

**Assam Governor approves Bills of state**

**Guwahati, October 16:** Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department Ajay Tewari and Principal secretary of Finance Department met the Governor of Assam Prof Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Bhavan and briefed about the new legislations of the state.

The Governor gave assent for the upgradation of four colleges to universities which are Madhabdev University of Lakhimpur, Bhattadev University of Barpeta and Rabindranath University of Hojai. The Governor also approved the setting up of the new University namely Majuli University of Culture at Majuli. Earlier, the Assam Assembly had already passed the bills to set up a cultural university in Majuli and to upgrade three existing colleges in Lakhimpur, Barpeta and Hojai districts to universities.

Amendment was also made in Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University of Nalbari and Assam Science and Technology University where earlier the Chancellor was the Chief Minister. Now after the amendment the chancellor is the Governor.

The Governor also gave his assent for the PRANAM Bill, 2017 which was passed in the assembly unanimously and made it compulsory for the state government employees to take care of their dependent parents and disabled siblings sans any income source with immediate effect.

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