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To,

Her Excellency The President of India.  
Mrs. Protibha Devi Singh Patil.

Sub. :- Demand of Environmental University.



Respected Madam,

With great regard, *Aranya Suraksha Samiti Assam* would like to raise a demand for foundation of Environmental University in BTAD (Assam) which will be prime institution for environmental Education and research in India and will be a proud for the people North-East. As per our knowledge is concern there is no such environmental University in India, but there are cultural Universities, language Universities etc. and therefore demand of Environmental Universities is also justified.

This is for your kind information that, Supreme court of India ordered UGC to make environmental education compulsory to the collage students in 2005. As per this order UGC has made mandatory of environmental education in graduate level of all the disciplines like science, arts, commerce, technical subjects etc. In Assam environmental studies is a compulsory subject in degree second year in all the disciplines. But to teach environmental studies, there is neither department of environmental studies, nor the teachers of this subjects are available in the collages. There is only a nodel teacher who manage the classes of environmental studies. The nodel teachers may be of any discipline and he can depute any teacher of any discipline to teach environmental studies. This situation is not proper and scientific. At present, to become a collage teacher of any subject, he should be a Ph.D degree holder or NET passed student. But Environmental studies is taken as such a subject, where there is no necessarily need specialisation ! Actually, due to lack of proper manpower or human resource, Environmental studies is now taught by the teacher of any discipline. To creat enough

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manpower or human resource of Environmental studies, there is great need of Environmental Universities. There are Environmental science departments in various Universities, but Environmental science is a part of Environmental studies. On the other hand a student of arts or commerce cannot read in the Environmental science department. Environmental University will be open the door for all the students of all the disciplines. So. we hope, our government will come forward to establish Environmental university.

### Area of the Subject of Environmental University :

Environmental University will include Environmental Education, Ecology, Sustainable development, disaster mitigation, Bio-diversity studies. Demographic studies, Rain and cloud studies, Hill and River studies, forestation and deforestation, Ethno-Botany and folk science, cultural diversity and heritage Environment, Natural resources and their Ecofriendly utilisation, Environmental philosophy, Environmental laws, Environmental politics, Environmental economies, ornithology, Oceanography and so on.

### Why Environmental University in Assam:

There are many more developed states in India. Then why environmental university will set up in Assam ? How BTAD can support such an institution ? Questions may be raised. We have the answer of such questions. It is our proud that north-east India is the second place from the point of richness Bio-diversity in the world (The first one is Brazil) On the other hand, we have the largest river system in the world, The Brahmaputra river system. We have the foot hills of Himalayas. We have the world heritage. Sites like Kaziranga and Manas. National Parks like Orang, Nameri and Sanctuaries like Pobitara etc. These support world famous Rhinoceros, Tigers, Migratory birds, rare species of Reptiles, animals, fishes etc. Our tribal societies are rich in folk-science, Ethnobotany, Ethno-Zoology, Ethno-agriculture etc. Our demographic pattern is mixed, critical and also threatened by outsiders or foreigners which is a big subject of demographic study and research. Thus, Assam supports enough facilities of studying the environmental related subjects or issues.

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### The Place of the Proposed Environmental University :

We have searched such a place for foundation of Environmental University which is Ecologically rich, Communicative, culturally diversified, publicly supportive, awared and positively motivated.

From all these points we have selected Orang Mouza of Udalguri District of Assam where thousand of Bighas Government lands are available. There is Orang National Park in Orang. The Nameri National Parks, Kaziranga National Parks, Pobitora Sanctuaries are nearly (30 km - 80 km in distance), The Mighty Brahmaputra and Himalayan foot hills are nearly (15 km - 25 km in distance ). It is a middle place of Assam and East frontier of BTAD. The place can focus balanced development in Assam or BTAD.

Above all, the public of Orang is ready to sacrifice thousand bighas of land for the greater interest of an Environmental University of our country.

So, we hope our demand will be taken hopefully positive and you will take fruitfull steps to found Environmental University which will lead the country, from the point of environmental Education and research.

### Copy to :-

- i) Mr. Tarun Gogai  
Chief Minister, Assam.
- ii) Ministry of Environment,  
India.
- iii) Mr. Hagrama Mohilari  
BTAD Chief, Assam.
- iv) Khampha Bargoyari,  
Deputy Chief, BTAD.  
E.M. Environment and Forest.
- v) UGC Chairman, New Delhi.
- vi) Rihon Daimari,  
Chairman Udalguri Dist. BPF.
- vii) Rakheswar Brahma, MLA.  
No 70 Mazbat LAC.

Yours' Faithfully

*Hari Charan Das*

(Dr. Hari Charan Das)  
Secretary General  
Aranya Suraksha Samiti, Assam