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**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT**  
**(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)**

**Case No. : WP(C)/7283/2025**

DR SAMIRA BEHERA  
SON OF LATE NARAHARI BEHERA, RESIDENT OF 1ST LINK ROAD, LANE  
NO.2, HOUSE NO. 55, P.O. RANGIRKHARI, P.S. SILCHAR, DISTRICT -  
CACHAR, ASSAM.

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA  
, REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-  
110001.

2:THE SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
SHASTRI BHAWAN  
NEW DELHI-110001.

3:THE UNDER SECRETARY (CUI)  
ROOM NO. 515-B  
B WING  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
SHASTRI BHAWAN  
NEW DELHI-110001.

4:THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI- 110002.

5:THE ASSAM UNIVERSITY  
REPRESENTED BY ITS REGISTRAR  
SILCHAR- 788011  
DIST.- CACHAR  
ASSAM.

6:DR RAJIVE MOHAN PANT

RESIDENT OF DEVI NIWAS  
AYARPATA HILLS  
NAINITAL- 263001  
UTTARAKHAND AND PRESENTLY POSTED AS THE VICECHANCELLOR  
RAJA RAMMOHAN ROY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
ASSAM UNIVERSITY  
DARGAKONA  
SILCHAR788011  
DIST.- CACHAR  
ASSAM

**Advocate for the Petitioner** : MR. D J KAPIL, MAUSAM NATH,D J CHAKMA,MR. A BHATTACHARJEE

**Advocate for the Respondent** : DY.S.G.I., KAUSHIK JAIN(R6),MS. NITUMA KAKATI(R6),MS. R HUSSAIN(R6),P UPADHAYA(R6),MR. S C KEYAL(R6),SC, ASSAM UNIVERSITY,SC, U G C

**BEFORE**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N. UNNI KRISHNAN NAIR**

**ORDER**

**01/04/2026**

Heard Mr. M Nath, learned Senior counsel assisted by Mr. D J Kapil, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Dr. A Chamuah, learned Standing counsel, UGC and Mr. S C Keyal, learned Standing counsel, Assam University as well as respondent No. 6.

**2.** In the present writ petition, the petitioner has assailed the continuance of the respondent No. 6 as the Vice Chancellor of Assam University, Silchar.

**3.** Notice in the matter was issued on 18.12.2025. The matter was, thereafter, listed on

03.02.2026 and 09.03.2026 and on the said dates, basing on the prayer made by the learned counsel for the respondents, the matter was adjourned to facilitate filing of the affidavits.

**4.** The respondents have not brought on record any affidavit, till date.

**5.** While, Mr. Keyal, learned Standing counsel, Assam University has submitted that he has received his instructions and would file the affidavit on or before 08.04.2026.

**6.** Dr. Chamuah, learned Standing counsel, UGC has fairly submitted that although, he had taken up the matter with the UGC authorities, no response thereto, has been received, till date.

**7.** Considering the above, this Court fixes the matter on **20.04.2026**.

**8.** The respondents to file their affidavits invariably by 08.04.2026.

**9.** In the event, the affidavits are not brought on record by 08.04.2026, the respondents would be permitted to file the affidavits only after payment of cost as would be now determined by this Court, on the next date of listing.

**10.** The present order be communicated to the respondents by the learned counsel for the respondents after downloading the copy of the same.

**JUDGE**

**Comparing Assistant**