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A Note from the Vice Chancellor...



Once again the fragrance of yet another spring engulfs the campus with joy, hope and inspiration. This has different connotations as batches of students prepare for the ensuing End Term Examination. Successful completion of the courses, expectation for secured positions in their respective career paths and hope for a brighter future keep the campus life vibrant. For a University of half a century's standing, there is enormous institutional and societal expectation that are hinged on quality and excellence in teaching and learning outcome, research and innovation and on building a reputation thereon. There are challenges and frustrations in ensuring fulfilment of these expectations. The University has to make all out efforts to explore the removal of the infrastructural and human resource deficiencies for effective implementation of the academic reforms in place. Ensuring equity in access to the tertiary education with assured excellence is yet another challenge.

While we celebrate the success of the few in terms of achievements in the academic programmes and research output we must not lose sight of the despair and frustration of many more eluded by similar success. The entire academic community of the University must wake up to this challenge and quickly. It is difficult but not impossible.

Education in general and more sensitively, the higher education are required to withstand multiple forces of the complex socio-political-economic systems at the regional, national and global levels. There has been unmistakable trend in commercialisation of the education system. The University has to sustain its core objectives as a guiding force of the society, the nation and culture against the broader universal perspective. A University can never afford to miss the wood for the trees.

(Alak K Buragohain)

From the Desk of the Chief Editor

Fifty Years of Dibrugarh University

Dibrugarh University has completed fifty years and jubilee celebrations are going on. The journey so far has not always been smooth, easy and happy. The barriers before the builders of the University were high but they were broken by the determined will of the architects. Fifty years is not a very long period in the history of a University but in five decades things can change beyond recognition. One who visits the University today for the first time will not be able to guess what the University campus looked like in the sixties, seventies and eighties of the last century. Today a pedestrian has to wait at least a few minutes to cross the highway in front of the University gate because of traffic but the same highway three decades ago was dark and deserted in the evening. The stretch of road from the University campus to Amolapatty in the evening would submerge in darkness as there were no streetlights.

The in-campus changes in the fifty years are spectacular. In 1965 the University started functioning with a cluster of tin-roofed houses which used to be the tea house, Manager's bungalow and other houses of the tea garden which was transformed to the University. The first batch of the University community worked really hard in most uncompromising physical conditions. The campus today wears a different look. With two storeyed R.C.C. buildings for the Post-Graduate Departments and the Centres for Study, a massive administrative building, multi-storeyed central LNB Library, hostels, the Vice-Chancellor's office, a healthy looking health centre, a beautiful recreational park reflecting the cultural heritage of Assam, smooth pitch-roads connecting each building with the rest of the campus and the soothing natural surroundings, The Dibrugarh University campus today is just splendid. Along with the physical growth, the University has also shaped the educational, cultural and intellectual life of this region of the country in the fifty years. Teaching and research acquaint students and researchers with what is best thought and known in the world and at the same time make fresh insights into the cultural life of the people in the region and the needs of the industries located in this part of the country.



In Conversation with Prof. K. V. S. RAO

Prof. Kanury Venkata Subba Rao, Research Group Leader, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi visited Dibrugarh University on March 11, 2015 to grace the Inaugural Session of the International Conference on 'Harnessing the sub-Himalayan Plant Diversity for Human Welfare' and the 4th Indian National Seminar of ANRAP on 'Plants in Diabetes- Prospects and Challenges' as Chief Guest. Prof. K. V. S. Rao is involved with ground-breaking research in different facets of Immunology and Microbiology. He received global fame when his lab became the first in the world to manually complete a genome-wide RNAi screening for detection of critical proteins necessary for the progression of Tuberculosis. Ms Amrita Kashyap Chaliha who is an Assistant Professor at the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology engaged Professor Rao, a Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar awardee in an engrossing dialogue during his stay on the campus. Following is an excerpt of the interview.

AKC: What motivated you to study Science?

KVS: I am actually an accidental Scientist- I wanted to be many things, chief of them a playwright or a writer first. But once I got into Science, it was fun. There is really no profession like it. Scientists are some of the only people who get paid for having a child-like curiosity and playing with ideas. And once you are in it, you can't come out of it.

Prof. K. V. S. Rao,
ICGEB, New Delhi,
in conversation
with
Ms. A. K. Chaliha,
Dibrugarh
University



AKC: You had your foundation in Chemistry right up to your doctoral degree- and even at John Hopkins Institute, in the USA, you did your Post-doctoral research in Environmental Chemistry. What prompted you to take a plunge in Biology?

KVS: I was at the Department of Environmental Chemistry at the John Hopkins Institute, but my post-doctoral research was on Synthetic Chemistry. We were working on the synthesis of melanin pigments. I started peptide synthesis at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and followed it up in my lab later at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi.

At the College-level, Biology was mostly about dissecting frogs and cockroaches to learn about their anatomy- and I did not enjoy it. But there was also no conceptual development in Chemistry for the last fifty years- people were just mostly making modifications to known chemicals. It was when I was in John Hopkins Institute- where research was going on the chemical synthesis of a biological compound that I began to find Biology interesting. I became particularly interested in the growth factors and wrote to a few leading scientists working in that field- and that is the greatness of America- they did not care that I did not have education in Biology for a background. All of them liked what I wrote, and offered me positions in their research teams. Los Angeles sounded exciting, so I moved to the Molecular Biology Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

AKC: Would you please give us a briefing on your current research work?

KVS: For the last four years, we have been working on Tuberculosis (TB) - mostly from a systems point of view- to understand the various adaptation mechanisms of the bacteria inside the infected cells. We actually did a genome-wide RNAi screen to this effect- and we did it manually. And this went on to become a world record as we went on

to beat Harvard, Berkeley, Korea... everyone in competition for doing it first. And it was also fun. We wanted to know which proteins in the macrophage (a special kind of cell in our body) are exploited by the mycobacteria to support its survival. The only way we could do it was to knock down genes systematically in an infected macrophage and see how it affected mycobacterial growth. So we bought this genome wide RNAi library, and we targeted about 18,200 genes. We infected macrophages with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv strain, and silenced the genes one by one- lysing it at the end to perform a count of the live mycobacteria in it. It was challenging work too as we had to first get the infrastructure for it. I applied to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, for the project, and despite the cynicism of the Chairperson of the Review Committee, I was still granted the money as I stood firm in my words- 'The chance of failure should never be a reason of concern- the fear of not trying because of the chance of failure should be'. The money was finally approved by the DBT, and the Bio-Safety Level 3 (BSL 3) Cabinet was fabricated in just 3 months with room enough for an assembly of 18 students to work in it at once... And they went on to make history as it was the first time a lab had done a genome-wide screening manually by individual researchers. Harvard University listed it as one of the most innovative papers that it had ever screened.

We then performed the same genome-wide screening in the Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) and the Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR) strains to know which proteins are critical- no matter what the adaptive divergence is- based on the difference in strain or phenotype. And it was thus that we finally made our way to drug research. We have a candidate molecule which has been cleared in the pre-clinical trials and we are in talks for doing *in vivo* research and going for the Phase I trials. We are now being funded by the Wellcome Trust.

We are starting a new initiative in a completely different disease- Diabetes. And before TB, we used to work on B cells to see how B cell memory is formed. And even before that was the research on peptide vaccines. So I have worked in diverse research areas- and doing different things is one way to stay young too... (smiles)

AKC: Thank you for that detailed description of your research. Coming to India, where do you think it stands in the worldwide scene in the context of research in Medical Biology?

KVS: Honestly speaking, India has a lot to catch up with the rest of the world, which is working at a breakneck speed. There are delays in research in India- and it is of systemic nature.. Because by the time you write a project and get a grant, and then get the money, it is already at least 1-1.5 years. I know this as I have chaired some committees in the DBT. and it is dispiriting to see how long some research groups have to wait for the grant money that has been sanctioned to them. It has happened to my lab at ICgeb too.

AKC: Indian students do excellent work when they are in positions in Universities, institutes, etc, out of India and are acclaimed for that. What do you think that stops them from performing similar level of work here?

KVS: Indian students are some of the brightest in the world.. but I think there are two basic problems with most of them:

1. They often come with a lack of confidence
2. The Indian education culture is a lot about memorizing stuff and not much about raising critical questions to Professors on the subjects taught.

AKC: Drawing a reference to the theme of this International Conference, what are your views on transforming the inherent medicinal value of the rich and unique plant resources of this region?

KVS: It has to be done soon, and on a priority basis. We have this potentially rich biodiversity... and for too long it stays potentially rich- it is not translated to real riches. Every other country is moving fast in scientific research- I was in China in January, and they have invested the last ten years in realizing their plant resources, and in another 5 years, the entire Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) compounds will be characterized down to the last molecule. And people are interested in potent herbal medicine the world over... TCM is already edging out *Ayurveda* in terms of exposure, and if it is commercialized and comes to market, there will hardly be any room left for our herbal medicines.. So we either wake up now, or it will be too late.

AKC: In Assam, the OIL industry was set up soon after Oil and Gas were discovered here, and the tea industry came up as soon as the beverage value of Tea was realized.. So what is stopping Pharmaceutical companies to set up their labs here despite the rich plant diversity of medicinal value here?

KVS: My personal opinion about the Pharmaceutical Industry in India is that it is a fairly unimaginative one- they are mostly just tinkering with already known molecules to get new ones and making a few million rupees off them. But even otherwise strong Pharma industries build products on well-established traditional herbal medicines.. And this is the Roadmap that I have been discussing with the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. If you have a

pipeline of strong validations, strong characterizations of traditional medicine, and can do the manufacturing in a community-based cottage industry model- keeping the Intellectual Property Rights intact, I believe that will be a fantastic. And that will spread across communities and will be a terrific thing.

AKC: Why do you think the Industry-Academia interfacing is not quite happening here in our country unlike that in the US, or other developed countries?

KVS: That will only happen in the true sense of the term when Industry can fund Academia. And no Indian industry has the pocket depth to do that. and that is the problem. So the little Industry-Academia interfacing happening here is through public funding, or the public-private-partnership (PPP) model. It is not like in abroad where you find the major Pharma companies put 100 million dollars in MIT (Massachusetts Information Institute of Technology) or 50 million dollars in Harvard as private fund for research as they see innovation there... Leads will come from there. In India, we the scientists and researchers have not developed the credibility to compete for funds from multinational companies and the Indian Pharma industry does not have the imagination for this type of collaboration. Cipla has become quite big now, and Sun Pharma is big too... so hopefully they will start investing on new hopes and novel ideas in research. But it is still the Government funded Private Public Partnership models which are the norm now...everybody just comes for the pot of gold than focus on any real research.

AKC: What would be your advice be to our young science students and researchers?

KVS: I think the mistake we make here in India is that everything good is only good if it is serious... Science too therefore has to be a serious business but in fact it is not a serious business... it is a lot of fun actually- playing with ideas... seeing what works and what not. Where else would you really get paid for playing with ideas? As long as you enjoy what you do, I think even the frustration and challenges of getting the funds for your research would feel justified... But you have to have fun in doing research.

Down Memory Lane...



A meeting at Dibrugarh University, Prof B. R. Seth, Vice-Chancellor, sitting in the extreme left, while L.P. Dutta is addressing

A Snapshot from the 1st Convocation, Dibrugarh University



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Campus & Community

Golden Jubilee Distinguished Lecture

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Supreme Court of India has delivered the DU Golden Jubilee Distinguished Lecture on 2nd March, 2015 at 4.00 pm in the Rang-ghar, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh. Apart from the teaching community of the University and the affiliated colleges, research scholars and students of the University, various members of the society including the members from the judiciary and district administration have attended the lucid and eye-opening talk on the various ways the Supreme Court serves as the Guardian of the Indian Constitution.



Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Supreme Court of India delivering the Lecture

Colloquium Deliberations

- The second 'Golden Jubilee Colloquium' talk was delivered by **Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra**, Chairperson, Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, JNU on the topic "India among Major Powers: Difficulties, Challenges & Opportunities" on 13th October 2014. In his first part of the speech he highlights the perception of the countries of rest part of the world towards India as a major power and followed by the issues related to India which prevent the nation to become major power in the world map.



Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, delivering the Talk

- Prof. P.M. Rajan Gurukkal**, Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam has

delivered a talk on the topic "Development, Ethnicity and Environment: A Theoretical Perspective" on the third Golden Jubilee Colloquium of Dibrugarh University on 3rd November, 2014. The Scholar and historian of eminence, Prof. Gurukkal delivered an engrossing discourse on diverged themes of development, ethnicity and environment. The independent yet intimately related themes merged into one another as Prof. Gurukkal elaborated on the relevance of the theme. Development as he portrays as the descriptive connotation to cover the capital intensive motives involving technology, energy, industry and finally profit. He wondered the tribal controlled areas which enjoy a balanced ecosystem are now destroyed to support the so called development projects. The topographic transformation in the name of rail-road projects, mining, establishing industrial zone, SEZ and energy corridor are corroding into the vital core of the nature.



Prof. P.M. Rajan Gurukkal delivering the Talk

- **Eminent modern poet in Malayalam, a bilingual critic, playwright, editor, literary columnist, translator and the recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Dr. K Satchidanandan** delivered a thought provoking talk on **“Indian Literature: Singular or Plural?”** at **Fourth Dibrugarh University Golden Jubilee Colloquium** on **16 December 2014**. Dr. Satchidanandan states that instead of reducing the polemic into an all-conclusive dictum, it is rather pertinent to problematize the entire issue so as to view it from different vantage points.



Prof. Satchidanandan

Dr. Satchidanandan asserts that plurality is the essential feature of Indian literature, however, nonetheless there are certain commonalities within it which facilitated the grand tradition of Indian literature. While cementing his argument on the topic the noted poet critic takes into account some of the observation of other critics and commentators on Indian literature. For instance, he refers to the stance that Indian literature is one even though it is written in different languages. On the contrary to this there is another theoretical orientation to the issue is that there cannot be a single Indian literature as there is not an ‘Indian language’. In this regard he also points to the fact that the richness of oral tradition has also problematized the question of ‘singularity’.

Felicitation Programme

To recognize the contributions made by committed philanthropists in the establishment of the Dibrugarh University, honour a few eminent alumni who have achieved distinctions in their respective fields, and giving due acknowledgements to a number of distinguished colleges affiliated to the university which have secured the enviable Grade ‘A’ NAAC Accreditation, a Felicitation Programme was organized as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations on 12th November, 2014. The event was graced by Sri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Union Minister, Sports and Youth Affairs who is an alumnus of the Department of English. The programme commenced with the Felicitation of the distinguished Guests of Honour, which included besides the Sri Sonowal, Sri Surjya Kanta Hazarika, Padma Shree Awardee, Sri Rameswar Teli, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, among others. Prof. M.N. Dutta, Registrar, delivered the welcome address. This was followed by the Hon’ble Union Minister Sri Sarbananda Sonowal’s inspiring speech in which he made an earnest appeal to the students to channelize their positive energies in culturing both mind and the body. He was of the view that students from Assam and the North-east were at par with any other students from the mainland India, and they were in no way disadvantaged in terms of their academic merit or physical wellness. As a Union Minister of Sports, he assured that he would provide a Centre of Sports Sciences to his alma mater. The programme was marked by felicitation of the distinguished personalities, such as, Sri B. P. Bakshi, Vice-Chairman, National Productivity Council Member and Board of Management, Centre for Management Studies, DU, as well as Sri Jyoti Prakash Kanoi, Member, Hanumanbox Kanoi family, without whose selfless philanthropy, the establishment of the institution would perhaps not have been possible. Both delivered brief addresses. The Principals



Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal being felicitated

of the five Colleges, Dr. Manuranjan Pandit, Principal, Lakhimpur Girls' College, North Lakhimpur, Dr. Jinamoni Bhuyan, Principal, Devicharan Barua Girls College, Jorhat, Dr. Biman Kumar Chetia, North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous), Dr. Bimal Barah, Jagannath Baruah College, Jorhat, and Dr. Putul Ch. Saikia, Debraj Roy College, Golaghat, awarded Grade 'A' by the NAAC, were felicitated. Dr. M. Pandit, Principal, Lakhimpur Girls' College, underlined the achievement of his college, and also thanked the university on behalf of the others for its unflinching support to all of its affiliated colleges. The programme was also marked by reminiscences of its alumni such as Sri Bhupen Kumar Borah, Sri Surjya Kanta Hazarika, who provided interesting insights and anecdotes of their varsity days. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alak K Buragohain, in his address underscored the various achievements of the university in the past fifty years, acknowledging the contributions made by the founders, teachers, officers, office bearers, alumni, philanthropists among others, and apprised of the necessity of a vision as a roadmap for the next fifty years. Dr. Rupam Saikia, Director, College Development Council, proposed the vote of thanks to all those present. A song was also performed by Miss Hangma Limboo, student of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, to commemorate the occasion.

The Scholar-in-Residence Programme

- ✓ **Prof. Puthen Madathil Rajan Gurukkal, Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and leading Indian Social Scientist, Historian and Writer** has interacted with the research scholars of the University on **8th November, 2014** under the **Scholar-in-Residence Programme of Dibrugarh University**.
- ✓ The Fifteenth **Scholars-in-Residence Programme** was held on **13th November, 2014 at 4.30 p.m.** in the **conference hall of New Guest House, D.U.** There were 9 research scholars who have attended the programme and they were addressed by Eminent Zoologist Prof. Arun Kumar Ray, Department of Zoology, School of Life Science, Visva Bharati, West Bengal. His area of specialization is Fish Nutrition, Aquaculture, Fish Biology & Fisheries.

The discussion was initiated by **Prof. Ray** by sharing his research experiences and advised the scholars to focus on the formulation of research questions selected for research study. He also cites

examples of different authors as how they have popularized the knowledge of science. Different quarries were raised by the scholars in terms of their respective research work, publications in journals and attending seminars etc. which he has addressed to their satisfaction.



Prof. Arun Kr. Ray in the 15th Scholar-in-Residence Programme

- ✓ **Professor Mohammad Abdul Kalam, Professor of Eminence, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University and Professor Birinchi K. Medhi, Professor of Anthropology, Gauhati University,** interacted with the students of the University and members of the Dibrugarh University Research Scholars Association (DURSA) on **22nd November, 2014** under the **Scholar-in-Residence Programme of Dibrugarh University**.



Prof. Kalam and Prof. Medhi in the Scholar-in-Residence Programme

- ✓ **Professor Gerson Damiani (Professor Jay) from the University of Sao Paul, Brazil** was the resource person in the **17th Scholars-In-Residence Program** held on **22nd November, 2014** at Dibrugarh University Guest House. He has interacted with the students of the University and members of the Dibrugarh University Research Scholars Association (DURSA). At



Prof. Damiani addressing the scholars

the beginning, **Prof. Damiani** gave a short presentation on the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil along with a small documentary highlighting about the various facets of research that has been currently undertaken at their University. Different queries were raised by the scholars in terms of their respective research work, exchange and possibilities of collaborations and post doc possibilities etc. which he has addressed to their satisfaction.

Coaching Programme on Entry to the Civil Services Examination

27th January 2015 – 31st January 2015

The **Centre for Training for Entry to Services** of **Dibrugarh University** has conducted its *Advance Coaching*

Programme on Preparation for Civil Services Examination from 27th January 2015 to 31st January 2015 exclusively for the *Super Thirty* students of *Dibrugarh University* which were identified as potential candidates from the previous coaching programme held during September, 2014.

During the programme, resource persons from one of the leading coaching centres of the country - **Khan Study Group (KSG) of New Delhi** conducted intensive sessions on preparation for *Civil Services Examination* especially the *General Studies papers*. **Dr. A.R. Khan** the founder of KSG addressed the participants by delivering a motivational talk on how to overcome from 'I cannot do it to I can do it' especially for civil services examination. He further emphasised upon keeping four points to be included in the daily routine. They are Acquire, Memorize, Revision/ Retrieval and Skill. **Dr T.S. Rana** of KSG delivered his talk on *Geography and Social/Right Issues*. **Sri S. Monga** of KSG dealt with topics on *Civil Services Aptitude Test & related themes of General Studies*. The feedback received from the student participants about the programme was encouraging.



Dr. A. R. Khan , Director of Khan Study Group, New Delhi



A section of the Participants with Dr. Rana of Khan Study Group, New Delhi

SPIC MACAY Program

Dibrugarh University SPIC MACAY Sub Chapter organised a splendid Classical Music Performance Event at Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts on 2nd February 2015. The Guest for the Event was Sri Omkar Dadarkar, a brilliant young Vocalist in the field of Indian Classical Music, the recipient of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar. He was accompanied by the esteemed artist, Ashok Mukherjee from Kolkata in tabla, and by Khanjit Pathak from Guwahati in harmonium. The programme was marked by lighting of the Lamp by Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Director i/c of the Centre.



Omkar Dadarkar performing at the Programme

National Service Scheme Mega Camp in Dibrugarh University



A **National Service Scheme (NSS)** Mega Camp was organized by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India** in collaboration with Dibrugarh University and Majuli College, one of the affiliated colleges of Dibrugarh University, Assam from 19 January 2015 to 30 January 2015. More than 350 NSS volunteers and 35 programme officers representing 27 States including Union Territories of India participated in the National Level Camp.

‘The younger generation is the future hope of India’ said the *Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal*, while inaugurating the Mega Camp at Kamalabari, Majuli. The Minister said that the NSS is the right platform for the youth to be moulded as socially responsible citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, **Prof. Alok Kr. Buragohain** urged the NSS volunteers to use their time and energy for creating a vibrant India by removing social, economic and regional barriers. **Kamakhya Prasad Tasa**, MP, Jorhat also inspired the students to become responsible citizens which was vital for India to become a vibrant nation. The welcome address was delivered by the principal, Majuli College, Dr. Sashikanth Saikia. Dr. G.K. Tutuja, NSS Programme Advisor Govt. of India, Commissioner Upper Assam, Shri Sunil Kr. Basumatary, Youth Officer and Head, NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati, Dy. Commissioner, Jorhat also addressed the NSS volunteers. Dr. David Kardong, NSS Programme

Coordinator, Dibrugarh University delivered the vote of thanks.

During the first eight days, as part of its academic sessions, eminent resource persons delivered lectures and interacted with the volunteers on various national and international issues, including political, social, economic and educational problems that India is facing today. During the Mega Camp, the volunteers enjoyed the rich and vibrant *Vaishnavite Cultural Heritage* by visiting holy ‘*Sattras*’, their prayer halls and museums during their educational and cultural trips. They also closely observed the unique lifestyle of the Mishing tribe and Deori tribe at Jengraimukh and Deori villages. Every evening the volunteers enthusiastically exhibited their unique cultures by depicting their regional social and religious life through songs, skits and dances.

From 27th January 2015 till 30th January the venue of the NSS Mega Camp was shifted to the campus of Dibrugarh University. On 28 January 2015 the participants visited the industrial township of Digboi which was followed by a cultural programme in the evening in the Rangghar Auditorium, Dibrugarh University.

The valedictory session was held on the 29th of January 2015 in Dibrugarh University. The Chief Guest for the event was Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MP, Jorhat. The session was followed by cultural programs performed by the participants.



Students performing at the NSS Mega Camp



The Sixty-Sixth Republic Day Celebrated

The sixty-sixth Republic Day was celebrated at Dibrugarh University with pomp and gaiety. The entire campus resounded with patriotic songs being played through the public address system. The National Tricolour was unfolded by **Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain**, Vice Chancellor, DU in the presence of the Deans, Registrar, Teachers, Employees, Students and people from neighbourhood. In his Republic Day address, **Prof. Buragohain** recalled the contributions of the national leaders in the early post-independence contributions like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru etc. who worked extensively in framing the Constitution of free India. He also mentioned about the great ancient heritage of the country and its present status as an emerging global leader. He, along with the Registrar, **Prof. M.N. Dutta** took the salute from the students' contingents who paraded along with the band from the Model school of the campus.

Good Governance Day Observed

Dibrugarh University, in association with Dibrugarh University Research Scholars' Association (DURSA), observed the 'Good Governance Day' by organizing an oratory (BhaashanShailee) competition on 'Use of Information Technology in Promotion of Good Governance' on 24th December, 2014. The competition was open for the regular students of Dibrugarh University and also for the students of the affiliated colleges under Dibrugarh University and research scholars of the University. The competition was held in the form of a meeting which was chaired by Dr. B. K. Baruah, Director in-charge, Centre for Library and Information Sciences and Professor, Dept. of Assamese. Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, Sivasagar Commerce College, Sivasagar, Mr. Chandan Chutia, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University and Ms. Harry Kaur, Dept. of Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University were awarded the best three positions respectively.

Eminent Professors from University of Maryland, USA and former Professor of ISI, Kolkata in Dibrugarh University Workshop

A workshop on '**Statistical Meta Analysis and Assessment of Agreements**' was held in Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University on 5th of January 2015 with the financial support of the University. Prof. Subrata Chakraborty coordinated the workshop where two eminent scholars of International reputation, Prof. Bimal K. Sinha, Presidential Research Professor, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, University of Maryland – Baltimore County, Maryland, USA and Dr. Bikas K. Sinha, Retired Professor of Statistics, Stat-Math Division/Applied Statistics Division, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata were the Resource Persons. Altogether twenty one participants including two from Guwahati, one from Kohima, Nagaland took part in the workshop. Intensive interaction between the resource persons and the participants made all the four technical sessions exciting and fruitful.

International Seminar on The Tradition of Performing Arts and Its Contemporary Relevance

The International Seminar on 'The Tradition of Performing Arts and Its Contemporary Relevance' was an intensive effort on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Dibrugarh University to provide a platform for sharing the views and ideas on the lively tradition of performing arts, and for identifying the different safeguarding measures including training and infrastructure to properly prepare staff and institutions for preserving the full range of performing arts. The 3-day International Seminar, organized by Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts in collaboration with ICCR, New Delhi was held from February 23-25, 2015.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Prof. Alak Kr. Buragohain, was the inaugurator of the Seminar. Prof. Padma Shri Sunil Kothari, one of the few living legendary figures of Indian Dance Study in contemporary times and the retired Uday Shankar Chair Professor in Viswa-Bharati, delivered the key-note address of the Seminar. Prof. Robin Das, retired Professor in NSD, New Delhi, a renowned

name in the field of theatre designing, and also the recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Tim Dalton, veteran theatre director and stage designer from France, were the Guests of Honour in the session. Prof. Kulendu Pathak, former Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University and Prof. Kandarpa Kumar Deka, former Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University and Vice Chancellor, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva Viswavidyalaya were present as the Chief Guests, while Prof. Nagen Saikia had inaugurated the Souvenir, Sutradhar, published on the occasion of the Seminar. Prof. K. D. Hazarika, Director of the International Seminar had chaired the session which was attended, along with faculties, scholars and students from different Departments and Centres, by the resource-persons and invited speakers for the different technical sessions.

The first technical session of the Seminar was chaired by Prof. Kulendu Pathak. The session had three papers — **The Actor's Marionette- Himself** (Tim Dalton), **Dance Practice and Theories: Oral Transmission and Texts** (Nancy Boissel Cormier), **Interaction with Tradition for Modern Theatre** (Robin Das). The chief speaker of the



Photo Details:

1. Prof. Sunil Kothari
2. Prof. Robin Das
3. Nancy Boissel Cormier
4. Tim Dalton
5. Lighting of the Lamp by the Vice-Chancellor

session was Prof. Pradipjyoti Mahanta, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University. The first day of the Seminar concluded with a colourful cultural evening in memory of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, which was inaugurated by the legendary singer, Sudakhina Sarma. The cultural evening on the second day, which was dedicated to the fond memories of Khagen Mahanta, was a unique one with the performance of 'Mukha-Bhaona' by the artists of Natun Chamaguri Satra, Majuli.

Among the other notable speakers and resource-persons attending the Seminar were Dr. Saradi Saikia, Secretary, Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra, Prof. Prabin Das, renowned scholar in folklore studies, and Dr. Paramananda Majumdar, renowned writer. The Seminar received outstanding feedback from both the invited speakers and registered participants.



International Conference on **Harnessing the sub-Himalayan Plant Diversity for Human Welfare**

The International Conference on 'Harnessing the sub-Himalayan Plant Diversity for Human Welfare' was a spirited and concerted effort on the momentous occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Dibrugarh University to provide a platform to a distinguished congregation of scientists from diverse allied disciplines for exchange of valuable scientific opinions and innovative ideas on contemporary trends in plant-based drug discovery. The 3-day International Conference was held from March 11-13th, 2015 and saw a wide participation of invited speakers and delegates from India and abroad. In synchrony to this International Conference, the **4th Indian National Seminar of the Asian Network of Research on Anti-diabetic Plants (ANRAP) on 'Plants in Diabetes: Prospects and Challenges'** was organized jointly by Dibrugarh University, and ANRAP on March 13th, 2015. With its Secretariat based in Dhaka, ANRAP is an international forum for exchanging experiences in the field of antidiabetic plant research and is actively involved in promoting research activities related to the same through organization of international/national seminars/workshops etc.

The Inaugural Session for both the International Conference on 'Harnessing the sub-Himalayan Plant Diversity for Human Welfare' and the 4th Indian National Seminar of ANRAP on 'Plants in Diabetes: Prospects and Challenges' was held on March 11th, 2015 at 8.45 AM IST. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Prof. Alak Kr. Buragohain, inaugurated the session. Prof. Kanury Venkata Subba Rao, Research Group Leader from the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi was invited as Chief Guest, while Dr. N.C.

Talukdar, Director, DST-Institute for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology was received as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Samir Bhattacharya, INSA National Professor, Viswa Bharati, Santiniketan, Prof. C. K. Kokate, Vice-Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum, Karnataka, Prof. A. K. Azad Khan, Founder Gen. Secretary, ANRAP, Prof. L. K. Nath, Convener of the International Conference and Prof. Pankaj Das, Organising Secretary, International Conference and ANRAP seminar, were the other dignitaries who graced the dais. The Inaugural session was attended by the full strength of plenary speakers, invited speakers, registered delegates of the International Conference and the ANRAP seminar, as well as Faculty and students from the different Departments

and Centres of the University. The Key-note address was delivered by Prof. K. V. S. Rao on 'Dissecting Metabolic Perturbation by integrating High-throughput Biology with Systems Approaches'. Among the other notable Scientists attending the International Conference and ANRAP Seminar were Prof. Tetsuya Konishi, Niigata University of Pharmacy & Life Sciences, Japan; Prof. Pharkphoom Panichayupakaranant, Prince Songkla University, Thailand; Prof. Biswapati Mukherjee, former Professor and Executive Director of the S. N. Pradhan Centre for Neurosciences, University of Calcutta, etc. Both the International Conference and ANRAP Seminar received tremendous feedback from both the invited speakers and registered participants.

Dibrugarh University Celebrates 150th Birth Anniversary of Sahityarathee Bezbaroa in Sambalpur



The concluding function of the 150th birth anniversary of Sahityarathee Lakshminath Bezbaroa was organised by Dibrugarh University in collaboration with Lakshminath Bezbaroa Smrutee Committee, Sambalpur on Sunday, 7th December, 2014. Intellectuals, literary personalities, academicians and the elite citizens of the city had participated in the function, which was organized at the Railway Institute at Khetrapur of the Western Odisha town. Attending the function, former MP of the Rajya Sabha and former Bezbaroa-Chair professor of Dibrugarh University, Nagen Saikia said that it was his first pilgrimage to Sambalpur, where the doyen of the Assamese literature had spent 20 years. It was at this place that Bezbaroa had written the best as well as mature writings of his career. Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, who was there representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alak K Buragohain, highlighted in her speech how Bezbaroa had fought valiantly for the greater cause of language and literature when he was away from his native land for such a long period. Principal of Gandhi Memorial College, Kalapani in Bargarh district, Mohan Sahu, who attended the occasion as the Chief Speaker, discussed stories of Bezbaroa. The joint Secretary of Culture, Govt of Odissa, Bishnu Prasad Mishra was also present on the occasion. He stressed on the need of proper conservation of Bezbaroa's house in Sambalpur and assured that Govt of Odissa will immediately take up everything necessary for it. Dr. Pranjit Bora, Assistant Professor in the Department of Assamese, Mr Prakalpa Ranjan Bhagawati, Publication Officer of the University, and Mr Deven Tamuly, Doordarshan, PPC, North-East also participated in the meeting. B.C. Bora, Deputy Registrar of the Dibrugarh University, offered the vote of thanks on the occasion. Sasanka Sekhar Purohit, President of the Lakshminath Bezbaroa Smrutee Committee, presided over the function. Along with a Souvenir, another important book, *Bezbaroa: The Man and His Works*, edited by Dr. Ananda Bormudoi and published by Publication Division of the University were also released in this function.

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School of Humanities and Social Science

Department of Assamese

Prof. Malini Goswami delivers Mahendra Bora Memorial Lecture

The sixth Mahendra Bora Memorial Lecture organized by the Department was delivered by Prof. Malini Goswami, Department of Assamese, Gauhati University on 13th November, 2014. The topic of Prof. Goswami's lecture was, "Chanda-Shilpo aru Asomiya Kabita". Prof A. K. Buragohain, Honourable Vice-Chancellor had inaugurated the programme, while Smt. Geeta Bora, wife of late Prof. Mahendra Bora lighted the lamps. It was a brilliant deliberation on different aspects of rhythm explicated with insights drawn from both Indian and Western critical spectrum.



Prof. Malini Goswami

Department of History

Seminar/ Lectures Organized

- National Seminar on "Interrogating Caste in Assam: History, Ideology and Manifestation" sponsored by Indian Council of Historical research, New Delhi, on 17th-to 18th October 2014



Distinguishing Delegates at the National Seminar



Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian delivering his Speech

- Prof. T. K. V. Subramanian, Ret. Prof. of Delhi University, Department of History delivered Lectures under UGC's Special Assistance Programme (DRC-I) from 27th October to 30th October 2014 .

- Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, noted historian and social scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, delivered lectures under UGC's Special Assistance Programme (DRC-I) from - 3rd November 2014- 8th November 2014

Department of Political Science

Prof Chintamani Mahapatra delivers talk on Indo-US Relations

Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered a talk on Indo-US relations with emphasis on the opportunities and challenges for their partnership in the 21st century on 14th October, 2014 in the Department of Political Science.



Prof Chintamani Mahapatra with faculties and students

Talk on Political Thought with emphasis on Post-Modernism and the Life and Work of Michael Foucault

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala delivered a talk on political thought with emphasis on post-modernism and the life and work of Michael Foucault on 7th November 2014 in the Department of Political Science.

Talk on Interface between Rights and Security in North-East India

Prof. Akhil Ranjan Dutta of Guwahati University delivered a lecture on the topic "Interface between Rights and Security in North-East India: Perceptions from Peoples' Movements", in the Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University on 20th March 2015. Prof Dutta dealt with the discourse on the rights and security of the people of the North-East from the Peoples' Movement Perspective in the era of Globalisation and Liberalism.

Centre for Studies in Languages

Seminar on Tai Language

A one day seminar on "Tai Language: Prospects for Development in the Present Day Context" was organized by the Centre for Studies in Language at the New Conference Hall on 12th January 2015. Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A.K. Buragohain graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the session. In his inaugural speech he mentioned that as the Tai Language has a particular hold over the region, it can be conducive enough for opening up new dimensions in South East Asian relations. While Prof. B. K. Boruah, Director in-Charge, delivered the welcome address, Sri Jibeswar Mohan, notable scholar of Tai Language and Vice President of Tai Ahom Development Council Govt. of Assam graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Mr. J.N. Phukon, notable historian, Tai scholar and president of Tai Ahom Development Council, Govt. of Assam, presided over the session. In the technical sessions all together eight papers by scholars from different parts of Assam were presented covering different aspects of the Tai Language. Almost all the papers focused on the fact that all the languages belonging to Tai family have similar kind of internal structure with local and dialectal variations, and there is need to make a systematic study towards the origin and growth of the language to unite the people, culture, society and nations belonging to this particular language.



Prof. B. K. Boruah with foreign delegates

Lectures on Tai language and Culture

Professor Lee Qiang, Professor, Department of Foreign Language and Literature, Yunnan Nationalities Universities, Kunming city, China had delivered a lecture on *Tai Language and Culture in China*. Professor Sai San Aik of Thamaing, Mayangene, Yangon of Myanmar had delivered a lecture on *Shan language and Culture of Myanmar*, and Sao Yitun of Buddhist school of Mongmao, Ruili, Yunnan, China also delivered a lecture on *Buddhism and Tai Culture in South East Asia* on 16th February, 2015.

Centre for Studies in Philosophy

World Philosophy Day Observed

Since its inception, the Centre for Studies in Philosophy, Dibrugarh University has celebrated the World Philosophy Day every year on the third Thursday of the month of November. This year the Day was observed in the Conference Hall of the Centre for Womens' Studies on 4th December 2014. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Rajee Konwarh, Rtd. Principal, D. H. S. K. College, Dibrugarh. Prof. Raghunath Ghosh, Dept. of Philosophy, North Bengal University, was invited as the esteemed speaker to deliver a lecture on *Values Embedded in Indian Culture*. The program



A moment from the Celebration of World Philosophy Day

started with the welcome address by Prof. N. K. Handique, Director i/c of the Centre. The meeting was inaugurated by Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. In his lecture, Prof. Raghunath Ghosh, highlighting some important features and trends of recent Indian thinkers, emphasized that it is high time to reconstruct the nation with the basic values which are embodied in our tradition and culture.

Philosophy Teachers' Meet, 2015

The Centre for Studies in Philosophy, in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, organised a Philosophy Teachers' Meet on 25th and 26th March, 2015. The main theme of the Meet was "Social Divisions and the Contribution of Philosophy to Their Understanding", which emphasised upon the philosophical bearings of the varied perspectives of the social sciences on divisions such as community, class, caste, tribe, culture etc. In his key-note address, Prof. Sharad Deshpande, retired Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Pune and Tagore Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla said that the underlying assumption of the theme of the

Philosophy Teachers' Meet has contributed to the understanding of social divisions. Prof. S. Goswami, Department of Philosophy, Gauhati University, Dr. Pravesh Jung, Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla and a faculty in IIT Mumbai, Prof. L. Chatani, Department of Political Sciences, M.S. University of Baroda. Prof. S.K. ArunMurthi, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER, Mohali, and Dr. S. K. Lahiri, Dept. of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University participated as resource persons in the event. They made deliberations on *Social Divisions and Issues of Identity, Self-Other and Identity Discourse: Philosophical Underpinnings, Philosophy of Politics and Politics of Philosophy, Philosophical Implications of Science: What does it mean?, Material Basis of Social Identities: Illusions and Reality* respectively. An interactive session amongst the participants was also held which was chaired by Dr. Rajee Konwarh, former Principal and Head, Dept. of Philosophy, D.H.S.K. College Dibrugarh. Twenty nine teachers of Philosophy from various colleges of the entire state and faculty members with students from various Departments actively participated in the Meet.

Centre for Juridical Studies

Training Programme on Women Prisoners and Their Rights

A one day training programme on "Women Prisoners and Their Rights" was organized by the Centre for Juridical Studies under the sponsorship of National Human Rights Commission on 27th February, 2015. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Science, while Dr S R Mohapatra, Director in-charge of the Centre delivered the Welcome Address. There were four technical sessions starting with Dr. Alpana Buragohain, HOD, Deptt. of Political Science, D.U.. She furnished a brief outline of women prisoners right from the feminist perspective. The second session was presided over by Mr. R Borah, Associate Professor, Dikhomukh College, Sivasagar. He gave a brief outline of the female criminality and elaborately detailed the causes of female criminality and suggested measures for their eradication. Dr. Nazarana A. Islam, Advocate, Dibrugarh District Bar was the Resource person in the third session.



Prof. K. D. Hazarika inaugurating the Training Programme

He focused in detail the national and international documents available for dealing with the rights of the women prisoners and various pronouncements delivered by the Judiciary. The resource person for the last session was Mr. Safiqur Rahman, Superintendent, Dibrugarh District Jail, Dibrugarh, who furnished a brief analysis of the jail manual and difficulties in the implementation of rights of women prisoners.

Centre for Social Work Studies

Study Tour Programme to Gujarat

Two faculty members and twenty five students of MSW 3rd semester from the Centre visited Gujarat on a study tour programme from 30-12-2014 to 13-01-2015. The main objective of the study tour programme was to visit the

reputed social service organizations, educational institutes, rural communities and slum community of Gujarat and to gather information and to build network for future disciplinary endeavour.

Rural Camp Organized

The students of second semester of the Centre participated in a rural camp that was conducted in Burha Buri Gaon Panchayat under Sadiya Development Block, Tinsukia. The rural camp commenced on 23rd March, 2015 and ended on 29th March, 2015. The entire rural camp was headed under the supervision of two faculty members of the Centre. The objective behind conducting such camps was to provide the students first-hand practical knowledge and experience on various traits related to rural life. Among the various activities of the camp, mention must be made of performance of street plays, *Sramdan* (an initiative to bring about awareness among people on issues related to sanitation and awareness), plantation, etc.

A moment from the Street Play



A Snapshot from the Awareness Camp

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts

- A team of research scholars with their guide of Performing Arts from Belgium visited Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, Dibrugarh University on 28th January, 2015 and interacted with the faculty members and students of the Centre.
- A 7 day Theatre workshop on 'Physical Approach of Actor Training' was successfully organized by the Drama section of the Centre under the supervision of Tim Dalton, an eminent Theatre worker and sculptor, writer from Paris, France from 16th to 22nd February, 2015.



Faculties and Students with the Team from Belgium

Centre for Women's Studies

1. Organized a "Co-ordinators' Meet, 2014" with the Women's Studies Development Cells of different colleges on 5th December, 2014 at the Conference Hall of the Centre.
2. Organized a six-day Workshop on "Methodology for Research in Women's Studies" from 15th to 20th December, 2014 at the Conference Hall of the Centre. Altogether thirty five participants from different Colleges of Assam participated in the Workshop.
3. Organized a fifteen-day Internship Training Programme for students from Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University from 15th December to 30th December, 2014 at the Conference Hall of the Centre.
4. Prof. Medha Deshpande, former Professor and Head, University Department of Economics, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai and Pune Campus, delivered a talk on "Measurement of Women Work through Large Scale Survey" on 9th February, 2015 at the Conference Hall of the Centre.
5. International Women's Day was celebrated by the Centre on 8th March, 2015. Dr. Nazrana Ahmed Islam, Advocate, Dibrugarh Bar Association delivered a talk on "Women's Right, Violence against Women, Trafficking, etc" on the occasion.

School of Science and Engineering

Department of Anthropology

UGC-SAP-DRS (Phase-III) Status to Department of Anthropology

Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh has got UGC-SAP-DRS (Phase-III) in the year 2014.

The title of the Projects:

- (1) A study on women's reproductive health and nutritional status among some ethnic groups of Upper Assam.
- (2) Clinical implications of haemoglobinopathies on population health : A study on few ethnic groups of Upper Assam

Name of Coordinator : *Prof. Sarthak Sengupta*

Name of Deputy Coordinator : *Prof. Nitul Kr. Gogoi*

Amount sanctioned : Non recurring :	Rs. 25 lakhs
	Recurring : Rs. 42 lakhs
	Total : Rs. 67 lakhs + 2 Project Fellows

Department of Chemistry

National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Fundamental and Applied Chemical Sciences" (RTFACS-2014)

The 3-day National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Fundamental and Applied Chemical Sciences" (RTFACS-2014) was organized by the Department of Chemistry on November 19-21, 2014, as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Dibrugarh University. The seminar covered a broad range of topics in Chemical Sciences with following subthemes: Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, Organic Synthesis, Natural Products Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Hybrid Materials, Inorganic Synthesis, Organometallic Synthesis, Homogeneous and

Heterogeneous Catalysis, Bio-catalysis, Nano Chemistry and Electrochemistry. It included invited talks from eminent scientists, academicians and young scientists from various parts of the country. There were five technical sessions and two poster sessions apart from the inaugural and valedictory session. Each session was chaired by eminent subject experts. There were 14 invited lectures along with eight oral presentations. The resource persons were from reputed institutes such as CSIR-NCL, Pune, IIT-Chennai, IIT-Kharagpur, IACS-Kolkata, Calcutta University, IIT-Guwahati, CSIR-IIP, Dehradun, Gauhati University, NEHU-Shillong and NEIST-Jorhat. There were 83 outstation and 90 local participants. In the Poster session, more than 85 participants presented



Dr. Sourav Paul releasing the Chemistry Seminar Abstracts

their papers, which provided the opportunity to focus their recent research areas and to interact with the other scientists. Four posters prizes were awarded to encourage the young students.

The keynote lecture on "Computational Modelling and Simulation: Molecules to Materials" was delivered by Dr. Sourav Pal, Director, CSIR-NCL, Pune. It was followed by lectures on Nanochemistry by eminent scholar Prof. A. Chattopadhyay and Dr. T. Bala. There were lectures on

hard core Synthetic Organic Chemistry and Natural Product Chemistry along with synthesis and applications of Organic Polymers in the field of electronics. A lecture on metal clusters from conceptual density functional point of view was also presented. There was also a lecture on the catalytic activation of methane and its industrial applications. In addition, there was a lecture highlighting the influence of additives on surfactant aggregation.

Department of Mathematics

International Seminar on *Game Theory and Its Applications to Social and Economic Networks*

An International Seminar on **Game Theory and Its Applications to Social and Economic Networks** was organized by the Department on **December 10-12, 2014**. **Prof. Sandipta Sarangi**, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University, USA delivered the Key-note address, while 35 participants including renowned Game Theorists and Network Analysts from IIT-Bombay and Ropar, ISI- Kolkata, IISc. - Bangalore, Queen's University, Belfast, U.K., IFM, Chennai etc. took part in the 3 day seminar. The seminar was funded by NBHM, Government of India and Dibrugarh University.

Other Events organized by the Department

- (i) **Prof. Garson Damiani**, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil visited the Department on **November 22-24, 2014** under the UGC SAP (DRS II) visiting faculty programme

and gave a series of lectures on Game Theory and its Applications to International Policy.

- (ii) The Department organized a series of Lectures on **Mathematical Finance**, on **February 17-20, 2015** under SAP DRS-II programme. The lectures were delivered by **Prof. M.K. Ghosh**, I.I.Sc., Bangalore.
- (iii) The Department organized a **National Seminar (1) on Mathematical Modelling with Fluid and Plasma** on March 19-20, 2015. **Dr. Devajyoti Biswas**, former Professor, Department of Mathematics, Assam University and **Dr. Susmita Sarkar**, Professor, Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Calcutta delivered talks during the seminar. Altogether fourteen papers were presented by various participants from different institutes. The seminar was sponsored by UGC SAP (DRS – II).

Department of Life Science



Prof. Kunal Ghosh Delivering talk

Dr. Hillol Jyoti Singha

Talk on "Soil Degradation due to Deforestation and Cultivation"

Department Life Sciences, Dibrugarh University hosted an invited talk on **Soil Degradation due to Deforestation and Cultivation** by Prof. Kunal Ghosh, FNASc, University of Calcutta, Kolkata on 4th September, 2014. The talk was organized in the New Conference Hall of the university and was attended by teachers, scholars and students of different departments.

Bird-Watching Workshop

The Department organized a one day bird-watching workshop on 13th September 2014. Dr. Hillol jyoti Singha, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Assam University, Silchar delivered a talk on bird-watching and demonstrated different methods for the purpose.

Wall Magazine written on Dried Banana Leaves

The Departmental Wall Magazine, LIFE was inaugurated by Dr. Devid Kardong in presence of Dr. Pankaj Chetia and students and scholars of the Department on 7th March 2015. The magazine has been written on dried banana leaves and the theme of the magazine for this year is Ethnobotany. The journal bagged second best prize in the University Week, 2015.

Centre for Studies in Biotechnology

DBT Sponsored workshop on 'Chemoinformatics and Rational Drug Designing'

A three day-workshop on 'Chemoinformatics and Rational Drug Designing' sponsored by the DBT-BIF project, was organized on 22nd to 24th September, 2015 at the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology, Dibrugarh University. The focus of the Workshop was on the application of chemoinformatics tools and techniques in rational Drug discovery. The Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain inaugurated the workshop and Dr. J Mahanta, Director, RMRC, ICMR-N. E. Region, Dibrugarh graced the session as the Chief Guest. Prof. R.C. Deka, Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University was invited as Chief Resource person of the workshop and he delivered a talk on "MD and QM simulations in drug designing". Prof. R. N. S Yadav, Coordinator, DBT-BIF, Centre for Studies in Biotechnology and Dr. Pankaj Chetia, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Life Sciences were the in-house resource persons. Hands-on sessions were co-ordinated by Dhrubajyoti Gogoi, Research Associate, DBT-BIF. Inaugural and valedictory sessions were hosted by Ms. Amrita Kashyap Chaliha, Asst. Professor, CSB, Dibrugarh University. Nineteen participants representing different academic and R&D Organizations in the North East Region participated in the workshop which successfully concluded on 24th September, 2015 with overwhelming positive feedback from the participants.

DBT Sponsored workshop on 'Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Tools in Teaching and Research'

A Week-long workshop on 'Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Tools in Teaching and Research' was organized on



23rd to 28th March, 2015 at the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology, Dibrugarh University. Twenty three participants representing different academic and R&D institutes of the North East region participated in the workshop which was sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India under the DBT-IBT Hub and DBT-NER projects. Prof. R. N. S. Yadav, Director-in-charge of CSB was the Co-ordinator of the workshop, the aim of which was to disseminate knowledge of basic tools and techniques in biotechnological research. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. L. K. Nath, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, Dibrugarh University. Prof. D. K. Sharma, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University was the Chief Resource person. Prof. R. N. S. Yadav and Prof. R Samanta, Dept. of Life Sciences acted as in-house resource persons. Hands-on sessions on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th day of the Workshop were coordinated by Mrs. Amrita Kashyap Chaliha, Mr. Kaushal Sood and Mr. Debajit Borah-- faculty members of the Centre, and Mr. Abhishek Kumar Yadav- JRF, IBT Hub. The 6th day of the workshop was co-ordinated by Mr. Dhrubajyoti Gogoi, Research Associate, DBT-BIF.



Participants with Resource Persons

Centre for Computer Studies

A workshop on Web Technologies was organized by the Centre in collaboration with KB Qube on 18-19 November, 2014.

Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology

- Two-week Faculty Development Programme on 'Research Methodology' was organized jointly by National Institute for Technical Teacher's Training & Research (An autonomous institution and MHRD, GOI), Kolkata and Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering & Technology from 16th to 28th February, 2014.
- Three-Day faculty development programme 'Outcome Based Education' was organized together by National Institute for Technical Teacher's Training & Research (An autonomous institution and MHRD, GOI), Kolkata, National Board of Accreditation, All India Council for Technical Education and Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering & Technology from 28th - 30th March, 2015.

Appointments

FACULTY

- *Ms. Arani Saikia*, Assistant Professor, Department of History
- *Ms. Rashmi Rekha Bhuyan*, Assistant Professor, Department of History

OFFICERS

- *Mr. Karunakar Borah*, Technical Officer (USIC) (Regular)
- *Mr. Bhaskar jyoti Dutta*, Security Officer (On Contract Basis)
- *Mr. Chandra Kamal Borah*, Estate Officer (On Contract Basis)

School of Commerce and Management

Department of Economics

Special Talks

1. Prof. Srinath Baruah, Vice Chancellor, KKH State Open University delivered a talk on Quantitative Techniques in Research on 30.01.15
2. Prof. Medha Deshpande, former Head of the Department of Economics, SNDT Women's University delivered a talk on "Assessing Poverty: Do Concepts Matter?" on 6.2.15.
3. Prof. Nissar A. Baruah, Head, Department of Economics, Gauhati University delivered a talk on "Issues of Governance for Development" on 10.02.15.
4. Prof. M.K. Ghosh of IISc, Bangalore delivered a talk on "Financial Mathematics" on 20.02.15.

Project Completed

The Department completed a consultancy project on "Socio-economic and Livelihood Pattern in Margherita Sub-division for the Proposed 660 MW Thermal Power Plant" sponsored by the Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGCL). The final report was submitted on 12.1.15.

Centre for Management Studies

- Ms. Rumi Borah, Agriculture Development Officer (ADO), Khowang interacted with the MBA (FT) students on 01.12.14.
- Mr. Arun Kumar Khetan, the CEO of Sports Education Development India Limited (SEDIL), Mumbai interacted with the MBA (FT) students of the Centre on the topic of Franchising on February 10, 2015.
- The Centre observed World Tourism Day programme on 27th September, 2014. The theme for WTD was "Tourism & Community Development". A prize money debate was organized on "Local Communities Seldom Benefit from Tourism Development Schemes of the Government" to commemorate the WTD. The debate was won by Plaban Sharma of the MBA (FT), 2014 Batch, CMS. Earlier, dignitaries including the Director i/c, CMS, Prof. Pranjal Bezborah and invited speaker, Ms. Obja Borah Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University shared their thoughts.
- The Centre organized the 2014 edition of SANMILAN – the Intellectual Convergence on the theme "Green Marketing: A New Paradigm for Business" on 7th to 9th November, 2014 at Rang-Ghar, DU. The convergence was inaugurated by Prof. A K Buragohain, Hon'ble VC, Dibrugarh University. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Varunoday Sharma,

Resident Chief Executive, Oil India Limited. Mr. B P Bakshi was the Chief Guest who unveiled the Souvenir of SANMILAN 2014. Prof. Amrit Pal Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University, Mr. Rana Barua, Senior Manager, Amalgamated Plantations Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly Tata Tea), Dr. Pranab Ananda Bharali, Ex-Director (Operations), OIL and Mr. Bhaskar Kakoty, Director, Free Power, Guwahati took part in the panel discussion. Other guests in the various events were Mr. Anisul Hoque, Founder & Director of Resonance Brand Communications, Guwahati, Mr. Porikshit Kalita, Program and Content Head, Ramdhenu Satellite Channel and Mr. Rupam Bhuyan, well known singer of Assam. The quiz competition, Biz-Mantra was hosted by noted quizmaster, Mr. Wonkyo Weingken. Altogether 122 student delegates from 12 universities/colleges from



Celebration of
Foundation Day

Assam and Nagaland participated in the events of SANMILAN. Total prize money was Rs. 60,000/-.

- The Tenth Alumni Meet was held on November 9, 2014 under the aegis of Samannay – the CMSDU Alumni Association. Around 50 alumni attended the alumni meet. The alumni association has around 230 life-time members.
- The Centre observed its 13th Foundation Day on February 3, 2015. The flag of CMS was hoisted by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. Speeches were delivered by Prof. Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Director i/c, CMS, Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, DU, Prof. Pranjal Bezborah, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science, DU and Prof. Deb Kumar Chakraborty, Head, Dept. of Economics, DU.
- The Centre successfully organized a two day National Seminar on "Ethics in Management – Trends and Issues" on 13th and 14th February, 2015. Prof. N. Ravichandran, IIM, Ahmedabad, Prof. J. N. Mishra, University of Allahabad, Prof. Aparajita Borkakoty, Gauhati University and Prof. Asit Saha, Dibrugarh University were the Chief Guests for the First, second, third and fourth Technical session respectively. The seminar was coordinated by Dr. Aradhana Borthakur, Assistant Professor, Centre for Management Studies, DU.
- The Centre for Management Studies which has been assigned as a Nodal Centre has organized an ICT Based Training Programme in collaboration with EDIC Dept. of National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training & Research, Chandigarh on 'E-governance, Eco-preneurship and Green IT in Technical Institutions' from 9-13 February, 2015.
- The Centre, in collaboration with Assam Productivity Council, celebrated the National Productivity Week – 2015 on 18th February, 2015. The Theme for this year's National Productivity Week was – "Make in India: Zero Defect, Zero Effect". Speeches were delivered by Prof. Pranjal Bezborah, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science, DU, Dr. Mithun Jagadish Sharma and Mr. Gautam Barthakur, Assistant Professors, Centre for Management Studies, DU.
- The Centre, in association with Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad successfully organized a 3 day Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp under DST-NIMAT Project 2014-15 on 25th to 27th March, 2015. The camp was coordinated by Prof. Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Director i/c, Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University.



Prof. N. Ravichandran at the National Seminar on Ethics



Prof. J. N. Mishra at the National Seminar on Ethics



Mr. Gautam Barthakur delivering a lecture on "Make in India - Zero Defect, Zero Effect"

Centre for Studies in Rural Development

- The students of CSRD had arranged a training programme on Art and Handicrafts at Panibil, Nazira Sivasagar for the empowerment of rural poor women of that area.
- The Centre has also developed some indigenous products of Assamese society and discussed the economic potentialities of those products in the Centre.
- Exhibition of different handmade products at SANMILAN organized by CMS, D.U. The students of CSRD, had taken part in the exhibition "SANMILAN" organized by CMS, D.U where they exhibited their different handmade products.
- In order to learn the problems and potentialities of vegetable cultivation in the rural areas, the students of CSRD had interacted with the vegetable growers of rural areas of Dibrugarh.



Students at the Vegetable Cultivation Site

- With a view to popularize the concept of fruit preservation and processing and also to reduce post-harvest losses of horticultural commodities in the rural areas, the students of CSRD participated in the three day training programme on Fruit Preservation and Processing at the Fruit Processing Unit, Chowkidinjee, Dibrugarh under Agriculture Department, Government of Assam.



Students at the Training Programme on Fruit Preservation and Processing



Models designed by the Students

- The students of CSRD have recently exhibited some models of ideal villages on different issues like Sustainable Livelihood, Integrated Farming, Sustainable Development, Renewable Resources and Flood Mitigation. The works of model villages of the students have been appreciated by DRDA, Dibrugarh and provided them the opportunity to take part in the construction of model villages under, NRLM in Dibrugarh.

- One day interactive session with Mohan Saikia was arranged by the Center to motivate the students about the potentialities of Bamboo crafts in the process of rural development of Assam.

Centre for Tea and Agro Studies

Fourth One Day Workshop for Small Growers

Centre for Tea and Agro Studies, Dibrugarh University has organized the Fourth One Day Workshop for Small Tea Growers on 7th February, 2015. Forty one Small Tea Growers from the districts of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia attended the Workshop sponsored by the Joonktollee Tea and Industries Limited. Prof. P. K. Borua, Director in charge of the Centre welcomed the participants at the beginning of the Workshop.

Mr. Prafulla Bordoloi, Senior Tea Consultant of Dibrugarh and Mr. Siddhartha Sharma, Senior General Manager of J. Thomas Company were the resource persons of the workshop. They delivered on 'Integrated Pests and Diseases Management in Tea and Application of Fertilizers' and 'Quality and Productivity Management' respectively. At the end of the workshop Certificate of Participation were distributed to the participants by Professor M.N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University and Mr. Siddhartha Sharma.



Dr. Borua receiving the Cheque

Financial Assistance for Infrastructure Development

Assam Branch of Indian Tea Association (ABITA), Dibrugarh Zone has presented a Cheque of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh) to the Director i/c, Centre for Tea and Agro Studies, DU through Mr. Debasish Chakravorty, Secretary and Mr. Ranjan Saikia, Chairman of the Zone on 30th March, 2015. The amount has been sanctioned for infrastructure development of the Centre.



A moment of the Workshop

School of Education

Department of Education

- **MHRD sponsored Awareness Programme on Creativity:** The Department of Education, Dibrugarh University has organized a MHRD sponsored three-day awareness programme on Creativity for the Secondary teachers of Dibrugarh District from 15.09.14 to 17.09.14. Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, eminent literary person of Assam has inaugurated the programme. Internationally reputed scientist Mr. Uddhab Bharali has rendered his valuable service as a resource person of the programme. Prof. Mukut Hazarika, Prof Daisy Bora Talukdar, Dr. Neeta Kalita Barua, Dr. Mun Kalita Mr. Ashim Sarmah (Theatre Activist) and Mr. Pranjal Buragohain have rendered their services as resource person of the programme.
- **MHRD sponsored Workshop on the use of ICT and Language Proficiency:** The Department of Education, DU has organized A MHRD sponsored three-day workshop on use of ICT and Language Proficiency from 8th to 11nd September, 2014 at the Department of Education, Dibrugarh University for the Secondary teachers.
- **MHRD sponsored Workshop on Lesson Planning:** The Department of Education, Dibrugarh University has organized a MHRD sponsored Workshop on Lesson Planning from 1st to 3rd September, 2014 in the Department of Education. More than 40 participants from different secondary schools of Dibrugarh district have participated in the programme.
- **MHRD Sponsored Workshop on Question Paper Setting:** The Department of Education, Dibrugarh University has organized a MHRD Sponsored Workshop on Question Paper Setting on 26th, 27th and 29th August, 2014 for the secondary teachers of Dibrugarh district.

Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences

Talk on Stress Management

A talk on "Stress Management" was delivered by the renowned Psychiatrist of North East India, Dr. Jayanta Das, on 12th February, 2015 at the Seminar Hall of the Centre. It was followed by a fruitful interactive session with the students as well as the teachers of the Centre.

Dr. Jayanta Das delivering the Talk



Centre for Studies in Physical Education & Sports

*An Inter-School Mass Demonstration Programme was organised by the Centre on 27th February, 2015. The students of B.P.Ed were deputed to the various schools around Dibrugarh University under physical education programme for 15 days. To evaluate the teaching efficiency of the students, the mass demonstration programme was organized among the schools. The competition was held on March Past and Mass Demonstration. Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Dean of Students Affairs, D.U. and Prof. Mukut Hazarika, Dept. Of Education graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Saraswati Vidya Mandir bagged the first position in March Past and Mass Demonstration respectively.



Award delivered to Saraswati Vidya Mandir Students



A moment from the Educational Tour cum Leadership Camp

*Two Educational Tour cum Leadership Camps were organised for the students of M.P.Ed. and B.P.Ed programme of the Centre from 23.03.2015 to 02.04.2015 and 15.03.2015 to 19.03.2015 respectively. The first tour was conducted at Patiala (NSNIS & SAI), Punjab University, Shimla, Delhi, while the second one was conducted at Guwahati.



Activities with community children at the Rural Camp, Sadiya

School of Earth, Atmospheric Science, Environment and Energy

Department of Applied Geology

Third Conference on Rock Deformation and Structures

The Third Conference on Rock Deformation and Structures (RDS- III) was organized in the Department of Applied Geology, Dibrugarh University from October 29-30, 2014. RDS-III turned out to a huge success as it is well attended by structural geologists working in different fields both in academics and industry. About 150 participants from different Universities, IITs, organizations like Geological Survey of India, Research Centers and industries like ONGC, OIL, NHPC, NEIST, Hindustan Zinc Limited etc., presented their research findings. The conference provided the proper stage especially for the young researchers to present and share their findings and to interact with very experienced structural geologists of India. Right from the initial stages greater emphasis was given to the poster presentations which came to be a grand success. About 70 posters and 25 oral presentations were presented covering a wide spectrum of the subject with a special emphasis on modern developments and techniques. An abstract volume was published along with the Conference which contains 110 abstracts including abstracts from foreign countries like Italy, Germany,

Iran etc. The entire technical sessions were divided into three themes: Tectonics of NE India with a special emphasis on hydrocarbon exploration, kinematic and dynamic analysis of structures in rocks and applied aspects of structural geology: geotechnical engineering and mineral exploration. It is worth mentioning that response of the participants and level of interactions during presentations in all these sessions were very scintillating. Each session was started with a key note speech by a revered geologist of the country. The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. D. Nath, Vice-Chancellor- in-charge. The inaugural function was chaired by Prof. D. Mukhopadhyay, Rtd. Professor, Calcutta University (presently at Raman Center for Applied and Interdisciplinary Sciences, Kolkata), while Mr. J.M. Bujarbaruah, the Rtd. Director Exploration OIL and CMD BRPL Assam, was present as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Ranjit Shyam, Group Manager, Geology, Assam and Assam Arakan Basin, Cinamara, Jorhat was present as the Chief Guest in the inaugural function. The valedictory function was chaired by Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Prof. A.K. Buragohain.



Inauguration of the Conference



The Vice-Chancellor addressing the gathering at the Valedictory Session

Centre for Atmospheric Studies

- A six day Capacity Building Workshop on Climate Modelling was organized by the Centre for Atmospheric Studies on 29th December, 2014. The workshop was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. A. K. Buragohain at the seminar hall of the centre. Prof. P.K. Bhuyan, the Co-ordinator of the workshop extended a warm welcome to the resource persons and the participants and highlighted the objectives of the workshop which was organized under the DRS Phase II of the Special Assistance Programme of the UGC. He also referred to the long-term engagement of the Centre for Atmospheric Studies with space and atmospheric research in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Bangaluru, the pioneering organisation of space research in the country. Dr. Kundanlal Shrestha from Kathmandu University, Nepal and Dr. Rohit Srivastava from the Centre for Climate and Societal Impacts Research, Mandvi, Ahmedabad presented an overview of the climate change research and pointed out the requirement of the high end computational facilities for data analysis with multidisciplinary integrated research approach.



A moment at the Workshop

Centre for Studies in Geography

- A Workshop on “Environment and Sustainability” was organised by the Centre at Rupnagar Jatiya Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh on 14th February, 2015.
- “Being Young Again”, a special programme for all the students was organized on Children’s Day i.e. 14th November, 2014.
- Centre for Studies in Geography and the members of Society for Eco-Restoration, Dibrugarh University celebrated Global Hand washing Day on 15th October, 2014 to create awareness on health, hygiene and environment within the University campus.



A moment at the Workshop

Highlights of the Sports Board

Sl no.	Details of Event	Results
1	Inter College Cross country Race (Men/Women) D. U. Campus 29.09.2014	Men 1 st : Champak Rabha : JDSG College 2 nd : Arjun Munda : Khowang 3 rd : Binud Rajwar : NaharkatiyaWomen Women: 1 st : Karabi Bhakta : howang 2 nd : Debajani Borgohain : Moridhal 3 rd : Moni Munda : Khowang
2	Inter College Football (Men) Tournament D.U. Campus 04.09.2014 to 16.09.2013	Winner : N.L.B. City College Runner-Up : Nazira College, Nazira, Sibsagar Best Player : Sri Tridev Gorki, NLB City
3	Inter College Table Tennis (Men/Women) H.P.B.Girls College, 09.09.2014 to 10.09.2014	Team champion (men) Winner : J. B. College, Jorhat Runner-up : Golaghat Com. College, Golaghat. Team champion (women) Winner : P.G. Class, D.U. Runner-up : Golaghat Com. College, Golaghat.
4	Inter College Football (Women) Tournament Khowang college 18.09.2014 to 21.09.2014	Results Winner : Khowang College, Khowang Runner-Up : PG Classes, D.U.
5	Inter College Badminton (M/W) Competition Digboi College 22.09.2014 to 23.09.2014	Team Champion (Men) Winner : Bir Lachit Borphukan College Runner-Up : Sibsagar com., Sibsagar. Team Champion (Women) Winner : PG Classes Runner-Up : H.P.B.Girl's College, Golaghat.
6	Inter College Archery (M/W) Competition DDR. COLLEGE, CHABUA 10 th and 11 th October 2014	
7	Inter College Volleyball (Men) Tournament SIBSAGAR COLLEGE 27 and 28 OCTOBER 2014	Men Section Winner : Harhi College Runner-Up: Jorhat College, Narayanpur. BEST SPIKER (MEN): MR. Bidyut Borgohain, Harhi College BEST SETTER (MAN): MR. Palash Borgoahin, Harhi College Women Section Winner : North Bank College Runner-Up : PG Classes BEST SPIKER (WOMEN): MISS Ponkhi Bharali, North Bank College BEST SETTER (WOMAN): MISS Niru Bharali , North Bank College
8	Inter college Boxing (m/w) competition Margherita College 31.10.2014 and 01.11.2014	
9	Inter College Weight Lifting & Body Building (M) & Power Lifting (Men/Women) SPP College 08 th and 09 th November 2014	
10	Inter College Taekwondo (M/W) Competition Namrup College, Namrup 19. To 20 Dec. 2014	Miss Dipshikha Boruah P.G. Classes D.U.
11	Inter college cricket tournament D.U. Campus 17 to 29 December 2014	Winner : N.L.B. City, Dibrugarh Runner-Up : J.B. College, Jorhat

12	Inter College Athletic Meet Moridhal College 31 st Dec. 2014 to 2 nd January 2015	Best Team (Men) : N.L. College, Lakhimpur (Women) : Moridhal College, Moridhal
13	Inter College Kabaddi (M/W) Competition Tingkhong College 22 nd & 23 rd January 2015	Winner (Men) : Namrup College Runner-up (Men) : Naharkatiya College Winner (Women): Subansiri College Runner-up (Women) : Sapekhati college.
14	Inter College Youth Festival North Lakhimpur College 28 th to 30 th January 2015	Best Singer: Miss Gargi Bhuyan, Digboi Mohila College Best Team: North Lakimpur College

Intersarsity Participation

SI No.	Event	Date & Venue	Participants
1	Football (Men)	20 th OCTOBER to 25 th 2014 Mizoram University	Krishna Konwar, Chiranjib Gogoi Duljit Saikia, Pragyan Sundar Gogoi, Pinku Mohan (Nazira College) Jintu Saikia, Bishal Saha, Dhruvajyoti Saikia (PG Classes) Sabital Konwar, Babul Boro, Tridev Gorki, Munna Boro, Nobin Chawria (NLB City) Binud Rajwar(D.D.R. College), Kishan Tamuli (Khowang College) Manager: Dipjyoti Gogoi (DU)
2	Badminton (Men/Women)	c. 20, 2014 to Dec. 24, 2014 Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Men: Rana Kr. Boruah, (B.LB College), Subha Dey, Sri Nitish Bora (Sibsagar Com.), Sri Kashyap Neog(Tinsukia College), Sri Anurav Gogoi (Margherita College.), Women: Daisy Chetia (HPBG College), Miss Priyanka Chutia (Sibsagar Gilrs) Mridusmita Phukan Dipshikha Das (PG), Miss Dipsikha Das (DHSK Com.)
		Men Team Achieved Second Place in the East Zone and Participated in the All India Inter University tournament held at Bharathiar University, Comboiator from 31.12.2014 to 02.01.2015	Manager: Sumit Kr. Thapa, Asstt. Prof. Physical Education and Mr. Bhupen Phukan)
3	Boxing	25 th February, 2015 to 4 th March 2015	Paramananda Borgohain (Dibru), Deepak Sangwan, Kh. Ronaldo Singh (NLB City), Coach: Inamul Hussain (Dibrugarh) Manager: Roshan Limbu, Asstt. Prof. (DU)
		From 27 th September to 1 st October 2014	Men Team: Bhaskar Jyoti Sarmah (Golaghat Com.), Diganto Mahato, Rupam Jyoti Parashar, Sugam Shandilya (J.B.), Ritish Buragohain (CKB Com.)
4	Table Tennis (Men)	KIIT University, Bhubneswar	Women Team: Angkita Borpatra Gohain (Golaghat Com.), Sunayana Das, Pranamika Bordoloi (PG) Team Manager/Coach: Mr. Chatya Changmai, Asstt. Prof. Phy. Edu. DU, Miss Ritamoni Rai, Physical Education teacher, JDSG
5	Football (Women)	18.02.2015 to 24.02.2015 Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Team: Moni Munda, Rinkumoni Saikia, Madhusmita Das, Bonita Bawri, Rina Murari, Bonti Gogoi, Mrinali Borah (Khowang), Pallabita Borah, Shyamalima Moran, Jinamoni Bharali, Papori Munda (PG. D.U.), Kalpana Bora, Nilom Das, Jyostna Burgohain (Pithubar Girls), Anita Gwala (Golaghat Com.) Team Manager/Coach: Sri Bimal. Ch. Gogoi, Asstt. Prof. Phy. Edu. and Miss Ritamoni Rai, (JDSG College)

Achievements Notebook

Award for Dr. AnandaBormudoi



Dr. Ananda Bormudoi, the renowned critic and writer, Dept. of English, Dibrugarh University, has been awarded the Bharat Chandra Barua Memorial Prize for 2014 by the Asom Sahitya Sabha for his book titled 'Juganayak Sankaradeva : Sangrahan

Aru Atmikaran', published by Assam Publishing Company, Guwahati, 2012. The book is a collection of scholarly essays written from the point of view of Sankaradeva's reception in our contemporary times.

Summer Research Fellowship Award

Dr. Bulumoni Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics has received **The INSA (Indian National Science Academy) Summer Research Fellowship Award, 2015 in Physics.**

e-North East Award 2014 to Gunadeep Chetia

Rodali, the popular Assamese writing tool developed by Mr. Gunadeep Chetia, lecturer, CCS, D.U. has been declared as the winner of the e-North East Award 2014 in the category of Education and e-learning during the 5th e-North East Award Summit held in Aizwal, Mizoram.

Department of Commerce

Invited Talks delivered by Dr. Chimun Kr. Nath

Dr. Chimun Kumar Nath, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce delivered a lecture on "Soft Skills for Academicians: Knowing Self Perspective" at H.R.H. The Prince of Wales Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jorhat on 20th January, 2015. He also delivered a talk on Stress Management and Work Life Balance to the CRPF Jawans on 6th February, 2015 at 171 Bn C.R.P.F. camp at Dibrugarh. Dr. Nath, a Life Member of Assam Productivity Council also delivered a talk on "From Made in India to Make in India: A Roadmap" to the employees and officers of IOCL Refinery Digboi organized as a part of National Productivity Week in the Refinery premises at 2 P.M. on 13th February, 2015.

Deptt.of Petroleum Technology

Participation in Conferences:

1. The paper entitled "A Study on Low Saline Waterflooding (LSW) in a part of Brown Field of Upper Assam Basin" by **Nayan Medhi** and **Minati Das** was presented by the first author in **102nd Indian Science Congress**, held in University of Mumbai, 3-7 January, 2015.
2. The paper entitled "Role of Clay Minerals on Hydrocarbon Production Potential in a part of Tipam Reservoir Sand of Geleki Oilfield of Upper Assam Basin" by **Minati Das** and **Nayan Medhi** was presented by the second author in **102nd Indian Science Congress**, held in University of Mumbai, 3-7 January, 2015.

Department of Physics

Invited Talk:

Dr. U. D. Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics delivered an invited talk in the Physical Science Section of 60th Annual Technical Session, Assam Science Society held at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat on 21st March 2015.

Department of Economics

Project Completed

The Department completed a consultancy project on "Socio-economic and Livelihood Pattern in Margherita Sub-division for the Proposed 660 MW Thermal Power Plant" sponsored by the Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGCL).

The Final report was submitted on 12.1.15.



Supriya Hazarika
(Student of 4th Semester)
1st Rank Holder in NE SET, 2014

Student's achievement

Total 16 nos. of students qualified SET 2014 and two students have been ranked in the First and Third position throughout the North-East.

Department of Sociology



- Ms. Kuheli Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology was awarded with the "Best Poster Award" at the 12th Annual Conference of Indian Association for Social Science and Health(IASSH), held at Lucknow University, from 21-23 November, 2014.
- Dr. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology was assigned to edit the volume " Gender and Health : A Sociological Insight" by RC-10, ISA and the Volume was inaugurated by Prof. Margaret Abraham, President, World Sociological Association at the 40th ISS Conference, Mahatma Gandhi Kachi Vidyapith, Varanasi on 1st December 2014.

Centre for Atmospheric Studies

- **Prof P K Bhuyan** was awarded **Outstanding Reviewer**, Advances in Space Research, Elsevier, November 2014.
- **Prof P K Bhuyan** was invited as member of the Task Group on Earth Observation of International **Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)**, November 2014.
- Lakhima Chutia, Provisionally selected for INSPIRE Fellowship for PhD Research.
- The research paper by P K Bhuyan et al., 2014 'The role of precursor gases and meteorology on temporal evolution of O₃ at a tropical location in North East India', published in **Environmental Science and Pollution Research** was ranked 7th in top 20 articles in Bio MedLib, LLC.

Participation in Conferences:

1. Binita Pathak and Papori Dahutia participated and presented papers in Indian Aerosol Science and Technology Association, Varanasi, 11-13 November 2014.
2. Sukesh Das and Parag Neog participated and presented paper in International Conference on Electrical, Electronics, Signals, Communication and Optimization (EESCO) – 2015, Visakhapatnam, 24-25 January, 2015.

Centre for Studies in Geography

1. Dr. Shukla Acharjee and Mr. Diganta Kalita (4th Semester Student) participated as a S'COOL and ROVER participants in NASA's Earth Science Week and the Sky Science Citizen Science Campaign. They submitted their S'COOL observation report and photographs of cloud online to Sarah Crecelius, Education Outreach Coordinator, Office (757)-951-1615, sarah.a.crecelius@nasa.gov, 1 Enterprise Parkway, Suite 200, Rm 254, Hampton, VA 23666.
2. Dr. Shukla Acharjee completed the leadership certificate course on Disasters and Ecosystems: Resilience in a Changing Climate Iversity, Bernau bei Berlin, Germany, MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses), in February, 2015.
3. Mr. Himangshu Bailung and Miss Jimlee Mahanta attended BLISS–2015 (Building Learning in Sustainability Sciences), a Summer School in TERI University, New Delhi. The contemporary theme was "Towards Cleaner and Greener Societies".



BLISS 2015 Summer school participants

4. Mr. Himangshu Bailung participated as a resource person in the technical session on National Youth Policy, 2014 and Role of Youth in Nation Building in Youth Conclave-2015 sponsored by RGNIYD (Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development), New Delhi. He also participated in a workshop on superstitious practices in North-East region coordinated by SSEAEP (Society for Socio-Economic Awareness and Environment Protection) and sponsored by NCSTC, DST, New Delhi, on 20-21st January, 2015. He was selected as the Youth Champion amongst all the Colleges and Universities of Assam by Assam State Convention on Youth for Child Rights held on 12 and 13th September, 2014 for working for child right and under privileged children. A page on Himangshu's work was published in the Assam State Convention on Youth for Child Rights, Assam magazine, pp-40.

5. Three photographs by Diganta Kalita selected by the jury of judges in Photo-Fest 2015, Jorhat were exhibited in the photography exhibition organized by the Photography Learners Hub in association with Anubhab, a social group, on 9th and 10th February, 2015. He also participated in the photography workshop mentored by India's renowned photographer, Rathika Ramasamy and organized by the Dibrugarh University Photography Club on 8th and 9th November, 2014.



Mr. Himagshu Bailung delivering his speech as Youth Champion

Participation in Conferences:

1. Miss Nitashree Mili, Dr. Shukla Acharjee and Mr. Dipankar Doley presented a research paper entitled "**A Qualitative Assessment of Extent of the Problem and Its Probable Impact as a Result of Destroying Hills in the Southeastern Part of Dhansiri Basin (S)**" in the 36th Indian Geographer's Meet, 2015 and International Seminar on Environmental Changes and Challenges: Local, Regional and Global Perspectives held on 25th to 28th February 2015 at Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati.
2. Ms. Priti Gogoi presented a research paper on **Municipal Solid Waste Generation Pattern and Associated Environmental Issues of Jorhat City** in the 36th Indian Geographer's Meet, 2015 and International Seminar on Environmental Changes and Challenges: Local, Regional and Global Perspectives held on 25th to 28th February 2015 at Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Guwahati.

Centre for Studies in Rural Development

Surajit Saikia, Asst. Professor, Centre for Studies in Rural Development has participated in the two day training programme on "*Research Issues and Methods in India's Plantation Sector*", jointly organized by Centre for

Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and OKDISCD, Guwahati on 17th and 18th November, 2014 and sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. His **Model on Agricultural Development in Assam** was selected to be presented in the *Third International Conference on Creativity and Innovations at (for/from/with) Grassroots*, arranged by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, January 19th to 22nd, 2015.

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts

- Mr. Madhurjya Ranjan Barthakur, Assistant Professor of the Centre, performed Tabla accompanying different musicians in two very magnificent Cruises names AMSTERDAM and RITTERDAM at the Cruise Festival held in Colombo(Sri Lanka) and Dubai(UAE) from 1st March to 30th * March, 2015. Barthakur mesmerized international audiences with his tabla recital in Indian Music. He performed as a soloist and also with his Indian troupe. He also played with other western musical troupes representing a fusion of Indian Classical Music with other forms of world music. The audiences were so spell bound by his performances



Madhurjya Ranjan Barthakur performing Tabla

the he had to hold two workshops teaching them Indian Classical Music. Barthakur has already represented India in various international music festivals of great repute like M A N A N A N Festival, UK, M i l a p f e s t Festival, London, Theatre de La festival, France etc since 2008 and also was awarded by the President of Albania in Opera Auditorium. He has been a panel artist of INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RERATION (ICCR) since 2008. He has also been a guest faculty of the Afghanistan National Institute of Music, Kabul since 2012.

- 'Bahniman', the reparatory wings of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts successfully

performed and organized a Cultural programme on the occasion of 'PLANNER 2014' organized by Dept. of Library Sciences on 24th September, 2014. The Group successfully performed also at the cultural show held on the occasion of National Seminar organized by Dept. of Chemistry on 19th November, 2014.

- Jadav Borah, Assistant Professor of the Centre was invited as a Speaker at "Grace 566th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mahapurush Srimnanta Sankardev" organized by Kristi Kendra Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh on 11th October, 2014. Mr. Bora, along with his troupe, also performed programme on Sattriya tradition and culture at Meghdoot Bhavan, New Delhi, Mathura, Brindavan, N.C.P.A., Mumbai from 9th -12th November, 2014. It was under the leadership of Mr. Borah again that a cultural team participated in the "Indian Cultural Festival" at Varanas Hindu University organized by Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi on 26th December, 2014.
- Ruplekha Borbora Das, Assistant Professor of the Centre was awarded with a packet of Jawaharlal Nehru's books by Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, New Delhi in recognition of her academic excellence in MA Performing Arts Examination, 2012-2013.
- A group of students of the Centre was invited to Khowang College on the occasion of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's death anniversary on 5th November, 2014 to perform a cultural program based on Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's songs.
- The Centre successfully performed the play 'Karengor Ligiri' of Jyotiprashad Agarwala at Lahowal, Dibrugarh on the occasion of 'Shilpi Divas' on 17th January, 2015 under the direction of Bidyawati Phukan.
- Ms. Nayanmoni Phukan, Assistant Professor (Sattriya Dance) of the Centre was invited to perform Sattriya Dance on the occasion of "Nritya Parva", Annual Festival of Sattriya Dance at Pragjyoti, ITA Centre for Performing

Arts, Machkhowa, Guwahati, on 17th November, 2014 organized by Sattriya Kendra of Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi.

- On 11th February, 2015, "Mithobhasha Divas" was organized by the Centre in collaboration with Nagen Saikia Nyash Parishad on the occasion of the birth day of Dr. Nagen Saikia. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Kandarpa Kumar Deka, Vice Chancellor, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya, Nagaon, and inaugurated by Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. Dr. Shruti Bondopadhyaya from Rabindra Bharati, West Bengal was the Chief Guest of the occasion.
- Mrinal Kumar Baruah and Jadav Borah of the Centre were invited as Chief Guest at "All Assam Ankiya Bhaona Samaroh" organized by the Directorate of Madhavadeva Birth Place Samitee, Narayanpur on 8th March, 2015.
- Dipjyoti- Dipankar, students of MA (Sattriya Dance) of the Centre performed Sattriya Dance in the Kalaghoda Art Festival held in Mumbai on 10th February, 2015. They also performed Sattriya Dance in Jibanpani Memorial Festival organized by Dr. Sonal Mansingh and Centre for Indian Classical Dances in association with Ministry of Culture, Gov. of India at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 18th March, 2015.



Dipjyoti-Dipankar performing Sattriya Dance in Karnataka

- Atul Bhuyan, a student of MA 2nd semester (Sattriya Dance) performed Sattriya Dance in the Yakshagan Festival held in Karnataka on 7-8 February, 2015. He had also performed at Banaras Hindu University on 25-26 September, 2014.
- Two Students of Theatre Art of the Centre namely Lengdon Handique (2nd Semester) and Malaya Baruah (4th Semester) were awarded with the best upcoming Director Award in the Short Film Competition organized by the 'PRAG Channel' on the occasion of 'PRAG CINE



Jadav Bora performing at Banaras Hindu University

AWARD' North-East held on 21st& 22nd March, 2015 at Chowkidingee, Dibrugarh.

- Miss Dimpee Baishya, a student of the Centre (4th sem, Sattriya Dance) has performed Sattriya Dance at KAMESWARI NRITTYA MAHOTSAV, 2015 on 11th January at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia Auditorium Hall, Guwahati, 2015. She has been conferred the "KAMESWARI AWARD" in that festival. She has also performed Sattriya Dance in the International Seminar on "PURI JAGANNATH CHETANA" organized by Puri Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Puri, on 29th March, 2015.
- Hiranmayee Das Gogoi, a part-time lecturer of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Performing Arts composed, directed and performed, in a cultural program on 6th January 2015 in Zaloni Club Duliajan, a fusion on Raga Hansdhwani and a dance drama titled "A journey from Assam to Gujarat" based on tale of Usha-Anirudha.
- **Sudarshana Deka Baruah Awarded Ph. D.**

Dr. Sudarshana Deka Baruah, Assistant Professor at Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for studies in Performing Arts, Dibrugarh University has been awarded Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph. D) by Delhi University, Delhi in March, 2014 for her thesis titled "Ojapali; Ancient Folk Music of Assam and Its Application in Sattras." She carried out under the supervision of Prof. Manjushree Tyagi, Department of Music, Delhi University. She is a Hindustani classical singer groomed under the guidance her mother Pronoti Baruah, Pandit Baldev Raj Verma, disciple of Ustad Amir Khan.(Delhi). A graded artist of All India Radio, Delhi, she also secured Gold Medal in her MA in Delhi University.



Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication

Debojit Das, an MA Final year student of the Centre has



been recognized for his two beautiful short films the 'Silly Heart' and 'For the Environment.' The film 'For the Environment' received special appreciation from the International Organization, 'Film for Change.'

Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology

Participation in Conferences, Seminars, Workshops

1. Indian Geotechnical Conference organized by Indian Geotechnical Society, Kakinada & Department of Civil Engineering, University College of Engineering, Jawaharlal Nehru Technical University, Kakinada,
 - i. Mukul Chandra Bora & S.K. Dash, Paper Title: *Regression model for floating column improved soft clay*
 - ii. Mukul Chandra Bora, Paper Title: *Experimental determination of critical state parameters of stone column.*
2. 1st International Conference on 'Opto-Electronics and Photonic Materials (ICOPMA-2015)' organized by School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, SASTRA University, Thanjavur – 613 401, Tamilnadu, INDIA from 27th -28th February.

Paper: H.P. Mondal, Paper Title: *Efficient TE-pass Polarizer based on Photonic Crystal Slot Waveguide*
3. Mr. Pranjal Sarmah, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering presented paper at "International conference on Aspect of Mechanical Engineering & Technology for Industry (AMEIT) from 6th-8th December, 2014 and at "International conference on Environment and Energy (ICEE)" held at Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Hyderabad from 15th – 17th December, 2014.
4. Miss Saroj Yadav, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering presented a paper at the 5th International Conference on Fluid Mechanics & Fluid Power" held IIT Kanpur from 12th to 14th December, 2014
5. Ms. Chinmayee Hazarika, Asstt. Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engineering presented two papers at "International Conference on Electrical, Electronics, Signals, Communication & Optimizations (EESCO)" held at Vignan's Institute of Information and Technology, Hyderabad from 24th -25th January, 2015.

Department of Statistics

- Subrata Chakraborty, Professor, Department of Statistics, organized a session on "Discrete Distributions" in the International Statistics Conference, 2014 in Colombo, Organized by Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka in collaboration with University of Louisville, USA during 28-30 December 2014. He also coordinated a one day workshop on "Meta analysis and Assessment of Agreements" organized by the Department of Statistics, DU on 5th January 2015. Besides, he delivered a series of talks as a Resource Person in a Refreshers' Course in Mathematical Sciences held in the Academic Staff College, Gauhati University during 16-17 February, 2015.

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Dibrugarh University pays rich tribute to its former Chancellor

J.B. Patnaik

The Dibrugarh University Community paid rich tribute to Late Janaki Ballabh Patnaik who breathed his last at Tirupati on 21st April, 2015. Late J. B. Patnaik was the Chancellor of the University during 2009-2014, and was the former Governor of Assam. Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, who presided over the condolence meeting recollected his personal association with Late J.B Patnaik and stated that Patnaik had an enormous personality with rare qualities of humanism. He stated that J.B Patnaik was not only a Politician Statesmen with outstanding qualities but also was a great scholar and litterateur. Professor Pramathesh Bhattacharyya in his speech pointed out that amongst the many memorable works done by Shri J.B Patnaik a few stand out remarkably— his initiative in making the *Kirtan Ghar* at Barpeta open for the women folk, and his great contribution and leadership in creating a spiritual centre for all religion at the Jagannath Temple in Dibrugarh. Late Patnaik was an exceptionally erudite person, who wrote some wonderful books in Odia. A great scholar in Sanskrit, he won the Kendriya Sahitya Akademi for his Odia translation of Bankim Chandra's collected novels in 2001 and the Odisha Sahitya Akademi award for his translation of Bhartrihari's *Bairagya Shataka* in 1996.



Prof. Amalendu Guha



Prof. Amalendu Guha, who passed away on 7 May, 2015 will be ever remembered for his encyclopaedic breath of scholarship and visionary intellectual vigour. Prominent Marxist historian, economist, poet and a litterateur from Assam – Amalendu Guha's two masterpieces *Planter-Raj to Swaraj: Freedom Struggle and Electoral Politics in Assam 1826-1947* (1977) and *Medieval and Early Colonial Assam: Society, Polity, Economy* (1991) not only mark the contextualisation of the discourse of freedom struggle at the backdrop of

Assam, but at the same time both the works, perhaps for the first time, disseminate the dispassionate intent and theoretical orientation of historiography in writing history of Assam.

Born on January 30, 1924 in Imphal, Manipur Prof. Guha completed his MA from Presidency College. He started his teaching career at Darrang College, Tezpur and later he taught at Gokhale institute of Politics and Economics, Pune and thereafter at Delhi School of Economics. His PhD thesis was on "Economic Transition in Afganistan: 1917-63". He had also worked as a Professor of History at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, and was a member of both the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the Indian Council of Historical Research. He got involved in active left politics at the age of 14 as a high school student when he joined the All India Students' Federation

(Assam unit) in 1938/39, also around that time he started his engagement with Marxist study club "Progressive Union".

A staunch follower of left democratic movements in Assam, Prof. Guha was mostly known as a historian in mainland India. His contributions and presence in the field of poetry and literature are also immense. He presided over the History Conclave and Poetry Convention of Axom Sahitya Sabha in 1978 and 1994 respectively. Among his many other writings in Assamese and Bengali, his incisive travelogue on Afghanistan 'Afghantistanot Ebhumuki' (A Glance into Afghanistan) published in 1961 is considered to be one of the classics in Assamese travel writing.

Despite publishing only two anthologies of poetry, Prof. Guha is counted among the most prominent modern poets of Assam. He has earned his place in the annals of Assamese literature as the poet of social consciousness, human sufferings and aspirations. His first anthology, called *Luit Parer Gatha* (in Bengali) was published in 1955 followed by his second anthology, *Tomaloi* (in Assamese) published in 1960. Both these anthologies are resplendent tribute to Assam and the struggles and aspirations of its people.

He was honoured with the Sahityacharya Sanman of the Asam Sahitya Sabha, Asom Prakashan Parishad Award, Aniruddhadev Chair Award of Dibrugarh University among others. We offer our sincere tribute Prof. Guha with a conviction that in the academic and cultural arena his aura as a great scholar and a champion of the poor and the underprivileged will persist in the days to come.

—*Shahin Ahmed*, Department of English

Prof. Swarnalata Barua

Swarnalata Barua, a former professor in the Department of History and Shri Shri Aniruddhadeva Chair, Dibrugarh University, former Chairman of Indian History Congress, and author of several books passed away on 4.1.2015. She was 78.

Born to Kumud Chandra Dutta and Hemaprova Dutta at Golaghat Missionpatty, Barua completed her post graduation from Gauhati University and won the Surjya Kumar Bhuyan award for securing first class first position in it. She started her teaching career at DHSK College before joining the newly established History Department in DU. The historian was awarded PhD for her research on 'Last Days of Ahom Monarchy: Purnananda Singha and His Times'. Her contribution in research of the history of the tribes of Assam is immense.

We also pay our sincere homage to

Amarjyoti Kashyap, Assistant Professor passed away on 08.01.2015

Jibanjyoti Hazarika, student, DUIET, passed away on 11.12.2014

Minakshi Deka, Student, Centre for Studies in Geography, passed away on 17.03.2015

Robin Neog, Cook, passed away on 19.11.2014

Anil Sonar, Chowkider, passed away on 26.11.2014

Suren Gogoi, Section Officer, passed away on 10.03.2015

Dara Singh Dome, Cleaner, passed away on 11.01.2015

Pranita Gogoi, Peon, passed away on 12.01.2015

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A moment from the Seminar on Tai Language held on 12 January, 2015



A view of Sahityarathee Bezbaroa's House in Sambalpur. Dibrugarh University organised Bezbaroa's 150th Birth Centenary in Sambalpur with a view that this creates a platform for due preservation of this heritage house.



Prof. N. K. Handique, Prof. K. D. Hazarika, Prof. A. K. Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, DU, with Prof. Sharad Deshpande, IAS, Shimla in the Philosophy Teachers' Meet on 25-26th March, 2015



"Bezbaroa: The Man and His Works", a book published by the Publication Division, DU was inaugurated in the Sambalpur Function on 7 December, 2014

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Inauguration of the International Conference on *Harnessing the sub-Himalayan Plant Diversity for Human Welfare* on 11-13th March, 2015



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D.U. Women Inter University Team, 2014-15



Inter-College Cross Country Race held at DU Campus on 29 Sept, 2014

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Marchpast Demonstration at the DU Varsity Week, 2015



Legendary Singer, Sudikshina Sarma performing in the Cultural Evening of the International Seminar on 23rd Feb, 2015



Photography Workshop organised by Dibrugarh University Photography Club, on 8th & 9th Nov, 2014



Prof. M. K. Ghosh of IISc. Bangalore visited Department of Mathematic under the SAP(DRS-II) visiting Professor Programme and delivered a series of lectures on Financial Mathematics.



Eminent Stage Designer, Tim Dalton at the 7 day Theatre Workshop at the Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, DU

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Prof. Garson Damiani from University of Sao Paulo, Brazil interacted with the Research Scholars of the University during his visit to the Department of Mathematics under the SAP(DRS-II) visiting Professor Programme



Prof. Sudipta Sarangi from Louisiana State University, USA delivered the Keynote Address on "Economics of Small Things" in the International Seminar on *Game Theory and its Applications to Social and Economic Networks* organized by Department of Mathematics



Nancy Boisell Cormier, a scholar from France performed Ballet at the cultural programme of the International Seminar on 23-25th February, 2015



Prof. A. K. Azad Khan, General Secretary, ANRAP and Prof. Samar Bhattacharya, INSA Prof and Emeritus Scientist, Shantiniketan at the International Seminar organised on 11-13th March 2015



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