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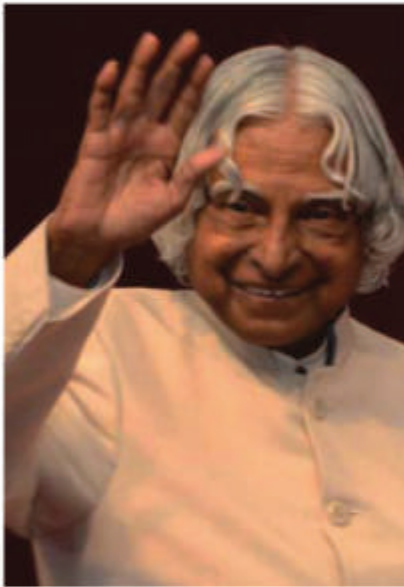






## A Dedication

### *In Loving Memory of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam (1931-2015)*



Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam popularly known as Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, was the Eleventh President of India, serving from 2002 to 2007. During his tenure as the President, his aura as a scholar and humility as a human being touched the hearts of millions of Indians for which he is often fondly termed as the *People's President*. One amongst the most respected people of the country, Kalam contributed immensely both as a Scientist and as a President. His contribution at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) was immense. Kalam was the Chief Executive of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (I.G.M.D.P) and contributed immensely in the missile technology of India.

Born on October 15, 1931 in the island of Dhanushkodi off the Southeastern coast of India, Kalam attended St. Joseph's College, and went on to earn a degree in aeronautical engineering from the Madras Institute of Technology. Kalam joined the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) as a senior scientific assistant in 1958. After moving to the newly formed Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in 1969, he was named project director of the SLV-III, the first satellite launch vehicle designed and manufactured on Indian soil. From 1992 until 1999, Kalam was appointed as the Chief Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of DRDO. It was during this time that Kalam served as the Chief Project Coordinator for Pokhran II nuclear tests, after which he was fondly called the *Missile Man of India*. Kalam succeeded K. R. Narayanan as the Eleventh President of India from 2002 until 2007.

In addition to all the profiles that Dr Kalam held, he authored numerous influential and inspirational books. Amongst his books, *India 2020* was the most widely read and appreciated. It envisaged an action plan which advocated India turning into a knowledge superpower and as one of the developed nations of the world by the year 2020. Along with his autobiography *Wings of Fire (1999)*, his other influential



## *A Note from the Vice Chancellor*

Early in the morning as one strains the eyes along the horizon, the beautiful mountain range presents a spectacular skyline. This is the part of the sub Himalayan mountain beyond which is the land of one of the giant economies of the world, China. If we extend the sky line eastward from this northern horizon, there begins the vast expanse of the South East Asian countries of Thailand, Malaysia, Korea, *etc.*, with Myanmar as our closest immediate neighbour. Geographically, this international border is just about one hundred twenty kilometres away from our University. As we transport our minds to this landscape what strikes us most are some of the finest Universities and institutions of global reckoning that can be located there. Here we are, just about a couple of hundred kilometres away from the Universities like the National University of Singapore, the University of Hongkong, the KAIST — Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Asian Institute of Management, Phillipines, *etc.*, to name a few which are the top most Universities of Asia with respectable World Ranking.

At a time when we often attempt to find *Role Models*, these Universities which are so close to us must not escape our attention. As the theatre of the world economy is shifting to the South East Asia with China emerging as the formidable competitor for India, we have to take a leaf or two from these Universities and from the youth of these countries. With the *Look East Policy* being transformed to *Act East Policy* by the Government of India, we as the easternmost University of the country must take a hard look at the writings on the wall. Hard work, dedication to the nation, professionalism of the highest order are the ingredients with which these Universities have raised their towering heights in the world today. We cannot afford to ignore these ingredients and our responsibility in translating the *Act East Policy* into reality.



*A. K. Buragohain*

**(Alak Kumar Buragohain)**



### *From the Desk of the Editor*

Indeed it's my pleasure to shoulder the responsibility of *The DU Gazette* Autumn Issue 2015; cutting short quality time from teaching and learning and diverting attention towards editing made me reach on the verge of tears because when passion becomes profession, it's hard to divert attention...

But as the deadline came nearer, things started moving positively. There is no much differences between *The DU Gazette* of this issue and the previous one; only contents have been updated and the *International Chapter* and the *Vox-pop* added here.

Though no stone has been left unturned to present this Autumn Issue as beautifully as we can within a short time frame, if anything has been missed out or is not up to the mark, I would like to beg your pardon.

Last but not the least, I express my sincere gratitude to each and every one who helped me to work in a time-bound manner and extended all possible help when I needed them most.

With best wishes

(Kanta Kaveri Sonowal)



## Forum

### *In Conversation with Professor Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari*

**Pranjit Bora**



*Professor Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari with Dr Pranjit Bora*

***“All Literatures  
are exercises  
against  
violence!”***

*An acclaimed poet, writer and literary critic, Professor Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari is presently the President of Sahitya Akademi, one of the premier literary institutions of India. He has been considered by many critics as one of the trendsetters in modern Hindi poetry. His poems, laden with fresh yearning for humane values in a world of harsh realities, unfold a new chapter in Hindi poetry by dint of its unique lore of imagery and symbols. Born in 1940 in the Bherihari village of Kushinagar in Gorakhpur district, Tiwari did his M.A. and Ph.D in Hindi literature. He also served as the Head of Department, Hindi, at Gorakhpur University. Honoured with the KK Birla Foundation's prestigious Vyas Samman, Pushkin Award and many more awards, he is credited with 40 publications, including some edited books, seven anthologies of poetry, ten works of criticism, two travelogues, a memoir and a collection of interviews. His works have been translated into many Indian and*





foreign languages. Prof. Tiwari was at Dibrugarh University recently on 5-7 September, 2015 on the occasion of the Akademi's Translation Award Distribution Ceremony and the Writers' Meet Programme, Abhibyakti. During the course of this national-level programme at the University, he was interviewed by Dr. Pranjit Bora, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese and Centre-in-charge, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts.

**Question:** What does 'Sahitya' or literature actually do?

**Answer:** The etymological meaning of the term 'Sahitya' is 'to coexist' or 'to be together'. It does not mean to be together with humankind only; rather, it denotes coexistence with the entire universe itself. 'Sahitya', therefore, is all about coexistence with the entire universe itself along with humankind. You can see, the first piece of poetry was composed in India. That poem came into record through the oral tradition, and interestingly, it was on the merciless killing of a little bird, you see. 'Sahitya', thus is to be together with the whole universe. 'Sahitya' makes possible this contact; it makes you feel that you are a part of the universe.

**Question:** This sense of togetherness with the universe has been a dominant motif of Indian literature itself. Is not it?

**Answer:** Of course. Let me give you an example from Kabir, the eminent *Bhakti* poet of the 15<sup>th</sup> century India.

**Question:** You are speaking of Kabir? Kabir has been translated into Assamese also. Nabakanta Barua, one of the legends of modernist Assamese poetry has translated Kabir and the book has

been published by Sahitya Akademi.

**Answer:** Is it? It really must be a wonderful work. You see, all those *bhakti* poets are poets of great importance. They have tremendous influence over the course of our modern Indian poetry. I was speaking of Kabir. Yes, one of the *dohas* by Kabir goes like this: '*Malinee patti tod rahi hain/Patti mein jiu hain/Jis murti ke liye patti tod rahi hain/Us murti mein jiu nahin hain*'. ('The girl is plucking the leaves/ There is life in the leaves/ But the idol for whom she is plucking the leaves/ That idol has no life in it'). Can you guess the meaning of this *doha*? You see, Kabir wrote this quote six hundred years ago, and certainly there had not been any botanical research at that time to prove that even leaves have life. No Jagadish Chandra Bose was there at that time to prove the throb of life in trees. But a poet of that time has pronounced it, and he has pronounced it straight. He has no suspicion, he is sure that there is life in leaves. This is what we call the 'insight' of the poet. The poet or the writer relates the whole universe in his work through his insight. He can feel life throbbing in the waves of a river. He can make the reader feel

the life throbbing in the hearts of the silent stars of the dark night.

**Question:** Can we call it a feature of the modern Indian literature too?

**Answer:** Why not? You are perhaps aware of Premchand, one of the immortal makers of modern Indian literature. He has to his credit a famous story on the life of two bulls. Mahadevi Varma, the legendary Hindi poet has written much about the various animals and creatures; she has an important book where she has written about the deer, the hare, the cow and the like. She has even a name for the deer – the golden deer; the cow has been named likewise, and the other animals too. Quite interestingly, Varma has named her book as *Mera Parivar (My Family)*. Our literature is thus all about our relationship with this entire creation. Literature just confirms this relationship. There is only one word that literature stands against, and it is 'violence'. All literatures are exercises against violence.

**Question:** But it is also true that sometimes violence directly or indirectly becomes the inspirational impulse of many a noble works in modern times. We can speak of Samuel Beckett's



*Waiting for Godot or Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain, for instance. Had there been no violence at the backdrop, such works would have never been possible. What do you have to say on this?*

**Answer:** You are right. An environment of terror and violence stimulates the creative mind to contemplate over and over again on the failure of humanity. The creative mind never steps aside. It is never lost in the web of despair and frustration. It probes deeper and deeper inside. It simply attempts to become the clarion of a new beginning that stands stark against violence. You can just look at *The Mahabharata*. Can you exactly figure out the total number of wars in it? It is full of wars from the beginning till its end, but the chief *rasa* of *The Mahabharata* is never the heroic one, it is, on the contrary, the *shanta rasa* that feeds the whole epic. When Vyasa was asked, he is reported to have said, '*ahimsa paramo dharmah tathahimsa paro dharmah*'. The man who was writing *The Mahabharata* with all the wars in it, acknowledged *ahimsa* or non-violence as the ultimate value. Herein, then, lies the grandeur of creative writers.

**Question:** *When you are speaking of The Mahabharata, are not you referring to the oral literary tradition in India?*

**Answer:** Of course. Everything we have in India emanated from the oral literary tradition. As you know, *The Vedas* were called the *Shrutis*. They were not written by anyone, they had been prevalent through the oral tradition. Then

came the *Smritis* where things were recorded through recollection or commemoration. It was only much later that these were recorded in written forms. Indeed, we had in India an extraordinarily rich oral literary tradition spread in different regions, different provinces. It was the tradition where both the story teller and the reciter had their own unique contributions.

**Question:** *Do you think that the indispensable transformation of the oral literary tradition to the written one has affected the Indian mind?*

**Answer:** The written literary tradition is indeed much better than the oral one. Things get recorded in the written tradition; one need not emphasize on his memory in this tradition. But the things in the oral tradition had the complete demonstration before the listeners. The gestures of the speaker, his physical movements, his facial expressions – all these come into account in the oral tradition, and obviously they cast a special effect on the listener. The written tradition, in contrast, has only the words, and you are free to extend your imagination as guided by those words. The written tradition is cut off from all the beauty of the oral tradition. You can have a direct access to the subject in the oral tradition. This direct touch is all lost in the written tradition. Ghalib perhaps has pointed out this very fact when he writes, '*De ke khat munh dekhta hain naam-bar/kuchh to paighaam-e-jubaani aur hai.*' ('The man who delivers the letter looks at the face, still there is some message left on the lips').

You can see Surdas also. Surdas has beautifully described the situation when Uddhava went to the gopis to make them understand that they should not be worried at all about Krishna's arrival. Could Uddhava make them understand? No. The gopis made Uddhava return the way he went. When he came back to Krishna, the poet gives an exquisite expression of the condition of the gopis through his lips. Uddhava says to Krishna that the gopis did utter something through their lips, but all was said by the tear-drops rolling down their cheeks. This is what we call the beauty of the lips. This beauty is all disappeared in the written tradition.

**Question:** *What about the written literary tradition or its exponents in most recent times?*

**Answer:** Writers are constantly rejecting violence that has enshrouded humanity from all sides in recent times. You can have a look at Manipuri literature today, for instance. Manipur has faced a critical period of violence and turbulence since a long time, but all Manipuri writers have their clear stand against violence and terror. I can remind you of the poetry of Memchoubi for example. Besides her, poets like Yumlembam Ibomcha have also raised strong voices against the unwanted reign of horror and violence. This voice matters. We must give our ears to this voice. And our hands too.





## The Campus and the Community

### Chancellor Shri P B Acharya on the Campus

**Shri Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya**, the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland and Assam and the Hon'ble Chancellor of Dibrugarh University visited the campus for the first time from 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 till 1st October, 2015.

Soon after his arrival at *Vishrant* — the University Guest House, the Chancellor was extended warm welcome by the entire University Community. At a special reception function organised in honour of Shri P.B. Acharya at *Rangghar* -the University auditorium, Shri Acharya urged upon the teachers and the students to recall the great ancient heritage of the Indian Civilization.



He said that students are the greatest assets of the Country. He referred to the fact that even though none of the Indian Universities are ranked amongst the top 200 Universities of the World, it is the Indian scientists and workers who have a dominating presence in such world class organisations as the NASA, and the Silicon Valley in the US. He, therefore, made a fervent appeal unto the University Community to introspect on this and take up the challenge.

The Chancellor Shri Acharya presided over the 97th Meeting of the University Court on 30th September, 2015 which was held at the Indira Miri Conference Hall of the University. In his special address to the Court Members, Shri Acharya called upon the University to extend the benefit of knowledge, technology and skill to the society at large. He appreciated the University for its emphasis on teaching, learning and research in the various tribal languages and culture of the region.

The Hon'ble Chancellor emphasized on the creation of the basic infrastructure and facilities for the convenience of the students. He expressed his concern at the insufficient number of the hostels for the female students of the University and stated that the corporate sectors like the oil, tea and the coal industries of the state must come forward and enable the University to construct hostels for girls out of their corporate social funds.



## ***The Ninety Sixth (Adjourned) Meeting of the Court***

The Ninety Sixth (Adjourned) Meeting of the Dibrugarh University Court was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 which was presided over by Professor A.K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor as authorised by His Excellency, the Governor of Assam, P.B. Acharya and the Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. The new nominees of the Hon'ble Chancellor who have been inducted into the Dibrugarh University Court for the next five years are: □ Shri J.K. Barua, Legal Expert, Guwahati, □ Shri Rampada Jamatia, Educationist, Udaipur, Tripura, □ Smt. Tasile Zeliang, Educationist, Tenning, Nagaland, □ Mrs. Niru Chottri Sahu, Women's Rights worker, Sivasagar, □ Ms. Bandita Sashoni, Novelist, Dibrugarh,



□ Shri Ramkui Newme, Social Leader, Haflong, □ Shri Sotai Kri, Industrialist, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh, □ Shri Aseem Dutta, Educationist, Dibrugarh, □ Shri Manas Deka, Social Leader, Guwahati, □ Shri Dilip Paranjpe, Chartered Accountant, Mumbai, □ Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, Member of Parliament, Jorhat, □ Mr. Longsing Teron, Journalist, Karbi Anglong. The following four new members of the Court have been elected to the Executive Council of the University under provision of the Section (17) (X) of the Dibrugarh University Act 1965 (Amended). Ms. Bandita Sashoni, Novelist Shri Aseem Dutta, Educationist Shri Rampada Jamatia, Educationist, Udaipur, Tripura Mr. Longsing Teron, Journalist, Karbi Anglong. The Court also elected Professor Ashit Saha, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University and Jyoti Prasad Gogoi, Associate Professor, Jhanji H.N.S College, to the Finance Committee.





### Academic Collaboration between DU and Jorhat Engineering College

Dibrugarh University which has been offering undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses in Engineering through its Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET) since 2009 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jorhat Engineering College (JEC), for academic collaborations between the two institutions of higher learning and research in the field of Engineering and



Technology. The MoU was formally signed in a meeting organized at *Chintan*- the Conference Hall of the Registrar, Dibrugarh University by Professor Mrinalendra N. Dutta, Registrar, DU and Professor Reeta Sarmah, Principal, JEC. In his opening remark, Professor Alak K. Buragohain, the Vice-Chancellor of the University expressed his hope that the MoU would facilitate synergy between the two institutions towards continuous teachers' training, teaching and research at DUIET with the much experienced teachers of JEC. On the other hand, the students of JEC shall have the benefit of using the facilities available at DUIET. Professor Reeta Sarmah, Principal of JEC and Professor Rupam Baruah of JEC expressed happiness that, this academic collaboration shall open up avenues for more innovative ideas by the young students and faculty members of both the institutes. The meeting was attended by Prof. L.K. Nath, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, Dr. Mukul Chandra Bora, Associate Dean, School of Science and Engineering, faculty members of both DUIET and JEC besides all the concerned officers of the University.

### Felicitation to Internationally Acclaimed Film Director Jahnu Barua

The Dibrugarh University community accorded a very warm felicitation to eminent film director Jahnu Barua on the conferment of Padma Bhushan.

In a function organised at the conference hall of the University Guest House, *Vishrant*, Prof. Alak K. Buragohain remarked that the Padma award conferred on Shri Baruah is a befitting recognition to a genius whose creative works in the film world have been already recognised internationally.

Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences made a brief review of some of the outstanding cinemas directed by Shi Baruah. Faculty members, officers, students and employees also showered profuse appreciation on the outstanding work of Jahnu Barua. Gayatri Barua, wife of Jahnu Barua also addressed the gathering.

An overwhelmed Jahnu Barua while expressing his appreciation to the University community pointed out that film is a very powerful medium for education and needs to be encouraged by the Universities. He also lamented that due recognition



has not been given to film and art in India unlike in the West. Film and art are invaluable repositories of the history, culture and heritage of a nation and we must all understand and appreciate it, Barua opined.



## Digital India Week



Dibrugarh University which is embarking upon embracing e-governance in a very holistic and comprehensive manner launched the National Digital India Week beginning from 1st July, 2015 at the Indira Miri Conference Hall. Professor A.K. Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor while formally inaugurating the week stated that our country with 1.2 billion people must shift to the digital culture in order to avail the benefit of modern knowledge to bring about all round development. Professor Buragohain elaborated on the present status of digital technology used in Dibrugarh University with respect to teaching, learning, research and governance. He appealed to the University community to take a resolution to make Digital DU in a very effective way. Mr Kaushik Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering made a presentation on the Digital Week with special input from IIT Bombay relating to Spoken Tutorial. Speaking on the occasion Deputy Registrar (Academic), Dr. Binud C. Borah, mentioned about some novel digital initiatives by the Academic Section of the University.

## Lecture on *Fusion-Energy for the Future*

A popular Science lecture on 'Fusion-Energy for the Future' was organized jointly by the Centre of Plasma Physics- Institute for Plasma Research (CPP-IPR), Kamrup and Dibrugarh University on June 16, 2015 at the New Conference Hall, Dibrugarh

University to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year of CPP-IPR and as a part of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) of India. Eminent science writer and Former Advisor, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, Dr. V. B. Kamble delivered the key note speech on the occasion. Dr. Kamble lucidly explained the process of nuclear fusion, and how the energy from such a reaction can be harnessed to address the future energy needs of a planet in which the non-renewable resources of energy are fast depleting. He also elucidated the workings of the Russian *Tokamak*- a device which confines the plasma created in the super-heated temperatures of 100-150 million Kelvin that is required for nuclear fusion, in the shape of a torus. Dr. Kamble outlined the concept of the ITER -International Thermo-nuclear Experimental Reactor.

## Celebration of National Librarians' Day and Library Week

On the National Librarians' Day, a Library Week was organised in Dibrugarh University from 12-19 August 2015 in concomitance with the 123<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Professor S. R. Ranganathan, the 'Father of Library Science' in India. As a part of the varied programme, a symposium was organized on 13 August, 2015 at the Indira Miri Conference Hall of Dibrugarh University, aiming at popularizing library in the context of harvesting, harnessing and disseminating scholarly content globally for the development of a knowledge society. The eminent scholar and litterateur of Assam, Professor Nagen Saikia, Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Kalyani University, West Bengal, and Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, spoke on the occasion. The programme was attend by a large gathering of intellectuals of various fields and strata including Deans, Heads, Directors, Professors, faculty members, officers and students from the University and many from civil society of Dibrugarh town.





## Celebration of the 51<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day

The 51<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day of Dibrugarh University was observed on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 by the University Community. A special musical evening was organized under the aegis of the Dibrugarh University Teachers' Association (DUTA). The programme was inaugurated by the honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Alak K. Buragohain. Eminent classical Hindustani vocalist Sudarshana Baruah, Assistant Professor, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, with her students performed a *Thumri*, *Meera Bhajan* and a *Jugalbandi* with her students. The spell-binding rendition of Baruah was followed by a superb piano performance by Master Devanga Bidrum Kalita who is a student at the A.R. Rahman's foundation KM College of Music and Technology, Chennai. Master Devanga enthralled the audience with sixteen masterpieces of Ludwig Von Beethoven, Joseph Hayden, Antonio Soler, Ernesto Halffter, Tan Dun, T. Oesten, J.S. Bach, J.F. Burmuller, Carl Niensen, Frederich Chopin, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Apart from the University Community, a large number of invitees graced the special evening.



## First Meeting of the College Development Council

The first ever meeting of the College Development Council of Dibrugarh University was held at its premises on September 16, 2015. In his opening remarks, Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of the University drew the attention of the members to some of the key issues encountered by the colleges in the higher education

sector. He said that radical change is required in pedagogy and assessment in the semester system in order to make it meaningful. Apart from various issues discussed in the meeting, the 24 member Council decided to take 10 Colleges as Model Colleges for handholding.





## **Sahitya Akademi Translation Award 2014**



The annual *Translation Award 2014* of *Sahitya Akademi* was given at a glittering function held at the Rang Ghar auditorium of Dibrugarh University on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. Prof. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, President Sahitya Academy conferred the prestigious awards to the following winners of this year- Bipul Deori ( Assamese), Benoy Kumar Mahata ( Bangla), Surath Narzary (Bodo), Yaspaul Nirmal (Dogri), Padmini Rajappa (English), Late Nagndas Jivanlal Shah (Gujrati), Phul Chand Manav (Hindi), G.N. Ranganath Rao (Kannada), M. H. Zaffar ( Kashmiri), Pandurang Kashinath Gaude (Konkani), Ram Narayan Singh (Maithali), Priya A. S. ( Malayalam), Waikhom Cha Ibotombi Mangang ( Manipuri), Madhukar Sudam Patil( Marathi), Dambarmani Pradhan

(Nepali), Rabindra Kumar Praharaj (Odia), Tarsem ( Punjabi), Kailash Mandela (Rajasthani), Narayan Dash ( Sanskrit), Saro Hansdah (Santhali), Ram Kukreja (Sindhi), S. Devadoss ( Tamil), R. Santha Sundari (Telegu), Ved Rahi (Urdu). This was for the first time that Sahitya Akademi organised this Annual Event in a University campus. Prof. Alak K. Buragohain, Vice- Chancellor graced the occasion as a Guest of Honor while Eminent Odia Writer Dr. Prathiba Ray was the Chief Guest of the event. The event was concluded with the presentation of Rajasthani Folk Songs by Anwar Khan Manganiar and his group. *Avibyakti*, a special event of the Sahitya Akademi was also organised as a part of this programme on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Indira Miri Conference Hall of the University.

## **Skill Based Courses through National Skill Development Corporation**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Dibrugarh University with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for introducing skilled based courses in the affiliated colleges of DU. In order to carry forward the programmes effectively at the undergraduate level, DU organized an intensive interactive programme through video conferencing on August 19, 2015. Besides Mridul Dhaniwala, Co-ordinator (North-East), National Skill Development Corporation, New Delhi and Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Director, Centre for Management Studies, DU and

Dr. Rupam Saikia, Director, College Development Council, DU, Principals and representatives of 35 affiliated colleges of DU participated in the discussion. Amongst others, Dr. Binod Borah, Deputy Registrar (Academic) and Arinjit Hazarika, Academic Officer of the university were also present at the occasion.





## In House Chapters

### School of Humanities and Social Science

#### Department of Assamese

#### Centre of Advanced Study (CAS) - Phase II Awarded to Department of Assamese

The Department of Assamese has been awarded with 'Centre of Advanced Study' (CAS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase under UGC-SAP for 2015-2020. This honour has been bestowed to the Department after it was able to successfully complete the First Phase. The thrust areas for the Phase-II are, first, *Interdisciplinary Approaches towards Assamese Literature*, and second, *Language and Linguistics of North-east India*. The first Advisory Committee Meeting of the CAS, Ph-II was held on May 18, 2015 in the Department. Prof. Prakash Pattanayak from Delhi University and Prof. Sunil Kumar Dutta from Tezpur University were present on the occasion as the UGC nominees, while Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, chaired the meeting.

#### Preservation and Conservation Work in the Manuscript Archive

Preservation and Conservation Work in the Manuscript Archive, Department of Assamese, has been going on under the aegis of Dibrugarh University in collaboration with National Archives of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Four trainee professionals have been appointed on contractual basis to undertake the preservation and conservation activities of the manuscripts under the guidance of Dr. Utpal Das, Deputy Librarian, Dibrugarh University. After surveying the physical condition of the manuscripts, the major problems were detected and the following activities have been done under preventive conservation measures: i) Cleaning of the entire repository, ii) Segregation of defective and infested MSS for keeping separately

for different types of treatment iii) Dusting (Dry) of all manuscripts using soft brush and cotton swab to remove dust, dirt, wastes of insects and so on. A total of 36 paper manuscripts and 192 *sanchi* manuscripts comprising a total of 8770 folio have been dusted and cleaned till date. Simultaneously, fumigation with p-DCB/ CCl<sub>4</sub>+ C<sub>2</sub>HCl<sub>3</sub> and non aqueous cleaning with acetone/rectified spirit are being planned in the first phase of preventive measures.

#### Department of English

#### Dr. Anurag Bhattacharyya at Cambridge

Dr. Anurag Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor in the Department of English visited Murray Edwards College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom to deliver his lecture on 'Places, Landscapes and Memory in the Fiction of Gao Xingjian and Kiran Desai.' He was invited by the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment, UK and Ireland (ASLE-UKI) in the Biennial Conference on 'Green Knowledge' which was held during 2-4 September 2015. ASLE is a vibrant international community of scholars, researchers and teachers committed to the study of environmental literature. Dr. Bhattacharyya's paper explores the domain of Environmental Literature in the backdrop of comparative environmental writings in India and



other South-Asian Literature. The event also acted as a platform to facilitate exchange of ideas with many well-known eco critics and scholars working in the field of Environmental Humanities which includes writers like Richard Kerridge, Kate Rigby, Ursula K Heise, Terry Gifford, Louise Westling and others. He was the lone participant from India attending the event.

### Department of History

#### 462<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva



The 462<sup>nd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva was organized by the Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Chair on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 at the Sri Shri Aniruddhadeva Bhavan. Professor D.Nath, Professor, Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Chair, welcomed the invited guests and Prof. Sristidhar Dutta, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, chaired the function. Prof. A.K.Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the function. In his speech Professor Buragohain expressed that the Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Chair has been acting as a link institution between the University and the society. Prof. Pranav Jyoti Deka, a noted literateur of Assam, delivered the day's invited lecture on *Buddhism in Early and Medieval Assam*.

### Department of Political Science

In the academic session of 2015-16, a series of lecturers and talks by eminent scholars was organised in the department of Political Science. On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015, Prof Gautam Kumar Basu, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University delivered a lecture on the topic; "An analysis of the Socio-Political Developments in Kyrgyzstan" (Central Asia). On 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 ,Prof L.S Gassah , Department of Political Science, NEHU delivered a lecture on the topic "Autonomous State District Council , Meghalaya". On 2<sup>nd</sup> April Prof J.B Patnaik, of Mizoram University delivered a lecture on the topic "Dynamics of Indo -US relations".

### Centre for Studies in Language

The center has introduced one year Tai Language Post Graduate Certificate Course from the academic session 2015-16. The course is run by the Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat. The Center is also planning to start the following courses from



the upcoming session: M.A. in Bodo Language, Certificate course in Mising language, Certificate Course in Deori language, Certificate Course in Bodo language. Among various departmental activities, the Centre organized an award giving ceremony on 11. 08. 2015 in collaboration with the Tai Ahom Development Council. Faculty of the Centre *Ngj Pe Thon Gohain* and *Am Chon Gohain* were felicitated with a certificate of honour and a cheque for their enduring contribution to the development of Tai language and culture.





### Centre for Women's Studies

#### Six Day Workshop on *Oral and Visual History*

The Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University, organised a six day Workshop on *Oral History And Visual History* in collaboration with Sound and Picture Archives for Research on Women (SPARROW), the Mumbai based NGO which has been relentlessly working on collecting oral history and visual material from all over India and the entire South East Asia with its firm commitment towards bringing in positive change in society through understanding women's lives, history and struggles for self-respect and human dignity. The Workshop was formally inaugurated by Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University.

### Centre for Library and Information Science Studies

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 Library Day was celebrated on the birthday of the father of Library Science Dr. Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan. It was organized by the centre in collaboration with the Library and Information Science Professional Association (LISPA). The meeting was presided over by Prof. Bhim Kanta Boruah, Director In-charge of Centre for Library & Information Science Studies where LISPA President, Secretary and other Executive committee members were present and delivered talks on the occasion. Mr. Pranab Kr. Barooah, Principal Technical Officer and Head ICT & KRC, CSIR-North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat and Dr. Wakidur Rahman, Librarian, Demow College were invited as UGC visiting fellows and they delivered lectures for three months w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. Prakash Gogoi, Ex Deputy Librarian In-Charge of Dibrugarh University was also invited as UGC Guest lecturer for a period of three months w.e.f. 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

### Centre for Social Work Studies

#### Collaboration with ICMR

The Centre for Social Work Studies recently collaborated with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in providing supervisory expertise in carrying out their field related activities. The students of the Centre under the supervision of the teachers aided the same to carry out their research activities with prudence. It is worth mentioning that two of the outgoing students of the Centre are currently placed in the project under the aegis of which the collaboration had took place.

#### Formation of Alumni Association

Keeping in view the prospect of organizing the first Alumni Meet of Centre for Social Work Studies, a meeting was organised amidst the presence of the present and passed out students of the centre on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

### Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication

#### 91<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 the centre celebrated Dr. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya's 91<sup>st</sup> birth

#### LNB Library Award 2015

The Department of Sociology bagged the Best Department User of LNB Library Award 2015. The award was declared on the Librarian's Day organised on 12-19 August 2015 in concomitance with the 123<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Professor S R Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science in India.



anniversary in collaboration with Dr. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya Memorial Trust. Professor Nagen Saikia delivered the memorial speech on the occasion.



### Centre Celebrates World Photography Day

The Centre organised its second photography festival on the occasion of the World Photography Day on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. The photography festival comprised of an exhibition cum competition. The festival was inaugurated by Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dibrugarh University. The exhibition had a display of around ninety photographs that belonged to various specializations like North-East India, Environment and Social Change, Street and Journalistic photography. There were over thirty participants from the city who contributed photographs for the various disciplines of photography.

### Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts

### Major Activities

The centre organized various activities throughout the session. A few of them have been highlighted here; On 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester students of Theatre Art successfully performed Shakespeare play *'The Midsummer Night's Dreams'*

under the direction of Jyoti Narayan Nath. A workshop on *Ankiya Bhaona* under the supervision of Adhyapak Bhabananda Barbayan was conducted where the students of M.A. 4<sup>th</sup> Sem. (Sattriya dance) took part and performed the Ankiya Nat *Patni Prasad* on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at Rangghar Auditorium of the University. A 20 day long workshop on Bargeet was organized under the supervision of Shri Upen Bargayan, eminent Sattriya artist from Majuli, Jorhat from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015. On 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 the students of the centre participated in the *'Navodit'-Young Theatre Directors Festival*, organized by E.Z.C.C., Govt. of India, at Sivasagar. They performed the play *Maha Shunyar Uddyan*, Based on the first Assamese poetic Novel of the same name written by Dr. Pranjit Bora and directed by Gautam Sarmah, Assistant Professor of the Centre. The Students of the Centre successfully performed on the occasion of Sattriya dance and folk dance in Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize distribution ceremony on 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at Rangghar Auditorium, Dibrugarh University. The 89<sup>th</sup> birth ceremony of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was organized in the Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. On 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 a lecture on *Spiritual and Aesthetic Qualities* was delivered by Prof. Nagen Saikia, Retd. Bezbaroa Chair Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University. A workshop on Ankiya bhaona, *Parijat Harana* was organized for 13 days from 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 under the supervision of Adhyapak Bhabananda Barbayan for the students of M.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sem. (Sattriya dance) and was performed on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at Rangghar Auditorium of Dibrugarh University in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor of Assam, P.B. Acharya.







## School of Science and Engineering

### Department of Physics

#### National Conference on *Cosmology, Astrophysics and High Energy Physics*



A Four Day National Conference on *Current Issues in Cosmology, Astrophysics and High Energy Physics* was inaugurated on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 at Rangghar, the University Auditorium. A galaxy of very eminent Cosmologists and Astrophysicists from all over the country including Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar, a recipient of the *Padma Bhushan* and *Padma Bibhushan* participated in the Conference. Strong contingents of senior scientists from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Guwahati, IISER,

Kolkata, Delhi University, Tezpur University, Kolkata University, Punjab University, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Manipur University, Pondicherry University, Nainital University, Gauhati University presented scientific papers, Plenary talks and Posters in the Conference. Professor J.V Narlikar who was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Function presented the Keynote Address on 'Some Conceptual Problems in Cosmology' wherein he discussed in a very interesting manner the different aspects of Dark Matter and Energy. Professor A. K Buragohain in his Inaugural speech appreciated the initiatives of the young faculty members of the Department of Physics under the leadership of Dr.



Umananda Goswami and Dr Kalyan Bhuyan, Dr Pankaj Dutta, Prasanta Kakaty, Dr. Bitap Kalita and others. He also referred to the very strong foundation laid by the Indian Scientists in Astronomy from the days of Aryabhata till today's community of cosmologists of the country. More than 170 papers were presented in this Conference.

## Department of Chemistry

### Projects and Recognition

The Department has been recommended for UGC-SAP-DRS Phase I programme with a project grant of Rs 149.0 Lakhs.

The Department also got a project on Design and Exploration of Hydrophilic Schiff-base ligands for palladium catalyzed organic reactions in Aqueous Media (2015-2018), DST, India. Rs. 28.8 Lakhs; PI (Prof. P. Das).

Prof. Pankaj Das was invited as the Visiting Faculty in Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria during June 17 – July 17, 2015 to work in collaboration with Prof. Linert Wolfgang.

## Department of Mathematics

### Professor Diganta Mukherjee from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata at Dibrugarh University

Prof. Diganta Mukherjee, an eminent Economist and Mathematician from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata delivered a lecture on the topic *Barrier Option under Levy Model: A PIDE and its solution* in the *Vishranta*, the Conference Hall of the University Guest House on 17th June, 2015. The event was organized by the Department of Mathematics as a part of its Visting Faculty Programme under the UGC SAP-DRS (II) programme. The deliberation was attended by the

research scholars and faculty members of the Department of Mathematics and other allied subjects.

### Professor K B Athreya of Iowa State University, USA delivers a Series of Lectures

Professor K.B. Athreya, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics in Iowa State University, USA and also an Emeritus Professor of Statistics in the same University visited the Department of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University during 22-28 August 2015 to deliver a



series of lectures on *Probability Theory and Monte Carlo Simulation*. The lectures were attended by the students, faculty members and Research Scholars of the Departments of Mathematics, Statistics and the Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET). The Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University inaugurated the programme on 24th August which was attended by the faculty members and the students from the Departments of Statistics, Management Sciences, Economics and Mathematics. Prof. Athreya in his speech made some remarkable comments on the general perception and challenges of Mathematics education.





### Department of Statistics

#### Eminent Academician from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata as a UGC Visiting Fellow

Dr. Alok Goswami, Professor and Academician of international repute in the field of Probability Theory visited the Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University as a UGC Visiting Fellow from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 15 August, 2015. Prof. Goswami delivered a series of lectures to the First semester M. Sc. (Statistics) students on Probability Theory. Apart from students, faculty members and the Research Scholars also participated in the deliberations. A part from Dr. Goswami, Dr. Prasun Das, Professor of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, Prof. H.R. Singh, Retd. Professor of Department of Statistics, Ravi Sankar Sukla University, Raipur, Dr. P.K. Mahapatra, Scientist-F, ICMR (RMRC), Dibrugarh, visited the department and delivered fruitful talks during the session.

### Department of Life Sciences

#### Captive Breeding of an Endemic Catfish, *Mystus dibrugarensis*

Successful breeding of *Mystus dibrugarensis* (Chaudhuri, 1913), an endemic fish species of Assam was successfully conducted in July, 2015 at Aqua Park, Dibrugarh University. Induced breeding trial for this species was attempted in May, 2014. However, the rate of fertilization as well as survival of fry was much less in comparison to this year. Bhenila Bailing, Research Fellow of the project is now working on the standardization of breeding protocol of the species. The entire project on the breeding of indigenous ornamental fish species has been supervised by Prof S.P. Biswas and the scheme is funded by National Fisheries Development Board (Hyderabad).

#### Talk on *Application of r-DNA Technology -- Current Trends and Challenges*

Professor Vudem Dashavantha Reddy, Director, Centre for Plant Molecular Biology, Osmania University, Hyderabad, delivered a talk titled 'Application of r-DNA technology current trends and challenge' in the Department of Life Sciences on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. *Participation*: Nabajyoti Gogoi, research scholar, Plant Molecular Biology Laboratory of Department of Life Sciences participated in the second *Himalayan young research meet-II* that was held from September 15-17, 2015, at G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora, Uttarakhand.

### Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

#### 54<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacy Week

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in collaboration with Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Assam State Branch, Dibrugarh University organized the 54<sup>th</sup> *National Pharmacy Week* on the theme 'Responsible Use of Antibiotics Save Lives' from 5-8 November, 2015. The major focus of NPW celebrations is to create awareness amongst the public, other healthcare providers and the authorities about the NPW theme in particular and about the pharmacy profession and role of the pharmacist in general. This year the focus is being made to the careful use of antibiotics through various professional activities.

Some of the highlighted events were the Free Health Camp, Awareness Rally & Street Play done by the students to create awareness among public. Piyush Mittal, General Manager (Operation), Alkem Laboratories and H. N. Mahanta, Sr. Inspector of Drugs, Jorhat District, Assam were the Invited Speakers on the occasion. The Souvenir '*Pharmaspora*-dispensing hopes for better healthcare' was released by Prof. A. K. Buragohain, the Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University.



## Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET)

### Blood Donation Camp

A blood donation camp was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 by the students of Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering & Technology (DUIET), as a part of the social initiative exercise of Auxesis 5.0 A techno-cultural & Management festival. The technical support for the camp was provided by the Blood Bank, AMCH, Dibrugarh. The camp was



formally inaugurated in the University Health Centre by Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Dean (Student Affairs), DU in the presence of Dr. M.C. Bora, faculty, staff and students of DUIET. Altogether, 174 units of blood was collected, which was a record collection in a single day in the history of blood bank, AMCH as stated by the A.J. Khataniar, Blood Bank Social Worker AMCH.

### Centre for Computer Studies

#### *Anazori* : Guest Lecture Series

As a part of *Anazori* : Guest Lecture Series the centre invited two industry professionals from Siemens and IBM India. Hrisikesh Dewan, Senior

Project Lead, Siemens, Bangalore, delivered a talk on *Distributed System, Overlay Network and Cryptography* on October 5, 2015.

Mukul Madhab Baishya, Advisory Consultant, Global Business Services IBM India Pvt. Ltd, while interacting with students and faculty members on Enterprise Application SAP and Integrating Technologies on October 29, 2015.

The Centre organized a workshop on *Cloud Computing and Creating Own Cloud* in association with Roboedutech India Pvt. Ltd. Four students pursuing MCA - Sweta Bansal, Nitya Jitani, Priyanka Mazumder and Pranjal Bhumi - were selected among 70 participants to take part in the national level competition to be held on January 2016.

### Student Achievements

- ❑ Kiran Pegu, student of BCA Fifth Semester was felicitated by the Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University on 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day for designing the Golden Jubilee Logo of the University.
- ❑ Subhng Werner Phulari got Second position in Power Lifting Competition (90Kg Class) in Twentieth Dibrugarh District Iron Games Meet held during 2-4, October 2015.

### Centre for Studies in Biotechnology

#### Bio-Informatics Orientation Course for B.Sc Students

A Bio-informatics orientation course for B. Sc students (Botany and Zoology) of Moran College was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at DBT-Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility at the Centre. Altogether 43 students participated in the course. which was co-ordinated by Dhrubajyoti Gogoi, Research Associate, DBT-BIF on behalf of Prof. R. N. S. Yadav, Director-in-charge, Centre for Studies in Biotechnology, Dibrugarh University.





## *School of Commerce & Management*

### Department of Commerce

#### **Talk on Cost Benefit Analysis of Marketing a Product or a Service**



**P r o f e s s o r**  
Subhasish Saha,  
Department of  
M a n a g e m e n t ,  
University of Calcutta  
visited Department of  
Commerce on 15<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2015 and  
delivered a talk on  
'Cost Benefit Analysis  
of Marketing a Product

or a Service' to the third semester students of the Department.

#### **Foundation Day Celebrated**

On November 3, 2015 the department celebrated its 37<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. The event started with hoisting of the departmental flag by the Head of the Department Prof. Ashit Saha in presence of all the faculties of the department. The ceremony was



followed by the departmental song presented by the students of Department of Commerce. As a part of the programme 'Making Vanijya Viable (MV<sup>2</sup>)' contest was organized among the students of M.Com (Marketing).

### Department of Economics

#### **Special Talk**

Prof. Atul Sharma, an Eminent Economist and Former Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University delivered a talk on 'Macroeconomic Changes in the Indian Economy' on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

#### **DRS-III**

The Department has been awarded with DRS-III by the UGC under its Special Assistance Programme from 2015 to 2020 with a grant of Rs. 1.05 crore.

### Centre for Management Studies

#### **Rhapsody 2015**

The MBA (FT) 2015 Batch students of Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University (CMSDU) organized the annual event, *Rhapsody* on September 26, 2015 at its premises. The annual event is organized to create awareness on IT paradigms in vogue in the field of management. The theme of this year was *Plastic Money*.

#### **Interaction with Organic Majuli**

The Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University organised an interaction with *Organic Majuli* on 1st October 2015 at the Centre. *Organic Majuli* is a company formed under section 8 of the Company's Act 2013 and it was founded in 2014 for the promotion of Organic Farming through training and information sharing regarding food, nutrition, income security, community sustainable development and women's empowerment.



## School of Education

### Department of Education

#### National Seminar of the North-East India Education Society

The Department of Education organised a National Seminar cum Annual Conference of the North-East India Education Society (NEIES) on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Dibrugarh University on the theme 'Quality and Excellence in Teacher Education in India: Issues and Challenges'. Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, delivered the



Inaugural Address of the seminar. A Souvenir cum Abstract volume was published by the organiser. Altogether 42 papers were presented by the academicians and scholars from the different corners of the country.

### Centre for Studies in Physical Education and Sports

#### Major Activities

The Centre organized a 21 Day Summer Sports Coaching Programme in Athletics, Football, Taekwondo and Karate in association with Dibrugarh University Sports Board from 10 July to 1 August 2015. Total 85 children participated in the programme.

The Centre also observed National Sports Day

on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

The following students of the Centre represented Dibrugarh University in the Inter University Tournaments in East Zone Inter University Football Tournament held at MG Kashi University, Varanasi from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2015: Kunit Khakhlari (M.P.Ed Final), Mridul Kalita (M.P.Ed. Final Year), Taku Tatung (B.P.Ed), Roshan Ramching (B.P.Ed), and Milo Taki (B.P.Ed).

### Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences

#### Major Activities

On the occasion of *World Mental Health Day* on October 10, 2015, the students of the CSBS (Applied Psychology) engaged in various activities to promote and generate awareness about mental wellbeing within the University campus. Some of the activities undertaken were:

*Pamphlets on Examination Anxiety, Anger Management and Learning Disability* were distributed among all the Departments, Centers for Studies, Administrative units of the varsity, various Canteens in the campus and the Dibrugarh University Model School by the students under the guidance of the faculty members.

*Posters* on a variety of mental health concerns ranging from *Drug Abuse to Depression* and other related psycho-pathological conditions were also displayed by the students to raise awareness on these issues that are on the rise today.

*Street Plays* were enacted by the students within the varsity precinct on certain psycho-socially relevant concerns that garnered wide appreciation.

With the objective to cater to the mental and emotional needs of students and community of Dibrugarh University, a Counselling unit is in operation at the DU Health Centre since August 2015, where Brinda B. Sharma, faculty from the CSBS is available to render services on certain week days.





## *School of Earth, Atmospheric Science, Environment and Energy*

### Department of Applied Geology

#### Society of Petroleum Geophysicists Week Celebrated

Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, Students' Chapter, Dibrugarh University organized a three-days long Geophysical Workshop-III from 5th -7th October, 2015. The theme of the workshop was '*Exploring shallow subsurface problems by electrical methods of geophysical investigations.*' Altogether 22 participants from Geology, Applied Geology and Physics took part in the workshop. Samudra Mitra, Head, Geophysics Unit, MECL, Nagpur served as a technical expert in the workshop. On 8<sup>th</sup> October, a panel discussion was also organized on the theme '*Indigenous R & D in Exploration Geophysics.*' The participants were Prof. K.K.Roy, IIT Kharagpur (Retd.) who is an expert in geophysical inversion theory, Dr. Moses Nathaniel Duggirala, a founder member of the SPG, India and an expert in seismic data interpretation, Birendra Mohan Sinha, Ex-GM, OIL and a pioneer in developing the Indian overseas project in Gabon.

#### Fifth Late Bholanath Gogoi Memorial Lecture

The Fifth Late Bholanath Gogoi Memorial Lecture was organized by the Department of Applied Geology on August 8, 2015 at the departmental premises. The function was presided over by Prof. J. N. Sarma, former KDM Chair Professor, Department of Applied Geology. Budhin Deuri, Executive Director, Assam Asset, ONGCL, Nazira presented the ONGC Gold Medal (Cash award of Rs. 1 lakh) as well as ONGCL Scholarship Award of Rs. 60,000/- respectively to D.P. Monica Saini for securing the highest marks in the Final Year M.Sc. Examination 2013-2014 and to Farjina

Parveez for securing the highest marks up to the Second Semester of M.Sc. Applied Geology Examination 2014. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain stressed on the importance of the Industry-Academia interface to strengthen more collaborative work, thereby raising the scope of further research in the field of exploration for potential renewable and non-renewable energy resources especially in NE India. The technical session commenced with a talk delivered by Pawan Kumar, GM (Geology) ONGCL, on '*Hydrocarbon Exploration in North East India: Opportunities and Challenges.*' Prof. Bhim Kanta Baruah, Department of Assamese graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

### Department of Petroleum Technology

#### Lecture Program on Reservoir Engineering and Well Testing

The Dibrugarh University Society of Petroleum Engineers Chapter (no. 6112) in collaboration with Sponsor Section: Duliajan Section; Geo Region: Middle East, North Africa and South Asia; Broad Region: South Asia organized the second Ambassador Lecture Program at the University campus on the topic '*Reservoir Engineering & Well Testing*' on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept'15.

#### Awards Received

Students of the Department received the ONGC-IGU Best Poster Award in special category at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of Indian Geophysical Union on 3-5 November, 2015 in Goa. The poster was presented by Pankaj Boruah and co-authored by Pankaj Boruah (3<sup>rd</sup> sem M.Tech.), Miranda Kakoty (JRF of the Indo-US project), W. M. Alakhdar (PhD student) and Professor Subrata Borgohain Gogoi.





Kalpajit Hazarika JRF of DST Project got the DST support international travel award for 2015 from the Government of India to present his research findings in the form of a paper in the conference organized by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) at Utah, USA from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November'15.

### Centre for Atmospheric Studies

#### Achievements

Lakhima Chutia was awarded the Inspire Fellowship for Ph.D Research.

Binita Pathak visited the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy during June 26-August 8, 2015.

### Centre for Studies in Geography

#### Cleanliness Programme with the Chancellor

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 a cleanliness programme (under *Swatch Bharat Abhiyan*) with the Chancellor of Dibrugarh University and the Governor of Assam, P.B. Acharya was organized by the Eco-restoration squad members, Centre for Studies in Geography at Dibrugarh town. The Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University Dr. Alak K. Buragohain, the M.L.A of Dibrugarh Mr. Prasanta Phukan and District Commissioner Shri M.S. Manivanan too offered their individual contributions towards the programme. The programme was undertaken for the widespread awareness of "Swatchhata" among the people. The Eco restoration squad members organized a Rally towards Library to promote library visit culture amongst the students with hon'ble court members under Swatch Bharat Abhiyan on 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2015.

The Eco restoration squad members produced a Documentary Film to ban plastic and to promote earthen pots and utensils for an eco-friendly campus and it was inaugurated by the hon'ble court members under Swatch Bharat Abhiyan on 29<sup>th</sup> of Sep. 2015 at Vishranta, Dibrugarh University.

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### In Loving Memory of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

books are *Ignited Minds*, *Mission India*, *Inspiring Thoughts* and *The Luminous Sparks*. In 2011, he launched his mission for the youth of the nation called the "What Can I Give Movement" with the main aim to defeat corruption in India. On July 27, 2015 Kalam suffered a massive cardiac arrest while delivering a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management, Meghalaya and left for his heavenly abode at the age of 83.

Among his many accolades, including honorary doctorates from 40 universities, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan (1981), the Padma Vibhushan (1990) and the Bharat Ratna (1997) — India's highest civilian award — for his contributions toward modernizing India's defence technology. Kalam was honoured with the King Charles II Medal by the Royal Society, U.K in 2007. In addition to this, Kalam's 79<sup>th</sup> birthday was recognised as World Students' Day by United Nations. Moreover, the Government of India recognised Kalam's birthday (October 15) as "Youth Renaissance Day."

We take pride in saluting this great Indian and offering our sincere tribute to his noble soul. The present issue of *The DU Gazette* is dedicated to the loving memory of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

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## International Chapter

### *Collaborative Research Partnership with the University of South Florida, USA*

A meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2015 to discuss the potential of a collaborative research partnership between Dibrugarh University and the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. The two Universities had a MOU under which the faculty members of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences already have had served stints as Post-Doctoral Fellows at the University of South Florida, USA. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Subrata Chakraborty, Director of International Affairs, Dibrugarh University. Special members present during the meeting were Dr. Manisha Joshi and Dr. Iraida Carrion, faculty members from the College of Behavioural and Community

*Clockwise : 1. Members Present in the Meeting, 2. Dr. Iraida Carrion and 3. Dr. Manisha Joshi*



Sciences, University of South Florida. Dr. Vijay Swami, Executive Director, Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage (RIWATCH) was also present. A team comprising of six other faculty members of the University attended the meeting. The salient points of discussion revolved around designing and implementing an international exchange programme as well as identifying interdisciplinary collaborative opportunities with social science faculty and students at Dibrugarh University. Keeping in view the current global research dynamics in the field of social science, the discussion also focused on emerging research trends that has wide applicability to study contemporary themes related to the field. Prof. M.N. Dutta, Registrar, was also present in the meeting.





## Activities undertaken by the Office of the International Affairs

- Two Professors, Dr. Pimpuang and Dr. Methawee from the Department of Thai, Kasetsart University visited Dibrugarh University on 15 October, 2014 and interacted with students and faculties of the Department of Assamese. They also held a meeting with the Vice Chancellor in the presence of some faculty members to discuss the ways and means to take forward the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between these two important institutions of higher education in South-East Asia.
- The OIA arranged a meeting between Mr. Patrick McCartney, Ph. D. Scholar, School of Culture, History and Language College of the Asia-Pacific, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia and Prof. B. K. Baruah along with Prof. N. K. Handique of the Department of Assamese on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The scholar expressed his wish to initiate collaborative studies in Social Linguistics with the faculties. He also visited the Manuscript Section of the Department of Assamese of the University.
- Regional Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), S. P. Kakty Borah Visited DU on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2015. During his stay in the campus Borah had an interaction with International students as well as with the Vice Chancellor of the University and Director OIA. The ICCR Regional Director had a meeting with the Registrar, Deputy Registrar (Academic) and Academic Officer of the University.
- Director, Office of the International Affairs, DU visited International Affairs Division Kasetsart University (KU), Bangkok, Thailand on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to have meeting with the representatives of KU to discuss how to take forward the collaboration under the MOU between these two Universities. The process was formally executed during the month of August 2014 to promote joint

research activities, seminars and academic meetings; exchange of academic materials and information; Short Term Academic Programmes; Faculty and Student Exchange Programmes; Joint Development of New Degree and Training Programmes, among others. On behalf of the KU, the meeting was attended by Dr. Supanni Chatkran, Director of International Affairs Division among others.

- OIA arranged a meeting with two faculty members, Dr. Manisha Joshi and Dr. Iraida Carrion, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa Florida, USA on 22 May 2015 and on 29 May 2015 to explore potential areas of collaborative multidisciplinary research between the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of South Florida and Dibrugarh University. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Vijay Swami, Executive Director of Research Institute of World's Ancient Traditions, Cultures and Heritage (RIWATCH), Arunachal Pradesh, India, among others.

### International Students Make a Beeline to Dibrugarh University

During this academic year Dibrugarh University received 54 applications for admission in various programmes from international students through ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) New Delhi. After screening by the respective Departments and the Centers, 27 were found eligible for admission. Finally, 9 of them joined DU in time with ICCR fellowship. Another student from Libya also joined DU under self financed scheme. The entire students are living in the new International Students Hostel commissioned in the premise of the DU guest house.





## *My Experience in Dibrugarh University*



The 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2015, marked the beginning of another milestone in my life. On this day, I left my country Egypt for India to pursue my PhD in Chemistry at Dibrugarh University. Saying goodbye to my family on the bright and sunny Saturday was not easy for me. However, this undertaking was an important one for both my family and I. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) had awarded me the scholarship for the PhD. So, determined to embrace the opportunity, I set off for India, from my country's capital, Cairo – the City that never sleeps.

I arrived in Dibrugarh, India, the next day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August after a 20 hour flight with Emirates Airline. My initial thought was that Dibrugarh was a connecting town to India because its location on the map appeared to me to have been outside the country. But no, it was my final destination within India. I soon learned that Dibrugarh is a District in the North Eastern part of the Asian country.

Two students from the Department of Chemistry were assigned to receive me at Dibrugarh airport. Their warm welcome gave me a first impression, that the people in this part of India were friendly, kind and very helpful. Driving from the Airport to the University was such an overwhelming experience. The infrastructure, the road network, and the animals were a marvel to watch. The green environment that struck me from the airport to the University was simply breath-taking. At the University, I joined 12 other international students. I used the days that followed to legalize my stay in India as a PhD scholar with both the Immigration department and the University authorities.

Being in a foreign country can be challenging. However, I will not hesitate to note how the University officials, particularly the Vice-Chancellor, has gone out of his way to make my stay as an international student comfortable. The accommodation facilities are good and offer me the privacy and environment I need to achieve my academic goals. I also have a general sense of security within myself owing to measures implemented by management that include the provision of security personnel, proper lighting facilities, and the mentorship from selected officials. I further find the initiative by the university to set aside a hostel for students joining the institution from foreign countries very convenient.

The various academic and cultural activities organized by the university have made it possible for me to interact more with the locals which makes me feel at home. Equipment in my department is good and favors my academic stay in the University. Most Faculty members





have also been helpful in establishing my research topic.

My stay at Dibrugarh University is thus proving beneficial already. However, there is still more that needs to be done to make Dibrugarh University a University of choice for international students. Language is a major challenge in the university as most of the community uses the local language to communicate. This is an area that the University should look into. Accommodation facilities could also be enhanced further as there is always room for improvement. The University may also find it beneficial to compare its rules and regulations governing international students.

My academic course runs for a minimum of three years to a maximum of five years. In these years, I am hopeful to generate more impressions that I will be able to share.

Thank you.

**Hanan Elnagdy**

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*We pay our sincere homage to ...*



**Darasingh Dome**  
Sweeper, who  
passed away on  
12.1.2015



**Hiramoti Dome**  
Sweeper who passed  
away on 8.5.2015

*“Life is eternal, and love is  
immortal, and death is only a  
horizon; and a horizon is nothing  
save the limit of our sight.”*



**Sunanda Ram Das**  
Section Superintendent,  
who passed away on  
2.7.2015



**Debananda Das,**  
Security Guard,  
who passed away  
on 3.10.2015





## Achievements Notebook

### Special Award of Asom Sahitya Sabha



Dr. Ananda Bormudoi, Department of English, Dibrugarh University has been awarded the *Tirthanath Sarma and Nirmala Devi Memorial Award* by the Asom Sahitya Sabha. The award has been introduced from this year and Bormudoi is

the first recipient. The award is given to a writer for his significant contribution to Assamese language, literature and culture.

### Prestigious Emeritus Fellowship

The UGC has awarded its prestigious Emeritus Fellowships to two distinguished professors of Dibrugarh University, Prof. Pradip Kr. Bhuyan of the Department of Physics and Prof. Bhimakanta Boruah of the Department of Assamese. The UGC



Prof. Bhimakanta Boruah

offers these fellowships to the highly qualified and experienced, superannuated or likely to be superannuated professors of recognized Universities and other such recognised institutions to conduct specific research work within a period of 2 years. Prof. Bhuyan will carry out his research on *Simulation of aerosol properties and air quality using WRF Chem model and forecasting of chemical weather in South Asia*. On the other hand, Prof. Boruah will conduct research on *A Critical Study on the Languages of North-eastern India*. These two professors will avail the fellowship in 2016 for a period of two years.

### Royal Society Fellowship

Abdul Aziz Ali, Senior Research fellow, CSIR, Department of Chemistry has been selected for Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) fellowship to participate in the *Ninth CRSI-RSC Joint Symposium* and the *Seventeenth CRSI National Symposium* in Chemistry held at National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, February 5-8, 2015.

### Newly Joined Director/Centre Head

- ❑ **Prof. Daisy Bora Talukdar** took charge of the Director of the Women's Study Centre, Dibrugarh University.
- ❑ **Prof. Neeta Kalita Barua** assumed charge of the Director of Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences.
- ❑ **Dr. Surajit Borkotokey**, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University assumed the charge of Director i/c of the Centre.
- ❑ **Dr. Pranjal Sarma**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology joined as the Head of the Department.
- ❑ **Dr. Bibhuti B. Kakoti**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has taken over the charge of Centre for Studies in Biotechnology.
- ❑ **Dr. Satyakam Borthakur**, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese assumed charge of the Director, Center for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication.
- ❑ **Dr. Pranjit Bora**, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese assumed charge of the Director, Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Center for Performing Arts.





## Accolade for Students of DUIET

Three students of the fourth semester B.Tech programme in Petroleum Engineering, Sarmistha Roy Chaudhury, Darsana Dutta and Sangbid Kundu were awarded the second prize in the National level Poster Presentation Competition held during the Geosciences and Geophysics Fest-Prithvi 2015 at IIT Kharagpur recently.

## Participation in Conferences

Binita Pathak visited the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Italy during 26 June - 8 August 2015.

## Ishan Vikas Allotment

Sixteen B.Tech 6<sup>th</sup> semester students from the four departments of Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology are selected for summer internship program under the newly launched Ishan Vikas program of MHRD, New Delhi. The students will be guided for summer research projects under Faculty mentors of various departments of IIT Guwahati. Each student shall be entitled to a monthly stipend of Rs. 8000/- per month during the internship program. The names of the students are : Mr. Souvik Parial, Mr. Anal Jyoti Goswami, Mr. Tanuj Bordoloi, Mr. Lakshya Jyoti Das, Miss Dipsikha Kuli, Miss Nilakshi Phukan, Miss Nidhi Singh, Mr. Angkoor Deep Nath, Miss Rimjhim Konwar, Miss Romasha Borbora, Miss Munmi Baruah, Miss Urbashi Bordoloi, Mr. Kaustav Moni Deka, Miss Chinmoyee Sarma, Miss Kimti Baruah, Miss Udeshna Sarma.

## Students Activities : Sociology

Mr. Nitish Gogoi received the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in "All Assam Inter College and University Debating Competition" organized by Demow Anchoalik Satra Santha on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015. He also received the best debater prize in the "Third Narayan Dutta Memorial, All Assam Inter College Prize Money Debating Competition" organized by Furkating College on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in "All Assam Inter College Debating Competition" organized by Duliajan College Student Union in collaboration with Duliajan Anchalik Satra Santha on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015.

## Sincere Gratitude to all the Superannuated Employees of DU [Period 1.1.2015-30.6.2015]

### Faculty

Professor, Ashok Kr. Rai, retired on 30.06.2015  
Professor, Deepanjana Das, retired on 30.06.2015  
Professor, H. N. Dutta, retired on 30.06.2015  
Professor, Aradhana Dutta, retired on 30.06.2015  
Professor, Surya Kumar Baruah, retired on 30.06.2015  
Professor, Nikunja Lata Bora Dutta, retired on 30.06.2015  
Associate Professor, Kamala Kanta Borgohain, retired on 30.06.2015.

### Officers

Babul Ch. Das, Section Officer, retired on 31.03.2015  
Lali Devi Dutta, Section Officer, retired on 28.02.2015  
Ajit Kr. Gogoi, Section Officer, retired on 30.06.2015  
Muhiram Das, Section Officer, retired on 30.06.2015  
Amulya Kr. Das, Section Officer, retired on 30.06.2015  
Prema Gogoi, chowkidar, retired on 30.1.2015  
Tapan Dehingia, Helper, retired on 28.2.2015  
Bina Pegu, Section Superintendent, retired on 31.3.2015.

### Grade III and IV Employees

Tarani Thakuria, Cook, retired on 31.3.2015  
Someswar Thakuria, Cook, retired on 31.3.2015  
Sadananda Thakuria, Cook, retired on 31.3.2015  
Bapu Nath Das, peon, retired on 31.3.2015  
Sachin Pathak, Cook, retired on 31.5.2015  
Prabin Saikia, Section Superintendent, retired on 30.6.2015  
Manik Ch. Dutta, Section Superintendent, retired on 30.6.2015.  
Prafulla Bora, Section Superintendent, retired on 30.6.2015  
Achyut Ch. Das, UDA, retired on 30.6.2015  
Arundhuti Changmai Gogoi, UDA, retired on 30.6.2015  
Rudrabahadur Chetri, Chowkidar, retired on 30.6.2015  
Luthu Chautal, Chowkidar, retired on 30.6.2015  
Lakshman Prasad, Chowkidar, retired on 30.6.2015  
Mohendra Nath Gogoi, hostel peon, retired on 30.6.2015  
Dayananda Dutta, Helper, retired on 30.6.2015  
Kiriti Nath Gogoi, check gate attendant, retired on 30.6.2015  
Ghanakanta Dehingia, check gate attendant, retired on 30.6.2015.





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**Prof. (Mrs.) Subrata Borgohain Gogoi** was invited as a speaker in the technical session, “Fossil Fuel Energy II” (ENR04), to present on the theme, “A new EOR technique for the depleting oil fields of Upper Assam Basin”, at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering on October 4-7, 2015, to held in Calgary, Canada.

**Prof. Nitul Kumar Gogoi**, Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University participated and presented a research paper – “Identity Consciousness and Ethnicity Formation In Assam : An Emulation Solidarity

Conflict” at the International Conference on Ethnicity in Asia : “Life, Power and Ethnicity”, August 20-21, 2015 at Naresuan University, Phitsanulok, Thailand.

**Dr. Arifur Zaman**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University participated and presented a research paper- “Ehnomedicinal Practices among an Ethnic Population of Assam, North East India” at IUAES Inter-Congress 2015 at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand held on 15-17 July, 2015.





## Vox-pop

### *“What I need from a Teacher?”*

“I want selfless devotion from my teachers.”

– **Laxmi Nandan Bora**  
III Semester, M.Sc. Mathematics

“Teachers should be friendly with students and should give quality time to students.”

– **Borsha Boruah**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, Bio-Informatics

“Should give equal importance to each and every students, does not matter whether he/she is brilliant or not.”

– **Jyotshna Phukan**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, M.A. Sociology

“Should be friendly and should create such an environment that we can clear our doubts without any hesitation.”

– **Lakhya Jyoti Das**  
PGDSTC

“Should motivate in every walks of life.”

– **Moon Moon Dutta**  
5<sup>th</sup> Semester, Computer Science, BCA

“Should try to understand the mental ability of every student.”

– **Dibhya Sharma**  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester, MA, Performing Arts

“Should be open and friendly but there must be some limitations; apart from curriculum they must enlighten our mind by inculcating finer qualities of human being.”

– **Spondon Kaushik Bhattacharya**  
PGDTPM

“Should teach in the easiest way so that even a layman can understand.”

– **Deepi Deka**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, Biotechnology

“Should guide what is best for us.”

– **Rumee Sensua**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, MAMC

“Should prepare well for the class before-hand in order to fully utilize the period; it seems that at certain times due to lack of preparedness he/she needs extra time to finish the lesson; Lesson plan should not only be prepared but also be implemented in the practical sense.”

– **Jahnabi Baruah**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, MBA

“Should create such an atmosphere for students that he/she doesn't hesitate to ask questions and can clear doubts easily.”

– **Pranshi Chaliha**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, MAMC

“Must grab the attention of students by giving simple, meaningful examples from day to day life.”

– **Tanmayee Gogoi**  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester, LLM

“Need friendly relation with teachers so that I can share my doubts clearly and he/she must not be egoistic.”

– **Debahuti Goswami**  
9<sup>th</sup> Semester, Integrated Physics



**PHOTO GALLERY**



Students wearing colourful attire during *Nahor*, the Inter University Meet 2015



Scenes from the play *Parijat Haran* performed by Students of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts



Students and Research Scholars of the Department of Education performing Pranjal Buragohain's play *Taj Mahal*





# PHOTO GALLERY



Students participating in the DUPGSU Election 2015



Miss Dipawali Kurmi, Best Graduate of DU being felicitated by the VC and Dean, Student Affairs



Noted Character Actor Adil Hussain interacting with the DU fraternity



Art Competition for school children organised by DU Officer's Association



Certificates distributed to College drop-outs after the end of the Technical Workshop conducted under the Associated Village Programme





## PHOTO GALLERY



The Vice-Chancellor hoisting the National Tricolour on the 69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrations



Students exhibiting their Martial Arts skills as part of a programme held to commemorate the 69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day



NSS Cell of DU observing International Day of Yoga on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2015



Prof. Prabuddha Ganguli, MHRD IPR Chair Professor delivering a talk at a IPR workshop



Students from the Department of Chemistry conducting Laboratory Assignments





## PHOTO GALLERY







**PHOTO GALLERY**



Unveiling the statue of *Prachyavidyarnava* Krishna Kanta Handique during the Closing Ceremony of Year long Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the University



Justice Shri Amitava Roy of the Supreme Court of India and Distinguished Alumnus of Dibrugarh University being felicitated by the Vice Chancellor during the closing ceremony of Golden Jubilee Celebrations





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