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**PRESS RELEASE**

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This is for information of the general public that the Dhanamanjuri University has been continuously striving to bring back the academic atmosphere in the Dhanamanjuri University campus.

The statutory bodies of the University viz the Academic Council, the Syndicate and the Senate has been re-constituted as Regular Academic Council, Syndicate, Senate as per relevant provisions of the DMU Act, 2017 with the approval of the Chancellor, DMU, the Honourable Governor of Manipur.

The process for filling up the post of Registrar, Controller Examination has been completed and the result will be declared shortly after approval of the Syndicate as required under DMU Act 2017 along with other essential non-teaching and teaching posts.

The former Vice-Chancellor was appointed in 2021 under Section 14(2) of the DMU Act, 2017 which provided that the term of the first Vice-Chancellor shall be for a period of 3 (three) years. The second proviso of section 14 of the DMU Act, 2017 was amended on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to read as "not exceeding 3(three) years". The term of the first Vice-Chancellor (Regular) was completed on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and he held office for the full term of 3 (three) years as per the Act. His term was not curtailed due to this amendment. The proviso under Section 14(4), which allows the Vice-Chancellor to continue in his office until a successor is appointed, for a maximum period of 1 (one) year, will be applicable only in case of subsequent Vice-Chancellor appointed under Section 14(4) and not Vice-Chancellor appointed under Section 14 (2).

The former Vice-Chancellor with the approval of the Syndicate was supposed to appoint a Pro Vice-Chancellor under Section 4(1). This was not done and hence there was no Pro-VC. The Amendment of the Act to make the Administrative Secretary in-charge of Department of Higher & Technical Education as ex-officio Vice-Chancellor in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor was done on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This was more than 1 (one) year before the former Vice-Chancellor retired, and also 15 (fifteen) months before Government conveyed approval for declaration of results for recruitment for additional posts. Moreover, if a Pro-VC had been appointed by the former VC, this provision would not have been used.

Dhanamanjuri University is a State University which runs with major financial support from the State Government. Its revenue collected from students and constituent colleges forms only a meagre source of its funding requirements. Therefore, the views of State Government relating to new appointments need to be considered by the University, including declaration of results for recruitments. It is informed that various factors are considered by Government before according permission for declaration of results of recruitment, such as State's financial health, importance of the posts, availability of temporary manpower to dispose of day-to-day responsibilities pending a recruitment process, legal issues involved, observance of due procedure and norms for recruitment, Model Code of Conduct, etc.

The declaration of results of the recruitment for 83 teaching faculty on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 did not follow the procedure prescribed by the Government and the DMU Act. Proceedings of the Syndicate approving declaration of results for recruitment were not found in records. Registrar was not present in the meeting of the Syndicate chaired by the former Vice Chancellor in this regard. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court for declaration of results had not at all directed the University to declare results by flouting the act and rules. These irregularities had also invited scrutiny of the State Vigilance Commission.

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The advertisement for filling up the post Vice- Chancellor was issued on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 after due process, which was initiated in May, 2024. The process was delayed due of the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct. Constitution of the Search Committee as envisaged in the DMU Act, 2017 has started.

The University had conducted online examination in 2023 for certain semesters in view of the then prevailing law and order scenario in the State. Online examination is however not the standard norm for assessing students. Based on experience in conduct of this online examination, it was felt necessary to ensure that the integrity of any assessment examination should not be compromised and all measures taken to promote the best educational and ethical standards in the University.

Further, in view of the current demand of the students for holding semester examinations in online mode, the approval to conduct examination on online mode has been sought from UGC and reply is awaited. Approval of the UGC has been sought so that the future of the students is not jeopardized in case the online examinations are not recognized by UGC. However, to avoid further loss, the Academic Council meeting was held several times to work for the welfare of the students including starting of classes of the next Semester.

The University had issued notification for filling up the examination forms for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Post Graduate) Semester Examination, 2023 (December) on 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 and further, renotified again on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 by the then Controller of Examinations, and the same notification has rescheduled examinations w.e.f. 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Semester (UG) Examination. 2024 (June) is scheduled w.e.f. 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to be completed on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

The University requests the understanding and cooperation of the general public, parents, teachers and students' community in its efforts to improve academic atmosphere in the Dhanamanjuri University and its 5 (five) constituent colleges, and not to believe in any misleading statements. The University is steadfast in its belief for the welfare of the student community and appeals to all the students who are on hunger strike, to call of the same, and support the University in its efforts to restore normalcy in the academic campus.

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