

## Press Release

### North East Education Conclave 2.0 at Pragjyotishpur University and Foundation Day Celebration

- **HCM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma to inaugurate the Foundation Day celebration of Pragjyotishpur University**
- **North East Education Conclave 2.0: “Towards Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education.”**
- **Meeting of Vice-Chancellors and Directors of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to be held**

Inspired by Vidya Bharati's educational ideals rooted in Bharatiya values and enriched by over eight decades of experience in value-based education and guided by the teachings of the great saint Srimanta Sankardeva, Vidya Niketans operating in Assam have, for about half a century, been striving to bring a new dimension to school education. With the vision of introducing the younger generation to India's rich knowledge traditions and imparting higher education imbued with a spirit of patriotism, Pragjyotishpur University was established in 2022, fully aligned with the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The university now enters its fourth year of its inspiring journey.

On this occasion, the Foundation Day of Pragjyotishpur University will be celebrated on 17th October 2025 at the university campus, Chandrapur, Hajongbari, Guwahati, in collaboration with the Shankardev Education and Research Foundation (SERF).

The event will be inaugurated by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, as the Chief Guest. The ceremony will also be graced by Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India; Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Assam; and Ma. Suresh Soni, National Executive Member, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita, President, SERF and Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Pragjyotishpur University, briefed the media about the upcoming celebration. To mark the occasion, several new facilities will be inaugurated, including the main ceremonial gate, the state-of-the-art Mahabahu Building equipped with multiple conference halls and modern amenities and the newly constructed building for the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

On 18th October 2025, the university will host a full-day event the North East Education Conclave 2025, under the theme “Towards Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education.” The conclave aims to create a platform for constructive dialogue, collaboration and knowledge exchange among education policymakers, leaders and experts, with special focus on the North Eastern region. Over fifty eminent scholars and researchers from leading universities and higher education institutions across the country will participate in the conclave.

Notably, the Valedictory Session will be graced by Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Hon'ble Governor of Assam, as the Chief Guest; Shri Kishor Barman, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tripura, as the Guest of Honour; and will feature a Special Address by Ma. Suresh Soni, National Executive Member, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

The organising committee cordially invites everybody at the significant and inspiring occasion.