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*The Chancellor confers the honorary D.Litt. upon Professor Nagen Saikia.*



*Convocation Procession in progress*



## A Note from the Vice Chancellor

**The introduction of the semester system marked** a paradigm shift in our teaching learning process. The three key features of the semester system are—completion of the academic programmes in six months, multiple choices of subjects to be offered to the students—where the extent and depth of the teaching components in the syllabus is absolutely well defined in terms of hours of teaching per week, called the Credit and the assessment of the students which is done continuously, throughout the semester. This is in contrast to the earlier Annual system which was for a duration of twelve months, the choice of subjects offered to a student was limited and the assessment of the student was done on the basis of a three to four hour long examination at the end of the year.

Not unnaturally, the shift brought in its wake questions, doubts, confusion and a sense of apprehension of system dysfunction. The semester system requires completion of the course in half the time now as the semester has exactly half of the teaching period of what was there in the earlier annual system. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment of the students is just impossible and therefore the entire system is impractical in our situation. All these have emanated largely from the fact that our teacher student ratio is abysmally low.

There is not an iota of dispute in the argument that we have far too less number of teachers *vis-a-vis* the large number of students. The situation is much more acute in the colleges. Now what were the rationales for bringing in the Semester system? Earlier in the Annual

system there was no clear definition of the treatment of each component of the syllabus, *i.e.*, the extent and depth of treatment of the components. The assessment of a student was decided by an annual examination of a few hours at the end of the year. And a student's scholastic abilities were determined by her or his performance in a few subjects she or he studied. A large proportion of the innate intellectual potential of a student in many other subjects and skills remained totally unexplored in the annual system. The assessment of the academic strength of a student was just not scientific.

All the confusion, doubt and the sense of apprehension about the feasibility of the semester system is simply because we all are conducting the teaching, learning and assessment processes in the semester system in the same old ways as we did in the annual system. Our pedagogy and assessment of the course delivery require radical changes. We need to use technology in teaching, learning and assessment like never before. We have to learn how to handle the new system. We have to equip ourselves for conforming to the new system. We cannot expect the system to function effectively until and unless we stop using it in the same old ways of pedagogy and assessment. The shift to the semester system is not a mere '*System shift*'—it's indeed a '*Culture shift*' ...

*Alak K. Buragohain*  
(Alak Kumar Buragohain)

## Association of Indian Universities East Zone Vice Chancellors Conclave



*Dignitaries on the stage in the inauguration of the East Zone Vice Chancellors Conclave.*

**The two day Conclave of the Vice Chancellors** of the Eastern Zone of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) covering all the North Eastern States, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and part of Uttar Pradesh was held on 4 and 5 December, 2015 at Dibrugarh University. Thirty six Vice Chancellors and their nominees participated in the deliberations during the two day event. In the four different Scientific Sessions, Keynote Addresses were delivered by Professor Prabuddha Ganguli, MHRD IPR Chair Professor of Tezpur University and the CEO Vision IPR, Mumbai, Professor Dhruvajyoti Saikia, Vice Chancellor, Cotton College State University, Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das, Management Consultant and former MD, Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Bharat Oman Petrochemicals Limited, Bhopal, and Professor G. N. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University of Studies.

In the discussion initiated by Professor Ganguli, the key issues relating to integrating the components of IPR with Innovation and Skill Development were focused with a major recommendation to exploit the digital media network and sharing of IPR teaching and human resource development in the Universities of the region. Professor Dhruvajyoti Saikia in his Keynote Address on *'Fostering Social Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Innovation by Higher Education Institutions'* presented Case Studies of successful innovation in the grassroots through social entrepreneurship citing examples of Md. Yunnis in micro financing, Bunkar Roy in education institution building, etc.

In a highly thought provoking address on *'Industry-Academia Collaboration for Skilling India through Higher Education'*, Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das discussed the

different issues pertaining to this vital topic. One of the resolutions during the two day conclave of the VCs was to propose to the AIU for facilitating Industry-Academia interfacing through formation of appropriate forum with representatives from industries, Ministry of the Government of India and the Universities. Professor G. N. Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University of Studies focused on skill development in the sectors of agriculture, manufacturing and service taking into account the specific context of each state of the region.

Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of the host University, made a strong point for special attention of the Government of India for establishment of Centres for Studies in International Relations and Strategic Defence Studies and Centre for Studies in Natural Resource Management in the Universities

of the North East considering the strategic location of the region in close proximity to the international borders with the South East Asia and the rich natural endowments of the region.

Professor Furqan Qamar, Secretary General of the AIU stated that there are

serious infrastructural impediments and procedural constraints affecting the process of harnessing the talents of the faculties and students in our higher educational institutions especially the Universities. He also called for deepening the engagement

of the Universities for promoting innovations, skill developments and entrepreneurship amongst the students and the members of faculty of the Universities. He was also highly appreciative of the developments at Dibrugarh University.+++

## The Fifteenth Convocation

**Twelve thousand eight hundred** and twenty three eligible students of Dibrugarh University were conferred their degrees and diplomas in the Fifteenth Convocation of Dibrugarh University which was held on January 2, 2016. The degrees were conferred by Sri Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya, the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University and the Governor of Assam in a solemn and dignified Convocation Ceremony which was also attended by Justice Dr. Mukundakam Sharma, the Hon'ble Chancellor, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi and the former Judge of the Supreme Court of India as the Chief Guest. Sri Tarun Gogoi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam was the Guest of Honour in the Convocation.

Professor Nagen Saikia renowned litterateur and scholar of eminence and Professor Achyuta Samanta, an acclaimed educationist who has been relentlessly working for the promotion of education among the poor and the downtrodden who was also the founder and former Chancellor of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha were conferred the Degree of D.Litt. *honoris causa*. Seventy eight students were conferred the Ph.D. degree and fifty eight students the M.Phil. degree in the Convocation.

In his Welcome Address, the Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain while extending a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and the invitees,

faculty members, officials and the students made a brief account of the progress of the University over the last fifty years ever since it was established in 1965. He recalled the mandate of the University and urged upon all concerned for sincere introspection as to the success and shortcomings of the University in upholding the vision with which the University was established five decades ago.

In his Inaugural Address, His Excellency, the Governor of Assam and the Chancellor of the University, Sri Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya congratulated the students and made a fervent appeal to transform the Universities from Centres of Learning to Centres of Development. He emphasized upon empowering our

*Dignitaries on the stage in the Fifteenth Convocation of Dibrugarh University.*



students through proper skill development. Sri Acharya appreciated the move made by the University in inducting the traditional ethnic attires doing away with the conventional robes of the colonial past. He also drew attention to the urgency of instilling sense of self-esteem and national pride among the students.

In his Convocation Address, Justice Mr. Sharma recalled the great Indian heritage of knowledge and civilization dating back to antiquity. He called upon the University for focusing on inter-disciplinary research in the areas of Social Sciences. Justice Sharma also drew attention to the emerging areas of different subjects which were not there till a few years back.

The Chief Minister of Assam Sri Tarun Gogoi congratulated the graduates and reiterated his conviction about the enormous talent and potentials inherent in our students. He stated the need for complete overhauling of our education system and the necessity for preparing a Vision Plan with respect to the higher education taking into account the contemporary realities. Otherwise, he cautioned that education might very well turn out to be a liability for the nation than an asset. He appreciated the empowerment of women in Assam as reflected in the higher number of young women graduates.+++



*Chief Guest Dr. Mukundakam Sharma addresses the gathering.*

*The Chancellor conferring the degree on a Scholar.*



# The 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

**The 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day (January 26, 2016)** was observed with great fervour by the Dibrugarh University community. The programme began with the hoisting of the national tricolour by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor at the University Play Ground. He took the salute from the students who presented a beautiful march past along with the band played by the pupils of the University Model School and the students of the Centre for Studies in Physical Education. Addressing the gathering of the faculty members, staff, students and a large number of school children and teachers from the neighbouring villages and others from around the

University, the Vice Chancellor paid rich tribute to the makers of free and modern India. While recalling the contribution of the great leaders of our nation, Professor Buragohain made a fervent appeal to the teachers to lead our youth in the University in a highly professional manner in tune with the changing requirements of the time. He mentioned that our students are endowed with great talents and potential. He called upon them for strengthening the institutional mechanisms for enabling our youth in realising their inherent talent and to involve them in the nation building process. Professor Buragohain also briefly narrated some of the remarkable recent academic

developments of the University.

A few employees of the University were presented with the certificates of appreciation along with cash awards for their outstanding performance during the year 2015. The winning platoons in the march past competition were also awarded the certificates by Professor Mrinalendra Narayan Dutta, the Registrar of the University. There was a friendly walkathon competition for the teachers and the staff on the occasion of the Republic Day celebration. The on-the-spot drawing and painting competition amongst the school children were largely attended.+++

*A few snapshots of the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day at the University.*



# National Science Day— 2016

## *Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation*

The 18<sup>th</sup> National Science Day celebration was organized by the Dibrugarh University Research Scholars' Association (DURSA) on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Rangghar, the University Auditorium. The theme for 2016 was 'Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation'. Professor Barindra Kumar Sarmah, former Professor, Department of Physics, Gauhati University and erstwhile President of Assam Science Society delivered an eloquent lecture on the 'Characteristics and Values of Science' which pertain to the progress of entire humankind when a scientific approach is applied to solution of issues at hand.

The program was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. In his Inaugural Speech, he stated that scientific discoveries transcend the human boundaries of race, creed, colour and nation, and that the essence of science is constituted of sharp observation, critical thinking and rigorous analysis rather than just of state-of-the-art instrumentation.

Professor Barindra Kumar Sarmah, in his lecture, spoke of the inherent nature of truth in science, which is nevertheless always open to challenge and can therefore be invoked for proof by reproducibility of an experiment. Science, hence is truly democratic. He also quoted Robert A. Millikan, who in his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize, stated that 'Science walks forward on two feet, namely theory and experiment'. Professor Sarmah spoke of the interdisciplinary nature of science and how different branches of science are dependent on each other to arrive at a lucid understanding of a scientific phenomenon, or



*Professor Barindra Kumar Sarmah delivering the lecture on 'Characteristics and Values of Science'.*

for creation of any technology based on the same. He maintained that imagination is often more crucial than knowledge in the pursuit of the science. Heterodoxy and doubt too are indispensable for scientific progress and are to be preserved at all costs in the face of rising intolerance in the world today.

The warmly applauded invited lecture was followed by the felicitation of Awardees and Achievers of Dibrugarh University for the year 2015-16 and prize distribution to the inter-school quiz competition winners which was held just prior to the program.+++

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## A Distinguished Visitor from Reutlingen University, Germany

**Professor Ashok N. Ullal, Emeritus Professor and** formerly Dean, School of International Business, Reutlingen University, Germany, visited Dibrugarh University on 29 and 30 January, 2016. Professor Ullal who has been teaching and doing research in Germany for the last fifty years was instrumental in designing and developing the Business Simulation Model iBizSim for

the School of International Business (now merged into the ESB Business School) and its undergraduate and MBA programme of the Reutlingen University, Germany.

Professor Ullal gave a presentation on *International Business Simulation* to the students and faculty members of Commerce and Management Science where he highlighted the importance of using simulation in



management teaching.

Professor Ullal also had a discussion with Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, on the possibilities of academic collaborations and student exchange between Dibrugarh University and Reutlingen University, Germany.+++

*Professor Ashok N. Ullal during his presentation on 'International Bussiness Simulation' to the Students and the Members of Faculty.*



## International Women's Day



*Professor Alpana Borgohain delivering her speech.*

*Professor Daisy Bora Talukdar, Professor Aparna Mahanta and Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika during release of the Newsletter.*



**The International Women's Day** was observed at Dibrugarh University on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, celebrating the achievements of the women worldwide with a strong appeal for gender equality.

The Centre for Women's Studies organized a special event on the occasion where a presentation on 'Significance of International Women's Day' emphasized on the history of the emergence of a day as Women's Day. The presentation highlighted the theme of International Women's Day 2016 -- Gender Parity, since the march towards attaining gender parity by 2095 (a prediction

by the World Economic Forum to attain gender parity) had slowed down. The programme was followed by the release of the *Newsletter* of the Centre, 2015-16 by Professor Aparna Mahanta, former Professor, Department of English and Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Another highlight of the celebration was the screening of a movie entitled *Nisiddha Nodi* directed by Ranjit Sharma, which was followed by a discussion. Some of the questions and thoughts evoked during the post-screening discussion related to the concept of women

and work, the paradox of women in the marginalized and elite classes, the concept of rape, its inhibiting aftermath and repercussion.

The Department of Sociology also celebrated International Women's Day in the Department. The event was anchored by Mr. Partha Pratim Bora who presented the Welcome Address. Professor Alpana Borgohain and Professor Daisy Bora Talukdar deliberated thought provoking speeches on women's plight in the contemporary Indian society. Ms Mayashree Chetia recited a poem entitled 'Nari' written by Vaishali Chutia. The most significant event

of the day was the staging of a play called *Rang Kukurar Rong* written and directed by Dr. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology. The play performed by the students of the Department resonated with the current realities of women folk in Indian society and was highly

appreciated. The programme ended with a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Anannya Gogoi.

The Dibrugarh University *Mahila Chora* also organized a meeting at the *Ranghar* Auditorium where the Guest Speaker Dr. Rajib Ranjan Gogoi, S.D.M.O (Gynaecology) delivered

an enlightening speech on Women's Health covering the period from adolescence to old age. The meeting was attended by the ladies of the Dibrugarh University campus and from the nearby villages.+++

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## Interactive Session with Birubala Rabha

The Centre for Studies in Geography organized an Interactive Session with Birubala Rabha, the crusader against witch-hunting in India on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The members of the faculty and the students from various Departments were present on the occasion to support the cause. The inspiring thought of Birubala Rabha ignited the members of Dibrugarh University to join hand with the 'Mission Birubala' to fight back against this social evil. In this connection the Centre is carrying out a research project on the stated issue.++



Ms. Birubala Rabha interacting with the students and the members of faculty.

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## A Book on Myanmar Released

A book entitled *Basic History of Multiracial Burma 1980 (Indianization and Burmanization)* authored by Sai San Aik, a scholar from Myanmar was released in a brief function organized by the Department of History at the Anniruddha Bhawan on 11.03.2015. The function was presided by Professor Dambarudhar Nath, Aniruddha Dev Chair Professor of the University. A delegation of scholars from Myanmar also attended the book release event. Dr. Hemanta Kumar Gogoi gave a brief introduction to the background of the book authored by Dr. Sai San

Aik on behalf of the publisher of the second international edition of book, Star Publication. Introducing the author Dr. Sai San Aik, Sri Chandan Kumar Sharma of the Department of History stated that Dr. Aik who is actually a Professor in Veterinary Pharmacology, Myanmar is involved with the Shan community and cultural works for forty five years. He has authored thirteen books in Shan and Burmese. He carried several research works on domesticated elephants. Dr. Aik was awarded the Burmese Government National Book Prize in 1995. The latest book authored by Dr.

Aik which was released in the event is the first in-depth study on the history of minorities in Burma and provides a detail analysis and throws light on the relationship between India and Burma.

In his address after formally releasing the book Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University stated that History is very much like a subject of science and it is always dynamic. Rewriting history with authentic facts and evidences and interpretations play a significant role in proper projection of the past-liberating it from the grasp

of distortion. As far as the history of Myanmar is concerned Professor Buragohain stated that the book has a special meaning in the context of the socio-cultural and political commonalities between Assam and Burma. Further he stated that this will be a significant State in the Act East Policy of the Government of India. It may be mentioned that Dibrugarh University has created a three free studentships for the eligible students from Myanmar to study the Masters Programme in the Department of Applied Geology. Further the University is reviving and consolidating its Centre for Myanmar Studies in the Department of Economics.

Dr. Aik in his address thanked Dibrugarh University for its support in bringing out the book and expressed his hope that the initiative of the University in consolidating the



*A glimpse of the function.*

academic and the intellectual bonding between India and Myanmar shall lead to a new dimension in the present Act East Policy of the Government of India.

Professor Dambarudhar Nath reiterated the enormous significance of the book authored by Dr. Aik in the present geo-political and cultural

situation in Burma. He recalled his personal efforts in moving forward the initiative for a Centre for Area Studies on South East Asia way back in 2002.

The event ended with a lively academic interaction amongst the students, faculty members and the authors and other dignitaries from Myanmar.+++

## Mini-MTTS

### *(Mathematics Training and Talent Search)*

A **Mini-MTTS (Mathematics Training and Talent Search)** programme was organized by the Department of Mathematics from 18<sup>th</sup> December to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 in collaboration with National Board of Higher Mathematics (NBHM), Govt. of India. The six day programme was well-attended by more than fifty participants of B.Sc. 3<sup>rd</sup> semester from various academic institutes of the North East India.

Three courses, namely Foundations, Real Analysis and Linear Algebra, were taken up in the programme. The members of the resident faculty were Professor Arindama Singh of IIT Madras, Professor S. Somasundaram of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), Tamilnadu and



*Dignitaries on the dais.*

Professor Bhaba Kumar Sarma of IIT Guwahati. Professor Sarma acted as the Academic Coordinator of the programme.

The programme was formally inaugurated on 18<sup>th</sup> of December by Professor B. R. Sharma, Head of the Department of Mathematics,

Dibrugarh University. In his Inaugural Speech Professor Sharma gave a brief introduction of the Department of Mathematics and also expressed his sincere gratitude to the MTTS team for choosing the North East region in general and Dibrugarh University in particular for the event. The local Coordinator of the programme Mr. Dhrubajit Choudhury, Assistant Professor of the Department presented the objectives of the programme and welcomed the MTTS expert team and the participants. On behalf of MTTS team, Professor B. K. Sarma explained the concept of the MTTS programme and also stressed on the need for holding the events of this kind. The Inaugural Session was attended by the faculty members of the various Departments of Dibrugarh University.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, interacted with the experts and participants, and delivered an



*A moment of the programme.*

edifying speech on the occasion of 128<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar, FRS, which is observed as the National Mathematics Day. In his talk, he emphasized the importance of Mathematics in the study of various branches of science and highlighted on India's long tradition of pursuit of Mathematics especially Geometry, Number Theory and Astronomy. He also appealed to the

young minds to continue the legacy. Professor Buragohain made specific mention of the role of Mathematics in understanding and solving Biological problems.

The programme was concluded on 23<sup>th</sup> December with a Valedictory Session. In the Valedictory Address, the members of MTTS team expressed their sense of appreciation and applauded the students for their commitment.+++

## National Workshop on Human Rights



*Mr S. N. Phukan, formerly a Supreme Court Judge and Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor during inauguration session of the workshop.*

**A six day UGC sponsored National Workshop on Human Rights** was inaugurated by Sri S. N. Phukan,

formerly a Supreme Court Judge at the Indira Miri Conference Hall of the University on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

In his Inaugural Speech, Justice Phukan highlighted the various legal provisions of the Constitution for

protecting and promoting Human Rights of the citizens. He drew reference to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights in 1948 and stated that the basic tenets of Human Rights are accorded great importance in every democratic country of the world. Citing several landmark judicial pronouncements relating to Human Rights violation in the country, Justice Phukan mentioned the need for awareness and consciousness of Human Rights in the context of the North-East. He also appealed to the young students

of law to engage in deep studies in the teaching of the great Saint Mahapurush Srimanta Sankaradeva.

Justice Hrishikesh Roy of Gauhati High Court delivered the Keynote Speech in the Inaugural Function. In a stimulating address Justice Roy mentioned that the core elements of Human Rights do emanate from the law books or the human charter but these are deeply ingrained in the fundamental human values of compassion, dignity, respect for others and liberty. The emphasis on Human Rights is embedded in all

religions, culture and civilizations, he stated.

Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University in his address reiterated the need for creating awareness the various elements of Human Rights among the students.

The six day workshop is organised jointly by Centre for Juridical Studies and the Department of Political Science where several eminent Academicians, Advocates and Human Right Activists of the country shall act as a Resource Persons.+++

## First Mising Language Unicode Based Keyboard



Snapshots of the function.



**The first Mising Language** Unicode based Keyboard 'LÍ: SANG` was released by Dr. J. J. Kuli, formerly President of the Mising Agom Kebang, in the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Conference of the Mising Agom Kebang (*Mising Sahitya Sabha*) held at Suniram Basing Lotta, Goroimari, Bhimpورا, Lakhimpur which was developed by Mr. Rizwan

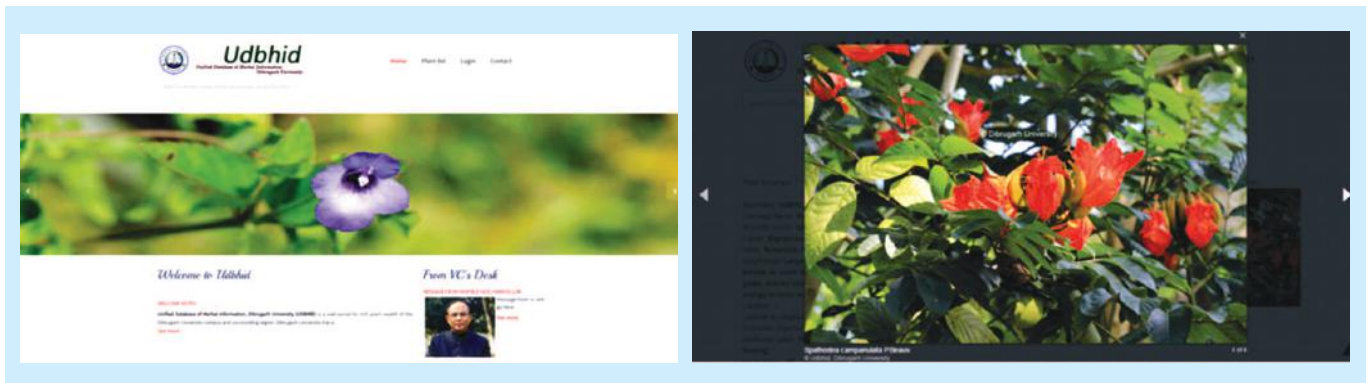
Rehman, Assistant Professor, Centre for Computer Studies along with Dr. Devid Kardong from the Department of Life Sciences. Mr. Rizwan Rehman also said that 'LÍ: SANG`, the first Mising Language Unicode based Keyboard will be also available in the Android version and will be released very shortly. These applications will be free of cost and

will be available at [www.lisang.in](http://www.lisang.in).

Dr. Devid Kardong in his speech highlighted the fact that the software will attract the new generation towards the use of Mising Language.

The application was developed under the supervision of Professor Gopal Chandra Hazarika from the Department of Mathematics.+++

# Mapping the Campus Biodiversity



In a move towards mapping the biodiversity of the University Campus the Department of Life Sciences is creating a database on the flora of the campus named *Udbhid* (Unified Database of Herbal Information,

Dibrugarh University). Dr. Pankaj Chetia, Assistant Professor, who is a specialist in Plant Taxonomy and Bioinformatics is leading the project with Dr. Mridul Gogoi of the Department who earlier obtained

his PhD under the supervision of Professor L. R. Saikia of the Department for the work on the ecological aspects of the campus.

## Launch of Pisharoty Sonde



*A moment of the Balloon-borne Pisharoty Sonde launching programme.*

The balloon borne observation of the vertical profiles of meteorological parameters through the GPS aided Pisharoty Sonde designed and

developed by the Indian Space Research Organization has been planned at the Centre on each Friday starting from March 2016 for a year.

As a part of this routine, balloon-borne Pisharoty Sonde was launched for the first time on 18-03-2016 at about 12:20:07 hrs followed by a second launch at about 21:10:01 hrs on the same day. It is intended to utilise the Sonde measured vertical meteorological parameters (atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity including the wind speed and direction) to estimate the seasonal boundary layer dynamics, that has a significant effect on our day to day life and most importantly on air pollution, weather and climate. These data are useful for the numerical weather prediction models to prepare weather forecast and are also important in aviation safety.+++

# Technical Workshop on Theatre Art



*Professor Robin Das from National School of Drama, New Delhi and Ms Rabijita Gogoi, Camp Director.*



**A month long technical theatre** workshop was organized by the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts (BHCSPA) in collaboration with National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 under the supervision of Camp Director Ms. Rabijita Gogoi, an eminent theatre designer and director and a group of eminent theatre experts of the country.

The major objective of the workshop was to provide quality education both theoretically and practically in technical aspects of theatre and to bring awareness among practitioners. Altogether twenty six participants from various parts of Assam along with different Departments and Centres of Studies from the University participated in the workshop.

The workshop was conducted by eminent experts of international repute and faculty members from

the NSD and other Universities like Professor Robin Das from NSD, Professor Ashok Sagar Bhagat, S. Manoharan, Senior Sound Technologist, NSD, Rajiv Velicheti, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Hyderabad, R. Nalini Joshi, Costume Designer, Mr. Arun Malik, Mr. Dadul Chaliha, Ms. Rabijita Gogoi, Anupam Kher's Actor Preparation Institute, Mumbai and Chauti Chakraborty, Light Designer, NSD.

The workshop was formally inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at the Indira Miri Conference Hall which was attended by the eminent theatre personalities and the faculty members from various Departments and Centres for Studies of the University. Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences chaired the meeting. On behalf of NSD, Professor Ashok Bhagat formally inaugurated the session.

Beside them Camp Director, Ms. Rabijita Gogoi, Dr. Parnjit Bora, Director i/c, BHCSPA delivered their valuable speeches.

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 an exhibition was held at Aniruddha Bhawan, Department of History which was inaugurated by Professor Nirajana Mahanta Bezborra, Head, Department of Assamese. Various objects, properties, posters, paintings and installations prepared by the students during the period of workshop were displayed. The exhibition was followed by the closing ceremony where Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dr. Pranjit Bora, Director i/c, BHCSPA, Professor Robin Das, Professor Rajiv Valecheti and Ms. Rabijita Gogoi addressed the gathering. The program came to an end with the distribution of certificates and gifts to the participating students.+++

## *Jugalbandi* of Flutist Deepak Sarma and Tabla Player Kaushik Konwar



*A glimpse of the Jugalbandi.*

**Dibrugarh University organized** a *Jugalbandi* of renowned flutist Deepak Sarma and the well known Tabla player Kaushik Konwar on the 8 April, 2016 at *Rang Ghar*— the University Auditorium. The balmy Friday evening left a remarkable impression upon the august gathering as the swirls of Hindustani Classical Music penetrated the quiet auditorium leaving the audience mesmerized. The programme was initiated by the solo *Aalap* of Deepak Sarma in the *Raga Brindavani Sarang* followed by his recital of *Jor Aalap* and *Jor Jhala*. His recital was succeeded by a duet whereby Kaushik Konwar joined him in the musical rendition of the evening

and enthralled the audience with their performance of *Bandish* and *Gat* (*Aaddha Teen Taal* and *Madhya Laya Teen Taal*), which was followed by *Gat* in *Drut Teen Taal*. The classical music fiesta of the first half came to an end with a performance of the composition called *Maand*, which is a classical *Raga* derived from *Rajasthani* folk music.

After the intermission, the music shifted towards a more contemporary style. Nostalgic Assamese and Hindi melodies like *Shyam teri banshi*, *Tuhi re*, *Xondhiyar aakaxot bogolee ure*, *Xile xile theka khale etc.*, reigned in the latter part of the evening. The memorable *Jugalbandi* was

concluded by a soulful rendition of a song based on *Raag Bhairavi*. The illustrious duo was accompanied by Tapan Chakabarty in acoustic guitar and Bittu Singh Sukhi in the keyboard.

The event was attended by the invitees from Dibrugarh town belonging to institutions like Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL), All India Radio, *Doordarshan Kendra*, Assam Medical College apart from the University faculty members, officers and students.



# Mental Health Awareness



The students of the Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences displaying posters.

**The Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences** (Applied Psychology) engaged in various activities on the occasion of 'World Mental Health Day' on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015, to promote and create awareness about mental well-being within the University Campus. Some of the activities undertaken were:

○ Distribution of Pamphlets on 'Examination Anxiety, Anger

Management and Learning Disability' by the students of the Centre under the guidance of the faculty members, among all the Departments, Centres for Studies, Administrative units of the University, various Canteens in the Campus and the Dibrugarh University Model School.

○ Posters on a variety of mental health concerns ranging from 'Drug Abuse' to 'Depression' and other related

psycho-pathological conditions, were also displayed by the students to raise awareness on these issues that are on the rise today.

○ Street-Plays were also enacted by the students of the Centre, in the University Campus, on certain psycho-socially relevant concerns, that garnered wide appreciation.+++



A snapshot of the Street Play.



# OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

## DU Signs Memorandum of Agreement with *Swacch Bharat* Mission



*The Dignitaries on the Stage during formal Inauguration Function.*

**A Convention of the College Principals, Vice Principals, Nodal Teachers and the Student Coordinators of the various Departments and Centers for Studies of Dibrugarh University and the Colleges of Dibrugarh District affiliated to Dibrugarh University on the partnership initiative of the Dibrugarh University with the District Water Sanitation Committee, Dibrugarh District for the effective implementation of the *Swacch Bharat* Mission was organized by District Water Sanitation Committee in collaboration with Dibrugarh University on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 on the premises of the University.**

*Swacch Bharat* Mission (*Gramin*) which was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October,

2014, envisions transforming India into *Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Clean Country* within 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 adopting safe sanitation and hygienic behavior such as construction and use of sanitary toilet, consumption of safe drinking water and its proper storage and hand washing with soap.

The Convention was formally inaugurated by Mr. Subhash Ch. Das, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner, Public Health and Engineering, Government of Assam. Sri M. S. Manivannan, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh District also addressed the convention. A Technical Session was also held where presentation on various aspects

of the *Swacchh Bharat* Mission (*Gramin*) was made by Er. D. K. Mazumder, Chief Engineer (PHE) Assam, Sanitation, Sri Ashok Das, Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, PHED, Md. Najibuddin Ahmed, Ms. Shweta Patnaik, UNICEF, Guwahati. The session was chaired by Mr. Subhas Ch. Das, IAS and Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Dibrugarh University signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Dibrugarh District Water and Sanitation Committee (DWSC) under the aegis of the *Swacchh Bharat* Mission to set up *Health and Sanitation Clubs* initially in 29 colleges of Dibrugarh District



*Dibrugarh University signs MoA with Swacch Bharat Mission.*

*Mr. M. S. Manivannan, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Dibrugarh District and Mr. S. C. Das, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner, Public Health and Engineering, Government of Assam at the Inaugural Function.*

affiliated to Dibrugarh University for various activities to implement the mandates of the *Swacchh Bharat Mission*. It may be mentioned that Dibrugarh University is the first and the only University in the country to take up the mandates of the *Swacchh Bharat Mission* through an official MoA with *Swacchh Bharat Mission*.

Objective and expected outputs of the partnership:

- The key objective of this partnership is to expedite the expressed activities to be undertaken in the Dibrugarh District viz.

- Community mobilization and capacity development of the stakeholders and field functionaries engaged with the implementation of *Swacchh Bharat Mission (Gramin)*, at all levels at Key Resource Centre (KRC).

- To develop an organized centre for research and development.

- To establish vocational/skill development courses in different centers under Dibrugarh University.

- Impact analysis and evaluation.

- Solid and liquid waste management.

- Community Sanitary Complex.+++

## Activity under the *Swacch Bharat Mission*

**The Dibrugarh University** community carried out a comprehensive cleaning operation at various installations (Hostels, Departments, Offices and Canteens) of the campus in the morning and in the afternoon in two phases on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. As a part of their commitment to the *Swacchh Bharat Mission*, it may be mentioned that Dibrugarh University has already entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with District Water Sanitation Committee, Dibrugarh District for effective implementation of *Swacchh Bharat*

Mission under the *Swacchh Bharat Mission*, Government of India for propagating the concept and practice of cleanliness, hygiene and good health through it affiliated colleges and on the campus. In the afternoon the students of the University gathered in the playground of the campus and took '*Swacchhata Pledge*' collectively. At the same time the Officers and the Non-teaching Staff of the University Administration gathered in front of the Administrative Building and took the '*Swacchhata Pledge*'.+++



# Enterprenuership Awareness Programme at Murkongselek College

**A day long awareness programme on 'Entrepreneurship Development'** was organised by *Equal Opportunity Cell* of Dibrugarh University at Murkongselek College, Jonai, the eastern-most college affiliated to Dibrugarh University, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2016.

A high level team comprising of Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management, Dr. Paramananda Sonowal, Deputy Registrar (Administration), Mr. Pankaj Borthakur, Executive Officer and Mr. Deepak Doley, Assistant Professor, Department of English and In-charge of the *Equal Opportunity Cell* visited the College. Professor Buragohain and Professor Rajkonwar addressed the students and faculties of the College in the Inaugural Session which was also attended by the Principals and the faculty members



*A moment of the programme.*

of Moridhal College, Silapathar College, Jonai Girls' College and Jonai Science College. Professor Buragohain expressed his happiness at the sincere efforts made by the excellent team of the faculties, staff and students under the able leadership of the founder Principal Dr. H. K. Pegu in building a beautiful institution in this remote and frontier area of the country. Dr. H. K. Pegu, Principal of Murkongselek College in Welcome Address expressed deep appreciation

of the initiative of the University through outreaching programmes like the present one.

In the main technical session Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar made a very interesting presentation in a simple and lucid language to the students about various aspects of entrepreneurship development. A high point of her presentation was the case studies with success stories of young entrepreneurs of Assam and the North-East.+++

## Free Medical Health Camp



*A glimpse of the health camp.*

**The Dibrugarh University Mahila Chora** organized a Free Medical Health Camp at the premises of the Health Centre of Dibrugarh University on 25<sup>th</sup> March

2016. Health care programs leave a significant impact in terms of providing better health care to the different sections of the people of the society. As such, in addition to General Practitioners, Specialists from Dermatology, Gynecology and Obstetrics and Medicine examined almost 300 patients and provided treatment to the needy people and also sensitize them about the various ways and means to prevent diseases. A group of Laboratory Technicians contributed towards achieving the following objectives:

1. Thyroid Level Function Test,
2. On the spot Blood Sugar Test,
3. Blood Pressure *etc.*

The program was open for all the members of the University family and the neighboring villages.+++

# VIEWS

## In Conversation with Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar

**Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar**, is an internationally acclaimed Cosmologist and Astrophysicist. Professor Narlikar was one of the architects along with Professor Ajit Kembhavi and Professor Naresh Dadhich to establish the Inter University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) at Pune. He was the first Director of the institute where he is now an Emeritus Professor. Apart from doing pioneering work in the field of cosmology, Professor has a lifelong involvement with the popularization of science and mathematics throughout the country. He visited Dibrugarh University during 2-5 November, 2015, for the National Conference on *Current Issues in Cosmology, Astrophysics and High Energy Physics* organized by the Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University as a Keynote Speaker. Professor Narlikar was honoured by the Government of India with the *Padma Bhushan* (1965) and the *Padma Bibhushan* (2004).

Interviewer: **Dr. Nimisha Dutta**,  
Assistant Professor, Department of Physics.



**Q (Nimisha Dutta):** *May I extend a warm welcome to you from Dibrugarh University. Sir, we are extremely privileged and fortunate to have you with us on your second visit to our University and this time for a relatively longer duration. To begin with may ask you about what motivated you to carry out your work in your chosen field in Science?*

**Professor J. V. Narlikar (JVN):** I was initially, as a schoolboy, interested in Mathematics and when I went for higher studies in Cambridge, I was more influenced by the various aspects of Mathematics and the wide variety of options the subject provides. This developed in me an intuition that Mathematics gives us what we call now as 'Theoretical Physics' and the number of options that the subject provides provoked me to take some aspects of 'Astrophysics' and 'Theoretical Physics' in which I carried

on my higher studies. That was motivated by some good teachers like Fred Hoyle, who was my mentor and so this is how I was motivated to carry on my work in this area.

**Q (ND):** *Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, our first Prime Minister coined the term 'Scientific Temper' and he envisioned India as a nation with scientific temper. Do you think that sufficient progress has been made towards achieving this goal?*

**JVN:** I want to make a distinction here that my work has been on popularising science and also speaking up for scientific temper. I enjoyed doing both the things. Yes, I was motivated by Nehru's writings where he had hoped that after independence people would begin to think for themselves and would become more rational. But this has actually not happened. Superstitions have grown. So there

is need for the people to work on the masses telling them the advantage of what is called rational thinking, how we should use science as a basis for our decision making. So, all these things need to be implemented for sufficient progress. In 1942-1943 when Jawaharlal Nehru was in jail, he was hoping that the nation would become more rational after independence. My views are that we should concentrate on the young generation, school children, so that they grow up to be more rational... I am not very optimistic about the older people because they are already set in their thinking and they find it difficult to change. But we should try to motivate even the older ones too but I am expecting more from the younger generation.

**Q (ND):** *What, in your opinion, are the challenges lying ahead for the scientific community?*

**JVN:** Challenges are mainly to identify as to what are the advantages of Scientific Thinking. We should realise that without knowing science we can follow the methods of science, *i.e.*, rationality. Unless you see a proof of the statement we won't believe it, so as to find what we should follow.

**Q (ND):** *We all are aware of your world class research in the field of Theoretical Astrophysics and Cosmology. What are the differences in the systems you observed while working both in India and abroad?*

**JVN:** So far as research at high level is concerned, I don't think there is any great difference. The conditions in our best laboratories are similar to the ones abroad. The only thing that sometimes strike me as little inappropriate of all is that in our scientific society there is more of a hierarchy. Abroad, in any institution, similar to one in India, one would expect young scientist arguing with the Director of the institute. But in India, the Director of the institute is often inaccessible and people won't be able to involve with an argument with him/her. So when I was setting up IUCAA, I made it a rule that there should not be any barrier and people used to come and talk to me. There was the freedom and that still persists. But that is an exception in India.

**Q (ND):** *What are your views regarding the current development of Science and Technology in our country?*

**JVN:** Well, you must have heard that C. N. R. Rao had once complained that there has been less support for research in Science from the Government. He pointed out that the present contribution of the Government is only 0.8% of the GDP whereas what is needed is 2%. We are asking for this 2%. The oath each time the Government takes 'All needs will be met' has never been fulfilled. They make the same promises every time but all in vain.



*Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar in conversation with Nimisha Dutta.*

So there is some kind of frustration. But the main point is that there should be more bright young researchers. That number is not very large at present and for this we should not blame the Government solely. It is rather us who should be blamed. Senior scientists should have created an atmosphere where younger people can feel and work harder. Also, many a times if we look into the pay scales of the scientists, they are exactly similar to that of the administrators— though both are doing vastly different works. Same rules should not be applicable to both. Both should be judged or promoted differently which is not happening. People doing work at younger age should be promoted than people at older age. Promotion rates are slowed down since more often the *vice versa* is happening. This should change.

**Q (ND):** *Would you please suggest your views for motivating young students towards research?*

**JVN:** My advice to the younger generation has always been that *whatever you decide to do, give your best and you will succeed.*

**Q (ND):** *This is your second visit to Dibrugarh University since 2002. What changes have you observed since your last visit to our University?*

**JVN:** It is really hard to comment on short visits but then I remember that the enthusiasm amongst the younger people that I remember during my last visit is still there today. I still find people with the same enthusiasm, working harder with the same spirit which is really pleasing.

**Q (ND):** *Thank you very much Sir for your invaluable insight. I am confident your words shall inspire our young students and Scientists a great deal.*

# INITIATIVES

## New Department of Bodo

**The Foundation Stone for the building** for the new Department of Bodo was laid by Sri Hagrama Mahilary, the Chief of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The project is funded by the BTC for creation of the infrastructure for running the Post Graduate and the Certificate Courses in Bodo by the Centre. Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, expressed his happiness and appreciated the support of the BTC in a brief event organized on the occasion. Sri Biswajit Daimary, MP, Professor K. D. Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah, Director In-Charge, Centre for Studies in Language also spoke on the occasion.+++



*Sri Hagrama Mahilary, the Chief of the Bodoland Territorial Council at the Foundation Stone Laying function.*

## Certificate Course in Mising Language

**A Certificate Course in Mising Language** was introduced in the Centre for Studies in Languages on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Course. Professor Buragohain in his opening remark stated that a course on Mising Language in the University was long overdue and this is a small beginning with great academic possibilities in the future in realm of teaching and research on Mising society and culture, he stated. Professor Tabu Ram Taid, an eminent educationist who was also a member on the University Court earlier, was the Guest of Honour. Professor Taid welcomed the move made by the University and emphasized the maintenance of quality and on the sustainability of the programme. Earlier in the function, Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah, Director In-Charge of



Centre for Studies in Language, extended a warm welcome to the gathering which was organized at the Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Bhavan of the Department of History.+++

# Certificate Course in Deori Language

**A Certificate Course in Deori Language** was introduced in the Centre for Studies in Language on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016. At a special event organized on the occasion at the Siukapha Bhavan of the Centre, the Vice Chancellor, stated the great significance of introducing academic programmes relating to the studies on the diverse languages, culture and history of Assam. In this context he urged upon all who are engaged in the study of languages to contribute towards the success of the newly introduced Certificate programme on Deori Language. Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah, the Director In-Charge



of the Centre extended a warm welcome to the all present in the inaugural function.+++

# Workshop on Choice Based Credit System

**The Dibrugarh University** organized a day long Workshop for the College Principals and faculty members of the affiliated colleges at the *Rannghar* Auditorium of the University on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 on *Choice Based Credit System and Its Implementation at the Undergraduate Level* which was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kuamr Buragohain, Vice Chencellor, Dibrugarh University by delivering the Inaugural Speech. Professor Buragohain in his brief but illuminating and highly edifying speech enlightened the house about the conceptual parameters of the CBCS, the role of pedagogy, use of ICT for creation of learner friendly environment for implementation of the CBCS. Dr. R. Saikia, Director, College Development Council delivered the Welcome Address and explained the background of the workshop with a few opening

remarks.

Professor K. G. Bhattacharya, Department of Chemistry, Guahati University and former Director of Human Resource Development Centre of Gauhati University and Dr. Bhubeneswar Saharia, former Controller of Examinations, Tezpur University participated in the workshop as the Resource Persons.

Both the Resource Persons having discussed all the relevant aspects, both conceptual and structural, also explained objectives of the CBCS and the UGC framework for the CBCS with critical views quite meaningfully. The Resource Persons with an insightful outlook discussed the substantive points relating to credit, credit transfer, offering of choices and all other relevant aspects as regard to the implementation of the same to be implemented from the next academic session 2017-18.

Dr. Binud Chandra Borah, Deputy



Registrar (Academic) presented the road map prepared by Dibrugarh University for implementation of CBCS in a professional manner within the stipulated time frame and shared the experiences of the University on the CBCS in the Post Graduate level. He also appreciated the participants for meaningful interactions with the Resource Persons on various points highlighted by them. The participants



also appreciated Dibrugarh University for taking initiatives for implementation of CBCS and requested the University to involve the Colleges in this process.

Dr. Arinjit Hazarika, Academic Officer, Dibrugarh University by delivering vote of thanks appreciated the participants for their enthusiastic participation on the workshop and the Resource Persons. He also thanked the Vice Chancellor, Registrar and the rapporteurs for extension of overwhelming guidance and support.+++



## Digital Language Lab

**A Digital Language Lab has been set up in the Centre for Computer Studies with twenty student consoles and one teacher console. The Digital Language Lab comprises of sophisticated software, hardware and digital material procured from the best of providers. Currently the lab is equipped with software and materials for learning English and a few other foreign languages. To accommodate all the students of the various Departments and Centres, the University plans to set up a larger and more technologically-upgraded language lab at a central location of the University with more number of consoles. The relevance of a well-equipped Digital Language Lab rests on the fact that in the rapidly virtualised pedagogical scenario of the present, learning is primarily transacted and transmitted through technological-digital means. The four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking have to be acquired. Communication involves one's ability to listen carefully so as to grasp the meaning and to respond in turn with apt words and clarity of pronunciation. It is here that language lab plays a determining role in the language-learning and acquisition process. A Digital Language lab is useful to enrich a student's language learning experiences. It is very useful for assessing students' speech. It provides students with the technical tools to get the best samples of pronunciation of the language. The electronic devices used in the laboratory stimulate the eyes and ears of the learner to acquire the language quickly and easily. It is the awareness of such needs on the part of a substantial portion of the prime stakeholders of the fraternity that the University is on the process of constructing and facilitating a fully-equipped Central Digital Language Lab, which is slated to be fully operational by 2017.+++**

## Google Classroom

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have recently gained a lot of interest. Their nature has highly changed the face of education over the last few years. Dibrugarh University has recently taken a few initiatives to implement ICT tools in the teaching and learning process. Google Classroom is one of them. Google Classroom is a blended learning platform for educational institutes that aim to simplify creating and distributing materials and assignments in a paperless way. It ties Google's many products together to help the educational institute create online classrooms.**



In the first stage, as advised by the Vice Chancellor, the teachers and students of the Centre for Computer Studies, Dibrugarh University has been granted access to institutional Google Classroom accounts. On February 26, 2016 Mr. Gunadeep Chetia, Programmer, Dibrugarh University has presented a demo on how to use Google Classroom to the teachers and students of the Centre for Computer Studies. Professor Surajit Borkotokey, Director i/c, Centre for Computer Studies was also present during the presentation and he opined that the proper use of Google Classroom will help the teachers and students of the Centre to utilize time and resources in a much more effective way. Gradually, the teachers and students of other Departments and Centres will be granted access to Google Classroom.+++

# MoU with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati

**Dibrugarh University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, for academic collaborations between the two institutions of higher learning and research in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences. The MoU was formally signed in a meeting organized at ‘Chintan’– the Conference Hall at the office of the Registrar, Dibrugarh University by Professor Mrinalendra N. Dutta, Registrar, DU and Professor Bhupen Sarmah, Director, OKD Institute of Social Change and Development. In his opening remark, Professor Alak K. Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University expressed his hope that the MoU shall facilitate synergy between the two institutions with respect to research in the realm of Social Sciences addressing the important contemporary issues of the region and the country. It may be mentioned that there is already research collaboration between the DU and the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development. The new MoU shall now facilitate pursuit of doctoral research by the eligible students at the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development in a comprehensive manner with the facility for completing the mandatory Course Work at the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development itself.**

Professor Bhupen Sarmah, the Director and Professor Indrani Dutta a senior faculty member of the Institute



*Professor K. D. Hazarika, Professor Bhupen Sarmah, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain and Professor M. N. Dutta after signing the MoU.*

expressed happiness that, this academic collaboration shall open up avenues for greater intellectual and academic interaction between the two institutes of the region.

The meeting was attended by Professor P. K. Barua, Dean, Research and Development, Dr. Binod Chandra Borah, Deputy Registrar (Academic), faculty members of both DU and OKD Institute of Social Change and Development besides all other important functionaries of the University.+++

# MoU with Khan Study Group, New Delhi

**A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dibrugarh University and the Khan Study Group, New Delhi on December 30, 2015 to offer professional coaching programmes for preparation of Civil Services Examinations and various other competitive examinations to the students of the North Eastern region in a PPP (Private Public Partnership) Mode. Professor Mrinalendra Narayan Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University and Mr. Aslam Raja Khan of Khan Study Group, New Delhi signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organisations. As per the agreement, the University will provide the necessary infrastructure to**

carry out the coaching programmes and KSG, a leading institute which offers quality coaching for entry into services examinations situated at New Delhi having their branches at several cities of the country will provide various Resource Persons, Study Materials and other support. There shall be two different courses to be offered, one is coaching programme exclusively for the preparation of Civil Services Examinations and the other is short duration courses meant for entry to all Type-II level services examinations. The duration of both the programmes will be approximately 4 months and 1½ months respectively.+++

## DU Gets New Emeritus Professor



**Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das** was appointed as an Emeritus Professor for mentoring the Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET) and the Centre for Management Studies (CMS).

Before joining Dibrugarh University Dr. Das was the Managing Director, Bharat Oman Refineries Limited (BORL), in Madhya Pradesh. Earlier Dr. Das had played a key role

as the Chief Managing Director of the Numaligarh Refineries Limited (NRL), Assam, India and the Director, Finance of Numaligarh Refineries Limited (NRL) Assam, India into an organisation with global reckoning. He also served as the Manager, Corporate Planning to General Manager- Commercial of Assam Oil Division of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) from 1981 to 1995 and as the Marketing Executive to Planning Manager of the Assam Oil Company Limited (fully owned by Burmah Oil Company of UK) from December 1974 to October 1981.

Appointment of Dr. Das as an Emeritus Professor is a move made by the University towards creating a strong Industry-Academia interface. It may be mentioned that Dr. Das served as members on several important Committees. For example, he was the Chairperson of the Confederation of Indian Industry

(CII) Assam State Council for 3 years for the period from 2008-09 to 2010-11. Dr. Das was nominated by the Governor of Assam for a tenure as a member on the State Council for Vocational Training to carry out and coordinate the training policy and programme throughout the State as laid down by the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT). Dr. Das was nominated by Government of Assam / CII Assam State Council as the Mission Leader for MSME Business Delegation in July, 2010 to explore and promote stronger relationship between the business communities of the Spain and Portugal in sectors like energy, infrastructure, agriculture, processing, tourism, tea, textiles *etc.* He was nominated by the Governor of Assam as a Member of the committee constituted to recommend the Incentives of the North East Industrial Policy.

## New K D Malaviya Chair Professor



**Professor Swapan Kumar Bhattacharya**, an internationally reputed Geo Scientist joined as the Keshav Dev Malaviya Chair Professor in the Department of Applied Geology. The Oil India Limited (OIL) instituted the KDM Industrial Chair at Dibrugarh University in 1993.

Professor Bhattacharya completed his tenure as a senior

faculty member at Petronas University, Malaysia before joining the University as the KDM Chair Professor. Professor Bhattacharya has experience in the industrial research through his previous stints in very senior positions at the Kuwait Oil Company, KDM Institute of Petroleum Technology, Dehradun, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Baroda and Ankleswar.

# IN-HOUSE CHAPTERS

## Department of **Anthropology**

### Workshop on Statistical and Computing Methods for Life Sciences Data Analysis

A workshop on 'Statistical and Computing Methods for Life Sciences Data Analysis' was organized by the Department of Anthropology in collaboration with the Biological Anthropology Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata from February 8 to 12, 2016 to mark the Golden Jubilee Year of the Department of Anthropology. A number of participants from Assam University, Gauhati University and Dibrugarh University actively participated at the workshop.

### A National Seminar on Anthropological Research in North-East India : Tradition and Transition

A national seminar on 'Anthropological Research in North-East India : Tradition and Transition' was organized by the Department of Anthropology under UGC SAP-DRS Phase III programme from March 18 to 19, 2016. A good number of resource persons and participants from various universities and colleges, within and outside the state attended the seminar.

*A snapshot of the workshop.*



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*Professor Sarthak Sengupta during the National Seminar.*

### Distinguished Visitor

Professor Brenda Beck, Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Canada graced the Department of Anthropology as a Visiting Professor and interacted with the students and research scholars of the Department from February 3 to 10, 2016. Professor Beck also accompanied the students to Jengraimukh, Majuli during their field-work among the Misings.

*Professor Brenda Beck at the Department.*



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### **Workshop on Exploring Shallow Subsurface Problems by Electrical Methods of Geophysical Investigations**

Society of Petroleum Geophysicists, Students' Chapter, Dibrugarh University, organized a three days long Workshop-III from October 5 to 7, 2015. The theme of the workshop was 'Exploring Shallow Subsurface Problems by Electrical Methods of Geophysical Investigations'. Total number of selected participants was 22 with Geology, Applied Geology and Physics background. Mr. Samunda Mitra, Head, Geophysics Unit, MECL, Nagpur, was invited as Technical Expert to share different case histories and associated problems. Geophysical Workshops-I and II took place in 2010 and 2012.

### **Panel Discussion on Indigenous R & D in Exploration Geophysics**

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, a Panel Discussion was organized on the theme 'Indigenous R & D in Exploration Geophysics'. The participants were Professor K. K. Roy, IIT Kharagpur (Rtd.) who is an expert in geophysical inversion theory, Dr. Moses Nathaniel Duggirala, a founder member of the SPG India and an expert in seismic data interpretation, Mr. Birendra Sinha, formerly GM, OIL and a pioneer in developing Indian overseas project in Gabon. Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, in his Welcome Speech, emphasised the need to strengthen further the academia-industry collaboration in much more vibrant

*Dr. Samunda Mitra, Head, Geophysics Unit, MECL, Nagpur, explaining the mineral exploration scenario in India, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Geophysical Workshop.*



notes than the existing ones. Particularly, the subjects like Exploration Geophysics in the NE India must get sincere priority from the national policy makers.

### **Workshop on Geophysical Data Interpretation**

A down-to-earth workshop on 'Geophysical Data Interpretation' was organized jointly by the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists' Dibrugarh University Students' Chapter, GEOSOL, a technical consultancy wing of the Department of Applied Geology and the K. D. Malaviya Project, Dibrugarh University on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The workshop was conducted by the veteran oil expert Dr. D. M. Nathaniel, Ex VP-Exploration, RIL and Ex-DGM-Exploration, ONGC India. Total number of participants was 35 which included students, research scholars and faculty members of the Department.

### **Seminar on Recent Developments in Geo-Scientific Studies on Shillong-Mikir Massif, Upper Assam and Eastern Himalaya**

A seminar on 'Recent Developments in Geo-Scientific Studies on Shillong-Mikir Massif, Upper Assam and Eastern Himalaya' under UGC SAP (DRS-II) programme was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. Mr. Apurba Saha, former Director Operation (Offshore), ONGCL, as the Chief Guest of the seminar spoke on 'Shale Gas Prospect'. Dr. S. K. Bhattacharyya, KDM Chair Professor,

*Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, explaining the need to strengthen the industry-academia symbiosis in SPG Student Chapter DU Meet.*



Department of Applied Geology, as the Guest of Honour, delivered the Keynote Address on 'Enigma of Source Rock Identification'. Professor J. N. Sarmah, former KDM Chair Professor, Department of Applied Geology, as the Invited Speaker spoke on 'Brahmaputra River System'. Altogether 19 oral presentations were made by the members of the faculty of the different colleges and research scholars of the Department.

## Distinguished Visitors

○ Dr. O. P. Mishra, Scientist-F, Ministry of Earth Science (MoES), New Delhi, Government of India and expert in Seismology, visited the Department of Applied Geology on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and shared his experiences with the students and also provided valuable information towards building up of careers in the field of Earth Sciences and in the promotion of Geo-Scientific research in different fields taking the societal issues into consideration.

○ Professor R. J. Wasson, Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of Water Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore along with Dr. J. Burman, Senior Research Fellow and Ms Aditi Raina, Ph.D. Scholar and Mr. Manik Boruah, representative of NE Survive, Guwahati (NGO) visited the Department of Applied Geology, on 07-12-2015. During the visit



*Dr Nathaniel, the Oil Expert, gesturing while explaining theoretical issues related to deltaic environment during the workshop on seismic stratigraphy.*

Professor R. J. Wasson had interactions with the faculty on matters related to floods and its damage and risks in the Brahmaputra valley and upper reaches of the river. He delivered a lecture on a theme 'Catastrophic Floods in the Himalaya-causes, Knowledge Requirements and Solutions' and highlighted the catastrophic floods in the Himalaya especially on the 2013 flood in the Alkananda, Uttarakhand.

## Department of Assamese

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### Fifteenth Lila Gogoi Memorial Lecture

The Department of Assamese has been organizing a series of lectures in memory of folklorist late Dr. Lila Gogoi since 1995. Like the previous years, the Department organised the 15<sup>th</sup> Dr. Lila Gogoi Memorial Lecture on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. To deliver the lecture the Department invited Sri Harekrishna Deka, an eminent writer as well as former DGP of Assam. Sri Deka spoke on 'Culture, Language and National Identity'. Dr. Nagen Saikia, former President of Assam Sahitya Sabha and former Professor of Lakshminath Bezbaroa Chair, Department of Assamese, Ms Chandraprabha Gogoi, wife of late Dr. Lila Gogoi, members of faculty from various Departments and colleges, media persons and a good number of distinguished guests were present at that auspicious occasion.

Dr. Jayanta Kumar Borah, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese conducted the programme. The Welcome Address was delivered by Professor Nirajana

Mahanta Bezborah, Head of the Department, Assamese. Chandraprabha Gogoi performed the lighting the lamp ceremony in memory of the late Dr. Lila Gogoi.

Delivering his speech on 'Culture, Language and National Identity', Deka said that a tribe could attain its national identity through its culture and language. He also added that the Assamese cultural identity has also been determined by culture and language. Therefore it is, according to him, very much important to accept proudly the Assamese cultural identity which has been moulded with natural assimilation process.

Presiding the programme, Dr. Nagen Saikia appreciated Deka for delivering a thought provoking lecture and suggested that he should make a complete book on the topic. Dr. Saikia appealed to the audience to develop the human nature to become cultural. Dr. Satyakam Borthakur, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese offered the vote of thanks. The written version of the lecture published by the Department has also been distributed among the audience.



*Sri Harekrishna Deka delivering Fifteenth Dr Leela Gogoi Memorial Lecture.*

## **National Seminar on Towards Composing History of Literature: the Indian Scenario**

The Department organised a two days national seminar on 'Towards Composing History of Literature: the Indian Scenario', under the Centre of Advanced Study, Phase-II, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. The Inaugural Session of the seminar was held at the *Rangghar* Auditorium, which was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. The programme was chaired by Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Chair Professor, Lakshminath Bezbaroa Chair, Dibrugarh University. Professor Nagen Saikia, former Chair Professor, Lakshminath Bezbaroa Chair delivered the Keynote Address of the seminar.

The seminar was comprised of four technical sessions, which were held at the Conference Hall of the Department of Assamese. Different scholars coming from across the country *viz.* Rtd. Professor B. N. Patnaik, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, Professor Prashanta Das, Tezpur University, Professor Arupjyoti Saikia, IIT Guwahati, Professor Dipendu Das, Assam University, Silchar, Dr. Bajrang Bihari Tiwari, Deshbandhu College, New Delhi, Professor Dilip Bora, Gauhati University, Dr. Paramananda Mazumdar, Pragjyotish College, Guwahati, Dr. Jayanta Kumar Bora, Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University, Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, North Lakhimpur College, Arindam Borkatoki, A.D.P. College, Dr. Semim Nashrin, J. B. College and Dr. Pranjit Bora, Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University presented papers during the seminar. A total number of 12 papers were presented in the seminar. The first technical session was chaired by Professor Madan Sarma, Tezpur University and the second technical session was chaired by Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Sankardev Chair Professor, Tezpur University. In the second day of the seminar the third technical session was chaired by Professor Sunil Kumar Dutta, Tezpur University while Professor Dambarudhar Nath chaired the fourth technical session.



*A moment of the Technical Session of the National Seminar.*

The occasion also witnessed the gracious presence of Dr. Ananda Bormudoi, Dibrugarh University who delivered the Valedictory Speech, Professor Nirajana Mahanta Bezborah, Programme Coordinator, UGC, CAS-II Programme and Head of the Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University along with large number of eminent personalities from the spheres of literature as well as academics.

## **Workshop on the Framework for Preparation of an Encyclopedia of the Languages of North-East India**

A two-day workshop on 'the Framework for Preparation of an Encyclopedia of the Languages of North-East India' was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 in the Department of Assamese under CAS Phase-II of SAP Programme, UGC. The inaugural programme was started at 10.00 am, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016. At the outset of the programme, Professor Arpana Konwar, the Director of the Workshop expressed the aims and objectives of the workshop. Professor N. M. Bezborah, the Head of the Department of Assamese and the Coordinator, CAS Phase-II under SAP Programme, UGC delivered the Welcome Address and Professor K. D. Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dibrugarh University expressed her feelings and remarked on the progress of the CAS programme in the Department.

Professor P. N. Dutta Boruah (Resource Person), Professor Ajit Kumar Baishya (Resource Person), Professor Upen Rabha Hakacham (Resource Person), Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah (Professor, Department of Assamese), Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Sarma (Resource Person), Dr. Subasana Mahanta Choudhary (Associate Professor, Department of Assamese), Dr. Satyakam Borthakur (Associate Professor, Department of Assamese) along with 15 numbers of Research Scholars made the workshop successful with their gracious presence.

## National Seminar on Poverty, Inequality and Economic Development in India

A National Seminar was organised by the Department of Economics on 'Poverty, Inequality and Economic Development of India' on 29 March, 2016 under the aegis of the UGC-SAP DRS III programme of the Department. The Keynote Speaker on the topic was Professor Achin Chakraborty, Director, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata. Professor Chakraborty drew the attention of the audience to the need for considering equality of opportunity instead of the equality of outcome for correct analyses of inequality. Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the seminar which was also attended by Professor B. S. Tiwana, an eminent Agricultural Economist from Punjabi University, Professor R. K. Mahajan of PURC, Bhatinda, Professor Manish Kumar, Institute of Higher Education and Learning, Bhopal, Dr. Kishor Goswami, IIT Kharagpur, and former Professor of the Department Professor H. Goswami and Professor K. C. Borah.

Professor B. S. Tiwana delivered a special talk on the issues relating to growth, employment and inequality wherein he urged for a strategy of growth following appropriate technology in order to create employment opportunities as an attempt to remove inequality. In five technical sessions altogether 57 papers were presented by the participants coming from different parts of the country on different sub-themes of the seminar, viz., issues relating to the measurement of poverty and inequality, poverty-inequality and the role of the government, governance issues and poverty alleviation programmes, poverty-inequality and development issues of SC/ST and other marginalised groups and gender inequality and development. The seminar concluded with a plenary session chaired by Professor K. C. Borah of the Department.

## Discussion on Union Budget 2016-17

A special discussion lecture was organised by the Department soon after the Union Budget for the year 2016-2017 was passed in the Parliament. Professor D. K. Mishra of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi was amongst the speakers besides Professor Asit Saha from the Department of Commerce.

## Academic Visitors

○ Dr. Kishor Goswami, Assistant Professor, Indian



*Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain during his Inaugural Speech.*

Institute of Technology, Kharagpur delivered a talk on 'Current Trends in Research in Economics' on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015.

○ Professor Achin Chakraborty, Director of IDSK, Kolkata and Professor B. S. Tiwana of Punjabi University, Patiala delivered talks on 'Issues of Research in Social Sciences' on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

○ Professor S. R. Mishra of Visva Bharati, Shanti Niketan, West Bengal visited the Department as a Visiting Fellow under SAP, DRS-III during 14-20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and delivered lectures to the students.

○ Professor D. K. Mishra of JNU, New Delhi visited the Department as a Visiting Fellow under SAP, DRS-III during 29<sup>th</sup> February-4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and delivered lectures to the students.

○ Professor B. S. Tiwana of Punjabi University, Patiala visited the Department as a Visiting Fellow under SAP, DRS-III during 26-31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

○ Professor R. K. Mahajan, Punjabi University Regional Centre, Bathinda visited the Department as a Visiting Fellow under SAP, DRS-III from 26 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.



### JNU Professor Interacts with the Students

Professor Saugata Bhaduri, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies and Associate Dean of Students, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, visited the Department on March 4, 2015 and had an hour-long interaction with the students, research scholars and faculty members on *an array of topics related to literature, criticism and critical theory*. He delved extensively on the notion of space and heterotopia, and underscored the difference between the highly theoretical underpinnings of the poststructuralist philosophers of the sixties era and the praxis-oriented discourses of contemporary theorists like Giorgio Agamben, Slavoj Zizek and Alain Badiou. In underlining the link between literature and critical theory, Professor Bhaduri observed that literature has begun to increasingly deploy the resources of theory as prosthesis to provide political, historical, environmental, gendered, postcolonial *etc.*, reading of texts, thereby doing away with conservative 'literary' or 'close' textual reading strategies. The session was moderated by Dr. M. Bordoloi, Head in-charge,

Department of English.

### Talk on Teaching Literature in the Time of Criticism and Theory

Professor Mohammad Asim Siddiqui, Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, U.P., was invited to the Department to deliver a talk on *'Teaching Literature in the Time of Criticism and Theory'* on 16 April 2016. In a simple and lucid deliberation appreciated much by the students and the faculty members, Professor Siddiqui embarked on an extensive survey of literary criticism and theory considering the latter as a special 'toolbox' through which a reader or critic could understand or interpret texts in particular ways. He was of the view that the process of understanding and interpreting a text could never come to a closure, and in that sense, meaning-making as a phenomena would forever proceed on a dialectical trajectory with no possibility of a real or imagined telos. The session was moderated by Dr. A. Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

## Department of History

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### Academic Visitors

○ Professor Sajal Nag, Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, delivered a lecture on the topic *'Religion and Environment'* on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, at Shri Sri Aniruddhadeva Chair, Department of History.

○ Professor S. K. Sinha, Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University, delivered a lecture on *'Anthropology of Religion'* on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Chair, Department of History.

○ Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, delivered a lecture on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, on the topic *'Discourses on Dams and Displacements in North East India'*.

○ Professor O. P. Jaiswal, formerly Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology, Patna University, Patna, delivered a series of lectures on Buddhism at the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Department of History during the period 7-11 March 2016.

*From left Professor O. P. Jaiswal, Professor Basudev Chatterji, Professor B. P. Sahu, Professor Arupjyoti Saikia and Professor S. Nag.*



○ Professor Basudev Chatterji, formerly Chairman of ICHR, New Delhi, delivered a series of lectures under Visiting Fellow Scheme (SAP-DRS-II) from 14 to 17 March, 2016.

○ Professor Arupjyoti Saikia delivered the first S. D. Goswami Memorial Annual Lecture on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, on the topic *'the River, Floodplains and Modern Assam: an*

*Environmental History of the Brahmaputra'*.

○ Professor B. P. Sahu of Delhi University delivered a series of lectures under UGC's Visiting Fellow Scheme (SAP-DRS-II) from 21 to 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

○ Professor S. Nag of Assam University delivered a series of lectures under UGC's Visiting Fellow Scheme (SAP-DRS-II) from 28 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.

## Department of **Mathematics**

### Lecture Series on Dynamical Systems and Wavelets

A lecture series on *'Dynamical Systems and Wavelets'* was organized by the Department under UGC, SAP DRS-II during 21-22 March, 2016. Dr. H. K. Mukerjee, Professor, NEHU, Dr. Uma Basu, Professor, Calcutta University and Dr. G. C. Hazarika, Professor, Dibrugarh University delivered lectures on *'Algebraic Topology, Dynamical Systems, Wavelets and Shooting Method for Solving Differential Equations'*.

### Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Plasma

The Department organized a workshop on *'Dynamical Systems and Plasma'* under UGC, SAP DRS-II during 28-31 March, 2016. Dr. P. Chatterjee, Professor, Viswa Bharati University and Dr. B. N. Mondal, formerly Professor, ISI, Kolkata, delivered lectures on *'Dynamical Systems, Plasma and Integral Equations'*.

### Academic Visitors

○ Professor S. Somasundaram, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamilnadu, during 18-23 December, 2015.

○ Professor Arindama Singh, IIT, Madras, during 18-23 December, 2015.

○ Professor Bhaba Kumar Sarma, IIT, Guwahati, during 18-23 December, 2015.

○ Professor H. K. Mukerjee, NEHU, on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016.

○ Professor Uma Basu, Calcutta University on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016.

○ Professor P. Chatterjee, Viswa Bharati University, during 28-31 March, 2016.

○ Professor B. N. Mondal (Retired), ISI, Kolkata, during 28-31 March, 2016.



*Professor H. K. Mukerjee delivering lecture on Dynamical Systems and Wavelets.*



*Professor B.N. Mondal delivering a lecture on Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Plasma.*

### Industrial Tour and Training

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences organized an Industrial Tour for 3<sup>rd</sup> year B. Pharm students during January 2-13, 2016 at different Pharmaceutical Industries in Mumbai. The Department also conducted a four weeks Industrial Training for 4<sup>th</sup> year B. Pharm students during January 2016 in different Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Drug Testing Lab.

### R & D Project

UGC-Major Research Project entitled '*Development of Novel Biodegradable Polymeric Nanocarriers for Viral Reservoir Targeting of Anti-HIV Drugs*' has been implemented under Dr. Malay Kumar Das, Associate Professor and Principal Investigator.

## Department of **Physics**

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*Professor Naresh Dadhich delivering Centenary Celebrations Lecture.*

### Centenary Celebration Lectures on General Relativity

The year 1915 is very important in the history of science because in that year Albert Einstein completed the formulation of his General Theory of Relativity. This historic epoch changing event completes 100 years in 2015. On this auspicious occasion the Department organized the Centenary Celebration Lectures on '*General Relativity*' during 17-18 March, 2016. Lectures were delivered by Professor Naresh Dadhich, Emeritus Professor, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune. Professor Dadhich is one of the outstanding General Relativists and Astrophysicists produced by our country. He is one of the main architects of IUCAA's development and was the second Director of this important national institution from the year 2003 to 2009 after internationally acclaimed Astrophysicist and Cosmologist Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar had retired as the first Director.

There were three lectures, two technical and one public.

The first technical lecture was delivered on 17 March at 4.00 pm in the Department Gallery on '*Aspect of the Governing Principle in the General Theory of Relativity*'. In the second technical lecture delivered on 18 March at 10.30 am in the same venue. Professor Dadhich discussed about some very important Indian contributions in development of General Relativity. In both these lectures Professor Dadhich touched upon many points which are out of context of the standard books on General Relativity. The third and last lecture of Professor Dadhich was public lecture, which was delivered on 18 March at 4.00 pm in the Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Bhawan auditorium on the '*Basic Concept of General Relativity*' in front of a august gathering. The lucid explanation on General Relativity by Professor Dadhich enthralled one and all of the audience of this public lecture. The program was very much successful in the true sense.

### Lectures

○ Professor Sib Ranjan Misra, Department of Economics, Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan delivered two lectures on ‘*Emerging Issues of Research Methodology and Political Economy of Development in West Bengal*’

in the Department of Political Science on 19.02.16.

○ Dr. Walter Fernandes, Director, North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, delivered two lectures on ‘*Politics of Development and Resources in North East India*’ on 16.03.16.

## Department of **Statistics**

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### National Seminar on Recent Trends in Theoretical and Applied Statistics – I

A two-day National Seminar entitled ‘*Recent Trends in Theoretical and Applied Statistics – I*’ (RTTAS-I) under the UGC SAP DRS-II was organized by the Department of Statistics, during 11-12 March, 2016. The Seminar was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor. Professor K. K. Singh of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, was the Guest of Honour while Professor D. C. Nath, Gauhati University was the Keynote Speaker. The speakers of the inaugural function highlighted the use, misuse and scientific use of Statistics in obtaining correct pictures with suitable examples from the real world. This Inaugural Session was followed by an Invited Talk entitled ‘*Study of Heterogeneity of Risk of Child Death Using Stochastic Models*’ delivered by Professor K. K. Singh, BHU, Varanasi. After the Inaugural Session, a special session on ‘*Students Paper Presentation cum Competition*’, chaired by Dr. G. L. Srivastav, formerly Professor of Statistics, Dibrugarh University was held with enthusiastic participation of a large number of young students from the Departments and Centres for Studies of the University and from different affiliated Colleges under Dibrugarh University. The two judges for this session were Professor S. Borkotoky, Department of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University and Dr. D. P. Rajkhowa, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Dibrugarh University. The Best Paper Award was won by Ms. Nitya Jitani, Centre for Computer Studies, Dibrugarh University.

There were five technical sessions held in three different venues during the two day programme of which three technical sessions were held simultaneously on Day 1 and the rest two were held on Day 2.

Apart from these technical sessions, a plenary discussion session on the topic ‘*Addressing Communication Gaps between Statisticians and Social Scientists*’ was held at



*Inaugural function of the National Seminar on ‘Recent Trends in Theoretical and Applied Statistics – I (RTTAS – I)’.*

*Vishrant*, the Conference Hall of the University Guest House on Day 2. This programme was open for all participants and was chaired by Professor S. C. Kakaty of the Department.

### Workshop on Basics of Software Development

A three day National Workshop on ‘*Basics of Software Development*’ under the UGC SAP DRS-II programme was organized from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016. The Workshop was inaugurated by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor. Professor Buragohain in his Inaugural Speech drew the attention of the students to the examples of Bill Gates, Paul Allen and Steve Jobs in ushering in the epoch making changes in Computer Science and Engineering in the early seventies and eighties. He called upon the students to form ‘*Software Development and Innovation Club*’ for promoting innovation and creativity amongst the students. Professor Sarat Kakaty of the Department of Statistics reiterated that the culture of Mathematical temper amongst our students can be highly rewarding in terms of innovations in software development.

Earlier Professor Jiten Hazarika, Co-ordinator of



*Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University and Professor K. K. Singh, Head of the Department of Statistics, Manipur University with the Statistics fraternity.*

the UGC-SAP DRS II programme of the Department explained the purpose of the Workshop. Professor K. K. Singh, Head of the Department of Statistics, Manipur University who attended the inaugural function as the Guest of Honour appreciated the faculty members for organization of the Workshop. Professor Bipin Gogoi, the Head of the Department in his address recalled the early years in the 1980s when the Department began with the first computer languages BASIC and FOTRAN.

There were 35 participants from the various Departments of Dibrugarh University. During the Workshop Ms. Utpala Borgohain, Assistant Professor, Centre for Computer Studies, Dibrugarh University delivered a talk on ‘*Software Development Methodologies*’ and Mr. Ujjal Saikia and Mr. Manash Kapil Pathak, Assistant Professors of the same Centre trained the participants with hands-on training in Microsoft Visual Basic 6 Software.

## Centre for **Studies in Biotechnology**

### Workshop on Basic Tools and Techniques in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

A two-day DBT sponsored Workshop on ‘*Basic Tools and Techniques in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics*’ was held at the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology on March 21-22, 2016 for undergraduate students. The Workshop was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain and he touched on the significance of the subject of Biotechnology in his Inaugural Speech, which merited a very department in the Government of India– dedicated to both the dissemination and application of biotechnology knowledge. A Professor of Biotechnology himself, he then went on to give an idea on the basics of molecular biology, outlining important scientific discoveries with their chronological significance. Professor Buragohain also emphasized on the interdisciplinary nature of research required to solve important scientific problems and urged



*Professor Samir Bhattacharya in an Interactive Session after his lecture.*

students of varied scientific backgrounds to participate in such workshops. The Inaugural Session was followed by theory and hands-on sessions of both wet-lab and dry-lab biotechnology techniques spread over two days.

The highlight of the Workshop was an Invited Lecture by Professor Samir Bhattacharya, Emeritus Professor, Centre for Advanced Studies in Zoology, Viswa Bharati University, Shantiniketan, Kolkata and INSA National Professor. The topic of his lecture was '*Innovation is the Key to Success in Biotechnology*'. Professor Bhattacharya, citing the well-known path-breaking discoveries of Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) and Acetylcholine, gave a very motivating lecture on the importance of a spirit of genuine curiosity in science which is indispensable for breakthrough scientific discoveries. His articulate lecture was well-attended by participants of the workshop and the

research scholars and the faculty of the Centre, as well as from allied Departments.

### **Distinguished Visitors**

Dr. T. Madhan Mohan, Advisor to the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India (DBT) along with Dr K. Sridhar, Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical), SRM University paid a brief visit to the Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2015 and reviewed the status of the Centre in terms of infrastructure and human resources generated through the utilisation of DBT-sponsored funds especially the Bioinformatic Centre. They professed themselves satisfied with the progress of the Centre and made important suggestions to further enhance the growth of the Centre in the right direction.

## **Centre for Computer Studies**

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### **Workshop on the Use of LaTeX**

A three day Workshop on the various versatile aspects of the computer programme on typesetting documents—LaTeX was organised by the Centre for Computer Studies from 4 to 6 January, 2016. Thirty one participants including faculty members and research students from Dibrugarh University and its affiliated colleges and from NEHU, Shillong participated in the Workshop. In his Inaugural Address Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor emphasised on the importance of professional presentation of research findings for acceptance for publication in good journals. He thanked

the organisers for coming up with the Workshop and hoped that such exercises be undertaken more frequently.

Professor Surajit Borkotokey, the Director of the Centre extended a warm welcome earlier while explaining the objective of the Workshop. Professor Gopal Chandra Hazarika, the founder Director of the Centre and Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean, Students Affairs also addressed the participants in the Inaugural Session. Mr. Rizwan Rehman, Assistant Professor of the Centre offered the vote of thanks.

*Glimpses of the workshop*



## Major Activities

- The centre organized a three day Workshop on 'Teaching Skills' from 18 to 20 February 2016.
- In collaboration with the Centre, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati organized a Workshop on 'Outcome

*Based Learning for Introduction to Computing*' on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 under Google's CS4HS.

- In the banner of 'Anazori : Guest Lecture Series' the centre invited two industry professionals from Zaloni, Jayanta Borah and Achyut Krishna Hazarika to deliver a talk on 'Big Data and Hadoop' on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

## Centre for Studies in Geography

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### Talk on Power of Modern Maps and Its Use in Geographical Studies to Match up the Best in the World

The Centre organized a talk on the topic 'Power of Modern Maps and Its Use in Geographical Studies to Match up

*the Best in the World*' on 17 November 2015. The talk was delivered by a renowned Geographer Professor Bijay Singh Mipun, Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong.

## Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication

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### Distinguished Visitors

The following distinguished persons visited the Centre:

- Mr. Chinmoy Thakurta, renowned journalist, associated with *The Statesman*, Kolkata on 02-11-2015.
- Dr. Joya Chakraborty, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University on 09-03-2016.
- Mr. Tridip Hazarika, Senior Manager (PR) and Spokesperson, Oil India Limited, Duliajan (Assam) on 15-03-2016.
- Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, Bureau Chief of *The Sentinel*, Dibrugarh Edition on 16 and 17 March 2016.
- Professor Mohammad Asim Handdiqui, a Visiting



*Mr. Tridip Hazarika interacting with the students.*

Scholar in a Fullbright programme at New York University in 2007 on 28-03-2016.

## Centre for Studies in Language

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### Academic Visitors

Professor Boonyasarit, Professor Montri Kunphoommarl and Professor Cuasin Pangar Vut Trakwl of the Naresuan University, Thailand visited the Centre on 04-02-2016 and interacted with Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah, Director

In-Charge of the Centre, other teachers and students of Tai Language and Culture. The visiting academics stressed upon greater academic collaboration between the two Universities.

### 2015 Edition of *sanMilan*

The Centre has organized the 2015 edition of *sanMilan* – the Intellectual Convergence on the theme ‘*Commerce, Culture & Connectivity: Bridging NE India with SE Asia*’ from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Rangghar.

### Workshop on Women Connect for Leadership and Change

Dibrugarh University in association with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development and sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has successfully completed a 6 day Workshop on ‘*Women Connect for Leadership and Change*’ from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Thirty One teachers of different colleges and Universities of North East attended the Workshop. The Workshop was coordinated by Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Director i/c, Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University.

### Distinguished Visitors

○ Mr. Rajiv Yadav, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India delivered a talk on Sustainability to the students of the Centre on 11.02.16.

○ Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das, UGC Emeritus Fellow, Ex MD, Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd. & also Ex MD, Numaligarh Refinery Limited delivered a talk to the MBA 4<sup>th</sup> semester students on 24.02.16 and 25.02.16.

○ Ms. Sneha Devi, Alumni of London School of Economics and Political Science, UK delivered a talk on *Organisational Development and Creative Decision Making Process* to the BBA and MBA students on 24.03.16 and 25.03.16.

○ Professor Anil Mehta, Head, Department of Business Administration, University of Rajasthan delivered a talk on ‘*Trends in HR*’ to the BBA and MBA students on 14.03.16.

### Industry Academia Interface

Mr. Mondip Kumar Tamuly, Director, Zicon Consultants and Management Services, Pune, had an interactive session with the BBA and MBA students and faculty members of the Centre under the ‘*Industry Academia Interface*’ program of the University on 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016. During his interaction with the students, Mr. Tamuly emphasized on the career opportunities in the field of



*Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain addressing the audience. Professor A. B. Rajkonwar, Mr. S. K. Baruah, Mr. M. P. Bezbaruah and Prof. M N. Dutta sitting on the dais.*

management with global perspective. He shared his twenty five years of industry experience in varied fields as he is also associated with many reputed educational institutes as a visiting faculty amongst which are IIM Ahmedabad, XLRI Jamshedpur, Symbiosis Pune, TISS Mumbai and NITIE Mumbai. He also discussed with the faculty members in various areas of Total Quality Management (TQM), Project Management, Strategic management, Benchmarking and Economic Value Added (EVA).

Under the Industry Academia Interface programme of the University, Mr. Ash Bard, founder and CEO of KRYPTOS and his team addressed the students and faculty of MBA of the Centre for Management Studies and the Department of Commerce, on the topic *I-MADE* (Mobile App Development Ecosystem), the Future of IT in Higher Education through skype mode in the EMRC conference room on 29.03.2016. In association with Telecom Centres of Excellence India (TCOE India), a Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India with support of Venture Capitalists and Ed Tech Review as Media partner. The I-MADE program can substantially relieve the financial pressure from developing a mobile solution for students, faculty and staff. The successful institution recipients will be able to provide their end user’s cutting edge apps such as Push Notification, News, Admissions, Directory, Important numbers, Announcement, Datasheet, Courses and more.

An interactive session was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 under the ‘*Industry Academia Interface*’ on the topic *Phi Robotics* to facilitate the MBA, Engineering and Petroleum Technology students for developing projects and placement. The Resource Persons for the session were Dr. Pranay



Kishore, Founder Director, Chief Design Architect PHI-Robotics, Mumbai and Mr. Ashwin Agrawal, President, Strategy & Operations, PHI- Education, Mumbai. The session will have interactions, talk show accompanied with demos for students of Engineering and Petroleum

Technology as well as MBA students with engineering background. The objective of these interactions will be to discuss enhancing employability, emphasize upon project based learning, experiential learning and 'learn by doing'.

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

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### Workshops

○ A Workshop on Actor Training was organized under the supervision of Palash Protim Mech, an ex-NSD theatre artist and director, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester students of Theatre Art.

○ A Workshop on Actor Training was organized under the supervision of Bidyawati Phukan, an ex-NSD theatre artist and renowned director, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester students of Theatre Art.

○ A production Workshop sponsored by NSD, New Delhi in collaboration with the Centre was organized from 8<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. After successful completion of the Workshop, the students performed the play *Ahar Mahar Edin* by the renowned Indian dramatist Mohan Rakesh, translated by Professor Nirajana Mahanta Bezborah on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at *Rangghar* Auditorium of the University.

○ A Workshop on Western Music was conducted under Syed Shadulla, the renowned Radio Artist, Dibrugarh from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

○ A Workshop on Musicology was conducted by Mr. Ritu

Paban Kotoky, a specialist in Musicology and Scholar at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata from 7<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016.

### Distinguished Visitors

○ Professor Saugata Bhaduri from Centre for English Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University had delivered a talk on '*Popular Culture in Contemporary Times*' at the Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. Focusing on various issues related to popular culture in a globalized scenario, his talk also stressed on the trends of cultural studies in very recent times.

○ Dr. Paramananda Majumdar, a renowned writer and thinker of Assam, had delivered a talk on '*Meaning of Culture in Recent Times*' at the Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016. He particularly emphasized on the Assamese context bringing very apt references from Jyoti Prasad Agarwalla, Bishnu Prasad Rabha and Bhupen Hazarika, and explained the academic responsibility of the Centre for safeguard of the exactly Assamese essence in a global scenario.

## Centre for **Studies in Philosophy**

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### World Philosophy Day

The World Philosophy Day was observed in the University on 18 November, 2016. A special event organised by the Centre for Studies in Philosophy on the occasion was largely attended by the students, scholars and faculty members of the University. Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences inaugurated the event. Professor Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty of Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata presented a special oration on '*Ethics of Globalisation*'. Professor Nagen Saikia, a former Professor of the University and an eminent



litterateur in his address highlighted the importance of observing the World Philosophy Day. Earlier, Professor Nava Kr. Handique, Director in Charge of the Centre extended a warm welcome to the august gathering.

### Academic Visitors

○ Dr. V. Prabhu, IIT Guwahati, presented special

discourses on Metaphysics, Indian Epistemology and on Philosophy as a tool for Critical Thinking to the students and scholars of the Centre during 6-18 March, 2016.

○ Professor Manisha Barua, Gauhati University, delivered special lectures to the Masters and PhD students of the Centre on *Indian Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion* during 27 March-3 April, 2016.

## Centre for **Social Work Studies**

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*Celebration of Children's Day in Moran Blind School, Moran*

### Celebration of Children's Day

The students of MSW (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year) along with their faculty members of Centre for Social Work Studies intended to celebrate Children's Day in Moran Blind School, Moran. The MSW students chalked out diverse activities to make the event a successful one. The Principal of the Moran Blind School inaugurated the program with a compelling speech on Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's life and his work. Soon after the formal session, the MSW students started with their planned agenda. Competitions on singing and poem recitation and extempore speech were conducted. The students from the blind school participated enthusiastically. The program ended with a prize distribution, lunch and small interactive session with the visually impaired children and the staff of the school. There were almost 200 people who participated in the program. The significance of celebrating Children's Day in a blind school was to appreciate the determination of the visually impaired children and to motivate them for a noble cause. The MSW students were also accumulated with the knowledge about the life of those children and their hardships which will help them to explore better possibilities to work with them in future.

### Field Visit Cum Study Tour Programme in Meghalaya

Towards the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, a study tour was planned by Centre for the students. The tour was strategized to Meghalaya. There were two numbers the faculty and 23 students of MSW 3<sup>rd</sup> semester who went to study tour cum field visit in Meghalaya for seven days from 2/1/2016 to 9/1/2016. The group of students along with the teachers visited some of the reputed social service organizations

*The Field Visit cum Study Tour Team.*



such as North East Network, Sanker Rehabilitation Centre, Bethany Society and two villages namely Mawlinnong, the cleanest village in Asia and Rewai, a clean village situated at East Khasi hills district of Meghalaya. Apart from this the tour group also visited NEHU, St. Edmund college etc. The students were benefitted largely as they enhanced their knowledge by exposing themselves into the real life situations of Meghalaya (communities) and issues pertaining to it.

## Distinguished Visitors

The following distinguished Visitors delivered lectures to and interacted with the students, scholars and faculty members of the Centre:

- Professor P. K. Bhowmik, IIT, Kharagpur.
- Professor G. Ram, Assam University, Silchar.
- Professor Gopal Ji Mishra, Professor and Dean, Assam University, Silchar.
- Professor M. Hussain, Rajib Gandhi University, Itanagar.

## Centre for Tea and Agro Studies

### Workshop for Small Tea Grower

The Centre for Tea and Agro Studies of Dibrugarh University has organized the Fifth One Day Workshop for Small Tea Growers on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Forty Small Tea Growers from the districts of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia have attended the Workshop sponsored by the Joonktollee Tea and Industries Limited. The Workshop was inaugurated by Professor M. N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University and Professor P. K. Borua, Director in charge of the Centre welcomed the participants at the beginning of the Workshop.

The day long Workshop was conducted by Mr. Prafulla Bordoloi, Senior Tea Consultant of Dibrugarh, Mr. Siddhartha Sharma, Senior General Manager of J. Thomas Company and Ms. Aditi Smith Gogoi, Assistant Professor, AAU, Jorhat as resource persons discussing respectively the topics 'Safe and judicious application of agricultural inputs in tea cultivation', 'Quality and



*Professor P. K. Borua welcomes the guests.*

*Productivity Management*' and '*Planting methods and young tea management*' separately in three sessions. At the end of the Workshop Certificate of Participation were distributed to the participants.

## Centre for Women's Studies

### Lectures and Interactive Sessions

The Centre for Women's Studies has been holding various lectures and interactive sessions with the distinguished persons from the different backgrounds. The Centre organized a lecture and an interactive session with Dr. Anima Guha and Sudakshina Sarma on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The session was inauguration by Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Anima Guha spoke on '*Narir Bibhinna Samasyar Eti Alochana Aaru Taar Pratikarar Sandhanat*'

and discussed on various social evils that impacts and impedes women's life like dowry, domestic violence, abduction. Sudakshina Sarma, a noted singer of Assam, along with Rishiraj Sarma, mesmerized the audience with their soulful melodies and spoke on various issues that have contributed to strengthening of gender stereotyping in our society.

The Centre also held an interactive session on Gender Auditing with the Honourable Vice Chancellor,

Dibrugarh University and faculty members of the various Departments of Dibrugarh University on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. Based on the discussion, the Centre prepared and submitted a draft proposal on Gender Auditing to the Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University

The students and faculty members of the Centre along with Dr. Birubala Rabha and her team participated in the event organized by *Ilora Vigyan Moncho* on the occasion of 181<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Pandit Hemchandra

Baruah on the theme '*Superstitions and Evil Practices*' in association with other organizations at DHSK College on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The theme of the event was to protest against superstitions and ill-practices, particularly, those around women with a special focus on witch hunting.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 a discussion on '*Story telling as a Methodology in Social Science Research*' was initiated by Adjunct Professor Brenda Beck, University of Toronto at the Centre.

*A scene from the drama 'Rang Kukurar Rang', written and directed by Dr. Jyoti Prasad Saikia and performed by the Students of the Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University.*



*A scene from the drama 'Baan' performed by the students of Dibrugarh University and written and directed by Sri Pranjal Buragohain, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Dibrugarh University.*

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Achievements of the Members of Faculty

○ **Dr. Tapos Kumar Goswami** of the Department of Applied Geology was invited as a Guest Lecturer to Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China. Dr. Goswami visited the Institute from December 5 to 14, 2016 and delivered a talk on '*Eastern Himalaya and Indo-Myanmar Ranges*'. Dr. Goswami also visited the Institute of Geology and Geophysics in Beijing. He witnessed the advanced research facilities in the ultraclean laboratories of both the Institutes. An MoU has been signed between Dibrugarh University and Key Laboratory of Continental Collision and Plateau Uplift (LCPU), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Beijing, China. As per the MoU, Department of Applied Geology, DU, Assam, India and LCPU-CAS, Beijing, China will do joint research on Eastern Himalaya and Indo-Myanmar Ranges.

○ **Professor R. K. Sarmah** and **Dr. T. K. Goswami** of the Department of Applied Geology were invited as experts in Arunachal Himalaya in the Brain Storming Session (BSS) on 35<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress (35<sup>th</sup> IGC) organized by Geological Survey of India, NE Region, Shillong during 29-30 January, 2016. In the BSS, Dr. T. K. Goswami delivered a talk on '*Showcasing the Geology of Arunachal Himalaya through Field Trip during IGC 2020*' which will be held in India. Professor R. K. Sarmah chaired the session for finalisation of the field trips in NE India during IGC 2020.

○ **Dr. Devojit Bezbaruah** of the Department of Applied Geology presented a paper on '*Disang Shale : an Experimental Study*' in the International Shale Gas and Oil Workshop Organised by Directorate General of Hydrocarbon Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India, during 28-29 January, 2016.

○ **Dr. Nasmee F Akhtar** and **Dr. Meena Sharma** of the Department of English attended the Conference of South Asian Literary Association (SALA) 2016 in Austin, Texas from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Dr. Akhtar presented a paper titled '*Personalising the Public: Reading Jhumpa Lahiri's The Lowland*' while the paper presented by Dr. Meena Sharma was titled '*Speaking for the 'Other' : In/*

*Auntheticity of Representation: A Study of Kiran Desai's The Inheritance of Loss*'. South Asian Literary Association endeavours to advance the knowledge and study of South Asian literatures arts and cultures, promote and disseminate an understanding of diasporic writing among scholars across different parts of the world. The theme of SALA's 2016 Conference was '*Cultural Practices in the South Asian Public Sphere*' and it was held at Wyndham Gardens Hotel, Austin Texas.

○ **Professor (Mrs.) Subrata Borgohain Gogoi**, Department of Petroleum Technology, Dibrugarh University was invited as a speaker in the technical session, '*Fossil Fuel Energy II (ENR04)*', to present on the theme, '*A New EOR Technique for the Depleting Oil Fields of Upper Assam Basin*', at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering on October 4-7, 2015, held in Calgary, Canada. Professor Borgohain Gogoi, Indian Project Director with Professor Fathi Boukadi, US Project Director working on the work plan of the Indo-US 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative Programme Project 2015 entitled, '*Foam-assisted CO<sub>2</sub> Flooding for the Depleted Reservoirs of Upper Assam Basin and in Candidate Reservoirs in Louisiana*', in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, USA. Professor Borgohain was in Louisiana, USA in the month of October, 2015.

○ **Dr. Umananda Dev Goswami**, Department of Physics, delivered an invited talk in a National Seminar on '*100 Years of General Relativity*', organized by the Department of Physics, Manipur University, Imphal, India during December 21-22, 2015.

○ **Professor S. Chakraborty**, Department of Statistics represented Dibrugarh University as a Panelist in the Plenary Session of CEFIPRA's '*Outreach Programme*' organized by the Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research at Institute of Advanced Studies in Science and Technology (IASST) on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Professor Chakraborty organized a session on '*New Probability Distributions and their Applications*' at the International Conference on Statistics for Twenty-



Dr. Nasmeeem F Akhtar



Dr. Meena Sharma



Professor S. Chakraborty



Mr. Subrata Sinha



Debajit Borah

First Century (ICSTC), Department of Statistics, Kerala University, Trivandrum, Kerala during 17-19, December, 2015. He also delivered an invited talk in the conference. Professor Chakraborty also presented a paper in the 24<sup>th</sup> international conference on ‘*Interdisciplinary Mathematical and Statistical Techniques (IMST 2015-FIM XXIV)*’ held at the University of Barcelona, Spain, during November 18-20, 2015. Professor Chakraborty presented a paper in the International Conference on Applied Statistics 2015 (ICAS2015), Pattaya, Thailand, during 15-17 July, 2015 with International Travel Support of Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India. He was Keynote Speaker in a Plenary Session of the National Conference on ‘*Recent Trends in Mathematics and Its Applications*’ (RTMA-2015) at Rajiv Gandhi University, Doi Mukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India, 6-7 November, 2015. He also chaired a technical session of the National Conference on ‘*Recent Trends in Mathematics and Its Applications*’ (RTMA-2015) at Rajiv Gandhi University, Doi Mukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India, 6-7 November, 2015.

○ **Professor Bipin Gogoi**, Department of Statistics acted as a Resource Person in an international conference on ‘*Statistics and Related Areas for Equity, Sustainability and Development (SRAESD)*’ at Lucknow University during 28-30 November, 2015.

○ **Mr. Subrata Sinha**, Assistant Professor, Center for Bioinformatics Studies bagged the prestigious IEEE-Elsevier Best Paper Award for his paper ‘*Development of a Java Library for Protein Stability and Disorder*’ in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Eco-Friendly Computing and Communication Systems on 7-8 December, 2015 at the NIT Kurukshetra, Haryana. Mr. Subrata Sinha was felicitated by the Vice Chancellor of the University for his achievement on the auspicious occasion of the National Science Day along with other awardees and achievers of the University.

○ **Debajit Borah**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Biotechnology has been awarded ‘the IRES Excellent Paper Award’ for oral presentation entitled ‘*Garcinia pedunculata* Roxb. mediated Palladium nanoparticle shows anti-efflux activities against a novel multidrug resistant clinical isolate’ in the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conferences on ‘*Engineering and Natural Sciences*’ held in Pattaya, Thailand on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016. He was also awarded the Centre for International Co-operation in Science (CICS) International Travel Fellowship for attending International Conference in Pattaya, Thailand. He was felicitated during the National Science Day at Dibrugarh University for the same.

○ **Shukla Acharjee**, Center for Studies in Geography was invited to the NASA International Land Cover/Land Use Changes (LC/LUC) Regional Science Team Meeting in South and Southeast Asia, Yangon, Myanmar (Burma).

○ **Mr. Jadab Borah**, Assistant Professor, Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts performed the character of Rama in the Bhaona *Ram Vijay* in New Delhi on the occasion of World Book Fare on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 organized by National Book Trust, Govt. of India. Mr. Borah also performed as a *Gayan* in the Bhaona *Keli Gopal* on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 on the occasion of *Ankiya Bhaona Samaroh* organized by *Sattriya Kendra*, Guwahati, and Sangeet Natak Academy, New Delhi.

○ **Mr. Mrinal Kr. Baruah**, Assistant Professor, Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts received the prestigious *Kundil Ratna Vaishnab Pandit* Sonaram Chutia Youth Award, on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.

○ **Professor Daisy Bora Talukdar**, the Director of the Centre for Women’s Studies visited SIRD, Meghalaya as a resource person for a workshop on Gender Budgeting on 16<sup>th</sup> march, 2016 as well as in the Sensitization Programme on Gender Budgeting held at Meghalaya Administration Training Institute, Shillong.

# Achievements of the Students

○ **Pankaj Boruah** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sem., M.Tech., Department of Petroleum Technology) receiving the ONGC-IGU Best Poster Award (Student) in special category at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of Indian Geophysical Union from 3 to 5 November, 2015 in Goa. The poster was authored by Pankaj Boruah, Miranda Kakoty (JRF of the Indo-US project), W. M. Alakhdar (PhD student) and Professor Subrata Borgohain Gogoi.

○ **Arshini Saikia**, Centre for Atmospheric Studies has received the PhD student fellowship from the 'International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)', Kathmandu, Nepal for a period of one year.

○ **Tamanna Subba**, SRF, Centre for Atmospheric Studies participated in the 'European Research Course on Atmosphere' held at the Joseph Fourier University, Grenoble, France, in January-February 2016. She also received the Best Oral paper award in the Nineteenth National Space Science Symposium held during 9-12 February 2016 at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum.

○ **Geetashree Kakoti**, JRF, Centre for Atmospheric Studies received the Best Poster paper award in the Nineteenth National Space Science Symposium held during 9-12 February 2016 at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum.

○ **Mr. Devokanta Pegu** and **Ms. Surovi Saikia**, Centre for Bioinformatics Studies received UGC Fellowship for higher education for pursuing Ph.D in Bioinformatics.

○ **Mr. Hemchandra Deka**, Centre for Bioinformatics Studies, joined Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati as an Assistant Project Scientist and **Mr. Deep Jyoti Das**, Centre for Studies in Bioinformatics Studies, joined Gauhati University in a research position in a cancer project.

○ Six students– **Ms. Pragya Tailor**, **Ms. Monalisha Boruah**, **Ms. Parismita Borah**, **Ms. Sima Kumari Dutta**, **Ms. Amreen Fatima** and **Ms. Tanaya Chowdhury**– from the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology were selected for DBT Sponsored 'Development and Hands on Training Quality Control of Biologicals' at National Institute of Biologicals, Noida for a period of one month.

○ **Nitya Jitani**, Centre for Computer Studies secured first position in the paper presentation competition on Analysis

of Duck-worth Lewis method using probabilistic approach organized by the Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University, under the event 'National Seminar in recent trends Statistics-RTTAS II'. She also secured first position in 'Cloud Computing' workshop at Dibrugarh university organized by 'Robo Edu tech India Pvt. Ltd.' in association with Wissenaire IIT Bhubaneswar.

○ **Mr. Ankur Sonar**, Centre for Studies in Geography in recognition of his being a part of the Group whose paper on 'Trade Relations between NE India and SE Asia' was selected as the Best Paper in Agni – the paper presentation competition held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as a part of 2015 Edition of 'Sanmilan– Meeting of Minds' organized by CMS, Dibrugarh University.

○ A team of selected students of the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts, representing Dibrugarh University, participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Inter University East-Zone Youth Festival (Brahmaputra Mahotsav), 2016 held at Tezpur University, Tezpur from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, where the following awards were received:

● Best Team in One Act Play.

● 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Classical Dance (Solo) – by **Kaushik Kr. Handique**.

A team of selected students of the Centre, representing Dibrugarh University, also participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Inter University National Youth Festival (*Yuva Shatha Sambhrama*), 2016 held at Mysore University, Mysore from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and the following awards were received:

● 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Classical Dance (Solo) – by **Kaushik Kr. Handique**.

● 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in Cultural Procession Competition.

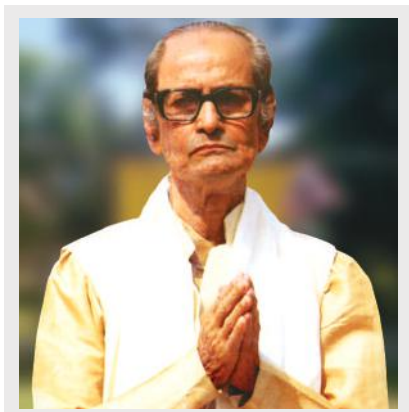
A team of selected students of the Centre, under the direction of Ms. Ruplekha Borbora Das, performed in an invited Cultural programme of *Sangeet Nritya Samaroh* from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in Gangtok, organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi North-East Centre, Guwahati in collaboration with Cultural Affairs and Heritage Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

# OBITUARY

## Professor Kesavananda Dev Goswami

– A Tribute

Dr. Ananda Bormudoï



**Professor Kesavananda Dev Goswami**, formerly Professor of Assamese and a noted *Vaisnavite* Scholar, passed away on February 4, 2016. The demise of the scholar was indeed a great loss to Assamese culture and literature as Professor Dev Goswami actively engaged himself in cultural activities even after his retirement. He was born on February 9, 1930 at Balisattra of Nagaon District of Assam. Born and brought up in a *Sattra*, Goswami was attracted by *Vaisnavism* and he did extensive study and research on *Vaisnavism* in Assam. He did his PhD on ‘History and Development of the *Purusa Samhati* Sect of Assam *Vaisnavism*’. Through research and research guidance he significantly contributed to the study of Sankaradeva and the *Vaisnavism* movement in Assam.

Kesavananda Dev Goswami, the man, was always smiling, friendly and unassuming. Everybody cheered up in his company. The man who engaged himself in serious research was also capable of writing humorous pieces in lighter vein. He had penetrating insight into the *Vaisnava* literature of Assam and he could explain and interpret the books authored by the great masters like Sankaradev and Madhabadeva with fresh insights to invite attention of the modern readers. He edited a large number of texts of the *Vaisnava* authors and translated a few ancient texts into Assamese. He has also translated from Punjabi to Assamese. He did his best to popularise *Sattriya* dance, Bargeet and *Bhaona* inside and outside the state. We remember him with love and respect.+++





## Purno Agitok Sangma

### – *Adieu to an Illustrious Alumni*

Obja Borah Hazarika

**Purno Agitok Sangma**, born in a remote village of Chapathi, West Garo Hills, breathed his last on March 04, 2016. P. A Sangma rose to great heights in life despite humble beginnings. Born into a poor family and having lost his father at the young age of 11, Sangma had to drop out of school and graze household cattle to make ends meet. Missionary fathers of Shillong rescued Sangma and sponsored his studies. Sangma went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree from St Anthony's College, Shillong and subsequently completed his Master of Arts degree in Political Science from Dibrugarh University. He was also associated with the missionaries of Don Bosco School, Dibrugarh, where he did a brief stint as a teacher. Simultaneously he obtained an LLB degree.

Sangma donned several hats, each with panache, in his lifetime. Apart from teaching, Sangma also briefly worked as a journalist and a lawyer before joining politics. He joined politics at a young age, the Congress party appointing him its Vice-President of the Youth Congress in 1973. He went on to assume the august position of Chief Minister of Meghalaya from 1988 to 1990 and served as the Leader

of the Opposition in the Assembly from 1990 to 1991. Sangma's political career was rather illustrious and successful. He was elected nine times as Member of the Lok Sabha. First under Indira Gandhi and then under Rajiv Gandhi he was Minister of States for Industries, Commerce, Coal and Labour for over 12 years. In 1995 he was made a Cabinet Minister for Information & Broadcasting by the then Prime Minister Narasimha Rao.

He was a vanguard of politics in a multifaceted manner as can be gauged from the fact that in 1996, Sangma was elected as the Lok Sabha Speaker by the Vajpayee (BJP) Government making him the first unanimously elected Speaker, the first from the Opposition to be a Speaker, the first from the Scheduled Tribe and the Christian community to be the Lok Sabha Speaker and the first tribal Cabinet Central Minister. His contributions in politics were manifold; not least of all was the formation of a committee on Ethics and Standards in Public Life by him while he was the Speaker. He played a pioneering role in the formation of a Standing Joint Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women and a Joint Parliamentary Committee to study the Constitution (81<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Bill, 1996 that

required 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and the state legislative assemblies.

Sangma's political career was riddled with crests and troughs, all of which he managed to navigate with aplomb. Sangma, along with Sharad Pawar and Tariq Anwar co-founded the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) which he left in 2004. He then joined the Trinamool Congress. He rejoined the NCP once again only to later renounce his affiliation. In 2012 he made a bid for the post of President of India. He then launched the National People's Party (NPP) in January 2013 and decided to align with the BJP led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). His sons Conrad Sangma, James Sangma, and daughter Agatha Sangma, followed in their father's footsteps and entered politics.

With untold laurels P.A. Sangma had many feathers in his cap and was a rare statesman of our times. At Dibrugarh University, his *alma mater*, we salute one of our most illustrious sons for serving his country and people in a most diligent, exemplary and inspirational manner.+++

*“na jayate mriyate va kadachin  
nayam bhutva bhavita va na bhuyah  
ajo nityah sasvato yam purano  
na hanyate hanyamane sarire”*

—Chapter II, Verse 20, *Bhagvat Gita*

## *We pay our sincere homage to...*



**Thaneswar Gogoi**

Date of Joining : 12.10.1989

Date of Birth : 11.03.1957

Date of Death : 19.12.2015

Designation: Chowkider



**Brojen Gogoi**

Date of Joining : 01.04.2013

Date of Birth : 10.09.1982

Date of Death : 20.12.2015

Designation: Chowkider

**Bhumeswar Jaishi**

Date of Death : 14.03.2016

Designation: Chowkider

**Phudena Bhagat**

Date of Joining : 25.03.1965

Date of Birth : 16.03.1965

Date of Death : 15.03.2016

Designation: Gardener

# ADMINISTRATION

## Superannuated Members of Faculty

- **Professor H. Nr. Dutta**  
Department of Statistics
- **Professor Aradhana Dutta**  
Department of Chemistry
- **Dr. (Mrs.) Deepanjan Dutta Das**  
Department of Anthropology
- **Dr. Nikunjalata Dutta**  
Department of Political Science
- **Dr. K. K. Borgohain**  
Department of Education

## Superannuated Officers

- **Dilip Kumar Sarmah**  
Section Officer
- **Pulin Chandra Baruah**  
Section Officer

## New Appointment (Regular)

- **Ms. Ankita Borbora**  
Department of Economics (on 12.10.2015)
- **Ms. Arindita Goswami**  
Department of Anthropology (on 05.10.2015)
- **Dr. Hans Raj Bhatt**  
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (on 01.02.2016)
- **Dr. Abu Talat Tahir Mostako**  
Department of Physics (on 15.10.2015)

## New Appointment (Contractual)

- **Ms. Smriti Rekha Phukan**  
Department of Education (on 03.03.2016)
- **Mr. Amir Barhoi**  
Department of Mathematics (on 19.02.2016)
- **Ms. Malobika Borah**  
Department of Applied Geology (on 19.11.2015)

- **Ms. Nilakshi Das**  
Department of Political Science (on 22.02.2016)
- **Ms. Nandita Barman**  
CLISS (on 03.03.2016)
- **Ms. Rashmi Rekha Buragohain**  
CLISS (on 04.11.2015)
- **Mr. Vishwa Jyoti Baruah**  
Centre for Studies in Bioinformatics (on 02.02.2016)
- **Ms. Purabi Borah**  
Directorate of Distance Education (on 25.01.2016)
- **Ms. Binny Borkha Boruah**  
Centre for Studies in Behavioural Science (on 04.02.2016)
- **Ms. Shabnam Yesmin**  
Centre for Studies in Behavioural Science (on 05.02.2016)

## New Appointment (Officer)

- **Mr. Gunadeep Chetia**  
Programmer (on 05.10.2015)
- **Dr. Deba Pallav Rajkhowa**  
Director, Directorate of Distance Education (on 26.11.2015)

# BOOK REVIEW

## Four New Books from the Publication Division



The Publication Division of Dibrugarh University has brought out a number of books from the two series titled 'Men of Letters' and 'Men of Science'. The latest addition to the *Men of Science* series is the book titled *Albert Einstein* authored by Kulendu Pathak, an educationist and scientist, known for his science writings which have gone a long way to popularize science in the state. He had been the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University from 2002 to 2008. The book has been planned in such a way that an average reader learns from it all that he needs to know about the life and works of the great German-American physicist and mathematician. The author discusses interesting episodes and great achievements of the scientist who revolutionized twentieth century physics and ushered in the atomic age, in a way that can sustain the curiosity and interest in young readers regarding the relativity, quantum theory and the like. Einstein in time line, the bibliography and some quotes in the appendix, as a source of additional information, have been of immense help to the readers.

The three books of the *Men of Letters* series published recently are on three eminent writers who have enriched Assamese language, culture and literature with their most outstanding contributions. Of these three, the one on Krishnakanta Handiqui, the great Sanskrit

scholar and Orientalist is authored by Ashok Kumar Goswami, a Sanskrit scholar and writer. The book titled *Krinshnakanta Handiqui* covers the life and works of the eminent writer. It contains an assessment of Handiqui as a writer, a discussion on the distinctive features of his style, an examination of the backdrop to his writings, his originality, attitude to life, his personality and relevance of his writings today. Discussing the scholar's life in brief, the author underscores the importance of the three major works of Handiqui—*Naisadhcharita of Shriharsha*, *Yasastilaka and Indian Culture* and *Pravarasena's Setubandha*. The readers get all necessary information about the works of Handiqui. The readers will also see how methodically the great scholar worked. Professor Ashok Kumar Goswami has tried to simplify for his readers things originally intended for a scholarly audience.

Another addition to the *Men of Letters* series is *Banikanta Kakati* authored by Anuradha Sharma. The book is an assessment of the life and works of Banikanta Kakati, an eminent scholar and a critic. The writer has discussed the complete works of Dr Kakati with a thrust on his works like *Assamese, Its Formation and Development*, *Aspects of Early Assamese Literature*, *The Mother Goddess Kamakhya* and *Life and Teachings of*

*Sankaradeva*. Banikanta Kakati set an example for all scholars through his sustained research and perseverance. His work culture enabled him to rise into eminence and that remains a lesson of his life. The author of the book on Banikanta has shown how the eminent scholar created and environment of healthy research and investigation in the state. Dr Kakati played a leading role in the study of culture and society and he systematized Assamese literary criticism. The book contains information of all aspects of Dr Kakati's works. Dr Anuradha Sharma's style is such that the readers can read the book with pleasure and profit.

The book titled *Syed Abdul Malik in the Men of Letters* series is written by Mamoni Gogoi Borgohain. The book written on the life and works of Abdul Malik contains an assessment of the literary creations, his attitude to life and his personality, novelty of his thought, his art

of the narrative and aesthetic and intellectual aspects of his works. The biographical aspect of the book traces the growth of the artist in Malik and underscores the influence on him in the formative period of his life. Malik was a prolific writer with a large number of books to his credit and Dr Mamoni Gogoi Borgohain has commented on the varied subjects and themes in those books. Malik's political career and simple social life have also invited attention of the writer. Malik, the writer as well as Malik, the man was equally popular and Dr Borgohain has duly emphasized these two aspects of his personality.

The reception of the books published by the Publication Division of the University has been satisfactory. The books are authored by well known writers with commitment to the target audience.+++

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*A moment of the 'Mitabhash-Divas Lecture' which was jointly organised by Saraswata Nyas Parishad and Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University to celebrate 78<sup>th</sup> Birth Day of Professor Nagen Saikia. From left Sjt Jiten Hazarika, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Professor K. K. Deka, Formerly Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University and Professor Nagen Saikia, Formerly Chair Professor, Bezbaroa Chair, Dibrugarh University, on the Stage.*

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*Research Scholars and Students from the Centre for Studies in Biotechnology, Dibrugarh University conducting Laboratory Assignments.*







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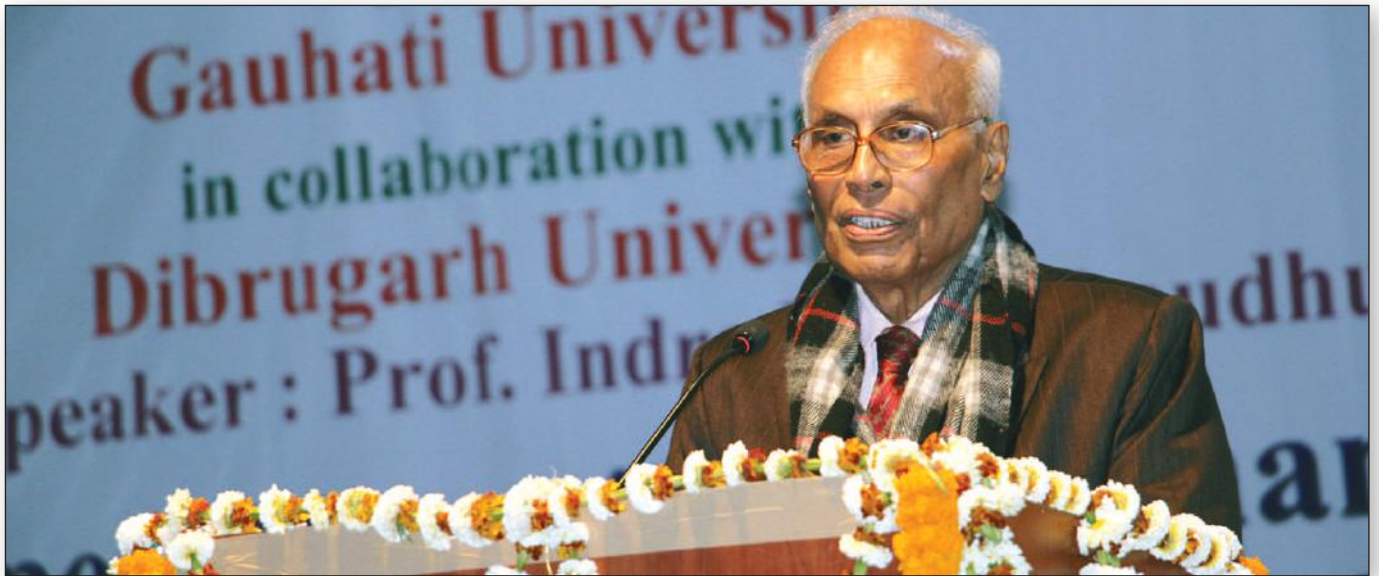
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*Professor Indranath Choudhury, formerly Professor of Delhi University delivering Bhupen Hazarika Memorial Lecture at Rangghar Auditorium on 23.02.2016 organised by Gauhati University in collaboration with Dibrugarh University.*



*Foundation laying ceremony of the Common Sanitary Complex at Dibrugarh University Campus.*



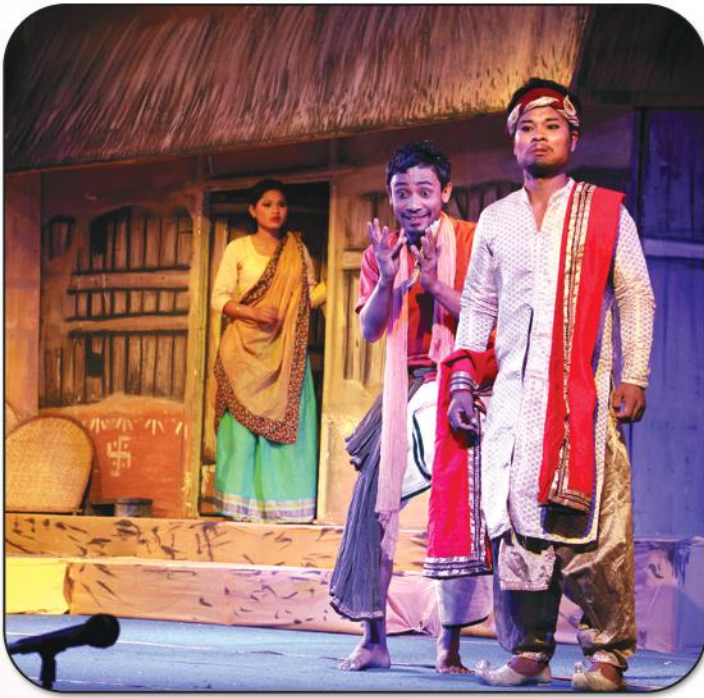
*Presentation ceremony of the certification of appreciation to the selected employees of Dibrugarh University for outstanding performance during 2015 on the occasion of the celebrations of the 67<sup>th</sup> Republic Day.*



*Mr Rajiv Yadav, IAS, Secretary, Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India, addressing the students of the Centre for Management Studies on 18.02.2016.*



*A team of the students of the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts participating in the Cultural procession at 31<sup>st</sup> Inter University National Youth Festival in Mysore University.*



*A scene from the play 'Ahar Mahar Edin' of renowned Indian dramatist, Mohan Rakesh, translated by Professor Nirajana Mahanta Bezbora and performed by the students of the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Rangghar Auditorium of the University.*



*A cheering group of the Students from the Centre for Management Studies during the Varsity Week.*



*A snapshot of an artwork preserved in the museum of the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University*



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