



DHARANIDHAR UNIVERSITY, KEONJHAR

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Minutes of the first meeting of the Syndicate held on 09.10.2025 at 03.00pm in the South Campus of the University

Members Presents: -

1. Prof. (Dr.) Shyam Sundar Pattnaik, Vice- Chancellor
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar - Chairman
2. Dr. Sujata Subhadarsini Nayak, OAS (S)
Joint Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Department - Member
3. Dr. Prabhu Prasad Das, Chairman, PG Council,
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar - Member
4. Dr. Damodar Sahoo, Director, College Development Council
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar - Member
5. Sri Bijay Kumar Behera, Dean Student Welfare
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar - Member
6. Dr. Hemanta Kumar Ghadei
Regional Director of Education, Balasore – Member
7. Mr. Brahma Nanda Naik, Principal
Mahapat Degree Mahavidyalaya, Janghira-Member
8. Dr. Subhasis Das, Director, Ardent Steels Ltd., Keonjhar - Member
9. Prof. Shreerup Goswami, Prof. in Geology
Utkal University, Bhubaneswar - Member
10. Dr. Bhagirathi Prusty, Retd. Principal
Karanjia (Auto.) College, Karanjia - Member
11. Prof. Pankaj Kar, Retd. Professor in Pol.Science, Begunia College - Member
12. Dr. Lalit Kumar Mohanta, Retd. Principal
Jhumpura College, Jhumpura - Member
13. Dr. Lalit Ranjan Sahu, Principal
Govt. Women's College, Keonjhar - Member
14. Dr. Rajendra Kumar Kar, Principal
Chandrasekhar (Degree) College, Champua, Keonjhar – Member
15. Sri Jyotirmaya Mohapatra, CoF
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar, Special-Invitee
16. Sri Pradeep Kumar Panda, CoE
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar, Special- Invitee
17. Ms. Prativa Prusty, Registrar
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar, Member- Secretary

Synd 01:00

At the outset Member Secretary who is also the Registrar of the University extended warm welcome to the esteemed members and the Chairman of the Syndicate. The Member Secretary requested the chairman after delivering the opening remarks and reiterating that the university should be steered to justify its existence by meeting the contemporary needs and also evolving as a destination of solutions not only for the local issues but also of global problem. He also emphasized that the skill to be integrated in each programme so that students are ready for needs of the society and industry as a whole. Then he requested the members secretary to present the agendas item wise.

Items for Information

Synd 01: 01 Report by the COE on examination matter

The Controller of Examinations of the University presented a detailed statistics of the examinations conducted so far and the pass percentage including the steps taken to streamline the examination in due course of time. The same was noted by the esteemed members.

(Action: CoE)

Synd 01: 02 Report by the Chairman, PG Council

The Chairman, P.G. Council highlighted the academic as well as curricular activities of the University. He shed light on the research activities and placement opportunities. The same was appreciated by the members.

Synd 01: 03 Report by the Director, CDC

The Director, College Development Council intimated that there are 35 affiliated colleges under the University. Necessary steps are being taken by the university towards achieving of excellence and accreditation of colleges. The members agreed to extend their unstinted cooperation on the issue. Director CDC was advised to obtain necessary approval from the Vice Chancellor to initiate the affiliation process.

(Action: Director, CDC)

Synd 01: 04 Report by the Dean, Student Welfare

The Dean, Student Welfare intimated the house about the steps taken by the University for the holistic growth of the students. Like induction programme where freshers were welcomed and intimated about the rules and regulation of the university. Similarly, students were encouraged to participate in various activities of NCC, YRC, NSS and different competitions. The members expressed their satisfaction on the welfare measures taken by the University.

Items for Approval

Synd 01: 05 Nomination of one member to be the member of Selection Committee for the selection of Vice-Chancellor of the University

Apropos the University Act Section 6(3)(iii), the esteemed members of the syndicate nominated Prof. Raghunath Panda, Former Professor of Sanskrit of Utkal University to be the member of selection/ search committee of the Vice-Chancellor of Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 06 Nomination of two industry members to the Senate of the University

As per section9(1) (zb) of the University Act., the members suggested the names of the following persons from the industry to be the members of the Senate.

- i) Sri Basant Kumar Mishra, Former Senior Vice-President and Unit COO of Tech Mahindra and presently Co-founder of Crest XO
- ii) Sri Srinibash Sahoo, Chairman of the World Group.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 07 Nomination of one member from Skill development Sector to the Senate of the University

As per section9(1) (zc) of the University Act. the Syndicate suggested the name of Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Viswakarma Skill University, Hariyana to be the member of the Senate.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 08 Nomination of one Odia diaspora to the Senate of the University

In accordance with section9(1) (zd) of the University Act, eminent cardiologist Dr. Bhagabata Chandra Sahoo who currently lives in USA was nominated to the Senate of the University

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 09 Nomination of alumni by the syndicate to the Senate of the University

Shri Batakrushna Dehury, IAS (Retd.) who is a notable alumnus was unanimously nominated by the Syndicate to be the member of Senate.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 10 Nomination of teachers from UG colleges and PG colleges to the Senate of the University

As per section9(1) (y) of the University Act., following three teachers from UG Colleges and three teachers from PG Colleges were nominated to the Senate by the Syndicate.

- i) Sri Prasanta Kumar Nanda, Lecturer in Economics, C.S College, Champua, 7894162917

- ii) Sri Prafulla Kumar Panda, Reader in Chemistry, Anandapur College, Anandapur, 9437077647

- iii) Sri Sanjay Kumar Mahanta, Lecturer in Mathematics, Barbil College, Barbil,
9438443647
- iv) Dr. Haraprasad Majhi, Asst. Prof. in English Govt. Women's College,
Keonjhar, 9437933206
- v) Sri Jyotiranjana Jena, Asst. Prof. in Physics, Govt. Women's College, Keonjhar,
8249554543
- vi) Dr. Ajit Kumar Baral, Asst. Prof. in Commerce, Govt. Women's College,
Keonjhar, 6370433514

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 11 Nomination of students to the Senate of the University

In accordance with section 9(1) (z) of the University Act., following seven students of the University were nominated to the Senate.

- i) Smruti Sagarika Choudhury, BS(P)24-005 (Academics)
- ii) Minakshi Purty, BC-23-084 (Sports), 7978844766
- ii) Sarmistha Sahoo, PG-Zool-25-015, (Singer), 8249703834
- iv) Deepika Soren (ST)- PG-Zool-24-007
- v) Jasmine Patra (SC)- PG-Hist-25-017
- vi) BUO Subrat Kumar Mahakud (NCC)- BC-23-143
- vii) Subhasmita Mahanta (NSS)-BS-23-303

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 12: Land case under the Hon'ble Court for negotiation

The esteemed members of the Syndicate discussed the matter. As the issue is quite old stated in 2003 and the land was in possession of Dharanidhar College and it involves payment of litigation fee as well as paying the land cost approximately Six to Seven crores in land acquisition process at present market value, therefore it is decided to refer to HED. Govt of Odisha for an early decision. Registrar was advised to inform the Court accordingly.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 13 Guest faculty appointment and release of remuneration

The Syndicate after deliberation in the interest of the students and to avoid academic disruption decided to release the remuneration of the Guest Faculty from own fund of the University.

It is further decided to continue the already engaged guest faculty till 31.12.2025 and advised the University to finish the process of appointment of guest faculty afresh by 31.12.2025. The University was also advised to pursue the matter with the Government so that if the Government release the grant the same can be refunded to the University fund.

(Action: Registrar)

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Synd 01: 14 Approval of the minutes of 1st Academic Council Meeting held on dt. 14.11.2024 & 2nd Academic Council meeting held on 08 October, 2025

It was decided to circulate the minutes of the first Academic Council Meeting held on 14.11.2024 and 2nd Academic Council Meeting held on 08.10.2025 to send to all the esteemed members for approval through circulation.

(Action: Chairman, PG Council)

Synd 01: 15 Nomination of members to the Finance Committee of the University

As per Act clause 14(h) of the University, the following three (03) members were unanimously nominated by the Syndicate to the Finance Committee of the University.

- i) Sri Nalini Ranjan Sarangi, CoF, OSOU
- ii) Dr. Bhagirathi Prusty, Retd. Principal, Karanjia Autonomous College, Karanjia
- iii) Sri Balasius Soreng, District Audit Officer, Keonjhar

(Action: CoF & Registrar)

Synd 01: 16 Issue of NDC & Sanction of pension in favour of Sri Durga Narayan Behera, Retd. Senior Librarian, Dharanidhar Autonomous College

After deliberation on the presented item since the books have been missing from the library but not issued to Sri D.N. Behera, hence, it was decided to withheld Rs.5,76,921.23 by considering this as missing of government journals and books apropos of OCS- pension Rule 70 (3). The University was advised to release the balance amount due to Sri D.N. Behera. In the meantime, the university is to constitute a committee to fix the responsibility.

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 17(A) Nomination of two members by the Syndicate to the Building and Works Committee of the University

As per Act clause 13(1), the Syndicate nominated the following two members to the Building and Works Committee of the University

- i) HoD, Civil Engineering, VSSUT
- ii) Dr. Lalit Kumar Mahanta, Retd. Principal, Jhumpura College, Jhumpura

(Action: Registrar)

Synd 01: 17(B) Advertisement of sanctioned vacant posts for the faculty positions.

The University was advised to initiate the process of advertisement of the approved sanctioned posts following the reservation provided by DSSO, Keonjhar.

(Action: Registrar and Dean, Student Welfare)

Synd 01: 17(C) Continuity of retired employee Sri B.K. Panda in Controller of Examinations Section till alternative arrangement is made

After deliberation and looking into the sensitivity of the matter the syndicate allowed the continuity of Sri B.K. Panda till 31.12.2025 or till an alternative is

arranged whichever is earlier. The remuneration @ of Rs. 20,000 /- per month of Sri Panda will be met from university fund.

Synd01: 17(D) Approval of the master plan of the Ac13.05dec. acres of the south campus of the University.

The master plan including the proposed buildings prepared by the TATA STEEL Foundation after two rounds of discussion with the University official and faculty members involving Vice Chancellor, Registrar, COF, CPGC, DCDC, Dean Student Welfare, HODs/Coordinators and Campus development officers was presented and discussed. After deliberation, the esteemed members approved the name newly contacted G+4 BUILDING AS "School of Emerging Applied Technology" and to designate floors as AI, Cyber Security, ARVR, AND Immersive Media and Animation, Graphics & Digital media development. The master plan and the proposed buildings under the master plan were approved. University was advised to float advertisement/EOI for engaging agency to act as consultant for construction of building for which the funds have been already sanctioned i.e. Rs. 90.0 Cr. For academic buildings and Rs. 10.0 Cr. For hostels. The University was suggested to seek financial supported from DMF to complete the construction of rest four of administrative building of the south campus and to procure at least 800 all-in-one computers and round tables and chairs for the G+4 already constructed building. (Action: Registrar, CoF, And CDO)

Approved
Sd/
Vice-Chancellor
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar

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Dated 29.10.2025

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Registrar
Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar

Memo No. 3236/DDU Dated 29.10.2025

Copy to P.S. Vice-Chancellor for kind information of Vice-Chancellor D.D. University.


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