment of loan in full, mark indelibly every paper signed by the borrower with words indicating payment or cancellation, and discharge every mortgage, restore every pledge, return every document or note and cancel or reassign every assignment given by the borrower as security for the loan.

(3) No money lender shall receive any payment from a borrower on account of any loan without giving him a duly signed receipt for the payment.

(4) No money lender shall accept from a borrower any article as a pawn, pledge or security for a loan without giving him a signed receipt for the same with the description, estimated value, the amount of loan advanced against it and such other particulars as may be prescribed.

(5) A money lender shall, on a demand in writing by the borrower and tender of the prescribed sum of expenses, supply a copy of any document relating to a loan made by him or any security therefore, to the borrower, or if the borrower so requires, to any person specified in that behalf, in the demand.

Submission of accounts, returns by the money lender.

7. Every money lender shall file statements of accounts and submit returns to the registering authority at such intervals and on or before such dates as may be prescribed.

Power to require production of records or documents and power of entry, inspection and seizure.

8. (1) The registering authority or any officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf may verify whether the business of the money lender is carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Act, enter the premises of the money lender or any person who in his opinion is carrying on the business of a money lender and call upon him to produce any record or document relating to such business and every such money lender or person shall allow such inspection and produce such record or document.

(2) The registering authority may, for the purposes of sub-section (1) search the premises and seize any record and document as may be necessary and the record or document seized shall be retained only for such period as may be necessary for the purposes of examination, prosecution or other legal action:

Provided that the provisions of Sections 100 and 102 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act 2 of 1973) shall, so far as may be, apply to such search and seizure.

(3) The registering authority or the other officer referred to in sub-section (1) shall also have power to summon and examine the money lender or any person who in his opinion, is in a position to furnish relevant information.

Levy of inspection fees

9. An inspection fee shall be leviable for the purpose of section 8 on a money lender at the rate of one percent of the maximum capital utilised by such money lender during the period of operation of the registration.

Explanation. - For the purpose of this section, "maximum capital" means the highest total amount of the capital sum which may remain invested in the money lending business on any day during the period of operation of the registration.

Borrowers not bound to admit correctness of accounts.

10. A borrower to whom a statement of accounts or a pass book has been furnished under this Act, shall not be bound to acknowledge or deny its correctness and his failure to do so shall not, by itself, be deemed to be an admission of the correctness of the accounts.

Chapter IV
Dispute Resolution

Procedure in disputes regarding loan.

11. (1) In case of any dispute relating to the transactions involving a loan of rupees one lakh or above or equivalent value (excluding interest), the aggrieved person may file an application in the prescribed form along with the prescribed fee, before the civil Court having jurisdiction, which may be settled through conciliation or through Lok Adalat under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) above and in any other law for the time being in force, in any suit to which this Act applies, filed by a money lender against a debtor-

(a) a Civil Court shall, before deciding the claim on merits, frame and decide the issue whether the money lender has complied with the provisions of section 6;

(b) if a Civil Court finds that the provisions of section 6 have not been complied with by the money lender, it may, if the plaintiffs' claim is established, in whole or in part, disallow the whole or any portion of the interest found due, as may seem reasonable to it in the circumstances of the case and may disallow costs.

Explanation. - A money lender who has given the receipt or furnished a statement of accounts or a pass book in the prescribed form and manner, shall be held to have complied with the provisions of section 6, in spite of any errors and omissions if the civil Court finds that such errors and omissions are not material or not made fraudulently.

Power of Lok Adalat to deposit money due on loan in Lok Adalat.

12. (1) The Lok Adalat may, at any time, on application of a judgment-debtor, after notice to the decree-holder, direct that the amount of any decree passed against him, whether before or after the date on which this Act comes into force, in respect of a loan, shall be paid in such number of instalments and subject to such conditions, and payable on such dates, as, having regard to the circumstances of the judgment-debtor and the amount of the decree, it considers fit.

(2) Where a money lender refuses to accept the whole or any portion of the money due in respect of his loans, the borrower may deposit the said money into the Lok Adalat, to record full or part satisfaction of the loan.

(3) Where any such application is made, the Lok Adalat, shall, after due inquiry pass orders recording full or part satisfaction of the loan, as the case may be.

Suits and applications by unregistered money lenders barred.

13. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force –

(a) a suit by a money lender for the recovery of a loan; or

(b) an application by a money lender for the execution of a decree relating to a loan; or

(c) an application for resolution of dispute through a conciliation or Lok Adalat under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, shall be dismissed, unless at the time when the loan was advanced, the money lender held an effective registration and written agreement signed by the Lender and Borrower duly subscribed by at least two witnesses.

Chapter V
Accredited Loan Providers

Registration of accredited loan providers.

14. (1) Any individual or an undivided Hindu family or a company other than a Non- Banking Financial Company as defined in Clause (f) of section 45-I of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India, or an unincorporated body of individuals intending to engage himself or themselves as an accredited loan provider shall apply to the registering authority constituted under section 3 of this Act for registration to carry on the business as an accredited loan provider:

Provided that only such persons who have the necessary educational qualification or knowledge of agriculture and rural economy, knowledge of maintenance of books of accounts and such other conditions as may be specified in the order issued by the State Government in this behalf, shall be eligible to become accredited loan providers.

(2) No such application by an accredited loan provider shall be entertained by the registering authority unless such application is counter signed by an institutional creditor having credit link with the accredited loan provider.

(3) No accredited loan provider shall commence or carry on the business of providing loans without obtaining a registration under the provisions of this chapter.

(4) Every registration granted by the registering authority shall be in such form as may be prescribed.

(5) Every registering authority shall maintain for the area under his jurisdiction, the registers of all accredited loan providers having valid registration, in such form as may be prescribed.

(6) The registers maintained under sub-section (5) shall be published in such manner and at such periodic intervals as may be prescribed.

Submissions of accounts, returns etc.

15. (1) Every accredited loan provider shall maintain such books of accounts and file such statements of accounts and returns as may be prescribed, to the registering authority and a copy of such statement of accounts and returns shall also be furnished to the institutional creditor.

(2) The institutional creditor shall, on requisition from the registering authority, furnish the information concerning the loans provided by

an accredited loan provider within such time as may be specified in the requisition.

Settlement of disputes.

16. The provisions of Section 11 shall mutatis mutandi apply to any dispute between the accredited loan provider and the borrower.

Cancellation of registration.

17. (1) If the institutional creditor has informed the registering authority about the termination of its relationship with the accredited loan provider, the registering authority shall cancel the registration of the accredited loan provider:

Provided that, if within a period of thirty days from the cancellation of the registration, such accredited loan provider enters into an agreement with another institutional creditor and his application is countersigned by the new institutional creditor, the registering authority shall restore the registration of such accredited loan provider.

(2) The registering authority may, at any time for sufficient cause, suspend or cancel a registration granted under Section 14:

Provided that no order suspending or cancelling the registration shall be passed except after giving the accredited loan provider an opportunity to show cause against the proposed action.

Explanation. - For the purposes of sub-section (2), prosecution or conviction of an accredited loan provider for violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be sufficient cause for suspension or cancellation of the registration.

Chapter VI
Interest Rate Ceiling

Limitation on rates of interest charged by money lenders and accredited loan providers.

18. (1) The State Government may from time to time by notification, specify the maximum rates of interest for any local area chargeable by money lenders and accredited loan providers and separate rates of interests may be specified in respect of secured and unsecured loans.

(2) If any money lender or accredited loan provider charges or receives from a borrower interest at a rate exceeding the maximum rate fixed by the State Government under sub-section (1), he shall be liable for punishment under this Act.

(3) The maximum rate of interest notified by the State Government under sub-section (1), shall be calculated by taking into account the interest rate trends, cost of transactions, cost of the capital, the risk premium and the administrative expenses associated with such loans.

(4) All money lenders and accredited loan providers shall display the rates of interest charged by them, both on secured as well as unsecured loans, in a conspicuous place in their premises.

Maximum amount of interest recoverable on loans and discharge of loans in certain cases.

19. (1) No money lender or accredited loan provider shall recover towards the interest in respect of any loans advanced by him, an amount in excess of the principal amount.

(2) Any loan in respect of which the money lender or accredited loan provider has realized from the debtor an amount equal to or more than twice the amount of the principal, shall stand discharged and the amount, if any, so realized in excess of twice the amount of the loan shall be refunded by the money lender or accredited loan provider, as the case may be, to the debtor.

Chapter VII
Offences and Penalties

Entry of wrong sum in bond, etc., to be an offence.

20. (1) No money lender or accredited loan provider shall take any promissory note, acknowledgement, bond or other writing which does not state the actual amount of the loan, or which states such amount wrongly or obtains any instrument in which blanks are left to be filled after execution.

(2) Whoever contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall, on conviction, be punished with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees or with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with both.

Penalty for salami, batta, dharmada etc.

21. If any Loan Provider or accredited loan provider or his agent, takes from a borrower at the time of advancing a loan or deducts out of the principal of such loan any salami, batta, dharmada or other extraction of similar nature by whatever name called, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees.

Penalty for Assaulting, pestering & harassment.

22. (1) Whoever assaults or pesters or harasses a borrower in an aggressive or persistent manner, for the recovery of a debt due by him to a money lender or accredited loan provider or his assignee, as the case may be, shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to rupees one lakh or with both.

Explanation. - For the purposes of this section, a person who, with intent to cause another person to abstain from doing any act which he has a right to do or to do any act which he has a right to abstain from doing, -

(a) obstructs or uses violence on or intimidates such other person, or

(b) persistently follows such other person from place to place or interferes with any property owned or used by him or deprives him of, or hinders him in, the use of any such property, or

(c) loiters at or near a house or other place where such other person resides or works, or carries on business, or happens to be; or

(d) does any act calculated to annoy or intimidate such other person or the members of his family; or

(e) moves or acts in a manner which causes or is calculated to cause alarm or danger to the person or property of such other person, shall be deemed to assault, pester or harass such other person:

Provided that a person who goes to the house or place referred to in clause (c) in order merely to obtain or communicate information shall not be deemed to assault, pester or harass.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, an offence punishable under sub-section (1) shall be cognizable.

Penalty for carrying on business without registration.

23. Whoever carries on the business of providing loans without obtaining registration or otherwise than in conformity with the terms and conditions imposed by the registering authority, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.

Penalty for contravention of the provisions of the Act.

24. If any person contravenes any other provision of this Act, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

Compounding of offences.

25. (1) The Registering Authority or any other officer or authority authorised by the State Government in this behalf, may accept from the person who has committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence under this Act, by way of compounding such offence –

(a) a sum of money equal to the maximum amount prescribed as fine under this Act, if the offence is committed for the first time; and

(b) in other cases, twice the amount of such fine prescribed under the respective sections:

Provided that an offence with respect to which a proceeding is pending before the Civil Court shall not be compoundable.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), an offence punishable under Section 21 of this Act shall be cognizable and shall not be compoundable.

Cognizance of Certain offences.

26. No court shall take cognizance of any offence, except offences under section 22 on a complaint made by registering authority duly authorised on behalf of the Government.

Chapter VIII
Miscellaneous

Act not to apply.

27. Nothing contained in this Act shall apply, -

(a) to the Reserve Bank of India or any Bank;

(b) to the Non-Banking Financial Companies as defined in clause (f) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India;

(c) to lending between immediate members of the family.

Explanation. - "Immediate members of the family" in clause (b) of this section means lineal descendants and includes husband, wife, mother, father, mother's brother, mother's sister, father's sister, father's brother, son, daughter including step-son, step-daughter and adopted son, adopted daughter and son or daughter of the mother's brother or sister, or son or daughter of the father's sister or brother.

Provisions of this Act to apply to un-registered individual who has a written agreement.

27. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, any loan whether with or without interest is given by one individual person to another individual person on written agreement duly subscribed by at least two witnesses, the provisions of section 10 shall apply for settling of such dispute if the loan is not repaid.

Every officer to be public servant.

28. Every officer of the Government and every person acting under the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code.

Saving of laws relating to agriculturists' indebtedness.

29. Nothing in this Act shall affect any of the provisions of any enactment relating to relief of agriculturists' indebtedness.

Power to make rules.

30. (1) The State Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely, -

(a) the form of the register under section 4;

(b) the form of the application for registration and renewal, including the manner of payment of registration fee under section 5;

(c) the form of cashbook, ledger and other books and the manner in which they shall be maintained under Section 6 and the other particulars to be prescribed of that section;

(d) the form of the statement of accounts and pass books to be furnished or delivered and the date before which they are to be furnished or delivered under section 6, the fee to be paid and the sum of expenses to be paid;

(e) the procedure to be followed by the officers while compounding offences under Section 25 of this Act;

(f) any other matter which has to be or may be prescribed under this Act.

(3) Every rule made under this Act, shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the State Legislature.

Power to exempt.

31. The State Government may, after consultation with the Reserve Bank, by notification in the Official Gazette, exempt such money lenders or accredited loan providers, from all or any of the provisions of this Act, subject to such conditions as it may deem fit and for such period as may be specified.

Power to remove difficulties

32. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removal of the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made after the expiry of a period of two years from the date of the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

Annual Report on the administration of the Act.

33. The State Government shall prepare an annual report on the administration of this Act and the same shall be placed before the State Legislature.

Repeal and savings.

34. (1) The Meghalaya Money Lenders Act (Assam Act IV of 1934 as adapted by Meghalaya) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the provisions of the repealed Act shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the provisions of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The report of the technical group constituted by the Reserve Bank of India has recommended a review of the existing legislation on money lending in the State. The technical group has forwarded a model legislation. Till date, Meghalaya Money Lender Act (Assam Act IV of 1934 as adapted by Meghalaya) is in force in the State of Meghalaya. After examination, the old Act of 1934 may require replacement by a new law and this Act IV of 1934 is proposed to be repealed.

Hence the Bill.

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Secretary
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly
Shillong

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Certain expenditure will be involved from the Consolidated Fund of the State for implementing the proposed legislation.

MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Clause 30 of the Bill empowers the State Government to make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. Further clause 31 empowers the State Government to exempt money lenders or accredited loan providers after consultation with the Reserve Bank of India. Clause 32 empowers the State Government to remove difficulty. The delegation is of normal character.

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NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.97/LA/2026/2. – The Meghalaya Right to Public Services (Amendment) Bill, 2026 introduce in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and reasons is publish under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for General information.

THE MEGHALAYA RIGHT TO PUBLIC SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

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BILL

further to amend the Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh year of the Republic of India as follows

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Right to Public Services (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of Section 6

2. In Section 6 of the Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), Meghalaya Act, No. 18 *of 2020.*

(i) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(1A) (a) Where an application for a notified service has been submitted through such electronic system as may be notified by the Government and no order granting or rejecting the application is passed by the Designated Officer within the stipulated time prescribed under this Act, the application shall, upon expiry of such period, be deemed to have been refused solely for the purpose of enabling an appeal under this section.

(b) An appeal shall thereupon be generated electronically and transmitted to the appellate authority in such manner as may be prescribed.

(c) The provisions of this sub-section shall apply only in respect of applications submitted through the notified electronic system and complete in all respects."

(ii) in sub-section (3), after the words and figure "An appeal under sub-section (1)" shall insert *the words and figure "or sub-section (1A)".*

(iii) after sub-section (3), insert the following new sub-sections (4) and (5), namely:-

(4) Where an appeal has been filed or generated through the notified electronic system, the Appellate Authority may dispose of the appeal electronically and communicate its decision through such electronic system in such manner as may be prescribed.

(5) Where after an appeal has been generated under sub-section (1A) but before its disposal, the Designated Officer grants the service applied for, the appeal shall stand disposed of unless the applicant disputes such order or seeks any further relief under this Act."

Amendment of Section 19

3. In sub-section (2) of Section 19 of the principal Act, after clause (a), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:-

" (aa) the manner of automatic generation electronic transmission, processing and disposal of appeals through such electronic system as may be notified by the Government under Section 6, including the manner of electronic communication of orders;"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. The Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020 was enacted to ensure time-bound delivery of notified public services and to provide a statutory mechanism for appeals in cases where services are not delivered within the prescribed time or where applications are rejected.

2. With the increasing adoption of electronic service delivery platforms and as part of the Government's Ease of Doing Business initiatives relating to Compliance Reduction and Deregulation, it has become necessary to facilitate electronic processing of appeals in respect of applications submitted through notified electronic systems.

3. The Bill seeks to amend Sections 6 and 19 of the Act to provide for automatic generation and electronic transmission of appeals where no decision is taken on an online application within the prescribed time, solely for the purpose of enabling the statutory appellate process. The Bill also enables electronic processing and communication of appellate decisions, provides for uniform timelines for disposal of appeals irrespective of the mode of initiation, clarifies the legal position where the Designated Officer disposes of an application after an automatic appeal has been generated and empowers the Government to make rules governing the manner of automatic generation, transmission, processing and disposal of such appeals.

4. The proposed amendments do not alter the existing statutory rights of applicants, do not introduce any system of deemed approval and do not affect the responsibility of the Designated Officer or the jurisdiction of the Appellate Authority. The automatic appeal mechanism shall apply only to applications submitted through such electronic systems as may be notified by the Government.

5 The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

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Secretary
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Shillong

MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The Bill seeks to amend Sections 6 and 19 of the Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020 to provide for automatic generation and electronic processing of appeals in respect of applications submitted through such electronic system as may be notified by the Government.

The matters in respect of which Rules may be made relate principally to the manner of automatic generation, electronic transmission, processing and disposal of appeals, the electronic communication of orders, and such other procedural and technical matters as may be necessary for effective implementation of the proposed electronic appellate mechanism.

These matters are procedural and technical in nature and are liable to require modification from time to time having regard to technological developments and operational requirements. It is, therefore, neither practicable nor desirable to provide for such matters in the Act itself.

The delegation of legislative power is, therefore, of a normal character and relates only to matters of procedure and implementation.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill does not involve the creation of any new post or establishment or entail any recurring expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

Implementation of the proposed automatic appeal mechanism may, however, require suitable modification of the existing electronic system/RTPS Portal, including software development, system integration and related technical requirements. Any expenditure on such modifications shall be met from the existing budgetary provisions of the concerned Department, subject to availability of funds and observance of the prescribed financial procedures.

The Bill, therefore, does not entail any additional recurring financial liability requiring separate budgetary provision.

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NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.102/LA/2026/2. – The Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Bill, 2026 introduce in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and Reasons is published under Rule 71 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for General information.

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

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BILL

to further amend the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 2010.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short Title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of title.

2. In the long and short title of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 2010 (Meghalaya Act No. 6 of 2011) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words “Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 2010” the words “Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, 2010” shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 12.

3. In sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Governor of Meghalaya shall be the Visitor of the University and the existing Visitor of the University so notified by the Sponsor shall cease to hold office of Visitor immediately”.

Amendment of Section 13.

4. In sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the principal Act, between words “may be extended” and “with a prior approval of the Visitor” the words, “for a period of five years at a time” shall be inserted.

Amendment of Section 20.

5. In sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the principal Act, for clause (iv), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(iv) three representatives of the State Government, one of whom should be an educationist of repute:

Provided that the quorum for the Board of Governors shall include at least one representative of the State Government and his vote shall be mandatory for the resolution to pass or be approved.”

Amendment of Section 21.

6. In sub-section (1) of Section 21 of the principal Act, for clause (e), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(e) two representatives to be nominated by the State Government:

Provided that the quorum for the Board of Management shall include at least one representative of the State Government.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

According to Section 12(1) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 2010, the Visitor of Mahatma Gandhi University is to be notified by the Sponsor in consultation with the State Government. In 2011, the Sponsor of Mahatma Gandhi University proposed the name of Prof. Mata Din Madholio for appointment as the Visitor of the University. Subsequently, upon approval of the Government *vide* No. EDN.358/2010/51 dated 08/03/2011, the University appointed the said person as the Visitor. Thereafter, Prof. Mata Din Madholio appointed Dr. Rajan Chopra as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University on 11th March, 2011.

As per the provisions of the Act, the term of Dr. Rajan Chopra as Chancellor expired on 10th March, 2016. However, no order regarding extension of his tenure for the period from 11th March, 2016 to 10th March, 2021 could be traced from the available records. Subsequently, on 7th June, 2021 and again on 3rd November, 2025, the Sponsor appointed Dr. Rajan Chopra as Chancellor of the University. However, no records indicating approval of the State Government or of the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya in this regard are available. These anomalies require rectification.

Further, the existing procedure whereby the Sponsor appoints the Visitor and, through the Visitor, appoints the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University is not in consonance with the provisions governing other private universities in the State. It is also proposed that, in the short title and long title of the Act, the words "Mahatma Gandhi University Meghalaya Act" be substituted appropriately.

Accordingly, it has become necessary to amend the Act.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

No financial expenditure will be involved from the consolidated fund of the State or from any other fund of the Government for the provision of the Act.

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MARTIN LUTHER CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

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BILL

to further amend the Martin Luther Christian University Act, 2005.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called Martin Luther Christian University (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of Section 1.

2. In Section 1 of the Martin Luther Christian University Act, 2005 (Act No. 11 of 2005) (herein after referred to as the principal Act), in the marginal heading between the words “short title” and “and commencement”, the words, “extend” shall be inserted and also a new sub-section (1A) shall be added as follows:-

“(1A) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Meghalaya”.

Amendment of Section 2.

3. In sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the principal Act, between clauses (xi) and (xii), a new clause (xi a) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(xi a) “Dean Academics” means Dean Academics of the University”.

Amendment of Section 4.

4. In sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the principal Act, for the word “Mawphlang”, the word “Umphyrnai” shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 7.

5. In Section 7 of the principal Act, in clause (b), the word “distance” shall be omitted and wherever the word “distance” or “distance education” occur in the principal Act, it shall be deemed to have been omitted and in same clause after the word “technologies” the words “for short term courses only” shall be added.

Amendment of Section 8.

6. In sub-section 1 of Section 8 of the principal Act, in clauses (iii) and (v), the words, “affiliated colleges” shall be omitted and wherever the words “affiliated colleges” occur shall be deemed to have been omitted.

Insertion of New Section 12 A.

7. After Section 12 of the principal Act, the following new Section 12A shall be added namely:-

“To comply with direction of. Government

“12A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with all directions of the Government of Meghalaya issued from time to time.”

Amendment of Section 20.

8. In sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the principal Act, (i) for clauses (d) and (e), the following new clause (d) shall be substituted, namely:-

“(d) Three representative of the State Government one of whom should be an educationist of repute.”

(ii) after clause (f) the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that the quorum for the Board of Governors shall include at least one representative of the State Government and his vote shall be mandatory for resolution to pass or be approved.”

Amendment of Section 21.

9. In sub-section (1) of Section 21 of the principal Act,

(i) for clause (e) for the words “one representative” the words “two representative to be nominated by the State Government.” shall be substituted.

(ii) after clause (f), the following new proviso shall be added namely:-

“Provided that the quorum for the Board of Management shall include at least one representative of the State Government.”

Amendment of Section 22.

10. In sub-section (1) of Section 22 of the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Academic Council shall consist of:

(a) The Vice Chancellor - Chairman

(b) The Dean, Academics - Secretary

(c) Registrar - Member

(d) Finance Officer - Member

(e) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes”.

Amendment of Section 23.

11. In sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Finance Committee shall consist of:

(a) The Vice Chancellor - Chairman

(b) Finance Officer - Secretary

(c) Registrar - Member

(d) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes”.

Amendment of Section 29.

12. In Section 29 of the principal Act, in clauses (k) and (l), the words, “affiliate colleges” appearing therein shall be omitted.

Amendment of Section 30.

13. In sub-section (1) Section 30, of the principal Act, between “The” and “rule”, the word, “first” shall be inserted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Martin Luther Christian University has proposed for amendment of the Act No. 11 of 2005 mainly Section 4(3) with respect to changing of headquarters of the University from "Mawphlang" to "Umphyrnai". It is also proposed that the "Dean Academics" shall be made "Secretary" to the Academic Council instead of "Registrar" of the University and in the Finance Committee under Section 23(1), the "Finance Officer" be made "Secretary" of the Finance Committee instead of the "Registrar". It is also further proposed to amend different Sections of the principal Act.

1. The Act of the State Legislature cannot go beyond the boundary of the State and hence in Section 1 of the Martin Luther Christian University Act, 2005, a new sub-section (1A) should be added that it shall extent to the whole of State of Meghalaya.
2. Dean Academics has been proposed to be the Secretary of the Academic Council but nowhere in the definition clause, Dean Academics Council is not defined. Hence a separate sub clause of Dean Academics is inserted as clause 2 (xi a).
3. In Section 7(b), the word distance or distance education wherever occur shall have to be deleted as Private University cannot have distance education and any online and other mode of learning should be for short term courses only and not for regular courses.
4. The words "affiliated colleges" appearing in Section 8(1)(iii) (v), 29 (k) and (1), are deleted and wherever the words "affiliated college" appearing in the principal Act shall be deemed to have been omitted.
5. The University shall comply with all directions of the Government of Meghalaya issued from time to time and it is necessary and a new Section 12A is proposed to be added.
6. The Government nomination to BOG and BOM has been incorporated in line with Act 7 of 2025.

Hence, this Bill.

LAHKMEN RYMBUI
Minister
I/c Education, Law, Revenue &
Disaster Management & IPR

MALTHUS S. SANGMA,
Secretary,
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly,
Shillong.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

No expenditure from the State government will be involved for implementing the proposed Bill as the Martin Luther Christian University is purely a Private University established under the Act No. 11 of 2005 of the Act as passed by the Legislature of Meghalaya.

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.104/LA/2026/2. – The Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya (Amendment) Bill, 2026 introduce in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the statement of objects and reasons is publish under Rule 71 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for General information.

MAHARASHTRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF MEGHALAYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

A

BILL

to further amend the Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya Act, 2010.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short Title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of Section 2.

2. In Section 2 of the Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya Act, 2010 (Meghalaya Act No. 6 of 2011) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for clause (zc), the following shall be substituted, namely :-

"(zc) 'Visitor' means the Governor of Meghalaya".

Amendment of Section 11.

3. In sub-section (1) of Section 11 of the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(1) The Governor of Meghalaya shall be the Visitor of the University."

Amendment of Section 12.

4. In sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the principal Act, in the proviso, after the words, "eligible for re-appointment", the words "for a period of five years at a time with prior approval of the Visitor for such re-appointment".

Amendment of Section 20.

5. In sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the principal Act, for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(c) three representatives of the State Government, one of whom should be an educationist of repute:

Provided that the quorum for the Board of Governors shall include at least one representative of the State Government and his vote shall be mandatory for the resolution to pass or be approved."

Amendment of Section 21.

6. In sub-section (1) of Section 21 of the principal Act, for clause (f), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(f) two representatives to be nominated by the State Government:

Provided that the quorum for the Board of Management shall include at least one representative of the State Government."

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The University of Technology and Management Act, 2010 (Act No. 3 of 2011) was passed and assented by the Hon'ble Governor on 30/12/2010. The Act was amended from time to time. The name of the University of Technology and Management was changed to Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya in 2018 by an Act No. 4 of 2018. According to the existing provision as appeared in Sections 2 (zc), the Visitor of the University shall be notified by the Sponsor in consultation with the State Government and not the Governor of Meghalaya. As per other Private Universities Acts in the state of Meghalaya, the Governor of Meghalaya is the Visitor of Private Universities. Therefore, it is necessary to amend and substitute the sub-section (1) of Section 11 of Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya Act, 2010 as amended to substitute the Governor of Meghalaya as Visitor of the University. Consequent of the said proposal to amend Section 11(1), the proviso to Section 12(1) of the said Act needs to be amended for reappointment for a period of five years with prior approval of the Visitor so that it would be in conformity with other Private Universities of the state.

Furthermore, the provisions relating to Board of Governor and Board of Management as amended in the Meghalaya Private Universities (Regulation of Establishment and Maintenance of Standards) (Amendment) Act, 2025 has been incorporated in the proposed Maharashtra Institute of Technology University of Meghalaya Amendment Bill.

Accordingly, it has become necessary to amend the Act.

LAHKMEN RYMBUI
Minister
I/c Education, Law, Revenue &
Disaster Management & IPR.

Secretary
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly
Shillong.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

No financial expenditure will be involved from the consolidated fund of the State or from any other fund of the Government for the provision of the Act.

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MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.101/LA/2026/2. – The Sister Nivedita University Bill, 2026 introduce in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons is published under the Rule 71 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for General information.

THE SISTER NIVEDITA UNIVERSITY MEGHALAYA BILL, 2026

A

BILL

to establish and incorporate a University in the State, with emphasis on providing high quality education, training and research in the disciplines of Science, Engineering, Technology, Medicine, Para Medical, Nursing, Management, Law, Humanities, Language and Literature, Pharmacy, Architecture, Social Sciences, Education, Performing Arts, Sports, Hospital Management, Media, Design, Hospitality Management, Vocational Education and Skill Development, Commerce, Environmental Science and Ecology, Art and Craft and any other emerging fields of study including imparting of skills that have employment potentiality and necessary for the society and the environment, sponsored by the Bodhi Global Foundation, Corporate Identification No. U85500ML2026NPL014317, licensed under Section 8(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, registered on 05/08/2026 at Village Baridua, Byrnihat, Meghalaya.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh year of the Republic of India as follows: -

CHAPTER – I
PRELIMINARY

Short title, extent and Commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the "Sister Nivedita University, Meghalaya Act, 2026".

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Defnition.

2. In this Act and in all statutes made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires: -

(i) "Academic Council" means the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and Regulations coordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University;

(ii) "Academic year" means the Academic year which the Board of Governors may determine;

(iii) "Act" means the Sister Nivedita University Meghalaya Act, 2026;

(iv) "AICTE" means the All India Council for Technical Education established under Section 3 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act,1987 (Act No. 52 of 1987);

(v) "Adjunct Professor", "Adjunct Associate Professor", "Adjunct Assistant Professor" are typically part-time or temporary faculty members hired on a contractual basis;

(vi) "Annual Report" means the Annual report of the University prepared in accordance with Section 47 of the Act;

(vii) "BCI" means the Bar Council of India established under Section 4 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961);

(viii) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the University as explained in Section 22 of the Act;

(ix) "Board of Management" means the Board of Management of the University as explained in Section 23 of the Act;

(x) "Chancellor" means Chancellor of the University as explained in Section 14 of the Act;

(xi) "Chief Finance Officer" means Chief Finance Officer of the University as explained in Section 17 of the Act;

(xii) "COA" means the Council of Architecture established under Section 3 of the Architects Act, 1972 (Act No. 20 of 1972);

(xiii) "DCI" means the Dental Council of India established under Section 3 of the Dentists Act, 1948 (Act No. 16 of 1948);

(xiv) "Development Fund" means the Development Fund of the University established under Section 45 of the Act;

(xv) "Endowment Fund" means Endowment Fund of the University established under Section 43 of the Act;

(xvi) "Employee" means an employee appointed by the University and includes faculty and other staff of the University;

(xvii) "Faculty" means the Teacher as under Section 2 (xl) of the Act and Adjunct Professors as defined under Section 2 (v) of the Act and such other persons as may be appointed for imparting education, practical training, guide research or render guidance in any form to the students for pursuing a course of study of the University;

(xviii) "Finance Committee" means the Finance Committee constituted under Section 25 of the Act;

(xix) "General Fund" means General Fund of the University as explained in Section 44 of the Act;

(xx) "INC" means the Indian Nursing Council established under Section 3 of the Indian Nursing Council Act,1947 (Act No. 48 of 1947);

(xxi) "MPURB" means the Meghalaya Private University Regulatory Board;

(xxii) "MPU(REMS) Act 2019" means the Meghalaya Private Universities (Regulation of Establishment and Maintenance of Standards) Act, 2019 (Meghalaya Act No. 13 of 2019);

(xxiii) "NBA" means the National Biodiversity Authority established under Section 3 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Act No. 18 of 2003);

(xxiv) "NCTE" means the National Council for Teacher Education established under Section 3 of the National Council of Teacher Education Act,1993 (Act No. 73 of 1993);

(xxv) "NMC" means the National Medical Commission established under National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Act No. 30 of 2019);

(xxvi) "Official Gazette" means the Gazette of Meghalaya;

(xxvii) "PCI" means the Pharmacy Council of India established under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 (Act No. 8 of 1948);

(xxviii) "Prescribed" means prescribed by the statutes and regulations made under this Act;

(xxix) "Professor of Practice" means distinguished experts with remarkable contributions in their professions engaged by the University to bring real-world experience and expertise into academic settings;

(xxx) "Provident Fund" means the Provident Fund of the University established under Section 37 of the Act;

(xxxi) "Regional Centre" means a centre established or maintained by the University within the State of Meghalaya for the purpose of coordinating and supervising the work of students or study centres, for rendering any assistance including training, conducting contact classes, and administering examinations required by the students or by the study centres, and for performing such other functions as may be conferred on such centres by the Board of Management;

(xxxii) "Registrar" means Registrar of the University as explained in Section 16 of the Act;

(xxxiii) "Regulations" means the Regulations of the University made under this Act;

(xxxiv) "Sponsor" or "Sponsoring Body" means Bodhi Global Foundation, Company's Corporate Identification No. U85500ML 2026NPL014317;

(xxxv) "State" means the State of Meghalaya;

(xxxvi) "State Government" means Government of Meghalaya in the Department of Education;

(xxxvii) "Statutes" mean the Statutes of the University made under this Act;

(xxxviii) "Student" means a student of the University, and includes any person who has enrolled himself for pursuing any course of study of the University;

(xxxix) "Study Centre" means a centre established, maintained or recognized within the State of Meghalaya by the University for the purpose of advising, counselling or for rendering any other assistance including training, conducting contact classes and administering examinations required by the students;

(xl) "Teacher" means a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer or such other personas may be appointed in conformity with the norms prescribed by the UGC for imparting instruction or conducting research in the University;

(xli) "UGC" means the University Grants Commission established under Section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Act No. 3 of 1956);

(xlii) "University" means the Sister Nivedita University Meghalaya, established under the Act;

(xliii) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University as explained in Section 15 of the Act;

(xliv) "Visitor" means the Visitor of the University as explained in Section 12 of the Act;

CHAPTER - II
THE UNIVERSITY

Proposal for the establishment of the University.

3. (1) The Sponsoring Body shall have the right to establish the University subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(2) An application containing the proposal to establish a University shall be made to the State Government by the sponsor;

(3) In addition to the provisions of the MPU(REMS) Act, 2019 (Meghalaya Act No. 13 of 2019), the proposal shall contain the following particulars, namely:

(i) the objects of the University along with the details of the Sponsor;

(ii) the extent and status of the University and the availability of land;

(iii) the nature and type of programmes, courses of study and research to be undertaken in the University during a period of the next five years;

(iv) the nature of faculties, courses of study and research proposed to be started;

(v) the campus development plan such as buildings, equipment and structural amenities;

(vi) the phased outlays of capital expenditure for a period of the next five years;

(vii) the item wise recurring expenditure, sources of finance and estimated expenditure for each student;

(viii) the scheme for mobilizing resources and the cost of capital thereto and the manner of repayments to each source;

(ix) the Scheme of generation of funds internally through the recovery of fees from the students, revenues anticipated from consultancy and other activities relating to the objects of the University, and other anticipated incomes;

(x) the details of expenditure on unit cost, the extent of concessions or rebates in fee, freeship and scholarships for students belonging to economically weaker sections, and the fee structure indicating varying rates of fee, if any, that would be levied from non-resident Indians and students of other nationalities;

(xi) the history and credentials of the Sponsor including years of experience and expertise in the concerned discipline at the command of the Sponsor as well as its financial resources;

(xii) the system for selection of students to the courses of study at the University;

(xiii) nature and type of partnerships and affiliations;

Such other conditions as may be required by the State Government to be fulfilled before establishment of the University.

(4) The State Government shall take steps in accordance with the provisions of MPU Act 2019 to examine the proposal received from the Sponsor for the establishment of the University.

Establishment of the University.

4. (1) Afiter the establishment of the Endowment Fund, the Government may, by notification, in the Official Gazette, accord sanction for establishment of the University in the State by the name “Sister Nivedita University, Meghalaya”;

Provided further, Government shall accord Academic sanction to start its Academic activities on establishment of permanent campus.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and to hold property as per law, to contract and shall sue and be sued by the said name;

(3) The headquarters of the University shall be at Kiling Road, 9th Mile, Baridua, District Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya. The University may have Campuses or Regional Centres, Study Centres anywhere in Meghalaya after five years of establishment of the University subject to the prior permission of the University Grants Commission and then the State Government.

(4) The Visitor, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Academic Council and all other persons who may hereafter become such officers or members so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate by the name of the Sister Nivedita University, Meghalaya;

University not entitled to financial

5. The University shall be self-financing and may obtain grants, soft loans from various funding organizations, institutions and agencies, for expansion, modernization of the facilities and augmenting the quality of education, training and research that is carried out at the University and in its accredited institutions or facilities in Meghalaya provided that there shall be no financial obligation on the part of the State Government.

Objects of the University.

6. The objects for which the University is established shall be as follows:

(i) to establish a campus in the State of Meghalaya, and to have study centres, campuses and examination centres, within the State of Meghalaya with the prior approval from the State Government;

(ii) to become the leading institution for delivering academic excellence in the field of higher education and research;

(iii) to provide learning, teaching, capacity, capability instruction, training and research through classroom and field oriented campuses in specialized fields covering a wide spectrum of domains and specializations including the disciplines of Science, Engineering, Technology, Medicine, Para Medical, Nursing, Management, Law, Humanities, Language and Literature, Pharmacy, Architecture, Social Sciences, Education, Performing Arts, Sports, Hospital Management, Media, Design, Hospitality Management, Vocational Education and Skill Development, Commerce, Environmental Science and Ecology, Art and Craft and any other emerging fields of study including imparting of skills that have employment

potentiality and necessary for the society and the environment;

(iv) to provide learning opportunities to a wide range of learners representing diverse backgrounds, age groups, socio-economic status, and geographic locations through a self-paced, sell-styled, and face-to-face environment;

(v) to use the latest information communication technology to deliver education, training, and teaching resources to learners;

(vi) to institute graduate degree, postgraduate degrees, honorary degrees, research degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other academic distinctions on the basis of examinations or any other methods of evaluation;

(vii) to undertake programmes for the training and development of faculty members of the University and to provide the students and teachers the necessary atmosphere and facilities for the promotion of innovations in education, leading to restructuring, new and innovative methods of teaching, learning and integral development of personality;

(viii) to engage with universities, colleges, educational and health care institutions, research institutions, industry and professional associations, government and voluntary organizations, in India or abroad to conceptualize, design and develop various specialized educational and research programmes, training programmes, twinning programmes and exchange programmes for students, faculty members and others which may be offered at its campus, regional centres, off campus centres and study centres within the State;

(ix) to promote studies in various disciplines and interdisciplinary studies and to promote national integration, secularism and understanding of the international issues amongst the students;

(x) to disseminate knowledge through seminars, conferences, executive education programmes, community development programmes, publications and training programmes;

(xi) to utilize computer managed e-learning facilities for learning through national and international networks;

(xii) to create higher levels of intellectual abilities and professional development through Centres, Institutes or Academies to function under the University;

(xiii) to provide consultancy to industry, Government and Public Organization;

(xiv) to design and deliver high-quality training, capacity building, and development systems for teachers, administrators, and working professionals;

(xv) to use modern and post-modern processes, mechanisms, and technologies for governance and management of learning, teaching, researching, evaluating, developing, organizing, and creating socio-economic wealth for individuals and society for the 21st century;

(xvi) to provide flexible and modular learning pathways, thereby enabling multi-entry and exit options in line with NEP 2020;

(xvii) to ensure that the standard of the degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other academic distinctions as per norms laid down by AICTE or BCI or NCTE or UGC or NMC or DCI or INC and Pharmacy Council of India and MPU Act 2019;

(xviii) to provide necessary opportunities to promote Tribal, Minority and other downtrodden community of the region;

(xix) to ensure access and equality in higher educational opportunity to all deserving and meritorious students with preferential option for the poor and the marginalized, irrespective of caste and creed;

(xx) to offer subjects for competence-building and motivate and animate a work force imbued with human values;

(xxi) to focus on access to knowledge, creation of knowledge, application of knowledge, dissemination of knowledge and development of better knowledge services;

(xxii) to ensure that the standards of degree, diploma, certificates and other academic distinctions are not lower than those laid down by statutory regulatory authorities in India;

(xxiii) to do all things necessary or expedient to promote the above objectives; and

(xxiv) to pursue any other objective as may be approved by the State Government.

Power and Functions of the University

7. The University shall have the following powers, namely.-

(i) to establish and maintain such Colleges, Regional Centres and Study Centres within the State as may be determined by the University from time to time in the manner laid down by the Statutes;

(ii) to make provisions to enable the University, Regional Centres, and Study Centres, to undertake specialization

of studies and to organize common laboratories, libraries and other equipment for research work, and to develop patterns of teaching in undergraduate, post-graduate and super specialties so as to meet a very high standard of education, particularly in the fields of professional courses;

(iii) to institute degrees, titles, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(iv) to hold examinations and to confer degrees, titles, diplomas, certificates or other academic distinctions and professional designations including Doctorate and Post Doctorate Designation on persons who shall have pursued an approved course of study in the University in the manner provided and shall have passed the prescribed examinations of the University, or shall have carried on research under conditions provided;

(v) to award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions that conform with the criteria laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 or by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, Bar Council of India (BCI) is a statutory body established under section 4 of the Advocates Act, 1961, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) under the NCTE Act, 1993, Council of Architecture (COA) established under Section 3 of the Architects Act, 1972, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) established under Section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, Medical Council of India (MCI) and State Medical Council (SMC) established under Section 30 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, Dental Council of India (DCI) established under Section 3 of the Dentists Act, 1948, Indian Nursing Council (INC) Act, 1947 established under Section 3 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947, and Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) established under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948;

(vi) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships and prizes etc., in accordance with the statutes;

(vii) to demand and receive such fees, bills, invoices and collect charges as may be fixed by the Statutes or Regulations, as the case may be;

(viii) to formulate policy and determine the standard of admission which may include examination, evaluation or any other method of testing;

(ix) to make provisions for extra-curricular activities for students and employees;

(x) to institute Professorships including Chair Professorships and other teaching posts required by the University and to appoint persons to such Professorships or other teaching posts, or to recognize persons as Professors, Associate Professors or

Assistant Professors of the University, or as holders of other teaching posts of the University for the purpose of imparting instruction and for conducting research in the University;

(xi) to make appointments of the faculty, Officers and employees of the University, Regional Centres and Study Centres;

(xii) to create posts, as and when required, of Officers and employees of the University besides those provided under this Act;

(xiii) to create Service Rules and Conditions and to regulate and enforce discipline amongst the employees of the University and to take such disciplinary measures as may be deemed necessary;

(xiv) to provide, subject to the provisions of this Act, the constitution, powers and duties of the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and other bodies as may be constituted by the statutes;

(xv) to provide the powers and duties of Officers of the University as prescribed in the statutes;

(xvi) to provide, subject to the provisions of this Act, the terms and conditions of service, including the rules regarding conduct and discipline and the emoluments for all categories of employees of the University with prior approval of the Board of Governors;

(xvii) to make provisions for provident fund and other funds for the welfare of the employees of the University and to keep and maintain those funds as per provisions of law applicable from time to time;

(xviii) to receive donations and gifts of any kind and to acquire, hold, manage, maintain and dispose of any movable or immovable property, including Trust and Endowment properties for the purpose of the University;

(xix) to determine tuition fees or other charges for admission and for examinations and other purposes, and to demand and receive the fees or other charges so determined;

(xx) to institute and maintain halls and to recognise places of residence for students of the University;

(xxi) to supervise and control the residence, and to regulate the discipline among the students and all categories of employees and to lay down the conditions of service of such employees, including their Code of Conduct;

(xxii) to accept students from all sections of the Community regardless of caste, race or creed;

(xxiii) to provide for promotion of health, welfare and discipline amongst the students;

(xxiv) to extend grant to the National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and other such bodies recognized by the University from the University Fund;

(xxv) to enter into agreement with the State Government or with any person, body or authority for taking over by the University of the management of any institution, including its assets and liabilities, or for any other purpose not repugnant to the provisions of this Act;

(xxvi) to accept and administer gifts, endowments and benefactions, for the furtherance of any of its objects of the University and to institute awards, fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, stipends, bursaries, exhibitions, medals and prizes;

(xxvii) to receive funds from industry, institutions, national and international organizations, national or international financial institutions including nationalized banks or from any other source, or to receive loans, subsidies, grants, assistance, donations, benefactions, bequests and to transfer of movable and immovable properties, for the purposes and objects of the University in such manner as may be provided for by the Regulations;

(xxviii) to co-operate and engage with other Universities, Institutions and educational authorities in such a manner and for such purposes as the University may determine from time to time;

(xxix) to create academic, administrative and support staff and other necessary posts;

(xxx) to introduce interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary or integrated courses in selected subjects;

(xxxi) to initiate teaching and research programme with other Universities and institutions of repute and to provide modalities for credit transfer and award of joint degrees, if deemed necessary;

(xxxii) to organize and conduct refresher courses, orientation courses, workshops, seminars and other programmes for teachers, developers, evaluators and other academic staff;

(xxxiii) to determine standards of admission to the University with the approval of Academic Council;

(xxxiv) to expel, suspend/ discharge of any student/faculty/ official if found guilty afiter making a due enquiry by competent authority and also to withdraw/discard any degree/certificate and other academic distinction on reasonable and justifiable ground;

(xxxv) to raise, collect, subscribe and avail financial assistance with the approval of the Board of Governors against any mortgage of the property of the University;

(xxxvi) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;

(xxxvii) to purchase, take on lease or accept as gifts or otherwise any land or building or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the University and on such terms and conditions as it may think fit and proper and to construct or alter and maintain any such buildings or works;

(xxxviii) to do all such other acts or things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be necessary to further the objects of the University;

(xxxix) to recognise examinations or periods of study (whether in full or in part) of other Universities, institutions or other places of Higher learning as equivalent to examinations or periods of study in the University and to withdraw such recognition at any time as per the UGC Regulations;

(xl) to manage all properties, movable and immovable, the land acquired, created, arranged or built by the University for the purpose of the University in the State of Meghalaya which shall vest in the University and to ensure that such land, building and other properties acquired for the University shall not be used for any purpose, other than that for which the same is required; and

(xli) to do all things necessary or expedient to exercise the above powers.

Admissions to University.

8. The University shall be open to all persons irrespective of class, creed, religion, language or gender:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the University from making special provisions for admission for students of the State as per the State Reservation Policy;

National Accreditation.

9. The University will seek accreditation from respective national accreditation bodies.

Teaching of the University.

10. (1) All recognized teaching in connection with any degree, diploma, certificate, award, distinction of the University shall be conducted by the teachers of the University under the general supervision of the Board of Management and the Academic Council.

(2) The authorities responsible for such teaching shall be such as may be provided in the Statutes.

Maintenance of minimum standards.

11. The University shall conform to the norms and guidelines as laid down from time to time by the skill and education regulatory bodies such as the AICTE or BCI or NCTE or UGC or NMC or

DCI or COA or NBA or INC and Pharmacy Council of India and MPU Act 2019.

CHAPTER-III
OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Visitor.

12. (1) The Governor of Meghalaya shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall preside the convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas, charters, designations and certificates;

(3) The Visitor shall have the following powers, namely:

(a) to call for any paper or information relating to the affairs of the University;

(b) on the basis of the information received by the Visitor, if he is satisfied that any order, proceeding or decision taken by any authority of the University is not in conformity with the Act, Statutes, Regulations or Rules, he may issue such directions as he may deem fit in the interest of the University and the directions so issued shall be complied with by all concerned;

(c) on noncompliance of the provisions of the Act and other mandated statutory provisions, the Visitor shall have the power to remove the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

Officers of the University.

13. The following shall be the officers of the University, namely:

(a) The Visitor;

(b) The Chancellor;

(c) The Vice-Chancellor;

(d) Deans of faculties;

(e) The Registrar;

(f) The Chief Financial Officer;

(g) Controller of Examination; and

(h) Such other officers as may be prescribed by the Statutes to be the officers of the University.

The Chancellor.

14. (1) The Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Body of the University with approval of the Visitor through State Government;

(2) The Chancellor so appointed shall hold office for a period of five years;

(3) The Chancellor, in the absence of the Visitor, shall preside the convocation of the University for conferring Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates;

(4) The Chancellor shall have the following powers, namely:

(a) to call for any information or record;

(b) to appoint and to remove the Vice-Chancellor with approval of the Visitor;

(c) the Chancellor is empowered to remove the Vice-Chancellor after due enquiry. It will be open to the Chancellor to suspend the Vice-Chancellor during enquiry depending upon the seriousness of the charges, as he may deem fit.

(d) to execute contracts on behalf of the University;

(e) in the event of disagreement or conflict, the Chancellor shall have the power to overrule decisions made by any other officer of the University, provided that such decisions are deemed to be in breach of contractual obligations, fail to comply with applicable laws or regulations, or are, in the opinion of the Chancellor, detrimental to the interests of the University;

(f) such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act, Rules, Statutes or Regulations made there under.

The Vice-Chancellor.

15. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on such term and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Governors and shall hold office for a term of four years or such shorter period as may be decided by the Board of Governors; Provided that afiter expiry of the period of four years, the Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term not exceeding four years, subject to restriction on age or such other conditions as may be provided in this Act or the Statues made thereunder.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be stationed in Headquarters;

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the University and give effect to the decisions of all the authorities of the University;

(5) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other authority by or under this Act, he may take such action as he deems necessary and shall, at the earliest opportunity, thereafter report his action to such Officers or authority as would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter:

Provided that if in the opinion of the concerned authority such action should not have been taken by the Vice- Chancellor, then such case shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that where any such Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer within one month from that date on which such action is communicated to him, an appeal to the Board of Governors and the Board of Governors may confirm or modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

(6) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor any decision of any authority of the University is beyond the powers conferred by this Act, Statutes or is likely to be prejudicial to the interest of the University, he shall request the concerned authority to review its decision within seven days from the date of his decision and in case the authority refuses to review such decision wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within seven days, then such matter shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision thereon shall be final;

(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be laid down by the Statutes;

(8) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside the convocation of the University in the absence of the Visitor and the Chancellor for conferring Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates;

The Registrar.

16. (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time Officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University.

(3) The Registrar shall be responsible for the due custody of the records and the common seal of the University and shall be bound to place before the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or any other authority, all such information and documents as may be necessary for transaction of their business.

(4) The Registrar shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statues and Regulations.

The Chief Financial Officer.

17. (1) The appointment of the Chief Financial Officer shall be made by the Board of Governors in such manner and on such terms and conditions and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the due custody of all financial records and for the financial transactions of the University and shall be bound to place before the Board of Governors, Board of Management, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or any other authority, all such information and documents as may be required for the transaction of the University's Business.

(3) The Chief Financial Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed in the Statutes or as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Governors or the Board of Management.

Dean of Faculties.

18. Deans of faculties shall be appointed by the Board of Management in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes or as decided by the Board of Governors.

Controller of Examinations.

19. The Controller of Examination shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in such manner and shall exercise such powers and performs such duties as maybe prescribed.

Other Officers.

20. There shall be such other officers in the University who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations or Rules.

CHAPTER-VI
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Authorities of the University.

21. The following shall be the Authorities of the University, namely:-

(a) The Board of Governors;

(b) The Board of Management;

(c) The Academic Council;

(d) The Finance Committee; and

(e) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

The Board of Governors and its Powers.

22. (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of the following, namely: -

(a) The Chancellor;

(b) The Vice-Chancellor;

(c) The Registrar;

(d) Two persons nominated by the Sponsoring Body;

(e) Three representatives of the State Government; and

(f) One person to be nominated by the Visitor.

(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

(3) The Registrar shall be an *ex-officio* Secretary of the Board of Governors.

(4) The Board of Governors shall be the supreme authority and principal governing body of the University and shall have the following powers, namely:-

(a) to appoint the Statutory Auditors of the University;

(b) to lay down policies to be pursued by the University;

(c) to review decisions of the other authorities of the University if they are not in conformity with the provisions of this Act, or the Statutes or Regulations;

(d) to approve the budget and annual report of the University;

(e) to make new or additional Statutes and Regulations or amend or repeal the earlier Statutes and Regulations;

(f) to take decision about voluntary winding up of the University as provided under Section 52 of the Act;

(g) to approve proposals for submission to the State Government; and

(h) take such decisions and steps as are found desirable for effectively carrying out the objects of the University;

(5) The Board of Governors shall meet at least twice in a calendar year at such time and place as the Chancellor thinks fit.

The Board of Management.

23. (1) The Board of Management shall consist of the following, namely;

(a) The Vice-Chancellor,

(b) The Registrar,

(c) The Chief Finance Officer,

(d) Two persons, nominated by the Sponsoring Body.

(e) A Dean faculty or Senior Faculty as nominated by the Chancellor; and

(f) Two representatives to be nominated by the State Government.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Management and the Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Board of Management;

(3) The powers and functions of the Board of Management shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

The Academic Council.

24. (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following, namely:

(a) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairperson.

(b) The Registrar who shall be the Secretary.

(c) The Deans or Heads of Faculties; and

(d) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes.

(2) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the

Statutes and the Regulations, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.

The Finance Committee.

25. (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following, namely: -

(a) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman.

(b) The Registrar shall be the Secretary.

(c) The Chief Finance Officer.

(d) One representative of the Sponsoring Body;

(e) One faculty member nominated by the Chancellor; and

(f) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes

(2) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University to take care of financial matters and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University;

(3) The Finance Committee may meet as often as necessary, but not less than twice in a calendar year, at such place and time as the Vice Chancellor may decide;

(4) The annual budgets, annual accounts and all major financial proposals shall be considered by the Finance Committee before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their consideration and approval;

(5) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee shall be such as may be prescribed in the Statutes or as delegated to it by the Board of Governors.

Other Authorities.

26. The constitution, powers and functions of the other authorities of the University shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

Proceedings not to be invalidated by reasons of vacancies.

27. No act or proceeding of any authority of the University shall be invalid merely by reason of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the authority.

CHAPTER-V

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Statutes.

28. Subject to the provisions of this Act and rules, the Statutes may provide for all or any matter relating to the University and the staff, as given below:

(a) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University as specified in the Act and such other authorities as may be constituted from time to time;

(b) the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Finance Officer and their powers and functions;

(c) the mode of recruitment and the conditions of service of the other Officers, teachers and employees of the University;

(d) the procedure for resolving disputes between the University and its Officers, faculty members, employees and students;

(e) creation of new authorities of the University;

(f) creation, abolition or restructuring of departments and faculties;

(g) the modalities for determination or revision of the framework of qualifications, prescriptions for learning pathways, curriculum, training, skill development, recognition of prior learning, credit transfer, learning support, assessment and certification frameworks, internship, apprenticeship and on the job training policies and such other academic matters;

(h) number of seats in different courses of studies and the procedure of admission of students to such courses;

(i) the fee chargeable from students for various courses of studies:

Provided that the University shall not make any Statute relating to the charging of capitation fee from the students;

(j) procedure for creation and abolition of posts; and

(k) all other matters which by this Act are required to be provided or the Rules.

Statutes - how made. 29. The first Statutes framed by the Board of Governors shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval, which may, within three months from the date of receipt of Statutes give its approval with or without modifications.

Amendment of Statutes . 30. The Board of Governors may make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes as required with the prior approval of the State Government.

Regulations. 31. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:

(a) admission of students to the University and their enrolment and continuance as such;

(b) the courses of study to be laid down for all Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Charters and other academic distinctions of the University;

(c) the award of Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Certificates and other academic distinctions of the University; the procedure for conferment of honorary degrees;

(d) accounting Policy and financial procedure;

(e) institution of and conditions for the award of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(f) the conduct of examinations and the conditions and mode of appointment and duties of examining bodies, examiners, invigilators, tabulators and moderators;

(g) the fee to be charged for admission to the Examinations, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Charters and other academic distinctions of the University;

(h) revision of fees;

(i) alteration of number of seats in different courses and programs;

(j) the conditions of residence of the students at the University;

(k) maintenance of discipline among the students of the University; and

(l) any other matters not specifically provided in the Statutes but provided by the Act and Rules.

Regulations - how made.

32. The regulations shall be made by the Board of Governors, and the regulations so made shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval, which may, within two months from the date of receipt of rules give its approval with or without modification;

Amendment of Regulations.

33. The Board of Governors may make new or additional regulations or amend or repeal the regulations as required, with the prior approval of the State Government.

University to be subject to standards of UGC, etc.

34. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the establishment, maintenance of standards and any other matter concerning the University including Constituent Colleges, Branches or Units or Centres or Campuses anywhere in Meghalaya shall be subjected to MPU Act 2019 as amended from time to time, and also to the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 as amended from time to time and regulations and directions as may be issued by UGC and other Statutory Bodies and by the State Government from time to time.

CHAPTER-VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Conditions of service of employees.

35. (1) Every employee shall be appointed under a written contract, which shall be kept in the University and a copy of which shall be furnished to the employee concerned;

(2) Disciplinary Action against the employees shall be governed by procedure prescribed in the Statute.

Right to appeal. 36. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, every employee or student of the University, or of any constituent college, shall have the right to appeal, within such time as may be prescribed, to the Board of Management against any decision made by an Officer or authority of the University, or the Principal of any college. Upon such appeal, the Board of Management shall have the authority to confirm, modify, or alter the decision against which the appeal has been made.

Provident Fund and Pension. 37. The University shall constitute for the benefit of its employees such provident or pension fund and provide such insurance scheme as it may deem fit in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by statutes.

Disputes as to Constitution of University Authorities and Bodies. 38. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

Constitution Committees. 39. Any authority of the University mentioned in section 21 may constitute a committee of such authority, consisting of such members having such powers as the authority may deem fit.

Filling of Casual Vacancies. 40. Any casual vacancy among the members, other than *ex-officio* members of any Authority or body of the University shall be filled in the same manner in which the member whose vacancy is to be filled up, was chosen, and the person filling the vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he or she fills would have been a member.

Protection of action taken in good faith. 41. No proceedings under the Statutes or Regulations shall lie against any officer or other employee of the University or anything, which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of this Bill/Act and Rules.

Transitional provisions. 42. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other-provisions of this Act, the Statutes or Rules:

(a) The members of the first Board of Governors shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years;

(b) The first Board of Management, the first Finance Committee, and the first Academic Council shall be constituted by the Chancellor for a term not exceeding three years;

(c) The first Vice-Chancellor, the first Registrar and the first Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the Chancellor and they shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years as the Chancellor may determine.

Endowment Fund. 43. (1) The University shall establish an endowment fund of at least Rupees five crores.

(2) The Endowment Fund in the form of an account payee cheque issued by a Scheduled Bank in favour of Director of Higher and Technical Education, Meghalaya shall be deposited by the concerned University with Director of Higher and Technical Education, Meghalaya.

(3) The University may transfer any amount from the general fund or the development fund to the endowment fund. Except for the dissolution of the University, in no other circumstances money/funds can be transferred from the endowment fund for other purposes.

(4) Not exceeding 75% of the interest accruing from the Endowment Fund in the fixed deposit shall be used for the purpose of development work of the University, not less than 20% of such interest shall be reinvested in the Endowment Fund and 5% thereof shall be utilized by State Government for its administrative expenditure related to the University including funding the Private Universities Regulatory Board set up under MPU Act 2019.

(5) The amount of Endowment Fund shall be kept invested, until the dissolution of the University.

General Fund.

44. (1) The University shall establish a General Fund to which the following amount shall be credited, namely;

(a) all fees which may be charged by the University;

(b) all sums or payments received from any other source;

(c) all contributions made by the Sponsoring Body;

(d) all contributions/donations/grants made in this behalf by any other person or organisation, which are not prohibited by any law for the time being in force.

(2) The funds credited to the general fund shall be applied to meet the following payments, namely:-

(a) The repayment of debts including interest charges thereto incurred by the University for the purposes of this Act, the Statutes and the regulations made thereunder;

(b) the upkeep of the assets of the University;

(c) the payment of the cost of audit of the fund created under section 45;

(d) meeting the expenses of any suit or proceedings to which University is a party;

(e) the payment of salaries and allowances of the Officers and employees of the University, members of the teaching and research staff, and payment of any Provident Fund contributions, gratuity and other benefits to any such Officers and employees, members of the teaching and research staff;

(f) the payment of travelling and other allowances of the members of the Board of Governors, the Board of Management, Academic Council, and other authorities so declared under the Statutes of the University and of the members of any Committee or Board appointed by any of the authorities of the University in pursuance of any provision of this Act or the Statutes or the regulations made thereunder;

(g) the payment of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, assistantships and other awards to students, research associates or trainees eligible for such awards under the Statutes or regulations of the University under the provisions of this Act;

(h) the payment of any expenses incurred by the University in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and the Statutes or the regulations made thereunder;

(i) the payment of cost of capital, not exceeding the prevailing bank rate of interest, incurred by the Sponsoring Body for setting up the University and the investments made thereof;

(j) the payment of charges and expenditure relating to the consultancy work undertaken by the University in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, and the Statutes, and the regulations made thereunder;

(k) the payment of any other expenses including consultancy fees or management fees payable to any organisation charged with the responsibility of providing services to University or managing the University on behalf of the Sponsoring Body, as approved by the Board of Management;

Provided that no expenditure shall be incurred by the University in excess of the limits for total recurring expenditure and total non-recurring expenditure for the year as may be fixed by the Board of Management without the previous approval of the Board of Management:

Provided further that the General fund shall be applied for the objectives specified under sub-section (2) with the prior approval of the Board of Management of the University.

Development fund.

45. (1) The University shall also establish a development fund to which the following funds shall be credited, namely:-

(a) Development fees which may be charged from students;

(b) all sums received from any other source for the purposes of the development of the University;

(c) all contributions made by the Sponsoring Body;

(d) all contributions or donations made in this behalf by any other person or organisation which are not prohibited by any law for the time being in force; and

(e) all incomes received from the endowment fund.

(2) The funds credited to the development fund from time to time shall be utilized for the development of the University.

Maintenance of fund.

46. The funds established under Sections 43, 44 and 45 shall, subject to general supervision and control of the Board of Governors, be regulated and maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

Annual Report.

47. (1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Board of Management and shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval.

(2) The Board of Governors shall consider the annual report in its meeting and may-approve the same with or without modification.

(3) A copy of the annual report duly approved by the Board of Governors shall, be sent to Visitor and the State Government on or before December 31 following close of the financial year in March 31 each year.

Mode of Proof of University Record.

48. A copy of any receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding or resolution of any authority or committee of the university or other documents in possession of the University or any entry in any register duly maintained by the University, if certified by the Registrar, shall be received as *prima* facie evidence of such receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding, resolution or document or the existence of entry in the register and shall be admitted as evidence of the matters and transaction therein recorded where the original thereof would, if produced, have been admissible in evidence.

Dissolution of the University.

49. (1) If the Sponsoring Body proposes dissolution of the University in accordance with the law governing its constitution or incorporation, it shall give at least twelve months' notice in writing to the State Government and it shall ensure that no new admissions to the University are accepted during the notice period. All financial obligations, whatsoever may be, for dissolution of the University shall lie with the University.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) above, the State Government may initiate the dissolution of the University *suo moto* if it is alleged that the sponsoring body has failed to adhere to the established norms. However, before the dissolution of the University, the State Government shall provide a reasonable opportunity for the sponsoring body to comply with and remedy the alleged breach of the norms. In the event of dissolution, the State Government shall allow sufficient time before the dissolution becomes effective.

(3) The manner of winding up of the University would be such as may be prescribed in this behalf by the State Government:

Provided that no such action will be initiated without affording a reasonable opportunity to show cause to the Sponsoring Body.

(4) On receipt of the notice referred to in sub-section (1), or action initiated *vide* sub-section (2) the State Government shall, in consultation with the UGC make such arrangements for administration of the University from the proposed date of dissolution of the University by the Sponsoring Body and until the last batch of students in regular courses of studies of the University complete their courses of studies in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(5) Under no circumstances the State Government will be liable to bear any financial burden of any kind during the period of dissolution.

Expenditure of the University during dissolution.

50. (1) The expenditure for administration of the University during the taking over period of its management under section 49 shall be met out of the endowment fund, the general fund or the development fund.

(2) If the funds referred to sub-section (1) are not sufficient to meet the expenditure of the University during the taking over period of its management, such expenditure may be met by disposing of the properties or assets of the University by the State Government.

Powers of the State Government

51. In addition to the powers conferred upon it by the Act, the Statutes, and Regulations, the State Government shall have the following powers:

(i) The State Government may, at its discretion, appoint representatives to any committee or body of the University as it deems necessary.

(ii) The Stale Government shall have the right to conduct independent financial and academic audits of the University at its discretion.

(iii) The State Government may issue directives to the University on matters of public interest and national importance. The University shall comply with such directives to the extent permitted by law.

Laying of Statutes and Regulations.

52. Every Statute or Regulations made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made on the table of the Legislative Assembly.

Removal of difficulties.

53. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by a notification or order, make such provisions of this Act, as deemed necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no notification or order shall be made after the expiry of a period of three years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

To establish and incorporate a University in the State, to be known as Sister Nivedita University Meghalaya, with emphasis on providing high-quality education, training, and research in the disciplines of Science, Engineering, Technology, Medicine, Para Medical, Nursing, Management, Law, Humanities, Language and Literature, Pharmacy, Architecture, Social Sciences, Education, Performing Arts, Sports, Hospital Management, Media, Design, Hospitality Management, Vocational Education and Skill Development, Commerce, Environmental Science and Ecology, Art and Craft and any other emerging fields of study including imparting of skills that have employment potentiality and necessary for the society and the environment.

Hence, the Bill.

LAHKMEN RYMBUI,
Minister
In-charge Education.

MALTHUS S. SANGMA,
Secretary,
Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

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PART- IV

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LL(B)146/2010/300. – The Meghalaya Police (Amendment) Act, 2026 (Act No. 10 of 2026) is hereby published for general information.

MEGHALAYA ACT NO. 10 OF 2026

(As passed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly)
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THE MEGHALAYA POLICE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2026

An

Act

to further amend the Meghalaya Police Act, 2010 (Meghalaya Act No. 7 of 2011).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :-

Short title and commencement

1 (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Police (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Addition of new *proviso* to Section 6.

2 After the existing sub-section (1) of Section 6, a new *proviso* shall be added, namely,-

"Provided that the Officer must have completed a minimum of 1 (one) year of service in the State, excluding any period spent on probation".

L. A. LYNDEM,
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Law (B) Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

The 24th August, 2026.

No.LB.100/LA/2026/2. – The Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University Meghalaya Bill, 2026 introduce in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly on the 24th August, 2026 together with the Statement of Objects and reasons is publish under Rule 71 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly for general information.

KHASI JAINTIA PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY MEGHALAYA BILL, 2026

A

Bill

to establish and incorporate a University in the State, with emphasis on providing high quality education, training and research in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, Commerce and Management, Physical Sciences and Health Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology, Law, Teacher Education and Physical Education, Agriculture and Rural Development, Performing and Fine Arts, Media and Communication, and other allied areas, sponsored by the **Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Sepngi,** registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, 1983, bearing registration no. SR/KJPSS-28/20 of 2020, granted under **Section 12AB(1)(b)** of the Income-tax Act, 1961, **12AB Unique Registration No. (URN) AACAK0411E25KL01.**

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Seventy-seventh year of the Republic of india as follow:-

CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY

Short title, extent and Commencement. 1 (1) This Act may be called the "Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University, Meghalaya Act, 2026"

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definition. 2. In this Act and in all statutes made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires: -

(i) "Academic Council" means the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and Regulations coordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University;

(ii) "Academic year" means the Academic year which the Board of Governors may determine;

(iii) "Act" means the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University Meghalaya Act, 2026;

(iv) "AICTE" means the All India Council for Technical Education established under Section 3 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (Act No. 52 of 1987);

(v) "Adjunct Professor", "Adjunct Associate Professor", "Adjunct Assistant Professor" are typically part-time or temporary faculty members hired on a contractual basis.

(vi) "Annual Report" means the Annual report of the University prepared in accordance with Section 47of the Act;

(vii) "BCI" means the Bar Council of India established under Section 4 of the Advocates Act, 1961 (Act No. 25 of 1961);

(viii) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the University as explained in Section 22 of Act;

(ix) "Board of Management" means the Board of Management of the University as explained in Section 23 of the Act;

(x) "Chancellor" means Chancellor of the University as explained in Section 14 of the Act;

(xi) "Chief Finance Officer" means Chief Finance Officer of the University as explained in Section 17 of the Act;

(xii) "DCI" means the Dental Council of India established under section 3 of the Dentists Act, 1948 (Act No. 16 of 1948);

(xiii) "Development Fund" means the Development Fund of the University established under Section 45 of the Act;

(xiv) "Endowment Fund" means Endowment Fund of the University established under Section 43 of the Act;

(xv) "Employee" means an employee appointed by the University and includes faculty and other staff of the University;

(xvi) "Faculty" means the Teacher as under Section 2 (xxxviii) of the Act and Adjunct Professors as defined under Section 2 (v) of the Act and such other persons as may be appointed for imparting education, practical training, guide research or render guidance in any form to the students for pursuing a course of study of the University;

(xvii) "Finance Committee'' means the Finance Committee constituted under Section 25 of the Act;

(xviii) "General Fund" means General Fund of the University as explained in Section 44 of the Act;

(xix) "INC" means the Indian Nursing Council established under Section 3 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (Act No. 48 of 1947);

(xx) "MPURB" means the Meghalaya Private University Regulatory Board;

(xxi) "MPU (REMS) Act 2019" means the Meghalaya Private Universities (Regulation of Establishment and Maintenance of Standards) Act, 2019 (Meghalaya Act No. 13 of 2019);

(xxii) "NCTE" means the National Council for Teacher Education established under Section 3 of the National Council of Teacher Education Act, 1993 (Act No. 73 of 1993);

(xxiii) "NMC" means the National Medical Commission established under National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Act No. 30 of 2019);

(xxiv) ''Official Gazette" means the Gazette of Meghalaya;

(xxv) "PCI" means the Pharmacy Council of India established under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 (Act No. 8 of 1948);

(xxvi) "Prescribed" means prescribed by the statutes and regulations made under this Act;

(xxvii) ''Professor of Practice" means distinguished experts with remarkable contributions in their professions engaged by the University to bring real-world experience and expertise into academic settings;

(xxviii) "Provident Fund" means the Provident Fund of the University established under Section 37 of the Act;

(xxix) "Regional Centre" means a centre established or maintained by the University within the State of Meghalaya for the purpose of coordinating and supervising the work of students or study centres, for rendering any assistance including training, conducting contact classes, and administering examinations required by the students or by the study centres, and for performing such other functions as maybe conferred on such centres by the Board of Management;

(xxx) "Registrar" means Registrar of the University as explained in Section 16 of the Act;

(xxxi) "Regulations" means the Regulations of the University made under this Act;

(xxxii) "Sponsor" or ''Sponsoring Body" means Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod Sepngi registered under The Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, 1983 (Meghalaya Act No. 12 of 1983);

(xxxiii) "State" means the State of Meghalaya;

(xxxiv) "State Government" means Government of Meghalaya in the Department of Education;

(xxxv) "Statutes" mean the Statutes of the University made under this Act;

(xxxvi) "Student" means a student of the University, and includes any person who has enrolled himself for pursuing any course of study of the University;

(xxxvii) "Study Centre" means a centre established, maintained or recognized within the State of Meghalaya by the University for the purpose of advising, counselling or for rendering any other assistance including training, conducting contact classes and administering examinations required by the students;

(xxxviii) "Teacher" means a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer or such other personas may be appointed in conformity with the norms prescribed by the UGC for imparting instruction or conducting research in the University;

(xxxix) "UGC" means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Act No.3 of 1956);

(xl) "University" means the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University Meghalaya, established under the Act;

(xli) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University as explained in Section 15 of the Act;

(xlii) "Visitor" means the Visitor of the University as explained in Section 12 of the Act;

CHAPTER-II
THE UNIVERSITY

Proposal for the establishment of the University.

3. (1) The Sponsoring Body shall have the right to establish the University subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(2) An application containing the proposal to establish a university shall be made to the State Government by the sponsor;

(3) In addition to the provisions of the MPU (REMS) Act 2019 (Meghalaya Act No. 13 of 2019), the proposal shall contain the following particulars, namely:

(i) the objects of the University along with the details of the Sponsor;

(ii) the extent and status of the University and the availability of land;

(iii) the nature and type of programmes, courses of study and research to be undertaken in the University during a period of the next five years;

(iv) the nature of faculties, courses of study and research proposed to be started;

(v) the campus development plan such as buildings, equipment and structural amenities;

(vi) the phased out lays of capital expenditure for a period of the next five years;

(vii) the item wise recurring expenditure, sources of finance and estimated expenditure for each student;

(viii) the scheme for mobilizing resources and the cost of capital thereto and the manner of repayments to each source;

(ix) the Scheme of generation of funds internally through the recovery of fees from the students, revenues anticipated from consultancy and other activities relating to the objects of the University, and other anticipated incomes;

(x) the details of expenditure on unit cost, the extent of concessions or rebates in fee, freeship and scholarships for students belonging to economically weaker sections, and the fee structure indicating varying rates of fee, if any, that would be levied from non resident Indians and students of other nationalities;

(xi) the history and credentials of the Sponsor including years of experience and expertise in the concerned discipline at the command of the Sponsor as well as its financial resources;

(xii) the system for selection of students to the courses of study at the University;

(xiii) nature and type of partnerships and affiliations; Such other conditions as may be required by the State Government to be fulfilled before establishment of the University.

(4) The State Government shall take steps in accordance with the provisions of MPU Act 2019 to examine the proposal received from the Sponsor for the establishment of the University.

Establishment of The University **4** (1) After the establishment of the Endowment Fund, the Government may, by notification, in the official Gazette, accord sanction for establishment of the University in the State by the name "Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University, Meghalaya";

Provided further, Government shall accord Academic sanction to start its Academic activities on establishment of permanent campus.

2. The University shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and to hold property as per law, to contract and shall sue and be sued by the said name;

3. The headquarters of the University shall be at Sohiong, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. The University may have Campuses or Regional Centres, Study Centres anywhere in Meghalaya after five years of establishment of the university subject to the prior permission of the University Grants Commission and then the State Government.

4. The Visitor, the Chancellor, the Vice- Chancellor, the Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Academic Council and all other persons who may hereafter become such officers or members so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate by the name of Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian University, Meghalaya;

University not entitled to financial assistance

5. The University shall be self-financing and may obtain grants, soft loans from various funding organizations, institutions and agencies, for expansion, modernization of the facilities and augmenting the quality of education, training and research that is carried out at the University and in its accredited institutions or facilities in Meghalaya provided that there shall be no financial obligation on the part of State Government.

Object of the University.

6 The objects for which the University is established shall be as follows:

(i) to establish a campus in the State of Meghalaya, and to have study centres, campuses and examination centres, within the State of Meghalaya with the prior approval from the State Government;

(ii) to become the leading institution for delivering academic excellence in the field of higher education and research;

(iii) to provide learning, teaching, capacity, capability instruction, training and research through class room and field oriented campuses in specialized fields covering a wide spectrum of domains and specializations such as Humanities and Social Sciences, Commerce and Management, Physical Sciences and Health Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology, Law, Teacher Education and Physical Education, Agriculture and Rural Development, Performing and Fine Arts, Media and Communication, and other related areas and to make provisions for vocational education, skill development and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(iv) to provide learning opportunities to a wide range of learners representing diverse backgrounds, age groups, socio-economic status, and geographic locations through a self-paced, self-styled, and face-to-face environment;

(v) to use the latest information communication technology to deliver education, training, and teaching resources to learners;

(vi) to institute graduate degree, postgraduate degrees, research degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other academic distinctions on the basis of examinations or any other methods of evaluation;

(vii) to undertake programmes for the training and development of faculty members of the University and to provide the students and teachers the necessary atmosphere and facilities for the promotion of innovations in education, leading to restructuring, new and innovative methods of teaching, learning and integral development of personality;

(viii) to engage with universities, colleges, educational and health care institutions, research institutions, industry and professional associations, government and voluntary organizations, in India or abroad to conceptualize, design and develop various specialized educational and research programmes, training programmes, twinning programmes and exchange programmes for students, faculty members and others which may be offered at its campus, regional centres, off- campus centres and study centres within the State;

(ix) to promote studies in various disciplines and interdisciplinary studies and to promote national integration, secularism and understanding of the international issues amongst the students;

(x) to disseminate knowledge through seminars, conferences, executive education programmes, community development programmes, publications and training programmes;

(xi) to utilize computer managed e-learning facilities for learning through national and international networks;

(xii) to create higher levels of intellectual abilities and professional development through Centres, Institutes or Academies to function under the University;

(xiii) to provide consultancy to industry, Government and Public Organization;

(xiv) to design and deliver high-quality training, capacity building, and development systems for teachers, administrators, and working professionals;

(xv) to use modern and post-modern processes, mechanisms, and technologies for governance and management of learning, teaching, researching, evaluating, developing, organizing, and creating socio-economic wealth for individuals and society for the 21st century;

(xvi) to provide flexible and modular learning pathways, thereby enabling multi-entry and exit options in line with NEP 2020;

(xvii) to ensure that the standard of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions as per norms laid down by AICTE or BCI or NCTE or

UGC or NMC or DCI or INC or Pharmacy Council of India and MPU Act, 2019;

(xviii) to provide necessary opportunities to promote Tribal, Minority and other downtrodden community of the region;

(xix) to ensure access and equality in higher educational opportunity to all deserving and meritorious students with preferential option for the poor and the marginalized, irrespective of caste and creed;

(xx) to offer subjects for competence-building and motivate and animate a work force imbued with human values;

(xxi) to focus on access to knowledge, creation of know ledge, application of knowledge, dissemination of knowledge and development of better knowledge services;

(xxii) to ensure that the standards of degree, diploma, certificates and other academic distinctions are not lower than those laid down by statutory regulatory authorities in India;

(xxiii) to do all things necessary or expedient to promote the above objectives; and

(xxiv) to pursue any other objective as may be approved by the State Government.

Power and Functions of the University

7. The University shall have the following powers,namely. –

(i) to establish and maintain such Colleges, Regional Centres and Study Centres within the State as may be determined by the University from time to time in the manner laid down by the Statutes;

(ii) to make provisions to enable the University, Regional Centres, and Study Centres, to undertake specialization of studies and to organize common laboratories, libraries and other equipment for research work, and to develop patterns of teaching in undergraduate, post-graduate and super specialties so as to meet a very high standard of education, particularly in the fields of professional courses;

(iii) to institute degrees, titles, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(iv) to hold examinations and to confer degrees, titles, diplomas, certificates or other academic distinctions and professional designations including Doctorate and Post Doctorate Designation on persons who shall have pursued an approved course of study in the University in the manner

provided and shall have passed the prescribed examinations of the University, or shall have carried on research under conditions provided;

(v) to award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions that conform with the criteria laid down by the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 and its Regulations or by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) established under Section 3 of the AICTE Act, 1987, Bar Council of India (BCl) established under section 4 of the Advocates Act 1961, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) established under Section 3 of the NCTE Act, 1993, National Medical Commission (NMC) constituted under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, Dental Council of India (DC!) established under Section 3 of the Dentists Act, 1948, Indian Nursing Council (INC) established under Section 3 of the INC Act, 1947 and Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) established under Section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948;

(vi) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships and prizes etc., in accordance with the statutes;

(vii) to demand and receive such fees, bills, invoices and collect charges as may be fixed by the Statutes or Regulations, as the case may be;

(viii) to formulate policy and determine the standard of admission which may include examination, evaluation or any other method of testing;

(ix) to make provisions for extra-curricular activities for students and employees;

(x) to institute Professorships including Chair Professorships and other teaching posts required by the University and to appoint persons to such Professorships or other teaching posts, or to recognize persons as Professors, Associate Professors or Assistant Professors of the University, or as holders of other teaching posts of the University for the purpose of imparting instruction and for conducting research in the University;

(xi) to make appointments of the faculty, officers and employees of the University, Regional Centres and Study Centres;

(xii) to create posts, as and when required, of officers and employees of the University besides those provided under this Act;

(xiii) to create Service Rules and Conditions and to regulate and enforce discipline amongst the employees of the University and to take such disciplinary measures as may be deemed necessary;

(xiv) to provide, subject to the provisions of this Act, the constitution, powers and duties of the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and other bodies as may be constituted by the statutes;

(xv) to provide the powers and duties of officers of the University as prescribed in the statutes;

(xvi) to provide, subject to the provisions of this Act, the terms and conditions of service, including the rules regarding conduct and discipline and the emoluments for all categories of employees of the University with prior approval of the Board of Governors;

(xvii) to make provisions for provident fund and other funds for the welfare of the employees of the University and to keep and maintain those funds as per provisions of law applicable from time to time;

(xviii) to receive donations and gifts of any kind and to acquire, hold, manage, maintain and dispose of any movable or immovable property, including Trust and Endowment properties for the purpose of the University;

(xix) to determine tuition fees or other charges for admission and for examinations and other purposes, and to demand and receive the fees or other charges so determined;

(xx) to institute and maintain halls and to recognise places of residence for students of the University;

(xxi) to supervise and control the residence, and to regulate the discipline among the students and all categories of employees and to lay down the conditions of service of such employees, including their Code of Conduct;

(xxii) to accept students from all sections of the Community regardless of caste, race or creed;

(xxiii) to provide for promotion of health, welfare and discipline amongst the students;

(xxiv) to extend grant to the National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and other such bodies recognized by the University from the University Fund;

(xxv) to enter into agreement with the State Government or with any person, body or authority for taking over by the University of the management of any institution, including its assets and liabilities, or for any other purpose not repugnant to the provisions of this Act;

(xxvi) to accept and administer gifts, endowments and benefactions, for the furtherance of any of its objects of the University and to institute awards, fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, stipends, bursaries, exhibitions, medals and prizes;

(xxvii) to receive funds from industry, institutions, national and international organizations, national or international financial institutions including nationalized banks or from any other source, or to receive loans, subsidies, grants, assistance, donations, benefactions, bequests and to transfer of movable and immovable properties, for the purposes and objects of the University in such manner as may be provided for by the Regulations;

(xxviii) to co-operate and engage with other Universities, Institutions and educational authorities in such a manner and for such purposes as the University may determine from time to time;

(xxix) to create academic, administrative and support staff and other necessary posts;

(xxx) To introduce interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary or integrated courses in selected subjects;

(xxxi) to initiate teaching and research programme with other Universities and institutions of repute and to provide modalities for credit transfer and award of joint degrees, if deemed necessary;

(xxxii) to organize and conduct refresher courses, orientation courses, workshops, seminars and other programmes for teachers, developers, evaluators and other academic staff;

(xxxiii) to determine standards of admission to the University with the approval of Academic Council;

(xxxiv) to expel, suspend/ discharge of any student/ faculty / official if found guilty after making a due enquiry by competent authority and also to withdraw /discard any degree / certificate and other academic distinction on reasonable and justifiable ground;

(xxxv) to raise, collect, subscribe and avail financial assistance with the approval of the Board of Governors against any mortgage of the property of the University;

(xxxvi) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;

(xxxvii) to purchase, take on lease or accept as gift or otherwise any land or building or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the University and on such terms and conditions as it may think fit and proper and to construct or alter and maintain any such buildings or works;

(xxxviii) to do all such other acts or things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be necessary to further the objects of the University;

(xxxix) to recognise examinations or periods of study (whether in full or in part) of other Universities, institutions or other places of Higher learning as equivalent to examinations or periods of study in the University and to withdraw such recognition at any time as per the UGC Regulations;

(xl) to manage all properties, movable and immovable, the land acquired, created, arranged or built by the University for the purpose of the University in the State of Meghalaya which shall vest in the University and to ensure that such land, building and other properties acquired for

the University shall not be used for any purpose, other than that for which the same is required; and

(xli) to do all things necessary or expedient to exercise the above powers.

Admission to University

8. The University shall be open to all persons irrespective of class, creed, religion, language or gender:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the University from making special provisions for admission for students of the State as per the State Reservation Policy;

National Accrediation

9 The University will seek accreditation from respective national accreditation bodies.

Teaching of the University.

10 (1) All recognized teaching in connection with any degree, diploma, certificate, award, distinction of the University shall be conducted by the teachers of the University under the general supervision of the Board of Management and the Academic Council;

(2) The authorities responsible for such teaching shall be such as may be provided in the Statutes.

Maintenance of Minimum standards

11. The University shall conform to the norms and guidelines as laid down from time to time by the skill and education regulatory bodies such as the AICTE or BCI or NCTE or UGC or NMC or DCI or COA or NBA or INC and Pharmacy Council of India and MPU Act 2019.

CHAPTER-III
OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Visitor.

12. (1) The Governor of Meghalaya shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall preside the convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas, charters, designations and certificates

(3) The Visitor shall have the following powers, namely:

(a) to call for any paper or information relating to the affairs of the University;

(b) on the basis of the information received by the Visitor, if he is satisfied that any order, proceeding or decision taken by any authority of the University is not in conformity with the Act, Statutes, Regulations or Rules, he may issue such directions as he may deem fit in the interest of the University and the directions so issued shall be complied with by all concerned;

(c) on noncompliance of the provisions of the Act and other mandated statutory provisions, the Visitor shall have the power to remove the Chancellor and Vice -Chancellor.

Officers of the University.

13. The following shall be the officers of the University, namely:

(a) The Visitor;
(b) The Chancellor;
(c) The Vice- Chancellor;
(d) Deans of faculties;
(e) The Registrar;
(f) The Chief Financial Officer;
(g) Controller of Examination; and
(h) Such other officers as may be prescribed by the Statutes to be the officers of the University.

The Chancellor.

14 (1) The Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Body of the University with approval of the Visitor through State Government;

(2) The Chancellor so appointed shall hold office for a period of five years;

(3) The Chancellor, in the absence of the Visitor, shall preside the convocation of the University for conferring Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates;

(4) The Chancellor shall have the following powers, namely:
(a) to call for any information or record;
(b) to appoint and to remove the Vice- Chancellor with approval of the Visitor;
(c) the Chancellor is empowered to remove the Vice-Chancellor after due enquiry. It will be open to the Chancellor to suspend the Vice- Chancellor during enquiry depending upon the seriousness of the charges, as he may deem fit.
(d) to execute contracts on behalf of the University;
(e) in the event of disagreement or conflict, the Chancellor shall have the power to overrule decisions made by any other officer of the University, provided that such decisions are deemed to be in breach of contractual obligations, fail to comply with applicable laws or regulations, or are, in the opinion of the Chancellor, detrimental to the interests of the University;
(f) such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act, Rules, Statutes or Regulations made there under.

The Vice- Chancellor. **15** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on such term and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Governors and shall hold office for a term of four years or such shorter period as may be decided by the Board of Governors; Provided that after expiry of the period of four years, the Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re- appointment for another term not exceeding four years, subject to restriction on age or such other conditions as may be provided in this Act or the Statutes made thereunder.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be stationed in Headquarters;

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the University and give effect to the decisions of all the authorities of the University;

(5) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other authority by or under this Act, he may take such action as he deems necessary and shall, at the earliest opportunity, thereafter report his action to such officers or authority as would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter:

Provided that if in the opinion of the concerned authority such action should not have been taken by the Vice-Chancellor, then such case shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that where any such Action taken by the Vice-Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer within one month from that date on which such action is communicated to him, an appeal to the Board of Governors and the Board of

Governors may confirm or modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

(6) If in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor any decision of any authority of the University is beyond the powers conferred by this Act, Statutes or is likely to be prejudicial to the interest of the University, he shall request the concerned authority to review its decision within seven days from the date of his decision and in case the authority refuses to review such decision wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within seven days, then such matter shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision thereon shall be final;

(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be laid down by the Statutes;

(8) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside the convocation of the University in the absence of the Visitor and the Chancellor for conferring Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Designations or Certificates.

The Registrar **16.** (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University.

(3) The Registrar shall be responsible for the due custody of the records and the common seal of the University and shall be bound to place before the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or any other authority, all such information and documents as may be necessary for transaction of their business.

(4) The Registrar shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations.

The Chief Financial Officer. **17** (1) The appointment of the Chief Financial Officer shall be made by the Board of Governors in such manner and on such terms and conditions and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for the due custody of all financial records and for the financial transactions of the University and shall be bound to place before the Board of Governors, Board of Management, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or any other authority, all such information and documents as may be required for the transaction of the University's Business.

(3) The Chief Financial Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed in the Statutes or as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Governors or the Board of Management.

Dean of Faculties **18.** Deans of faculties shall be appointed by the Board of Management in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes or as decided by the Board of Governors.

Controller of Examination **19** The Controller of Examination shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed.

Other Officer. **20.** There shall be such other officers in the University who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations or Rules.

CHAPTER-IV
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Authorities of the university. **21** The following shall be the Authorities of the University, namely:-

(a) The Board of Governors;
(b) The Board of Management;
(c) The Academic Council;
(d) The Finance Committee; and
(e) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

The Board of Governors and its Powers. **22** **(1)** The Board of Governors shah consist of the following, namely: -

(a) The Chancellor;
(b) The Vice-Chancellor;
(c) The Registrar;
(d) Two persons nominated by the Sponsoring Body;
(e) Three representatives of the State Government; and
(f) One person to be nominated by the Visitor.

(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

(3) The Registrar shall be an ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Governors.

(4) The Board of Governors shall be the supreme authority and principal governing body of the University and shall have the following powers, namely:-

(a) to appoint the Statutory Auditors of the University;
(b) to lay down policies to be pursued by the University;
(c) to review decisions of the other authorities of the University if they are not in conformity with the provisions of this Act, or the Statutes or Regulations;
(d) to approve the budget and annual report of the University;
(e) to make new or additional Statutes and Regulations or amend or repeal the earlier Statutes and Regulations;
(f) to take decision about voluntary winding up of the University as provided under Section 52 of the Act;
(g) to approve proposals for submission to the State Government; and
(h) take such decisions and steps as are found desirable for effectively carrying out the objects of the University;

(5) The Board of Governors shall meet at least twice in a calendar year at such time and place as the Chancellor thinks fit.

The Board of Management. **23.** (1) The Board of Management shall consist of the following, namely: -

(a) The Vice-Chancellor,
(b) The Registrar,
(c) The Chief Finance Officer,
(d) Two persons, nominated by the Sponsoring Body.
(e) A Dean faculty or Senior Faculty as nominated by the Chancellor; and
(f) Two representatives to be nominated by the State Government.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Management and the Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Board of Management;

(3) The powers and functions of the Board of Management shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

The Academic Council. **24.** (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following, namely:-

(a) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairperson.
(b) The Registrar who shall be the Secretary.
(c) The Deans or Heads of Faculties; and
(d) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes.

(2) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Regulations, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.

The Finance Committee. **25.** (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following, namely:-

(a) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman,
(b) The Registrar shall be the Secretary,
(c) The Chief Finance Officer,
(d) One representative of the Sponsoring Body,
(e) One faculty member nominated by the Chancellor; and
(f) Such other members as may be prescribed in the Statutes,

(2) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University to take care of financial matters and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University;

(3) The Finance Committee may meet as often as necessary, but not less than twice in a calendar year, at such place and time as the Vice Chancellor may decide;

(4) The annual budgets, annual accounts and all major financial proposals shall be considered by the Finance Committee before they are submitted to the Board of Governors for their consideration and approval;

(5) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee shall be such as may be prescribed in the Statutes or as delegated to it by the Board of Governors.

Other Authorities. **26**. The constitution, powers and functions of the other authorities of the University shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

Proceedings not to be invalidated by reasons of vacancies.

27. No act or proceeding of any authority of the University shall be invalid merely by reason of the existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the authority.

CHAPTER-V
STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Statutes.

28. Subject to the provisions of this Act and rules, the Statutes may provide for all or any matter relating to the University and the staff, as given below:

(a) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University as specified in the Act and such other authorities as may be constituted from time to time;

(b) the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Finance Officer and their powers and functions;

(c) the mode of recruitment and the conditions of service of the other officers, teachers and employees of the University;

(d) the procedure for resolving disputes between the University and its officers, faculty members, employees and students;

(e) creation of new authorities of the University;

(f) creation, abolition or restructuring of departments and faculties;

(g) the modalities for determination or revision of the framework of qualifications, prescriptions for learning pathways, curriculum, training, skill development, recognition of prior learning, credit transfer, learning support, assessment and certification frameworks, internship, apprenticeship and on the job training policies and such other academic matters;

(h) number of seats in different courses of studies and the procedure of admission of students to such courses;

(i) the fee chargeable from students for various courses of studies: Provided that the University shall not make any Statute relating to the charging of capitation fee from the students;

(j) procedure for creation and abolition of posts; and

(k) all other matters which by this Act are required to be provided for the Rules.

Statutes how Made.

29. The first Statutes framed by the Board of Governors shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval, which may, within three months from the date of receipt of Statutes, give its approval with or without modifications.

Amendment of Statutes.

30. The Board of Governors may make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes as required with the prior approval of the State Government.

Regulations.

31. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) admission of students to the University and their enrolment and continuance as such;

(b) the courses of study to be laid down for all Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Charters and other academic distinctions of the University;

(c) the award of Degrees, Diplomas, Charters, Certificates and other academic distinctions of the University; the procedure for conferment of honorary degrees;

(d) accounting Policy and financial procedure;

(e) institution of and conditions for the award of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, student- ships, medals and prizes;

(f) the conduct of examinations and the conditions and mode of appointment and duties of examining bodies, examiners, invigilators, tabulators and moderators;

(g) the fee to be charged for admission to the Examinations, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Charters and other academic distinctions of the University;

(h) revision of fees;

(i) alteration of number of seats in different courses and programs;

(j) the conditions of residence of the students at the University;

(k) maintenance of discipline among the students of the University; and

(l) any other matters not specifically provided in the Statutes but provided by the Act and Rules.

Regulation how made.

32. The regulations shall be made by the Board of Governors, and the regulations so made shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval, which may, within two months from the date of receipt of rules give its approval with or without modification;

Amendment of Regulations.

33. The Board of Governors may make new or additional regulations or amend or repeal the regulations as required, with the prior approval of the State Government.

University to be subject to standards of UGC, ect.

34. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the establishment, maintenance of standards and any other matter concerning the University including Constituent Colleges, Branches or Units or Centres or Campuses anywhere in Meghalaya shall be subjected to MPU Act 2019 as amended from time to time, and also to the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in

Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 as amended from time to time and regulations and directions as may be issued by UGC and other Statutory Bodies and by the State Government from time to time.

CHAPTER-VI
MISCELLANEOUS

Conditions of Service of employees.

35. (1) Every employee shall be appointed under a written contract, which shall be kept in the University and a copy of which shall be furnished to the employee concerned;

(2) Disciplinary Action against the employees shall be governed by procedure prescribed in the Statue.

Right to appeal.

36. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, every employee or student of the University, or of any constituent college, shall have the right to appeal, within such time as may be prescribed, to the Board of Management against any decision made by an officer or authority of the University, or the Principal of any college. Upon such appeal, the Board of Management shall have the authority to confirm, modify, or alter the decision against which the appeal has been made.

Provident Fund and Pension.

37. The University shall constitute for the benefit of its employees such provident or pension fund and provide such insurance scheme as it may deem fit in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by statutes.

Disputes as to the Constitution of University Authorities and Bodies.

38. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

Constitution of Committees.

39. Any authority of the University mentioned in section 21 may constitute a committee of such authority, consisting of such members having such powers as the authority may deem fit.

Filling of Casual Vacancies.

40. Any casual vacancy among the members, other than ex-officio members of any Authority or body of the University shall be filled in the same manner in which the member whose vacancy is to be filled up, was chosen, and the person filling the vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he or she fills would have been a member.

Protection of Action taken in good faith.

41. No proceedings under the Statutes or Regulations shall lie against any officer or other employee of the University or anything, which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of this Bill/Act and Rules.

Transitional provisions.

42. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provisions of this Act, the Statutes or Rules:

(a) The members of the first Board of Governors shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years;

(b) The first Board of Management, the first Finance Committee, and the first Academic Council shall be constituted by the Chancellor for a term not exceeding three years;

(c) The first Vice-Chancellor, the first Registrar and the first Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the Chancellor and they shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years as the Chancellor may determine.

Endowment Fund

43. (1) The University shall establish an endowment fund of at least Rupees five crores.

(2) The Endowment Fund in the form of an account payee cheque issued by a Scheduled Bank in favour of Director of Higher and Technical Education, Meghalaya shall be deposited by the concerned University with Director of Higher and Technical Education, Meghalaya.

(3) The University may transfer any amount from the general fund or the development fund to the endowment fund. Except for the dissolution of the University, in no other circumstances money or funds can be transferred from the endowment fund for other purposes.

(4) Not exceeding 75% of the interest accruing from the Endowment Fund in the fixed deposit shall be used for the purpose of development work of the University, not less than 20% of such interest shall be reinvested in the Endowment Fund and 5% thereof shall be utilized by State Government for its administrative expenditure related to the University including funding the Private Universities Regulatory Board set up under MPU Act 2019.

(5) The amount of Endowment Fund shall be kept invested, until the dissolution of the University.

General Fund.

44. (1) The University shall establish a general Fund to which the following amount shall be credited, namely;

(a) all fees which may be charged by the University;
(b) all sums or payments received from any other source;
(c) all contributions made by the Sponsoring Body;
(d) all contributions/donations/grants made in this behalf by any other person or organisation, which are not prohibited by any law for the time being in force.

(2) The funds credited to the general fund shall be applied to meet the following payments, namely:-

(a) The repayment of debts including interest charges thereto incurred by the University for the purposes of this Act, the Statutes and the regulations made there under;
(b) the upkeep of the assets of the University
(c) the payment of the cost of audit of the fund created under section 45;
(d) meeting the expenses of any suit or proceedings to which University is a party;
(e) the payment of salaries and allowances of the officers and employees of the University, members of the teaching and research staff, and payment of any Provident Fund contributions, gratuity and other benefits to any such officers and employees, members of the teaching and research staff;
(f) the payment of travelling and other allowances of the members of the Board of Governors, the Board of Management, Academic Council, and other authorities so declared under the Statutes of the University and of the members of any Committee or Board appointed by any of the authorities of the University in pursuance of any provision of this Act or the Statutes or the regulations made thereunder;
(g) the payment of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, assistantships and other awards to students, research associates or trainees eligible for such awards under the Statutes or regulations of the University under the provisions of this Act;
(h) the payment of any expenses incurred by the University in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and the Statutes or the regulations made thereunder;
(i) the payment of cost of capital, not exceeding the prevailing bank rate of interest, incurred by the Sponsoring Body for setting up the University and the investments made thereof;
(j) the payment of charges and expenditure relating to the consultancy work undertaken by the University in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, and the Statutes, and the regulations made thereunder:

(k) the payment of any other expenses including consultancy fees or management fees payable to any organisation charged with the responsibility of providing services to University or managing the University on behalf of the Sponsoring Body, as approved by the Board of Management;

Provided that no expenditure shall be incurred by the University in excess of the limits for total recurring expenditure and total non-recurring expenditure for the year as may be fixed by the Board of Management without the previous approval of the Board of Management:

Provided further that the General fund shall be applied for the objectives specified under sub-section (2) with the prior approval of the Board of Management of the University.

Development Fund.

45. (1) The University shall also establish a development fund to which the following funds shall be credited, namely: -

(a) Development fees which may be charged from students;

(b) all sums received from any other source for the purposes of the development of the University;

(c) all contributions made by the Sponsoring Body;

(d) all contributions or donations made in this behalf by any other person or organisation which are not prohibited by any law for the time being in force; and

(e) all incomes received from the endowment fund.

(2) The funds credited to the development fund from time to time shall be utilized for the development of the University.

Maintenance of Fund.

46. The funds established under Sections 43, 44 and 45 shall, subject to general supervision and control of the Board of Governors, be regulated and maintained in such manner as may be prescribed.

Annual Report.

47. (1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Board of Management and shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for its approval.

(2) The Board of Governors shall consider the annual report in its meeting and may-approve the same with or without modification.

(3) A copy of the annual report duly approved by the Board of Governors shall be sent to Visitor and the State

Government on or before December 31 following close of the financial year on March 31 each year.

Mode of Proof of University Record.

48. A copy of any receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding or resolution of any authority or committee of the University or other documents in possession of the University or any entry in any register duly maintained by the University, if certified by the Registrar, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding, resolution or document or the existence of entry in the register and shall be admitted as evidence of the matters and transaction therein recorded where the original thereof would, if produced, have been admissible in evidence.

Dissolution of The University.

49. (1) If the Sponsoring Body proposes dissolution of the University in accordance with the law governing its constitution or incorporation, it shall give at least twelve months' notice in writing to the State Government and it shall ensure that no new admissions to the University are accepted during the notice period. All Financial obligations, whatsoever may be, for dissolution of the University shall lie with the University.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1) above, the State Government may initiate the dissolution of the University *suo moto* if it is alleged that the sponsoring body has failed to adhere to the established norms. However, before the dissolution of the University, the State Government shall provide a reasonable opportunity for the sponsoring body to comply with and remedy the alleged breach of the norms. In the event of dissolution, the State Government shall allow sufficient time before the dissolution becomes effective.

(3) The manner of winding up of the University would be such as may be prescribed in this behalf by the State Government:

Provided that no such action will be initiated without affording a reasonable opportunity to show cause to the Sponsoring Body.

(4) On receipt of the notice referred to in sub-section (1), or action initiated *vide* sub section (2) the State Government shall, in consultation with the UGC make such arrangements for administration of the University from the proposed date of dissolution of the University by the Sponsoring Body and until the last batch of students in regular courses of studies of the University complete their courses of studies in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(5) Under no circumstances the State Government will be liable to bear any financial burden of any kind during the period of dissolution.

Expenditure of the University during dissolution.

50. (1) The expenditure for administration of the University during the taking over period of its management under section 49 shall be met out of the endowment fund, the general fund or the development fund.

(2) If the funds referred to sub-section (1) are not sufficient to meet the expenditure of the University during the taking over period of its management, such expenditure may be met by disposing of the properties or assets of the University by the State Government.

Power of the State Government.

51 In addition to the powers conferred upon it by the Act, the Statutes, and Regulations, the State Government shall have the following powers:

(i) The State Government may, at its discretion, appoint representatives to any committee or body of the University as it deems necessary.

(ii) The State Government shall have the right to conduct independent financial and academic audits of the University at its discretion.

(iii) The State Government may issue directives to the University on matters of public interest and national importance. The University shall comply with such directives to the extent permitted by law.

Laying of Statutes and Regulations.

52. Every Statute or Regulations made under this Act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made on the table of the Legislative Assembly.

Removal of difficulties.

53. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, by a notification or order, make such provisions of this Act, as deemed necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no notification or order shall be made after the expiry of a period of 3 (three) years from the commencement of this Act.

(2) Every order under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

to establish and incorporate a University in the State, with emphasis on providing high quality education, training and research in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences, Commerce and Management, Physical Sciences and Health Sciences, Computer Science and Information Technology, Law, Teacher Education and Physical Education, Agriculture and Rural Development, Performing and Fine Arts, Media and Communication, and other allied areas

Hence, the Bill.

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