



GOVT. OF ASSAM
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
KAHILIPARA::: GUWAHATI

No: 775718/15(i)

Dated: Kahilipara, 27th July, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In continuation of earlier notification issued vide ref no: 775718/15 dated 2nd July, 2026, and in the larger interest of the applicants, the undersigned is directed by the Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam, to communicate the Standard operation procedures for conducting lateral entry admission for 3rd, 5th and 7th semesters of Four-Year Undergraduate programmes in the Higher Educational Institutions of Assam for the academic session 2026-27.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR LATERAL ENTRY

A. For Students

1. **Scope of Applicability:** Lateral entry does not apply to normal semester-wise progression within the same programme-discipline combination in the same College/University. Re-admission to the same programme-discipline combination in subsequent semesters falls outside the purview of lateral entry.
2. **Eligibility:** A currently enrolled student who has passed the second, fourth, or sixth semester examination in all papers is eligible to seek lateral entry into a different programme-discipline combination within the same College, or into the same/different programme-discipline combination in another College/University.
3. **Enrolment Details:** Students must accurately furnish their current enrolment number and Major paper at the time of applying for lateral entry in the admission portal. (assamadm-le.samarth.ac.in/index.php/)
4. **Verification of Policy:** Students must verify the lateral entry policy and eligibility criteria of the College/University they intend to join, whether at the third, fifth, or seventh semester of the four-year undergraduate programme under NEP-2020, as published on the respective admission portal, prior to applying.

B. For Institutions

1. **Reference Year:** The nature/status of an Institution as on the 2023 admission year shall serve as the reference point for mapping and correlating eligibility for 7th-semester lateral entry admissions.
2. **Change in Institutional nature:** Where the nature of a College/University has changed subsequently (for instance, a College that was affiliated in 2023 but became Autonomous in 2025), the following shall apply:
 - a. The 5th and 7th semester batches shall continue under the academic framework of the affiliating University.
 - b. Only the 3rd semester batch shall transition to the academic framework of the newly Autonomous College.
3. **Compliance Requirement:** Affiliated Colleges must verify and ensure compliance with the affiliating University's lateral entry policy while granting admissions.
4. **Applicability of Revised Status:** The policy of a standalone University/Autonomous College shall apply only to those batches admitted with effect from the date such status was notified. For instance, if an

Institution is granted Autonomous or University status in 2025, its 5th-semester and 7th-semester lateral entry admissions for that year shall be governed by the Institution's nature as it stood in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

5. **Governing Guidelines:** All notifications and guidelines issued by the University concerned or the Government of Assam shall be referred to and complied with in this regard.
6. **Mandatory upload of the admission policy:** All participating Higher Educational Institutions are required to mandatorily upload their respective **Lateral Entry Information Bulletin/Admission Notification**, in conformity with the lateral entry policies of the concerned affiliated University, as applicable, along with any other relevant admission-related instructions, as **a single consolidated PDF document** on the lateral entry admission portal. The institution's operational helpline contact details are also to be entered in the same interface for the benefit of applicants and to seek clarification, as deemed necessary.

This may kindly be done in the same manner as was followed during the Common UG Admission process to ensure uniformity, ease of access, and effective dissemination of information to prospective students.

This has the approval of the competent authority

Sd/-
Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati

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Copy to:

1. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6, for kind information.
2. The Registrar, all participating State Universities of Assam, for kind information and necessary action.
3. Prof. Sanjeev Singh, Principal Investigator, Samarth e-Gov, New Delhi, for kind information and request for support.
4. The Principal, all Autonomous Colleges of Assam, for kind information and necessary action.
5. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Assam, for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
6. The Regional SAMARTH Support and Coordination Centre, Assam, for information and necessary action.

(e-signed)
Director of Higher Education, Assam
Kahilipara, Guwahati