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AUNIATI UNIVERSITY



Institutional Development Plan

Kaliapani, Teok, Jorhat– 785112, Assam

Preface

It is with great pride and a profound sense of responsibility that I present the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) of Auniati University. Established on November 8, 2022, Auniati University is an embodiment of the rich cultural, spiritual, and educational heritage of Assam, rooted deeply in the Sri Sri Auniati Satra tradition, patronized by the Ahom kings since 1644. Our motto, "ज्ञानदानं विशिष्यते" (Knowledge is the supreme gift), reflects our unwavering commitment to imparting education that transcends mere academic excellence to nurture self-dependent, morally grounded, and socially responsible citizens.

Auniati University envisions a generation imbued with self-respect, dignity, versatility, and skill, harmonizing traditional Indian knowledge systems with modern educational paradigms. Our vision is to foster critical enquiry and contribute to India's emergence as a global knowledge hub. Guided by the mission to design an education system inspired by the Satra tradition and Indian ethos, we strive to instill respect for our cultural heritage and equip students to meet the challenges of the 21st century with competence and humility.

The University offers a unique blend of value-based education and academic rigor through diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across Humanities, Social Sciences, Performing Arts, and traditional knowledge disciplines. Our campuses at Teok, Majuli, and North Guwahati provide serene and culturally enriched environments conducive to holistic learning and research. The integration of spiritual and ethical education with modern curricula ensures that our graduates are not only skilled professionals but also enlightened individuals committed to peace, social harmony, and cultural preservation.

This Institutional Development Plan outlines our strategic goals, academic programs, infrastructural growth, research initiatives, and community engagement activities aligned with the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines. It reflects our dedication to expanding access to quality education, promoting innovative research, preserving Assam's unique cultural legacy, and fostering inclusive growth for the region, especially for marginalized and tribal communities.

I invite all stakeholders—students, faculty, researchers, and community members—to join us in this noble journey of knowledge, values, and service. Together, we shall build Auniati University into a beacon of transformative education that honors our past and inspires the future.

With warm regards,



Registrar
Auniati University
Date: 30th May 2025

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Institutional Basic Information

Name and Address of the Institution

Name : Auniati University

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Additional Campuses :

Sri Sri Duttadeva Goswami Constituent Campus, Majuli, Assam

Sri Sri Hemchandra Deva Goswami Constituent Campus, North Guwahati, Assam

Motto

ज्ञानदानं विशिष्यते

(Meaning: The bestowing of knowledge is supreme)

Vision

The university envisions a generation of self-dependent citizens imbued with self-respect and dignity, entail versatility, and develop skill along with knowledge. It aims to foster a sense of critical enquiry in the teaching-learning process and help India emerge as a knowledge hub in the contemporary world.

Mission

The university is to design and develop a system of education governed by the Satra tradition of Assam based on the Indian tradition of knowledge, skill, and a sense of enquiry.

The university aims to imbibe the new generations with a sense of respect towards our past heritages and the entire human culture.

To encourage traditional Indian knowledge systems, blend them with modernity, and equip pupils with abilities to cope successfully with 21 st century situations.

Brief History and Background

Established on November 8, 2022, Auniati University is a pioneering institution deeply rooted in the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Assam, India. It traces its origins to the esteemed Sri Sri Auniati Satra of Majuli, a historic Vaishnavite monastery founded in 1644 by Sri Sri Niranjan Deva under the patronage of Ahom King Chutinpha and the Naria King. Over the centuries, the Satra has been nurtured and supported by successive Ahom rulers, including King Churampha and Jaidhwaj

Singh, who endowed it with extensive lands and honored it as a Raj-Satra, establishing it as a prominent center of spiritual, cultural, and educational excellence in Assam.

The university upholds the Satra tradition, which emphasizes value-based education, spirituality, and cultural preservation alongside academic rigor. It seeks to harmoniously blend traditional Indian knowledge systems with contemporary education, fostering self-reliant, skilled, and ethically grounded individuals. This distinctive vision positions Auniati University as a modern temple of learning, where education transcends conventional academic objectives to embrace moral and spiritual development.

Auniati University was established under the **Assam Government Act No. XX of 2022**, which formally recognizes it as a state university committed to higher education and cultural preservation. Furthermore, the university is recognized under **Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956**, affirming its status as a legitimate higher education institution eligible for UGC support and funding.

The university is steadfast in its mission to preserve Assam's cultural heritage, particularly the Neo-Vaishnavite Sattriya tradition, through advanced research, cultural initiatives, and academic collaborations. Its central library and museums house rare manuscripts, artifacts, and texts unique to the region, serving as invaluable resources for scholars, researchers, and students alike.

Auniati University stands as a beacon of transformative education in Assam, uniquely integrating traditional Indian values with modern academic excellence. Recognized by the Assam Government Act and the UGC under Section 2(f), the university is dedicated to nurturing enlightened, socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to society while preserving and promoting Assam's rich cultural legacy.

Governance Structure

Chancellor	: Sri Sri Dr Pitambar Deva Goswami, <i>MA, PhD</i>
Vice-Chancellor	: Dr. Prakash Jyoti Borthakur, <i>MSc, MPhil, PhD</i>
Registrar	: Dr. Madhurjyaa Mondit Baruah, <i>MA, PhD</i>

Administrative & Academic Bodies

Board of Trustees (Sponsoring Body)
 Governing Body
 Board of Management
 Academic Council
 Research Council
 Multidisciplinary Research Committee
 Board of Studies

Other Cells & Committees

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Disciplinary Committee
Internal Complaints Committee
Student's Grievance Redressal Committee
Anti-Ragging Committee
Library Committee
Research Ethics Committee
Women's Cell
Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell
Equal Opportunity Cell
Sports Committee
Health and Hygiene Committee
Literary Cell
Cultural Cell
Placement Cell

Academic Programs Offered

Undergraduate (UG) Programs : Integrated 4+1 year courses in Folklore, Journalism & Mass Communication, Language Studies, Library & Information Science, Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Sociology.

Postgraduate (PG) Programs : 2-year courses in Assamese, Economics, Education, English, Folklore, Geography, History, Library and Information Science, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science, Rural Development, Sanskrit, and Sociology.

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Programs : Research opportunities in Assamese, Economics, Education, English, Folklore, Geography, History, Library and Information Science, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology.

Certificate and Diploma Courses: In traditional arts (Sattriya dance, music, drama), Cane & Bamboo craft, Weaving, Computer Application, Tea & Agro Management, and Electrician Training.

Campus Facilities

Library: Central Library with rare collections on Satra institutions, Bhaona performances, Neo-Vaishnavite traditions, and Assam's cultural heritage, along with extensive digital resources.

Museums: Located across campuses, showcasing rare artifacts including royal clothes, ancient manuscripts, traditional musical instruments, and cultural relics.

Sports and Fitness: Playground, badminton courts, multi-gym fitness center.

Other Facilities: Auditorium, University Canteen, Boys' and Girls' Common Rooms, Equal Opportunity Centre, Career Counseling & Placement Cell,

Employment News Cell, University Bus Services, Guest House, Hostel Facilities for boys and girls.

Student Support and Welfare

- # Free studentship for meritorious students.
- # Financial aid and fee concessions for economically weaker sections and meritorious students (20%-35% for BPL; 10%-40% for merit-based).
- # Anti-ragging and disciplinary committees, including Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH), Student Grievance Redressal Cell (SGRC), and Internal Complaint Committee (ICC).
- # Career counseling, placement assistance, and digital resource centers.

Admission and Fee Structure

- # Admission is conducted through a Central Admission Committee under the Vice-Chancellor.
- # Selection may involve the Auniati University Students Admission Test (AUSAT) or other screening methods.
- # Eligibility criteria vary by program, generally requiring a minimum of 45% marks at the qualifying level for UG/PG and 55% for Ph.D. programs with relaxations for reserved categories.
- # Uniform is compulsory for all students with specified dress codes for boys and girls.
- # Detailed admission fees, academic fees, and practical fees are structured per program and are published annually.

Faculty Profile

The University boasts a highly qualified faculty team across departments such as Assamese, Economics, English, Folklore, Geography, History, Journalism & Mass Communication, Library & Information Science, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Political Science, Rural Development, Sanskrit, and Sociology. Faculty members include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Visiting Professors with expertise in their respective fields.

Key Institutional Objectives

- i. To develop education rooted in Indian ethics and Vaishnava values, promoting social and cultural upliftment.
- ii. To make education socially relevant, especially for marginalized communities, and modern to meet current socio-economic challenges.
- iii. To expand educational access across Northeast India through multiple campuses and centers.
- iv. To preserve and propagate the Vaishnava Satriya ideals and cultural heritage.
- v. To create human resources excelling academically and socially.
- vi. To establish centers of excellence, promote research, and maintain high academic standards in line with UGC and other regulatory bodies.

Assessment

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Rich Cultural and Historical Heritage

- # Rooted in the Sri Sri Auniati Satra tradition since 1644, supported by Ahom kings, giving the university a unique identity blending spirituality, culture, and education.
- # Strong emphasis on preserving Assam's Neo-Vaishnavite Sattriya culture through museums, rare manuscripts, and cultural programs.

Value-Based Education

- # Integration of traditional Indian knowledge systems with modern academic rigor.
- # Focus on moral, ethical, and spiritual development alongside academic excellence, nurturing socially responsible citizens.

Diverse Academic Programs

- # Wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in Humanities, Social Sciences, Performing Arts, and traditional knowledge disciplines.
- # Introduction of integrated UG-PG courses, certificate, diploma, and skill-based programs aligned with NEP-2020.

Multi-Campus Presence

- # Campuses in Teok (main), Majuli, and North Guwahati, providing serene and culturally rich learning environments.
- # Plans to expand to remote and tribal areas of Northeast India, enhancing educational access.

Robust Governance and Quality Assurance

- # Well-structured governance bodies including Board of Trustees, Academic Council, IQAC, and various specialized committees ensuring transparency and accountability.
- # Continuous monitoring and evaluation mechanisms aligned with UGC guidelines.

Research and Innovation Focus

- # Emphasis on interdisciplinary research integrating traditional knowledge with modern methodologies.
- # Availability of rare cultural resources supporting unique research opportunities.

Student Support and Welfare

- # Financial aid, scholarships, career counseling, placement assistance, and grievance redressal mechanisms.
- # Promotion of holistic development through cultural, sports, and value-based activities.

Strategic Vision and Planning

- # Clear short, mid, and long-term goals aligned with national educational policies (NEP-2020) and regional socio-cultural needs.
- # Focus on sustainable development, digital advancement, and global collaborations.

Weaknesses

New Institution Challenges

- # Established recently (2022), still in the early stages of building reputation, brand recognition, and alumni network.
- # Limited initial student intake and faculty strength compared to older, established universities.

Balancing Tradition and Modernity

- # Potential difficulty in harmonizing traditional Indian knowledge systems with rapidly evolving global academic standards and technology.
- # Risk of curriculum and pedagogy not fully meeting contemporary industry and research demands if not continuously updated.

Infrastructure Development Needs

- # Ongoing infrastructure expansion required for classrooms, labs, digital resources, and student facilities to meet growing academic and research demands.
- # Dependence on timely funding and resource allocation to realize planned infrastructure projects.

Research Output and Funding

- # Current research publications and funded projects are modest; scaling up research productivity and attracting external grants is a challenge.
- # Need for stronger research culture and interdisciplinary collaborations.

Limited Industry Linkages

- # Presently less emphasis on industry partnerships and employability-focused programs beyond traditional and cultural disciplines.
- # Placement rate (baseline 40%) needs significant improvement.

Opportunities

Expansion into Remote and Tribal Areas

- # Opening new campuses and study centers in underserved regions of Northeast India can greatly enhance educational access and social upliftment.
- # Tailoring programs to local socio-economic needs offers unique community engagement and development opportunities.

Leveraging Cultural Heritage for Global Recognition

- # Positioning as a global center for the study and preservation of Assam's Sattriya culture and Indian Vaishnavite traditions.
- # Hosting international conferences, cultural festivals, and collaborative research projects.

Integration with NEP-2020 Framework

- # Opportunity to be a model institution implementing NEP-2020 through interdisciplinary programs, value education, and skill development.
- # Potential to attract students seeking holistic education blending tradition and modernity.

Digital Transformation and E-Learning

- # Digitization of rare manuscripts and creation of digital archives can enhance research and global accessibility.
- # Expansion of ICT-enabled teaching, learning, and administration to improve efficiency and outreach.

Collaborations and Partnerships

- # Scope to build strong academic, cultural, and industry linkages nationally and internationally.
- # Engagement with government, NGOs, and private sectors for research funding, internships, and community projects.

Sustainable and Green Campus Initiatives

- # Developing eco-friendly campuses aligns with global sustainability goals and enhances institutional image.
- # Opportunity to lead in environmental conservation and rural development programs.

Threats

Competition from Established Universities

- # Competing with older, well-established institutions in Assam and India that have stronger brand recognition, resources, and alumni networks.
- # Difficulty attracting top faculty and students initially.

Funding and Resource Constraints

- # Dependence on government grants and external funding which may fluctuate due to economic or political factors.
- # Delays or shortfalls in funding could impact infrastructure and program expansion.

Changing Educational Landscape

- # Rapid technological changes and evolving job market demands may outpace curriculum updates if not agile.
- # Risk of traditional knowledge systems being undervalued or marginalized in a globalized education scenario.

Socio-Political Instability in the Region

- # Northeast India's occasional socio-political challenges could affect campus security, student enrollment, and community engagement.
- # Tribal and marginalized communities may face barriers that slow outreach and inclusiveness efforts.

Retention and Placement Challenges

- # Ensuring high placement rates and employability of graduates in a competitive job market is critical.
- # Failure to build strong industry connections could limit student career prospects.

Summary

Auniati University's Institutional Development Plan is a visionary blueprint that leverages its unique cultural heritage and value-based education to create a distinctive higher education institution. The university's strengths lie in its rich tradition, diverse academic offerings, governance, and commitment to social inclusiveness. However, as a young institution, it faces challenges in infrastructure, research output, and balancing tradition with modern demands.

The university has significant opportunities to expand regionally, digitize and globalize its cultural assets, and lead in NEP-2020 implementation. To succeed, it must carefully manage threats from competition, funding uncertainties, and socio-political factors while continuously innovating and engaging stakeholders.

With strategic focus and sustained efforts, Auniati University can emerge as a beacon of transformative education in Assam and beyond, honoring its past while inspiring future generations.

Governance and Administrative Framework

Auniati University is governed by multiple bodies ensuring academic and administrative excellence :

- # Board of Trustees, Governing Body, Board of Management
- # Academic Council, Research Council, Board of Studies
- # IQAC and NEP-2020 Implementation Committee
- # Various cells for environment, gender equity, grievance redressal, and health

These bodies ensure compliance with regulatory standards and promote continuous institutional improvement.

Research and Innovation

The university encourages research in traditional knowledge systems, cultural studies, and contemporary social sciences. Ph.D. programs are offered in 12 disciplines with faculty supervision. The presence of rare manuscripts and artifacts supports unique research opportunities.

Plans for expanding research infrastructure and interdisciplinary collaborations are underway.

Community Engagement and Outreach

Auniati University is committed to social responsibility by :

- # Extending education to marginalized and tribal communities through satellite campuses.
- # Offering vocational and skill-based courses tailored to local industry needs.
- # Organizing cultural programs and workshops to promote Assam's heritage.
- # Engaging students in service-learning and community development projects.

Future Development Plans

- # Expansion of academic programs and research centers.
- # Infrastructure enhancement, including digital and laboratory facilities.
- # Strengthening collaborations with national and international institutions.
- # Establishment of new campuses in underserved regions of Northeast India.
- # Increased focus on sustainable and green campus initiatives.
- # Enhanced student placement and entrepreneurship support.

Auniati University stands as a pioneering institution blending rich cultural heritage with modern education to produce well-rounded, ethical, and skilled graduates. Its unique value-based approach, coupled with academic rigor and community focus, positions it to contribute significantly to the educational landscape of Assam and Northeast India. The university's ongoing development efforts, guided by visionary leadership and committed faculty, promise a bright future aligned with national educational goals and regional aspirations.

Strategic Goals

The strategic goals outlined below align with the university's vision, mission, and objectives to foster holistic development in the short, mid, and long term.

Short-Term Goals (2024-2026)

Academic Program Expansion and Quality Enhancement

- # Launch and stabilize undergraduate integrated postgraduate programs in nine subjects aligned with NEP 2020 FYUGP framework.
- # Introduce eleven new postgraduate programs, certificate, diploma, and PG diploma courses focusing on skill development and cultural heritage.
- # Strengthen research infrastructure and initiate PhD programs in twelve disciplines in Humanities and Social Sciences.
- # Implement CBCS and NEP-2020 aligned curricula emphasizing critical inquiry, ethical education, and cultural values.

Infrastructure Development

- # Establish state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and digital resource centers across campuses.
- # Enhance campus facilities including hostels, sports complexes, auditoriums, and eco-friendly environments conducive to learning and spiritual growth.

Faculty Development and Recruitment

- # Recruit qualified faculty with expertise in traditional knowledge systems and modern disciplines.
- # Organize faculty training workshops on interdisciplinary teaching, research methodologies, and value-based education.

Student Support and Services

- # Strengthen student support services including career counseling, placement cells, and financial aid for meritorious and economically weaker students.
- # Implement robust admission procedures and ensure uniform enforcement of university rules and discipline.

Cultural and Heritage Preservation

- # Develop museums and archives at all campuses showcasing rare manuscripts, artifacts, and cultural heritage of Assam's Satra tradition.
- # Promote certificate and diploma courses in Sattriya performing arts and traditional crafts.

Mid-Term Goals (2027-2032)

Academic Excellence and Research Leadership

- # Achieve national recognition for academic programs through accreditation and collaborations.
- # Establish centers of excellence focusing on Vaishnavite ethics, traditional knowledge systems, and contemporary social challenges.
- # Expand interdisciplinary research projects integrating traditional Indian knowledge with modern scientific approaches.

Regional Outreach and Inclusiveness

- # Open new campuses and study centers in remote and tribal areas of Northeast India (e.g., Sadiya, Dhemaji, Morigaon) to extend educational access.
- # Develop specialized programs addressing the socio-economic development of marginalized communities and tribal populations.

Holistic Student Development

- # Institutionalize value education, meditation, yoga, and health programs to nurture ethical leadership and social responsibility.
- # Enhance sports, cultural, and extracurricular activities fostering teamwork, discipline, and cultural pride.

Digital and Technological Advancement

- # Digitize rare manuscripts and cultural resources to create accessible digital archives.
- # Integrate ICT tools in teaching, learning, and administration for improved efficiency and outreach.

Strengthening Governance and Quality Assurance

- # Develop robust internal quality assurance mechanisms through IQAC and academic councils.
- # Foster transparent governance with active participation of all stakeholders including students, faculty, and community.

Long-Term Goals (2033-2040)

Global Recognition and Knowledge Hub

- # Position Auniati University as a premier knowledge hub blending Indian traditional wisdom with global academic standards.
- # Establish international collaborations and exchange programs promoting cultural and academic dialogues.

Sustainable Development and Social Impact

- # Lead initiatives in sustainable rural development, environmental conservation, and social justice rooted in ethical education.
- # Develop innovative community engagement programs that promote peace, harmony, and cultural preservation.

Comprehensive Academic Ecosystem

- # Expand academic offerings to include emerging disciplines integrating technology, humanities, and traditional knowledge.
- # Build advanced research facilities and incubators fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Cultural Renaissance and Heritage Leadership

- # Become a global center for the study and preservation of Assam's Sattriya culture and Indian Vaishnavite traditions.
- # Host international conferences, festivals, and exhibitions to celebrate and propagate cultural heritage.

Alumni and Network Development

- # Develop a strong global alumni network contributing to university growth, mentorship, and societal development.
- # Promote lifelong learning and continuing education programs for alumni and community members.

Auniati University’s strategic goals are designed to realize its vision of creating self-respecting, skilled, and ethically grounded citizens. By integrating traditional Indian values with modern academic rigor, the university aims to contribute significantly to regional development, cultural preservation, and global knowledge advancement. The phased approach in short, mid, and long-term goals ensures sustainable growth and impactful educational outcomes.

Metrics & Targets

This chapter outlines the key metrics and targets aligned with Auniati University's vision, mission, and objectives as per the UGC format. The metrics are designed to measure progress in academic excellence, institutional growth, research output, student development, cultural preservation, and community engagement. The targets are set to ensure that the university fulfills its commitment to value-based education rooted in the Satra tradition, while embracing modernity and global standards.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Targets

Category	Metric	Baseline (2024-25)	Target (2029-30)	Remarks
Academic Programs	Number of UG/PG/Ph.D. programs	UG: 6, PG: 14, Ph.D: 12	UG: 10, PG: 20, Ph.D: 18	Expand programs including interdisciplinary and skill-based courses
	Student intake per year	UG: ~240, PG: ~560, Ph.D: ~120	UG: 400, PG: 800, Ph.D: 200	Increase enrollment with emphasis on inclusivity and diversity
	Student pass percentage	85%	90%	Improve academic performance through quality teaching and student support
Research & Innovation	Number of research publications per year	20	50	Promote research in traditional knowledge and contemporary disciplines
	Research projects funded (external grants)	2	10	Enhance research funding from government and private agencies
	Number of Ph.D. completions per year	5	15	Encourage timely completion and quality doctoral research
Faculty Development	Percentage of faculty with Ph.D.	70%	90%	Recruit and retain highly qualified faculty
	Faculty participation in FDPs, workshops	60%	100%	Continuous professional development to enhance teaching and research skills

Category	Metric	Baseline (2024-25)	Target (2029-30)	Remarks
Student Development & Support	Scholarships and financial aid disbursed (number of students)	150	400	Increase support for meritorious and economically weaker students
	Placement rate within 6 months of graduation	40%	70%	Strengthen career counseling and industry linkages
	Participation in value-based and cultural activities (%)	75%	95%	Foster holistic development aligned with university's ethos
Infrastructure & Facilities	Expansion of campus area (in bighas)	63	100	Develop new campuses and centers in remote areas as per objectives
	Library digital resources (number of e-books/journals)	5,000+	15,000+	Enhance digital library resources including rare manuscripts
	Number of laboratories and skill development centers	5	10	Establish centers for practical and vocational training
Cultural Preservation	Number of cultural programs and exhibitions annually	10	25	Promote Sattriya culture and Assam's heritage through events
	Museum visitors per year	1,000	5,000	Increase awareness and engagement with cultural heritage
Community Engagement	Number of outreach programs and workshops	8	20	Extend education and skills training to marginalized communities
	Number of study centers/campuses in remote areas	1 (Majuli)	5	Establish campuses at Sadiya, Amguri, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Nagaon as planned

Category	Metric	Baseline (2024-25)	Target (2029-30)	Remarks
Governance & Administration	Time taken for admission process (days)	30	15	Streamline admission through online and transparent processes
	Student grievance redressal resolution time (days)	10	5	Enhance responsiveness and student satisfaction

Detailed Targets by Academic Year (2025-2030)

Year	Academic Programs	Research Output	Student Support	Infrastructure	Cultural & Community Engagement
2025-26	Launch 3 new UG/PG programs; Increase intake by 10%	25 publications; 3 funded projects	200 scholarships; 45% placement	Begin infrastructure expansion plan	12 cultural events; 2 outreach programs
2026-27	Introduce interdisciplinary courses; Increase Ph.D. intake by 10%	30 publications; 5 funded projects	250 scholarships; 50% placement	Add 2 new labs; Digital library upgrade	15 cultural events; 4 outreach programs
2027-28	Start 2 new certificate/diploma courses	40 publications; 7 funded projects	300 scholarships; 60% placement	Establish 1 new study center	18 cultural events; 6 outreach programs
2028-29	Expand integrated UG-PG courses	45 publications; 9 funded projects	350 scholarships; 65% placement	Complete new campus at remote area	22 cultural events; 8 outreach programs
2029-30	Full program portfolio with 10 UG, 20 PG, 18 Ph.D.	50 publications; 10 funded projects	400 scholarships; 70% placement	Fully operational new campuses and centers	25 cultural events; 10 outreach programs

Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC): Continuous monitoring of academic and administrative performance against targets.

Annual Performance Reports: Departments to submit detailed progress reports on KPIs.

Feedback Systems: Student, faculty, and stakeholder feedback to be systematically collected and analyzed.

External Audits: Periodic review by UGC and other regulatory bodies to ensure compliance and quality standards.

Governance Committees: Regular meetings of Academic Council, Board of Management, and Research Council to review progress and recommend improvements.

The metrics and targets set forth in this chapter reflect Auniati University's commitment to fostering an educational environment that blends traditional values with modern academic excellence. By systematically tracking these indicators, the university aims to nurture self-dependent, skilled, and ethically grounded graduates who contribute meaningfully to society and uphold the rich cultural heritage of Assam and India.

Improved Planning and Decision Making

In the context of rapid globalization and technological advancement, the Auniati University recognizes the imperative to improve its planning and decision-making processes to fulfill its vision of nurturing self-dependent citizens imbued with self-respect, dignity, and versatility. This chapter outlines the strategic framework and mechanisms adopted by Auniati University to enhance institutional planning and decision-making, ensuring alignment with its mission and objectives, and compliance with UGC guidelines.

Institutional Planning Framework

Auniati University adopts a comprehensive, participatory, and transparent planning framework that integrates academic goals, infrastructural development, research priorities, and community engagement. The framework is characterized by :

Strategic Planning: Long-term institutional goals are set through consultations with stakeholders including faculty, administrative staff, students, and external experts.

Annual Action Plans: Detailed yearly plans are formulated to operationalize strategic goals, focusing on curriculum development, faculty recruitment, research initiatives, infrastructure expansion, and student services.

Resource Allocation: Budgetary provisions are aligned with priority areas identified in the strategic and annual plans, ensuring optimal utilization of financial, human, and physical resources.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Regular reviews by the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) and other academic bodies ensure adherence to plans and facilitate timely corrective measures.

Decision-Making Bodies and Committees

The University has established a robust governance structure to facilitate effective decision-making:

Administrative & Academic Bodies

Board of Trustees (Sponsoring Body)
 Governing Body
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Planning for Academic Excellence

Curriculum Development: The Academic Council and Board of Studies regularly review and update curricula to incorporate contemporary knowledge, traditional wisdom, and NEP-2020 guidelines. For example, the launch of integrated undergraduate-postgraduate programs and new certificate/diploma courses reflects responsiveness to evolving educational needs.

Faculty Recruitment and Development: Faculty hiring follows transparent procedures emphasizing academic qualifications and alignment with University values. Continuous professional development is encouraged through workshops, seminars, and research collaborations.

Research Promotion: The Research Council prioritizes interdisciplinary research integrating traditional knowledge systems with modern methodologies. Special emphasis is placed on preserving Assam's cultural heritage through advanced research projects.

Student-Centric Initiatives: Planning includes developing support services such as career counseling, placement cells, sports and cultural activities, and financial aid schemes to foster holistic student development.

Infrastructure and Resource Planning

Campus Development: The University operates three campuses (Main Campus at Teok, Majuli Campus, and North Guwahati Campus), each planned to provide serene, culturally rich, and technologically equipped learning environments.

Library and Museum Resources: The Central Library and campus museums are continuously expanded and digitized to support academic and cultural research, with rare manuscripts and artifacts preserved meticulously.

Technology Integration: Digital lounges, network resource centers, and laboratories are planned and upgraded to facilitate modern teaching-learning and research activities.

Sustainability Initiatives: Environmental Audit and Green Campus Cell ensures that infrastructural planning incorporates eco-friendly practices, aligning with the University's commitment to sustainability.

Financial Planning and Management

Budget Formulation: The Finance Committee prepares annual budgets based on academic and infrastructural priorities, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Student Financial Support: Provisions include free studentship, concessions for economically weaker sections, and merit-based scholarships, reflecting social equity in planning.

Fee Structure: The University maintains a structured fee system across programs, balancing affordability with quality education delivery.

Admission and Academic Planning

Admission Policies: Central Admission Committee governs admission processes, ensuring merit-based, transparent, and inclusive selection aligned with eligibility criteria and reservation policies.

Academic Calendar: Planning of academic sessions, examination schedules, and important dates is systematic, facilitating smooth academic operations.

Uniform and Discipline: Uniform policies and disciplinary rules are clearly defined and enforced to maintain decorum and institutional identity.

Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC): IQAC plays a pivotal role in monitoring academic standards, administrative efficiency, and student satisfaction.

Feedback Mechanisms: Regular feedback from students, faculty, and stakeholders informs planning and policy adjustments.

Compliance with Regulatory Bodies: The University ensures adherence to UGC norms and other regulatory requirements, maintaining high standards of education and governance.

Challenges and Future Directions

Challenges:

- # Balancing traditional knowledge systems with modern academic demands.
- # Expanding outreach to remote and tribal areas while maintaining quality.
- # Enhancing research output and international collaborations.

Future Directions:

- # Establishing more study centers across Northeast India.
- # Strengthening digital infrastructure and e-learning platforms.

- # Promoting interdisciplinary research integrating heritage and innovation.
- # Enhancing community engagement through extension activities.

Auniati University's improved planning and decision-making framework is a dynamic, inclusive, and value-driven system that integrates its unique cultural heritage with contemporary academic excellence. Through strategic governance, participatory processes, and continuous quality enhancement, the University is poised to fulfill its vision of nurturing enlightened, socially responsible citizens prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

Enhanced Accountability and Transparency

Auniati University, founded on the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of the Sri Sri Auniati Satra and inspired by the Vaishnavite-Satriya tradition of Assam, is committed to fostering an educational environment that integrates academic rigor with ethical and moral values. In line with this vision, the University places paramount importance on **enhanced accountability and transparency** in all its administrative, academic, and financial operations. This commitment ensures trust among stakeholders, promotes good governance, and aligns with the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines for institutional development.

Governance and Administrative Accountability

Transparent Governance Structure

The University operates through clearly defined administrative bodies such as the Board of Trustees, Governing Body, Board of Management, and IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell). These bodies function with documented roles and responsibilities, ensuring accountability at every level.

Academic Bodies

The Academic Council, Research Council, Board of Studies, and specialized committees (e.g., NEP-2020 Implementation Committee, CBCS Board) oversee academic standards and curriculum development with transparency, involving faculty and experts in decision-making.

Regular Meetings and Documentation

All governing and academic bodies conduct periodic meetings with minutes documented and made accessible to stakeholders, ensuring decisions are recorded and implemented transparently.

Central Admission Committee

Admission policies and procedures are governed by a Central Admission Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. Admission notifications, eligibility criteria, and selection processes are publicly advertised through multiple channels including newspapers and the University website.

Financial Transparency and Accountability

Clear Fee Structure

The University maintains a transparent fee structure for all programs (Ph.D., PG, UG, Certificate, and Diploma) including admission fees, academic fees, and common fees. These details are publicly available and reviewed periodically.

Financial Aid and Concessions

Financial support policies, including free studentships, concessions for economically weaker sections, and merit-based discounts, are clearly communicated to students, ensuring equitable access and accountability.

Audit and Reporting

The University follows strict financial auditing procedures. Annual financial statements are audited by external agencies, and audit reports are submitted to the Governing Body and relevant government authorities.

Use of Funds

Funds allocated for academic, infrastructural, and research development are utilized with due diligence and monitored through internal controls to prevent misuse.

Academic Transparency and Quality Assurance

Admission Process Transparency

Admission criteria, eligibility, and procedures for all programs are published in advance. The University conducts transparent selection tests (AUSAT) where applicable, with merit lists displayed publicly.

Curriculum and Evaluation

Academic programs follow the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and FYUGP framework aligned with NEP-2020. Course syllabi, learning outcomes, and evaluation criteria are made available to students and faculty.

Examination and Grading

Examination schedules, rules, and grading systems are clearly communicated. The University ensures fair conduct of examinations and timely declaration of results, with provisions for re-evaluation and grievance redressal.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

IQAC continuously monitors academic quality, teaching-learning processes, and research activities. It promotes transparency by publishing annual quality assurance reports.

Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

Student Support and Grievance Redressal

The University has established multiple cells such as the Students' Grievance Redressal Cell (SGRC), Anti-Ragging Committee, Committee Against Sexual Harassment (CASH), and Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) to address student concerns transparently and promptly.

Parent-Teachers Association

Regular interactions with parents and guardians foster transparency regarding academic progress, discipline, and campus life.

Public Access to Information

University policies, academic calendars, fee structures, admission notifications, and annual reports are accessible via the official website and public notice boards.

Feedback Mechanisms

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to provide feedback on academic and administrative matters through structured surveys and suggestion boxes, which are reviewed by the IQAC.

Ethical Conduct and Discipline

Code of Conduct

The University enforces a strict code of conduct for students, faculty, and staff emphasizing integrity, respect, and ethical behavior consistent with the Vaishnavite values.

Uniform and Identity

Mandatory university uniform and identity cards promote discipline and accountability within the campus.

Disciplinary Committees

Dedicated committees oversee adherence to rules and take transparent disciplinary actions against violations, including ragging, misconduct, and unfair academic practices.

Transparency in Research and Cultural Heritage Preservation

Research Governance

Research activities are governed by the Research Council, which ensures ethical standards, proper supervision, and transparent dissemination of findings.

Cultural Assets

The University's museums and library maintain transparent cataloging and access policies, preserving Assam's cultural heritage and making resources available to scholars and the public.

Digital Initiatives for Transparency

Online Admission and Application

The University facilitates online application submission, status tracking, and admission updates to enhance transparency and accessibility.

Digital Library and Resources

A growing digital repository allows transparent access to academic resources for students and faculty.

Communication Platforms

Use of official websites, emails, and social media ensures timely dissemination of information and transparent communication with stakeholders.

Auniati University is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of accountability and transparency, reflecting its foundational ethos of knowledge, morality, and service. Through robust governance structures, clear policies, stakeholder engagement, and ethical practices, the University ensures that all its operations are conducted with openness and integrity. This commitment not only strengthens institutional credibility but also fosters an environment where students and faculty can thrive intellectually, morally, and spiritually.

Increased Collaboration and Engagement

Auniati University, deeply rooted in the Vaishnavite-Satriya tradition of Assam and inspired by the vision of holistic education, recognizes that increased collaboration and engagement are pivotal for institutional growth, academic excellence, and societal impact. Our university's mission to integrate traditional Indian knowledge systems with modern education necessitates active partnerships within academia, industry, cultural institutions, and the community at large. This chapter outlines the strategic framework and initiatives designed to enhance collaboration and engagement, thus fostering a vibrant ecosystem of learning, research, and cultural preservation aligned with the UGC format for Institutional Development Plans.

Vision and Objectives for Collaboration and Engagement

Vision

To build a dynamic network of partnerships and collaborative platforms that enrich academic programs, promote cultural heritage, support community development, and prepare students as socially responsible, skilled, and enlightened citizens.

Objectives

- # To establish meaningful academic collaborations with national and international universities, research institutions, and cultural organizations.
- # To foster community engagement through outreach programs that reflect the university's commitment to social harmony, ethical values, and cultural preservation.
- # To enhance student and faculty participation in interdisciplinary research, cultural exchanges, and service-learning projects.
- # To promote industry linkages and skill development initiatives that align with regional socio-economic needs, especially in the Northeast and tribal areas.
- # To leverage the university's unique heritage and museum resources for collaborative cultural and educational programs.
- # To create platforms for dialogue and cooperation among stakeholders including students, faculty, alumni, local communities, and government agencies.

Current Status and Strengths

Cultural Heritage and Museums

The university's three campuses, especially the Majuli campus with its Museum of Auniati Satra, provide unique opportunities for collaboration in cultural research and preservation.

Diverse Academic Programs

Offering UG, PG, and Ph.D. programs in humanities, social sciences, performing arts, and traditional knowledge systems facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration.

Faculty Expertise

Experienced faculty members across departments actively engage in research and cultural activities, serving as resource persons for collaborative ventures.

Community Roots

The university's foundation in the Sri Sri Auniati Satra tradition and its focus on value-based education create strong ties with local communities and cultural custodians.

Infrastructure

Facilities such as the Central Library with rare manuscripts, digital resources, and cultural museums support collaborative research and learning.

Student Support Services

Career counseling, placement cells, and skill development courses foster engagement with industry and society.

Strategies for Enhancing Collaboration and Engagement

Academic Collaborations

MoUs with Colleges, Universities and Research Institutes

Formalize partnerships with reputed institutions nationally and internationally for joint research, faculty exchange, and student mobility programs.

Interdisciplinary Research Centers

Establish centers focusing on Assam's cultural heritage, Vaishnavite philosophy, rural development, and sustainable practices, encouraging collaborative projects.

Joint Conferences and Seminars

Organize and participate in symposia that promote knowledge exchange on traditional knowledge systems and contemporary issues.

Community Engagement and Outreach

Extension Activities

Conduct workshops, awareness programs, and cultural festivals in collaboration with local communities to promote social harmony and cultural pride.

Service-Learning Initiatives

Integrate community service into curricula to develop students' empathy, leadership, and social responsibility.

Skill Development Programs

Expand certificate and diploma courses in traditional crafts, agro-management, and IT skills tailored to local needs, enhancing employability and entrepreneurship.

Industry and Government Linkages

Industry Partnerships

Collaborate with tea industry, handicraft sectors, and IT firms for internships, live projects, and skill training aligned with regional economic priorities.

Government Collaboration

Work with state and central government bodies for policy research, cultural preservation projects, and rural development schemes.

Cultural and Heritage Collaborations

Museum Partnerships

Partner with cultural institutions and museums to curate exhibitions, digitize archives, and promote heritage tourism.

Performing Arts Collaborations

Engage with artists and cultural organizations for workshops, performances, and research on Sattriya and other traditional art forms.

Student and Faculty Engagement

Research Collaboratives

Encourage interdisciplinary research groups and collaborative publications involving students and faculty.

Student Exchange and Internships

Facilitate exchange programs and internships with partner institutions and industries.

Alumni Network

Strengthen alumni engagement for mentorship, fundraising, and collaborative projects.

Implementation Plan

Activity	Timeline	Responsible Unit	Expected Outcome
Signing MoUs with at least 5 institutions	Year 1-2	Office of the Registrar-Academic Registrar, Academic Council	Enhanced research and academic exchange
Establishment of Interdisciplinary Research Centers	Year 2-3	Research Council, Departments	Increased collaborative research output
Launch of community outreach programs	Year 1 onwards	Extension Cell, Student Affairs	Greater community involvement and social impact
Industry partnership development	Year 1-3	Career Counseling & Placement Cell	Improved student employability and skill development

Activity	Timeline	Responsible Unit	Expected Outcome
Organization of annual cultural festivals and seminars	Year 1 onwards	Cultural Committee, Departments	Promotion of cultural heritage and academic dialogue
Development of alumni engagement platform	Year 1	Alumni Office	Active alumni participation in university growth

Monitoring and Evaluation

- # Regular review meetings by the IQAC and Research Council to assess progress on collaboration initiatives.
- # Feedback from stakeholders including students, faculty, community partners, and industry representatives.
- # Annual reports documenting collaborative activities, outcomes, and impact.
- # Continuous updating of collaboration strategies based on emerging opportunities and challenges.

Auniati University’s commitment to increased collaboration and engagement is integral to fulfilling its mission of value-based, culturally rooted, and socially relevant education. By fostering strong partnerships and active participation among academic, cultural, industrial, and community stakeholders, the university aims to create a transformative educational environment. This will not only enrich the academic experience but also contribute meaningfully to the socio-cultural and economic development of Assam and the broader Northeast region.

Conclusion

Auniati University, established with the profound motto "ज्ञानदानं विशिष्यते" (Knowledge is the supreme gift), stands as a beacon of holistic education rooted in the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Assam's Vaishnavite-Satriya tradition. This Institutional Development Plan (IDP) underscores the university's commitment to nurturing a generation of self-dependent, skilled, and ethically grounded citizens who embody self-respect, dignity, and versatility, in alignment with its vision and mission.

Integration of Tradition and Modernity

The university's unique educational framework harmoniously blends the timeless values of the Satra tradition with contemporary academic rigor. By fostering critical inquiry, creativity, and ethical consciousness, Auniati University not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates character and social responsibility. This approach addresses the urgent need for value-based education in today's fast-changing world, as emphasized by the Hon'ble Chancellor, ensuring that students emerge as compassionate leaders and contributors to society.

Academic Excellence and Cultural Preservation

With diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across humanities, social sciences, and performing arts, Auniati University offers a broad spectrum of academic opportunities. The university's campuses—Teok, Majuli, and North Guwahati—serve as vibrant centers for learning, research, and cultural preservation. The integration of rare manuscripts, heritage museums, and traditional art forms enriches the academic environment, enabling students and scholars to engage deeply with Assam's cultural legacy while preparing for global challenges.

Inclusive and Socially Relevant Education

The university's objectives emphasize social relevance and inclusivity, particularly focusing on marginalized and tribal communities in Northeast India. By establishing campuses and study centers in remote regions, Auniati University extends the reach of quality education, empowering underserved populations. The institution's commitment to providing financial aid, scholarships, and skill-based courses further strengthens its role as a catalyst for social upliftment and economic development.

Robust Governance and Support Systems

Auniati University's well-structured administrative and academic bodies, including the Board of Trustees, Academic Council, and various specialized committees, ensure transparent governance and continuous quality enhancement. Comprehensive student support services—from libraries and digital resources to career counseling and health cells—create a nurturing environment conducive to academic success and personal growth. Strict adherence to discipline, uniform codes, and ethical standards fosters a respectful and focused campus culture.

Future Outlook

As Auniati University progresses, it remains steadfast in its mission to be a modern temple of learning that inspires intellectual vibrancy, spiritual consciousness, and social harmony. The planned expansion of academic programs, research initiatives, and community engagement activities will further consolidate its position as a leading institution in Assam and the Northeast region. The university's vision to blend traditional Indian knowledge systems with modernity positions it uniquely to contribute to India's emergence as a global knowledge hub.

Final Reflection

In conclusion, Auniati University's Institutional Development Plan reflects a comprehensive strategy to deliver education that transcends conventional boundaries. It seeks to create not only skilled professionals but also morally responsible citizens who uphold the values of peace, humility, and service. Guided by the wisdom of the Satra tradition and inspired by the teachings of Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva, Mahapurusha Sri Sri Damodaradeva, Mahapurusha Sri Sri Harideva & Mahapurusha Sri Sri Madhavadeva, the university is poised to make a lasting impact on society by nurturing enlightened minds and compassionate hearts.

“Let Auniati University be the guiding light where knowledge meets wisdom, and education becomes a transformative journey of the soul.”