

**THE NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES**

**OB-9**

**ON THE MAHATMA GANDHI VISITING  
PROFESSORSHIP**

*Under Section 5 (23) read with Section 26 (1) (g)  
of the NEHU Act, 1973*

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| <b>Short title</b>                | <b>1.</b> | The endowment shall be called the “Mahatma Gandhi Visiting Professorship Fund”.  |
| <b>Objective</b>                  | <b>2.</b> | The object of the endowment is to promote the study of Gandhian ideology in the changing national context in general and the situation in the North-Eastern Region in particular and disseminate it amongst the University community.  |
| <b>Operation of the endowment</b> | <b>3.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A distinguished scholar, preferably other than a teacher of the North-Eastern Hill University, in any discipline may be invited for a period, ordinarily not exceeding one semester, to the University under the endowment.</li> <li>ii. The Professor invited under this scheme shall be designated as “The Mahatma Gandhi Visiting Professor, NEHU” (or Gandhi Professor in short).</li> <li>iii. The Gandhi Professor shall be paid an honorarium the maximum of which shall not exceed Rs.2,500/-plus such other allowances as may be admissible to a Professor of the University per month or a part thereof. He will also be entitled to travelling expenses as per University rules .</li> <li>iv. The expenditure so incurred shall be met out of the interest accrued on the designated fund. However, the expenditure on account of his travelling allowance shall not be charged to the designated fund but shall be met out of the University funds.</li> <li>v. During his stay at the North-Eastern Hill University, the designated Professor shall be entitled to free lodging and also local conveyance and the expenses so incurred shall not be met out of the fund, but out of the general maintenance fund of the University.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Academic Thrust</b>            | <b>4.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Visiting Professor under this endowment shall deliver a course of lectures comprising lectures to students of the University, public lecture etc. While the lectures to the students may cover a wider range, the public and general lectures will relate to a specific theme in the subject which may cover an aspect of Gandhian thought by way of its critical study, elaboration, comparative study with other philosophies, etc.</li> </ul>   |

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- ii. Not less than three public lectures shall be organised under this Scheme. The number could be more depending on the tenure of the Professor.
- iii. In case the University decides to publish the lectures, the copyright shall vest in the University. If no decision is taken by the University within a year of the end of the term of the Professor or the submission of the manuscript by him which so ever is later, he will be free to publish them on his own.
- iv. The publication of the Gandhi lectures shall be done under the aegis of the North-Eastern Hill University Publications. A suitable subsidy may be provided from the interest of the endowment where necessary or if alternative arrangements are to be made for their publication.
- v. The amount of Rs. 1 lakh shall be invested in the long term interest yielding securities of the State Bank of India. The balance of the interest in a year after meeting the expenses shall be added to the corpus of the endowment.
- vi. The expenditure in connection with the Mahatma Gandhi Visiting Professor shall be met only from the interest accrued from the endowment in any particular year. In exceptional cases 50% of the net balance of the previous year added to the corpus of the fund in terms of (i) above, may be further utilised for any special programme like publication.

**Operation of the Fund**

**5.**

The Finance Officer shall be responsible for maintenance of proper accounts of the fund and accounts of the fund shall be audited every year along with the accounts of the University. The audit fees or any other related expenditure shall not, however, be charged to the fund.

**Management of the Fund**

**6.**

- i. The Deans' Committee of the University shall be responsible for management of the fund. The Finance Officer shall be a special invitee in those meetings of the Deans' Committee which may consider any proposal having financial implications to the Fund.
- ii. Without prejudice to the generality of the objectives of the fund, it shall be the duty of the Deans' Committee to recommend to the Executive Council on the following:
  - a. by the end of June every year a panel of three names of persons from which selection to the Mahatma Gandhi Visiting Professorship may be made;
  - b. the duration of stay and number of lectures to be delivered by the Visiting Professor and the amount of honorarium to be paid;
  - c. the publication or otherwise of the lectures delivered; and

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- d. such other matters as may be found necessary for achieving the objectives of the Fund.

**Annual Report 7.**

The Registrar shall prepare an annual report at the end of each financial year on the administration of the Fund and place it before the Executive Council.

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1. Approved vide Ministry of Education, Govt. of India letter No. F.8-45/82-Desk (U) of August 9, 1983.  
2. Amended vide Executive Council resolution No. EC:41:84:04:1(i).