



**VISVA - BHARATI**  
**SANTINIKETAN**  
**NOTIFICATION**

It is notified for all concerned that the University entered in to an agreement through MOU with Director of Higher Education, Government of Assam on 13.03.2018.

In terms of the MOU, the University agreed to establish a Chair in the name of Srimanta Sankardeva, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Vaishnava saint of Assam, with the aim of fostering study and research on the life and works of Sankardeva, his teachings and ideology and the Bhakti Movement in Assam in its totality.

The Professor of the Chair to be appointed by the University shall be called Professor, Srimanta Sankardeva Chair. He/She will be an outstanding scholar of repute in the field of religious and cultural Studies, in the Bhakti Movement – its ideology, institutions, literature and Philosophy and having commanding knowledge of Sankardeva and the Bhakti Movement and overall history and culture of medieval India.

The overall supervisory/advisory body of the Chair shall be the Executive/Advisory Board of the Chair. The composition of the Executive/Advisory Board shall be as follows:

- a. Vice-Chancellor- Chairman;
- b. Two Representatives of the Government of Assam not below the rank of a Secretary;
- c. Five others members
  - i. Three from among the Professors of the University;
  - ii. Two from among the scholars of eminence having recognized knowledge in the field study specified for the Chair in consultation with the Govt. of Assam- IC;
- d. The Registrar and/or Finance Officer of the University- Special Invitee when necessary;
- e. The Assistant Professor, Assam Language Unit, Bhasha-Bhavana- Member;
- f. The Chair Professor - Member Secretary.

Srimanta Sankardeva Chair shall be a part of Bhasha-Bhavana (Institute of Languages, Literature and Culture) under the Chairmanship of the Adhyaksha (Principal), Bhasha-Bhavana. The Chair Professor of the Sankardeva Chair shall be an invitee member on the Institute Board of Bhasha-Bhavana. The decision of the Executive/Advisory Committee shall be routed through the relevant Board, Academic Council and Executive council as per norms of the University. The overall administrative and financial control shall be exercised by the Principal, Bhasha-Bhavana in order to facilitate smooth functioning of the chair within the structure of the University.

The Chair shall be maintained for a period of five years initially with one time grant of Rs. 5.00 crores.

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Registrar  
Visva-Bharati

