

Minutes of the Meeting for revised Uniform Fee Structure for H S and U G Level programme in all Colleges and Universities held on 24th April, 2024 at 04:00 P.M. in the Conference Hall of RUSA, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Members Present :

1. Sri Narayan Konwar, IAS,
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam - Chairman
2. Smti PomiBaruah, ACS,
Director of Higher Education, Assam,
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19 - Member Secretary
3. Registrar, Gauhati University
Jalukbari, Guwahati, - Member
4. Registrar, Cotton University - Member
5. Registrar, Rabindranath Tagore University - Member
6. Registrar, KBVS & AS University - Member
7. Sri Prasanna Borah, AES,
Dy. Director of Higher Education, Assam, - Member
8. Smti Sumitra Dev, AES,
Dy. Director of Higher Education, Assam, - Member
9. Sri Nayan Mani Sarma,
F.A. O/o Director of Higher Education, Assam, - Member
10. President/Secretary Assam College Principals' Council - Member
11. President/Secretary Assam College Teachers' Association - Member
12. Representative of Finance Department - Member
13. Principal, Arya Vidyapeeth College (A) - Member
14. Principal, Dispur College - Member
15. Principal, Goalpara College - Member
16. Principal, Rampur Anchalik College - Member

The meeting was presided over by Sri Narayan Konwar, IAS, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department.

At the very outset the Chairman welcomed all the members present. The Director of Higher Education placed before the committee the current Fee Structure for Higher Secondary under School Education Department and Higher Secondary under U G level programme in various Degree Colleges of Assam. After thorough scrutiny and discussion the following differences/disparities of Fee Structure of HS and UG level programme was marked in the meeting for future course of action.

1. The Fee Structure for H.S. level under School Education Department are as follows:-

Arts Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 900/- per student per annum.

Commerce Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 900/- per student per annum.

Science Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 1300/- per student per annum.

Vocational Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 1300/- per student per annum.

It is mandatory that all the students under HS level under School Education Department must be registered under ShikshaSetu

2. The Fee Structure for H S under U G level programme in various Degree Colleges of Assam with and without practical subjects are as follows:-

Arts Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 3150/- per student per annum.

Commerce Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 3150/- per student per annum

Science Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 3330/- per student per annum.

Vocational Stream (HS 1st Year & 2nd Year) @ Rs. 3330/- per student per annum.

It is mandatory that all the students of HS under U G level programme in various Degree Colleges of Assam must be registered under the SAMARTH Portal under the Fee Waiver Scheme.

After threadbare discussion the members present in the meeting agreed upon the following points mentioned below regarding these differences/disparities in the Fee Structure for HS under School Education Department and HS under U G level programme in various Degree Colleges of Assam:-

- a. The Fee structure HS under U G level programme in various Degree Colleges are higher in comparison to HS level under School Education Department due to the following reasons:-
 - i. Teachers of undergraduate colleges are having a particular workload based on existing government and UGC guidelines. Although all teachers of colleges take classes of Higher Secondary but faculty strength is not adequate for attending all classes of HS. These colleges have to engage good number of qualified teachers for Higher Secondary classes on contractual basis (by the Governing Body). This remuneration is incurred from the Higher Secondary admission fees by the respective colleges.
 - ii. Colleges offer students of Higher Secondary classes equal opportunities of sports, gymnasium, culture, soft skills development, Seminars, Events, Inter-college competitions as well as other exposure of career options as offered to graduate students. These facilities are also operated and maintained with a part of the admission fees as informed by the present Principals.
 - iii. Higher Secondary students are given equal opportunities to participate in National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Scout and Guide, etc. Higher Secondary students regularly participate in youth festival, different state/national level debate/symposium, other competition etc. Besides, like the degree students HS students also participate in Study Circle, literary activities, different publication activities etc.
 - iv. Colleges offer students of H.S. well-equipped library, reading room, facilities of Digital library. For upgrading library books, e-resources, reprographic facilities, college have to incur a good amount of money.
 - v. For grooming students of Higher Secondary, the colleges offer enough opportunities of well equipped laboratories with latest lab-instruments, specimen, chemical etc. Further colleges offer HS students robust computer laboratory facilities along with e-learning facilities which results in higher admission fee as compared to the HS Students under School Education Department.

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At the end the members present were of the view that the Fee Structure of HS level under School Education Department should remain as it is, and for U G level programme in various Degree Colleges the present Fee Structure should be increased. The Committee proposed Rs. 7180/- for non-practical students and Rs. 7480/- for practical students. The break for the aforementioned fee structure is placed at **ANNEXURE-A**.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

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Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.