



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK



ASSAM SKILL UNIVERSITY



AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31/03/2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To,
The Chief Executive Officer
Assam Skill University Project
3rd Floor, DECT Office Complex, Rehabari
Guwahati-781008, Assam

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **Assam Skill University**, in respect of a Project financed under **Asian Development Bank Loan No. 4166-IND**, which comprise the Receipts and Payments account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and related notes for the period ended **31st March 2024** and a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by ICAI. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by ICAI and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for

The Agency's Management is responsible for the preparation of these project financial statements, in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers **internal control** relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the

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appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. As far as going concern concept is concern, it all depends on the scheme and policy of the Government.

Unmodified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the sources and applications of funds of Project for the period ended 31st March 2024 and the financial position as on 31st March 2024 in accordance with accounting standards.

Subject to our observations attached as per Annexure -A, we further report that:

- 1) Proceeds of the loan from ADB have been utilized for the purposes as per ADB Loan / Project Agreement,
- 2) Financial covenants in the loan agreement Assam Skill University Project Loan No. 4166-IND dated 17th December 2021 have been complied with.
- 3) (i) a. With respect to SOEs, adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to support claims to the Asian Development Bank for reimbursements of expenditures incurred; and
b. Except for matters detailed in the Management Letter, appended to this audit report, expenditures are eligible for financing under the Loan Agreement.
(ii) The Project is on Reimbursement and Direct payment procedure and Imprest Account procedure is not applicable.



Date: 25/07/2024
Place: Guwahati

For Niranjan & Narayan
Chartered Accountants

FRN No. 005899S

CA Sanjay Kumar Jalewala

Partner

Membership No. 307995
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Management Letter

To,

The Chief Executive Officer
Assam Skill University Project
3rd Floor, DECT Office Complex, Rehabari
Guwahati-781008, Assam

Sub: Audit of Project Financial Statements of Assam Skill University for the period ended 31st March 2024

The purpose of this report is to set out certain matters that came to our attention during the course of the audit of project financial statements of Loan No. 4166-IND and is part of audit deliverables related to project audit for the fiscal year 31st March' 2024.

Our objective is to use our knowledge of the operations gained during our routine audit work to make useful comments and suggestions for you to consider. However, you will appreciate that our routine audit work is designed to enable us to form an opinion on the financial statements of the project operations and it should not be relied upon to disclose all irregularities that may exist or to disclose errors that are not material in relation to the financial statements.

Our report is designed to include useful recommendations that may help improve performance and avoid weaknesses that could lead to material loss or misstatement. It is your obligation to take the actions needed to remedy those weaknesses and should you fail to do so we shall not be held responsible if loss or misstatement occurs as a result.

The report is provided on the basis that it is for the information of project management and ADB who are one of the prime end-users of these project financial statements; that it will not be quoted or referred to, in whole or in part, without our prior written consent; and that we will accept no responsibility to any third party in relation to it.

This report addresses our observations from this year's audit and our recommendations in each area. These matters have been discussed with management and their response is included as appropriate.

Section A:

Matters or observations where there is a risk of a significant financial impact on the project financial statements (PFS) due to control failure. These are not material enough that require qualification or an exception in our project audit report drawing attention of the users, but these must be addressed immediately as continuing failure of these controls may significantly impact project operations. Management responses are included --- Please Refer to Annexure A attached herewith



For Niranjan & Narayan
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Audit Observations forming part of the Audit Report for the Period ended 31st March 2024

Annexure - A

Observations forming part of Audit Report	Comments to be provided by
1. Land Records:	<p>The project had not updated its land ownership records against the land allocated by the government of Assam for established of the University. Furthermore, the project had not acquired an up-to-date Record of Rights, which is necessary for compliance and to avoid legal disputes. This lack of compliance raises concerns about the project's governance and adherence to statutory requirements, indicating a need for immediate corrective action to ensure accurate and current land records.</p>
2. Control on fixed assets:	<p>It has been observed that the control over fixed assets is not satisfactory which is evident from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No physical marking/numbering of fixed assets made. b. No fixed assets verification committee formed. c. No fixed assets verification conducted during the Financial Year. <p>The Darrang District administration has handed over the possession of the land to the Assam Skill University and has also instructed the circle officer, Mangaldai Revenue circle, Mangaldai to update the land records post the handover. The matter is being followed up with the concerned office and necessary documents shall be obtained during the current year.</p>



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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULES	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
<u>Capital</u>			
Unspent Balance	1	-12,581,589.90	-4,995,997.90
<u>Other Reserves</u>			
Fixed Assets Reserve	2	187,829.00	187,829.00
<u>Other Accumulated Receipts</u>	3	821,169.00	32,499.00
Current Liabilities	4	32,010,306.00	5,402,564.00
	Total	20,437,714.10	626,894.10
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	5	187,829.00	187,829.00
<u>Current Assets, Loans and Advances</u>			
<u>Loans & Advances</u>	6	5,975.00	23,000.00
<u>Current Assets</u>	7		
Cash-in-hand		5,421.00	6,066.00
Bank Balance		20,238,489.10	409,999.10
	Total	20,437,714.10	626,894.10



Auditor


Ranjit Kumar
Assam Skill University


Jawahir Md. Ebadul
Registrar
Assam Skill University



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SCHEDULE ANNEXED TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024

SCHEDULE - 1 OF UNSPENT BALANCE

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Unspent Balance		
Opening Balance b/f	-4,995,997.90	2,579,625.10
Add: Funds Received from Govt.	-	-
Less: Expenditure as per I/E A/c.	7,585,592.00	7,575,623.00
Closing Balance	-12,581,589.90	-4,995,997.90

SCHEDULE - 2 OF OTHER RESERVES

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Fixed Assets Reserve		
Opening Balance b/f	187,829.00	110,189.00
Add: Addition during the year	-	77,640.00
Less: Deletion during the year	-	-
Closing Balance	187,829.00	187,829.00

SCHEDULE - 3 OF OTHER ACCUMULATED RECEIPTS

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Bank Interest		
Opening Balance b/f	32,499.00	14,096.00
Add: Addition during the year	18,372.00	18,403.00
Less: Deletion / transfer during the year	-	-
Closing Balance (A)	50,871.00	32,499.00
Tender Fees	6,000.00	
Recruitment Application Fees	764,298.00	
Closing Balance (B)	770,298.00	-
Total	821,169.00	-



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SCHEDULE ANNEXED TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024

SCHEDULE - 4 OF CURRENT LIABILITIES

PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
Advance from ASDM	5,287,188.00	5,287,188.00
Advance from ASUP	26,464,246.00	92,297.00
Professional Tax	-	624.00
Income Tax TDS	-	22,455.00
Retention Money	258,872.00	-
Total	32,010,306.00	5,402,564.00

SCHEDULE - 4A OF CURRENT LIABILITIES - STATUTORY DUES

PARTICULARS	Opening Balance	Deducted during the year	Paid during the year	Closing Balance
Professional Tax	624.00	6,212.00	6,836.00	-
Income Tax TDS				
u/s. 192B	22,455.00	450,000.00	472,455.00	-
u/s. 194J	-	2,115.00	2,115.00	-
u/s. 194C	-	44,446.00	44,446.00	-
GST TDS	-	43,876.00	43,876.00	-
Labour Cess	-	21,938.00	21,938.00	-
Total	23,079.00	568,587.00	591,666.00	-



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SCHEDULE ANNEXED TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024

SCHEDULE - 5 OF FIXED ASSETS

PARTICULARS	Opening Balance	Addition during the year	Deletion during the year	Closing Balance
HP Laser Printer	34,999.00	-	-	34,999.00
Computer	75,190.00	-	-	75,190.00
Invertor	58,140.00	-	-	58,140.00
Kent Water Purifier 8 Ltr	19,500.00	-	-	19,500.00
Total	187,829.00	-	-	187,829.00

SCHEDULE - 6 OF LOANS & ADVANCES

PARTICULARS	Opening Balance	Addition during the year	Deletion during the year	Closing Balance
Security Deposits	5,000.00		-	5,000.00
Advance for Office Expenses	18,000.00	975.00	18,000.00	975.00
Total	23,000.00	975.00	18,000.00	5,975.00

SCHEDULE - 7 OF CURRENTS ASSETS

PARTICULARS	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Cash-in-hand	5,421.00	6,066.00
State Bank Of India (A/c No. 40466286253)	20,238,489.10	409,999.10
Total	20,243,910.10	416,065.10



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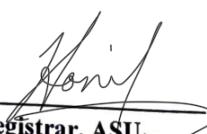
INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024

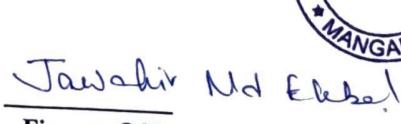
INCOME	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Government funds utilized to the extent of expenditure incurred	7,585,592.00	7,575,623.00
Total	7,585,592.00	7,575,623.00

EXPENDITURE	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
<u>ASU Operations</u>		
Contingency & Misc Expenses	19,541.00	35,900.00
Conveyance Expenses	-	1,370.00
DPR Preparation	-	4,764,871.00
Drawing and Design of Boundary Wall	177,000.00	-
Fixed Assets	-	77,640.00
Honorarium	40,975.00	20,500.00
House Keeping Expenses	-	28,000.00
Interview Expenses	506,766.00	-
Meeting Expenses	36,697.00	18,400.00
Office Renovation at DECT	1,497,050.00	-
Papers and Periodicals	16,176.00	6,224.00
POL, etc. Expenses	215,916.00	207,381.00
Printing and Stationery	62,052.00	39,640.00
Refreshment Expenses	-	7,155.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,900.00	73,611.00
Salary of VC, Staff, etc.	3,715,311.00	2,064,450.00
Software Charges	6,655.00	-
Telephone, Mobile & Internet	78,727.00	82,264.00
Tour Expenses	29,034.00	2,800.00
Travelling Expenses	15,625.00	20,273.00
Vehicle Hiring Expenses	49,634.00	125,144.00
Water Proofing of ASU Office at DECT	1,091,577.00	-
Website Maintainence Expenses	24,956.00	-
Total	7,585,592.00	7,575,623.00



Auditor


Registrar, ASU
Registrar
Assam Skill University


Jawahir Md Ehsan
Finance Officer



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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024

RECEIPTS	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
Opening Balance		
Cash-in-hand	6,066.00	27.00
Bank Balance	409,999.10	1,025,509.10
Funds Received from State Government		
Current Liabilities		
Advance from ASDM	-	2,085,373.00
Advance from ASUP	26,371,949.00	92,297.00
Professional Tax	6,212.00	624.00
Income Tax TDS	496,561.00	22,455.00
GST TDS	43,876.00	
Labour Cess	21,938.00	
Retention Money	258,872.00	-
Loans & Advances		
DPR funds transferred from ASUP	-	4,765,000.00
Advance for Office Expenses	18,000.00	-
Advance to Jagadish Nath		
Other Incomes		
Tender Fees	6,000.00	
Bank Interest	18,372.00	18,403.00
Recruitment Application Fees	764,298.00	-
Total	28,422,143.10	8,009,688.10

PAYMENTS	FY 2023-24	FY 2022-23
ASU Operations		
Contingency & Misc Expenses	19,541.00	35,900.00
Conveyance Expenses	-	1,370.00
DPR Preparation	-	4,764,871.00
Drawing and Design of Boundary Wall	177,000.00	-
Fixed Assets	-	77,640.00
Honorarium	40,975.00	20,500.00
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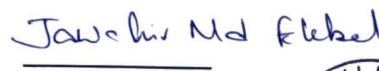
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Meeting Expenses	36,697.00	18,400.00
Office Renovation at DECT	1,497,050.00	-
Papers and Periodicals	16,176.00	6,224.00
POL, etc. Expenses	215,916.00	207,381.00
Printing and Stationery	62,052.00	39,640.00
Refreshment Expenses	-	7,155.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,900.00	73,611.00
Salary of VC, Staff, etc.	3,715,311.00	2,064,450.00
TDS Software	6,655.00	-
Telephone, Mobile & Internet	78,727.00	82,264.00
Tour Expenses	29,034.00	2,800.00
Travelling Expenses	15,625.00	20,273.00
Vehicle Hiring Expenses	49,634.00	125,144.00
Water Proofing of ASU Office at DECT	1,091,577.00	-
Website Maintenance Expenses	24,956.00	-
	7,585,592.00	7,575,623.00
Loans and Advances		
Advance for Office Expenses	975.00	18,000.00
Current Liabilities (Repayment)		
- Professional Tax	6,836.00	
- GST TDS	43,876.00	
- Labour Cess	21,938.00	
- TDS	519,016.00	
Closing Balance		
Cash-in-hand	5,421.00	6,066.00
Bank Balance	20,238,489.10	409,999.10
Total	28,422,143.10	8,009,688.10



Auditor


 Registrar, ASU
 'Assam Skill University'


 Finance Officer



ASSAM SKILL UNIVERSITY

NOTES FORMING PART OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. Background

In September 2020, the Assam Legislative Assembly passed the Assam Skill University Act to establish Assam Skill University (ASU) in accordance with the regulations of the Government of India's University Grants Commission.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Financial Statements

This comprises of the statement of Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure, Receipts and Payments for the Project and related notes and appendices to the financial statements.

2.2 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on cash basis of accounting. They differ from the accounting standards generally accepted in India in respect of the following:

- i. Total Grants received is credited under "Unspent Balance". Grant utilized to the extent of revenue and capital expenditure incurred is transferred to Income and Expenditure A/c. The balance amount of grant is shown in the Balance Sheet.
- ii. Fixed assets are stated at cost of acquisition and subsequent improvements thereto including taxes, duties, freight and other incidental expenses relating to acquisition. The payment on fixed assets is accounted as expenditure and shown in Income and Expenditure A/c. under respective project cost. However, for the purpose of reflecting the fixed assets in the Balance Sheet, a "Fixed Assets Reserve" equivalent to the amount paid for fixed assets is created and shown under "Other Reserves" in the Balance Sheet. The corresponding fixed assets is shown on the assets side.
- iii. Depreciation of fixed assets is not provided as assets are generated out of grants in aid.
- iv. Other receipts like Bank Interest, Tender fees, etc. are not accounted as income. Rather they are shown under "Other Accumulated Receipts" in the Balance Sheet.
- v. Liability on account of retention money, security deposits, etc. due to contractors and statutory dues have been accounted for and disclosed in the Balance Sheet.

3. Funds received from Government

Particulars	Amount
NA	NIL

4. Contingent Liabilities : NIL

