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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As we commence on another promising academic year, I am delighted to share the remarkable progressive achievement of B.N. College in education, innovation, and community engagement. Our vision is to provide quality higher education with an attempt to inspire, prepare, and empower students of its catchment area to succeed in a changing world. Our commitment to academic excellence remains steadfast, and this newsletter reflects the milestones and aspirations that define our journey. For over 78 years, B.N. College has been a Strong Pillar of learning in Western Assam, a legacy built through the vision and generous support of the local community. A significant achievement in our journey was securing Autonomous Status from the University Grants Commission (UGC) in July 2024. From the academic year 2024-25, we have started Autonomous Academic Session for our newcomer students.

The college provides lovely and safe environment where students can learn, grow, and thrive. We have ensured that every facility supports a meaningful and holistic learning experience. From high-speed Wi-Fi and a solar power plant to modern multimedia classrooms and well-equipped science labs, we are committed to providing a forward-thinking academic environment. Our library is not just a place of books—it's a rich resource hub, fully furnished and stocked with both physical and digital collections, supported by an automated digital library system. To further enhance learning, we offer an e-language lab and a video conferencing room, making global academic interactions possible. Beyond academics, we also provide excellent indoor and outdoor sports facilities to promote a balanced and active campus life.

Since its establishment, B.N. College has been a symbol of excellence, consistently achieving remarkable success across various fields. This success has been made possible through the collective efforts and cooperation of our dedicated staff, students, and stakeholders. Every year, our students continue to secure positions in the merit lists of reputed institutions, further strengthening the reputation of B.N. College as a centre of academic excellence.

We believe that the true growth of our college comes from strong collaboration with our students, faculty, and the wider community. Together, we build an environment where hard work, dedication, passion, and a determined spirit are not just values, but the very foundation of our success story.

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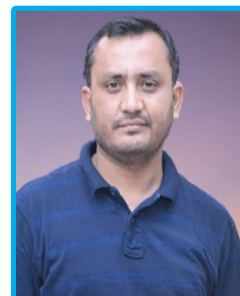


**ARISE ! AWAKE ! STOP NOT UNTIL
THE GOAL IS REACHED**

New Education Policy 2020 and the Question of Language : An Analysis

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Introduction :

On May 9 2025, the Supreme Court of India passed an order that resurfaced the debate on the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its three-language formula. While rejecting a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in connection with the implementation of NEP 2020 in the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal; a bench of Justice J B Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan observed that, “the Supreme Court cannot directly compel a state to adopt a policy like the National Education Policy, 2020 including its three-language formula” (The Indian Express 9 May 2025, page 8). Referring to the adoption of NEP 2020 by the states as a “vexed issue”, the bench further observed that, “the Supreme Court, through Article 32 of the Constitution, can issue directives to ensure that the rights of the citizens are protected. The Court may, however, intervene if a state's action or inaction related to the NEP violates any fundamental rights” (ibid). The order, once again, reignited the debate on issues of ‘three-language formula’ adopted by the NEP 2020 raised by the states particularly Tamil Nadu. Their opposition primarily lies on the promulgation of Hindi as “compulsory” subject at school level as per the three-language policy in a socio-culturally diverse and multi-lingual country like India. In this context, an attempt has been made to discuss the question of language that emerged in the backdrop of imparting education in local language as per the NEP 2020.

The NEP 2020: Outlining the Context

The NEP 2020 has been considered as a landmark and ambitious policy initiated by the Government of India. Drafted by an expert committee headed by Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, a famous space scientist and former chief of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 1993-2003, the policy aims to ensure all round development of an individual through multidisciplinary education system. It is considered as a flagship policy introduced after a break of 34 years that attempts to transform educational institution to an epitome of teaching-learning process combining Indian traditional knowledge with scientific outlook. The NEP 2020 intends to make a notable shift from “what to think to how to think in the digital age” (Bhasin 2020). It visualises “a complete overhaul and re-energising of the higher education system to overcome challenges and thereby deliver high-quality higher education, with equity and inclusion” (NEP 2020: 34). The new policy underlines the need for online and digital platforms in teaching-learning and stresses multidisciplinary and forward-looking vision with a light but tight approach under a single centralised regulator, i.e. the National Higher Education Commission (ibid). However, states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, etc. have raised concerns particularly about the three-language formula and rejected the policy. The West Bengal, on the other hand, formed its own education policy in addition to the NEP 2020.

Linguistic Diversity and the NEP 2020: Questioning the Three-Language Policy:

India is a very large and diverse country. It is home to numerous religious, ethnic, caste, and linguistic groups living in the country for centuries. The diversity manifolded due to the waves of migrations from all directions at different historical phases. The migrants did not return back, in fact, they assimilated with the original settlers transforming the socio-cultural landscape. As a result, India emerged as a place of different faith, beliefs, traditions, cultural practices and so on. The Indian diversity can be gauged by simply referring to the number of languages and dialects spoken in the country. According to

the Census of India, 2001, India has 122 major languages and around 1,600 other languages and dialects belonging to the Indo-European, Indo-Aryan, Tibeto-Burman, Austro-Asiatic, Dravidian etc. families. The sheer number makes India as one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world. For example, the Northeast India alone boast of having more than 220 languages and dialects spoken by different caste, ethnic and tribal groups spreading throughout the hills and valley of the region. Similarly, the Southern states also exemplify significant linguistic diversity. It needs to point here out that, a large number of languages and dialects spoken by relatively small community or group of people become extinct due to various internal and external factors. Moreover, language is a highly sensitive and delicate issue and therefore, proper attention should be given for its protection and preservation.

One of the key aspects of the NEP 2020 is to impart education in local language or mother-tongue at primary level – a prerequisite for all round development of a student. In addition, the policy also emphasise on the revival of the Indian ancient languages. According to the NEP 2020 “teaching and learning of Indian languages need to be integrated with school and higher education at every level” (NEP 2020, 22.6). Regarding the three-language formula, the policy states that, “it is to be implemented while keeping in mind the Constitutional provisions, aspirations of the people, regions, and the Union, and the need to promote multilingualism as well as promote national unity” (ibid, 4.13). It further observes, “there will be a greater flexibility in the three-language formula, and no language will be imposed on any State. The three languages learned by children will be the choices of States, regions, and of course the students themselves, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India” (ibid, 4.13). However, the policy has been criticised by different stakeholders which led to its rejection by a few states. For example, The Tamil Nadu government considers it as an “imposition” which will eventually erode the Tamil identity, compromise state autonomy and violate the co-operative federal structure (Deka 2025). According to Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), the ruling party, the policy is a “covert attempt to introduce Hindi through the back door” (ibid). Accordingly, the Kerela government has also raised concern about the future of its existing state’s education system due to the ‘centralisation’ and ‘privatisation’ tendencies of the NEP 2020. Similarly, the state of West Bengal, although, has not rejected the NEP 2020 entirely; but the Mamata government has formed its own education policy in 2023 in accordance with the unique socio-cultural setting and priority of the state. In some parts of the Northeast also, question has been raised about the ‘compulsory’ use of Hindi since it has been considered as an “imposition” and “threat towards the distinct linguistic identity” of the ethnic tribal groups of the region.

In Conclusion:

The NEP 2020 has been considered as a departure from the previous educational policies in many respects. It ensures production of holistic, innovative and scientific knowledge system considering the rich history, heritage and cultural ethos of the country which is unparalleled and praiseworthy. As education is considered as the backbone of a country, therefore, adequate unbiased attention should be given its implementation and improvement. Moreover, language is a very sensitive and complex issue particularly in a country like India which is geographically so large and extremely diverse. While at primary level imparting education in mother-tongue or local language can be proved beneficial; but compulsory learning of any language or it’s imposition upon a non-speaker will surely have detrimental consequences in future. The linguistic rights and privileges of all communities and ethnic groups must be respected and its protection needs to be ensured. The linguistic diversity should be allowed to flourish.

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NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ON "FOLK CULTURE OF WESTERN ASSAM: TRADITIONS AND CHANGES"

DATE : 08-07-2023 TO 09-07-2023

A two days National Level Seminar on "Folk Culture of Western Assam: Traditions and Changes" organized by the Pacchim Asam Bhasha-Sahitya Gabeshana Kendra, Asam Sahitya Sabha and Department of Assamese, B.N. College, Dhubri in Collaboration Research Cell, Chilarai College, Golakganj and Swadhinata Sangrami Jatindra Narayan Das Rural Library on July 8th & 9th 2023 in the college Campus. College's Vice-Principal Rita Bora hoisted the flag & delivered the welcome address to the seminar. Dr. Umesh Das, one of the organizing conveners presented the introductory remarks. The seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Bharat Bhushan Mahanti, Principal, Chilarai College, Golakganj. Dr. Upendrajit Sarma, HoD, Assamese, B.N. College, Dhubri & Principal Secretary, Asam Sahitya Sabha delivered the keynote address wherein he detailed about the theme of the seminar.



DEEKSHARAMBH: STUDENT INDUCTION

DATE : 01-08-2023

A three-day Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme for 1st-semester BA, BSc, IT, and Computer Science students under FYUGP was organized by IQAC at B.N. College, Dhubri, from August 1, 2023, as per UGC guidelines. Attended by around 450 students, the sessions covered topics such as examination systems, infrastructure, environmental awareness, NSS, NCC, cyber security, and yoga. The program was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, with faculty members and resource persons delivering insightful presentations. Students actively participated in discussions, finding the program highly informative and engaging.



ANTI RAGGING AWARENESS PROGRAMME **DATE : 05-08-2023**

An Anti Ragging Awareness Programme was organised by the Superintendent, Girl's Hostel, B N College, Dhubri for the Boarders of Girl's Hostel, B N College, Dhubri. The main objective of organising the programme was to provide knowledge on how to identify ragging activities and how to file affidavit of anti-ragging and also to inspire them to keep campus ragging free. Dr. Jayda Begum, superintendent, Girls Hostel B. N. College, and Dr. Rejibul Islam, superintendent, Boys Hostel, B. N. College delivered an informative speech on Anti Ragging.





LIBRARIANS' DAY CELEBRATION

DATE : 12-08-2023

SNT Library observed National Librarians' Day on 12th August to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the pioneer of Library Science in India. The event was honoured by the presence of Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal of B. N. College, Dhubri, as well as Mr. Sudarshan Roy and Mr. Rezibul Alom, Assistant Professors from the Department of Political Science. Their participation added significance to the celebration. The programme served as a tribute to Dr. Ranganathan's legacy and his lasting impact on library services.



STORYTELLING PROGRAMME

DATE : 12-08-2023

To celebrate National Librarians' Day, SNT Library in collaboration with NDLI CLUB, B.N. College, Dhubri, organized a Storytelling Programme. The event began with a speech by librarian Miss Kankana Chakraborty highlighting the contributions of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Esteemed faculty members shared engaging stories with the students, promoting the joy of reading. The event aimed to inspire students to explore books, folk literature, and moral stories, fostering a lasting reading





RECITATION COMPETITION BY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

DATE : 12-08-2023

On the occasion of International Youth Day, a recitation competition was organized at the college by Department of Philosophy and Department of Sanskrit, B. N College, Dhubri with enthusiastic participation from students. The event was presided over by the Principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, who delivered the welcome speech, highlighting the aim of the programme. Mrs. Nabanita Devi, H.O.D. of Philosophy, spoke about the significance of celebrating International Youth Day. Dr. Nazia Zaman from the Department of English served as the judge for the competition



CELEBRATION OF 77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

DATE : 15-08-2023

B.N. College marked the 77th Independence Day with a vibrant day-long celebration, bringing together the entire college family in a spirit of patriotism. The event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal of the college followed by the solemn rendition of the National Anthem. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Chakraborty emphasized the significance of the day and reflected on the invaluable contributions of freedom fighters in India's struggle for independence.

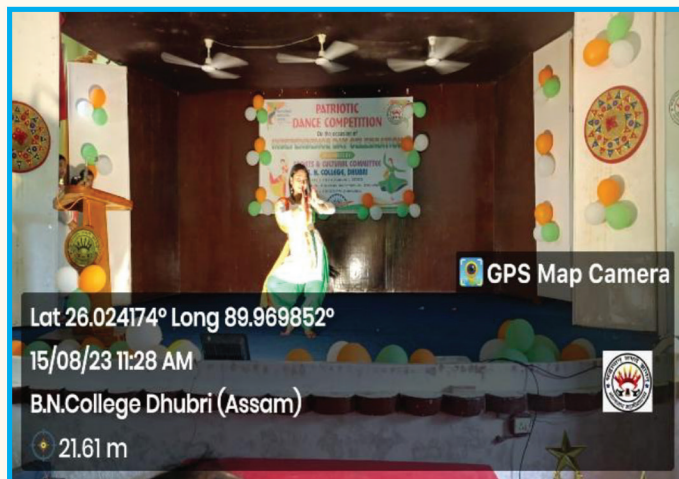
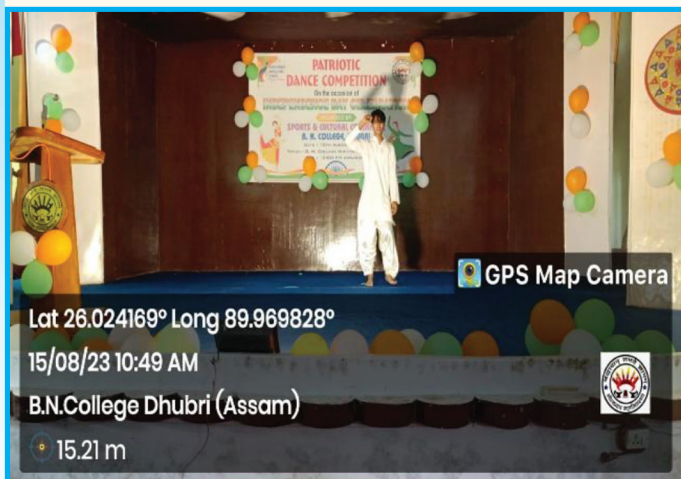




PATRIOTIC DANCE COMPETITION

DATE : 15-08-2023

A patriotic dance competition was organized by Sports and Cultural Committee of the college on the occasion of 77th Independence Day in the college premises. The students are actively participated in this programme.



CELEBRATION OF 78TH FOUNDATION DAY

DATE : 16-08-2023

The 78th Foundation Day of the college was celebrated on August 16, 2023, with enthusiastic participation from all members of the college community. A general meeting was held as part of the celebration, with Mr. Dibakar Nath, District Commissioner of Dhubri District, gracing the occasion as the chief guest. During the programme, the college authorities felicitated faculty members who have made significant contributions in the field of research and publication, recognizing their work published in reputed national and international journals.

Following the formal proceedings, a vibrant cultural event was organized, in which students actively participated and showcased their talents.





AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION, AND LEADERSHIP AMONG THE STUDENTS

DATE : 21-08-2023

To commemorate World Entrepreneur Day on 21st August 2023, the Institution's Innovation Council of B.N. College, Dhubri organized an awareness programme on entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership for students. The event aimed to inspire and educate students about entrepreneurial opportunities and innovative practices. The programme was formally inaugurated by the Principal of B. N. College, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty. Mr. Keshav Bora, Founder of Boober: Bamboo and Cane Craft, served as the resource person and shared his valuable insights and



WALK TO LIBRARY: AN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2023-2024

DATE : 24-08-2023
TO 30-08-2023

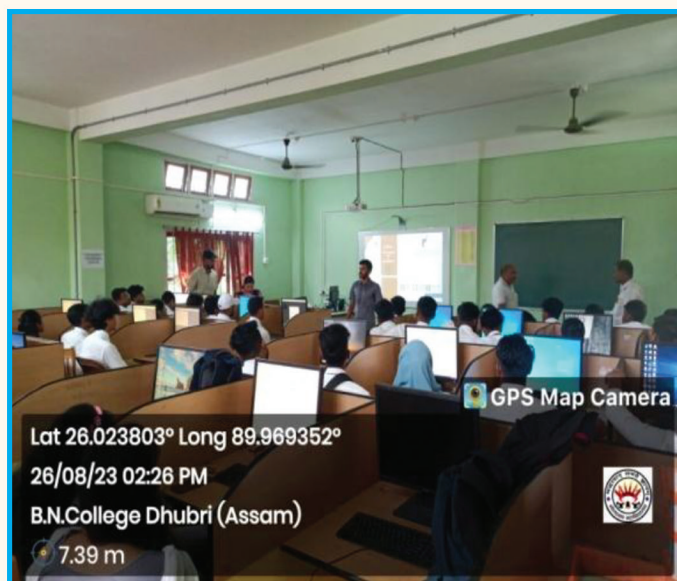
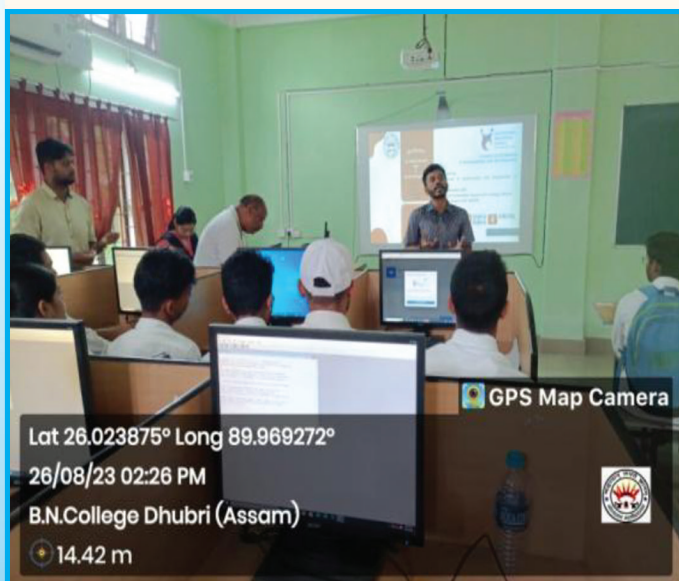
Walk to Library is an orientation programme organized by Shew NarainTantia Library, B.N. College, Dhubri. The primary objective of the programme is to introduce and popularize library activities among the students of B.N. College, Dhubri from 24.08.2023 to 30.08.2023. The programme encourages the reading habit among the students. Besides, they have learnt how to use the library resources properly.



A HANDS-ON TRAINING IN R-PROGRAMMING AND MATHEMATICS

DATE : 26-08-2023

An inter-departmental activity titled “Hands-on Training in R-Programming and Mathematics” was jointly organized by the Departments of Mathematics and Statistics on 26th August 2023 in the Computer Lab of the B.Voc (IT) Department, B. N. College, Dhubri. The workshop was conducted by Dr.Pinku Chandra Dey, Department of Mathematics and Ms. Durba Purkayastha, Department of Statistics both from B.N. College, Dhubri. Students were introduced to R-Programming, including installation procedures, basic operations, and calculation of statistical constants like mean and median. They also learned how to draw graphs and perform mathematical operations using the software.





"INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM IN SCHOOL"

DATE : 28-08-2023

An outreach program was conducted on 28/08/2023 at Lachit Jatiya Vidyalaya to demonstrate different types of science model and some activities such as refraction and deviation of light by using prism and laser light, how a blade can be magnetized and a needle magnet can be constructed, use of ultrasonic sensor to measure small distance, a LDR circuit was used to demonstrated light energy, a microphone circuit was shown to demonstrated that sound is a form of energy, moreover two robots were shown by the use of Arduino, ultrasonic and Bluetooth sensor . All the activities were performed by B.Sc 3rdsem Physics Hons students.



A LECTURE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

DATE : 03-09-2023

The Departmental Research Cell of the Philosophy Department, B. N. College, Dhubri, organized a lecture on Research Methodology for B.A. 3rd and 5th Semester (Hons.) students. Mrs. Namita Pawegam, Assistant Professor, served as the Resource Person, discussing research concepts, paper writing, report preparation, and the significance of research in social sciences. The session saw active participation from 31 students, making it a successful and engaging event. An interactive session followed the lecture, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the program.



STUDENT GROUP DISCUSSION IN DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

DATE : 08-09-2023 & 12-09-2023

The department of Philosophy, B.N. College, Dhubri has conducted a Group Discussion event under the guidance of Dr. Jayda Begum, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, for B.A. 5th Semester (Hons.) students on 08-09-2023 and 12-09-2023. Students were divided into groups and assigned topics on Sartre's Existentialism and Heidegger's concept of Being and Dasein. They actively participated by sharing ideas and engaging in meaningful discussions. The activity enhanced their communication and critical thinking skills.



SPEECH COMPETITION AMONG STUDENTS

DATE : 11-09-2023

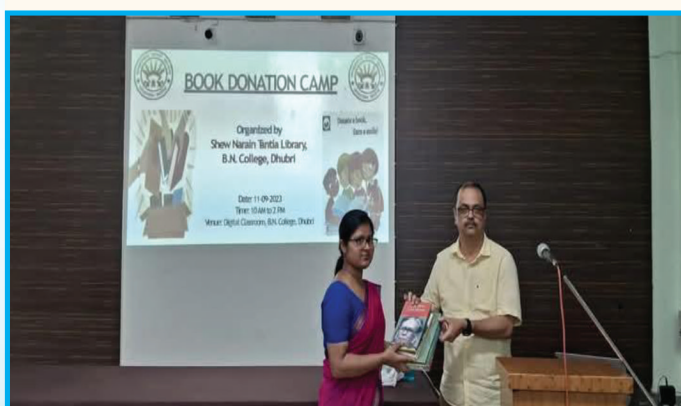
To commemorate the 130th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's speech at the World's Parliament of Religions, a speech competition was organized at B. N. College, Dhubri. The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by speeches from the Principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, and Mrs. Nabanita Devi, highlighting Swamiji's philosophy. Nine students participated in the competition, judged by faculty members, and prizes were distributed to the winners. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Durba Purkayastha, with 37 participants, including faculty members, in attendance.



BOOK DONATION CAMP ORGANIZED BY SNT LIBRARY

DATE : 11-09-2023

The SNT Library of B.N. College, Dhubri, organized a book donation camp on the college campus with the aim of establishing a Children's Corner in the library. The college authorities have expressed strong support for the initiative. Teaching staff members contributed enthusiastically by donating a variety of books related to children's literature and learning.



AWARENESS STATISTICS AMONG THE SECONDARY LEVEL STUDENTS

DATE : 13-09-2023

An extension activity titled "Awareness of Statistics among the Secondary Level Students" was conducted on 13th September 2023 at Vidyasagar Sr. Secondary School, Dhubri. The primary objective was to create awareness about the practical applications of Statistics in daily life.

The session included a presentation highlighting the uses of Statistics, available higher education opportunities, and potential career paths in the field. The event received a positive response from the students, and an interactive discussion followed the presentation, reflecting the audience's interest and engagement.



A LITERARY DISCUSSION ON PRAGJYOTISHPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL

DATE : 15-09-2023

The Department of Assamese, B.N. College, Dhubri organized the first literary discussion on the objectives and essence of the Pragjyotishpur Literature Festival (29th Sept – 1st Oct 2023, Guwahati). Soumyadeep Datta, Director of Nature's Beckon and Working President of the festival, was the invited speaker. The programme was inaugurated by Vice Principal Smt. Rita Borah. Dr. Poli Bezbaruah, Assistant Professor, B. N. College, Dhubri led a group of students in their beautiful group song performance. A Bharat Vandana was performed by one of the students in Sanskrit language. The program also included recital of self composed poetry by the participants.



DRAMATIZATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

DATE : 15-09-2023

The Department of Philosophy organized a class on learning through dramatization for the students of B.A. 5th semester (Honours) on the topic 'Wittgenstein's Language Insights: Whispers of Understanding' on 15-09-2023 at 12.00 noon in the room no 23 of the college. Altogether 22 numbers of student actively participated in the class.



POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER

DATE : 19-09-2023

The Departments of Botany and Zoology jointly observed the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 19th September 2023 by organizing a Poster Making Competition to raise awareness about ozone layer protection and environmental conservation. The programme began with an inaugural speech by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Head of the Department of Botany, who emphasized the significance of the ozone layer and the need for its preservation. This was followed by an address from Dr. Azad Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, who highlighted the role of the Montreal Protocol in phasing out ozone-depleting substances and mitigating climate change.

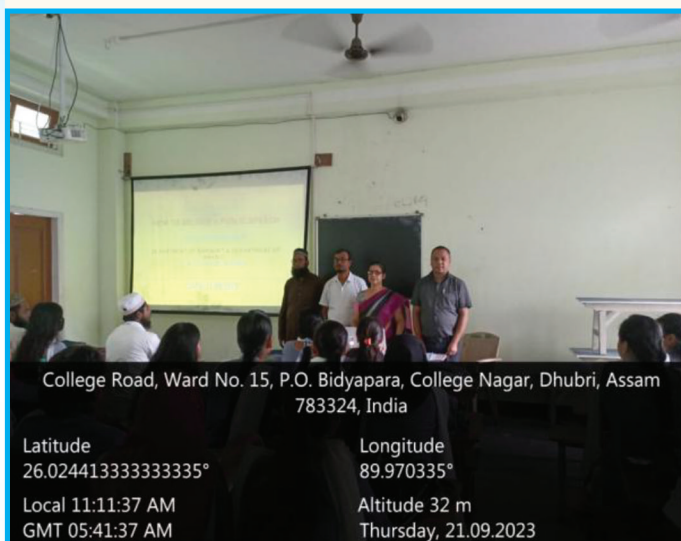




INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY- IN-HOUSE LECTURE PROGRAMME AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT AND ARABIC

DATE : 21-09-2023

The Department of Sanskrit, in collaboration with the Department of Arabic, B. N. College, Dhubri, organised an In-house Lecture Programme on the topic entitled 'How to Deliver a Public Speech' on 21. 09. 2023. Dr. Mausumi Bhattacharjee, H. O. D. of Sanskrit, delivered a Lecture on the topic 'How to Deliver a Public Speech.' To give an idea to the students about the techniques of a Public Speech and thereby to improve their speaking skill were the main objectives of organising the Programme. The Programme was presided over by Dr. Atowar Rahman, H. O. D of Arabic, B. N. College, Dhubri. Altogether 38 No. of students attended the programme.



CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF ARTS STREAM

DATE : 22-09-2023

A Career Awareness Program for students of Arts stream was organized by Career Counseling, Placement and Entrepreneurship Cell, B.N. College, Dhubri on 22nd September 2023 in college campus. The event began with a welcome speech by Ms. Rita Bora, Vice Principal of B.N. College, Dhubri who highlighted the significance of career awareness in helping Arts students make informed decisions about their professional lives. The program featured expert resource persons from different departments of the Arts stream. The key topics covered were: Career Pathways in Civil Services, Teaching and Research, Journalism and Mass Communication, Event Management and Public Relations, NGO and Social Work Sector Opportunities.



EXTENSION PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS **DATE : 23-09-2023**

As a part of the teaching learning process to create social responsibilities amongst the students, the research cell of the Department of Philosophy, B.N College Dhubri, has organized an extension programme on Environmental Ethics for the 5th semester Honours students at Vivekananda Vidyapith High School, Dhubri on 23-09-2023. Mrs Namita Pawegam and Ms. Najira Easmin, Assistant Professor of the Department accompanied and supervised the students.





CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF SCIENCE STREAM

DATE : 23-09-2023

A Career Awareness Program for students of Science Stream was organized by Career Counseling, Placement and Entrepreneurship Cell, B.N. College, Dhubri on 23rd September 2023 in college campus. The event began with a welcome speech by Dr. Susmita Sen Gupta, IQAC coordinator of B.N. College, Dhubri who highlighted the significance of career awareness in helping Science students make informed decisions about their professional lives. The program featured expert resource persons from different departments of the Science stream. The Career Awareness Program was highly appreciated by the students and faculty alike.



INTERDEPARTMENTAL SPEECH PROGRAMME ON FEMINISM & HUMAN RIGHTS

DATE : 26-09-2023

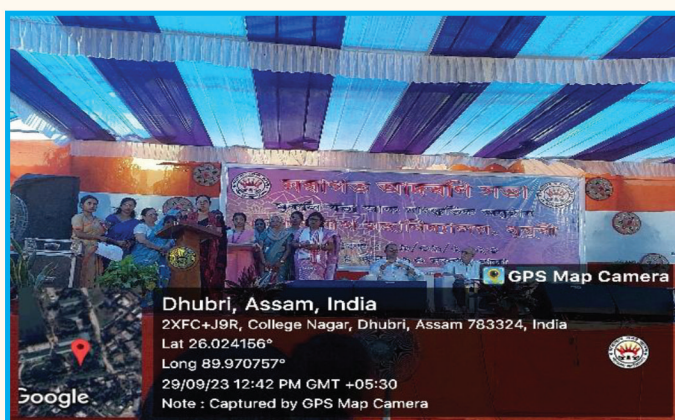
The Departments of English and Political Science, B.N. College, jointly organized an Interdepartmental Speech Programme on Feminism & Human Rights on September 26, 2023. Faculty members shared insights, followed by student presentations on the topic. A total of 84 students participated in the programme. Seven students from English and ten students from Political Science presenting their views. Other students actively engaged in discussions, making the session interactive. The event was a successful platform for learning and exchange of ideas.



CELEBRATION OF FRESHMEN SOCIAL

DATE : 29-09-2023

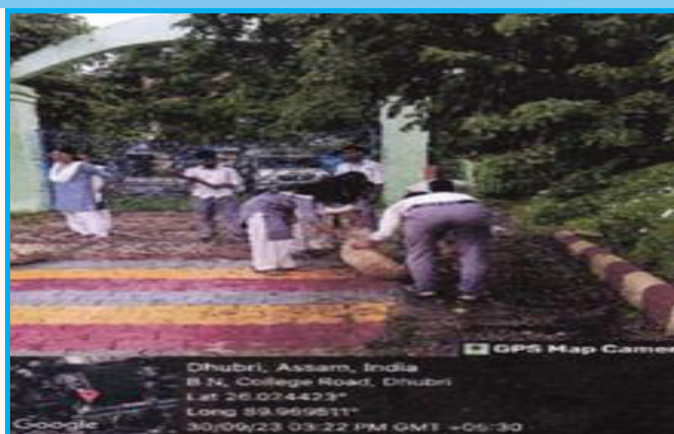
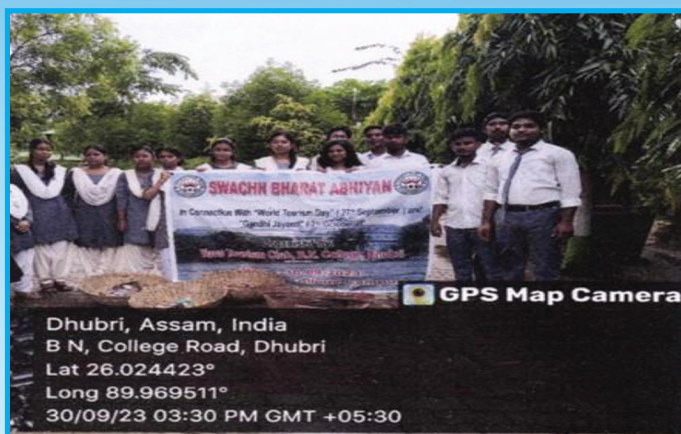
B.N. College, Dhubri, organized its Freshmen Social on 29th September 2023 at the college campus to warmly welcome the new batch of students. The event was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, who also delivered an inspiring welcome address. Senior students greeted the newcomers with heartfelt speeches, creating a friendly and encouraging atmosphere. A vibrant cultural programme followed, featuring dance performances by both new and senior students, showcasing their talents and promoting a sense of unity and celebration on campus.



SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN

DATE : 30-09-2023

A cleanliness programme of the college campus was organized by the Yuva Tourism Club, B N College, Dhubri to celebrate the World tourism Day (27th Sept) Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October) on 30.09.2023 in the college premises at 3.00 pm. The club members collected the non-disposable garbage found in the premises and packed and sent them to proper disposal unit.



A WORKSHOP ON “HOW TO PREPARE QUESTIONNAIRE AND SCHEDULE?”

DATE : 06-10-2023

A workshop on “How to Prepare Questionnaire and Schedule?” was organized for B.Sc 1st Semester (Major) students of the Department of Statistics, B. N. College, Dhubri. The session covered detailed discussions on the preparation of questionnaires and schedules, supported by demonstrations using ICT tools. A total of 17 students participated actively, with interactive discussions taking place. Students were also assigned to prepare a questionnaire and schedule on a topic of their choice as part of a practical exercise.

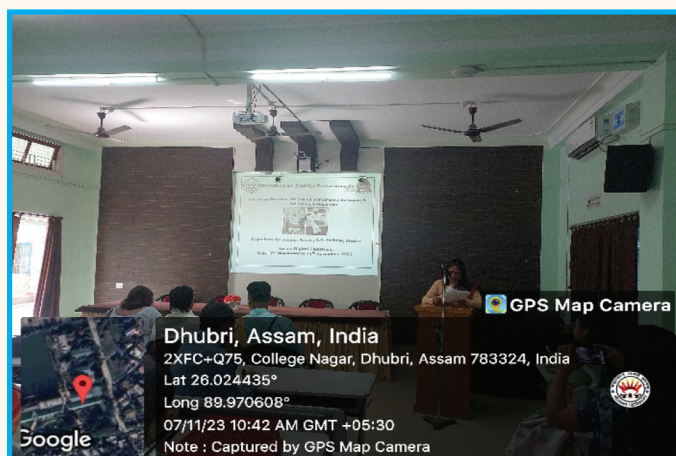


WORKSHOP ON SATTRIYA PERFORMING ART

DATE : 07-11-2023
TO 11-11-2023

The Women Forum of B.N. College, Dhubri, organized a Workshop on Sattriya Performing Art from 7th to 11th November 2023 to promote and preserve Assam’s cultural heritage. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Rita Borah, Principal (i/c) of B.N. College, Dhubri, who emphasized the significance of traditional art forms in her inaugural address. Sri Pradip Kumar Bora Borbayan and Sri Biswajit Majumder were the resource persons of the workshop, introducing participants to the history, philosophy, and techniques of Sattriya dance. The workshop included both theoretical discussions and practical demonstrations, allowing participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of

the art. Students and faculty members participated with great enthusiasm. Over the five days, attendees learned various aspects of Sattriya, including its devotional roots and intricate movements. The concluding day featured a cultural presentation by the participants, showcasing the skills acquired during the training. The event created a platform for young learners to explore their artistic talents and helped foster appreciation for Assam's classical dance tradition. The Women Forum expressed gratitude to all contributors for the successful completion of the programme.



EXTENSION ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

DATE : 08-11-2023

TO 30-08-2023

The Department of English, B.N. College, organized an Extension Activity at Dhubri Girls' Junior College on 08-11-2023, featuring a quiz competition on Teaching of English at the Secondary Level. BA 5th Semester English Honours students conducted interactive sessions in various classrooms on effective English teaching methods. The event saw enthusiastic participation from the students of Dhubri Girls' Junior College, with active engagement observed by B.N. College faculty members. The Principal of Dhubri Girls' Junior College and participants found the program highly beneficial.



EXTENSION ACTIVITY- JAYATU SAMSKRITAM BY DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

DATE : 10-11-2023

‘Jayatu Samskritam’, a follow-up Extension Activity programme was organised by the Department of Sanskrit, B. N. College, Dhubri in collaboration with Non-formal-Sanskrit Education Centre, B. N. College, sponsored by Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi at Bidyapara Boys’ Higher Secondary School, Dhubri for popularising Sanskrit language and Sanskrit culture. The main purpose of the programme was to create awareness among the students about the importance of Sanskrit language as well as Sanskrit culture.



LECTURE PROGRAMME ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY

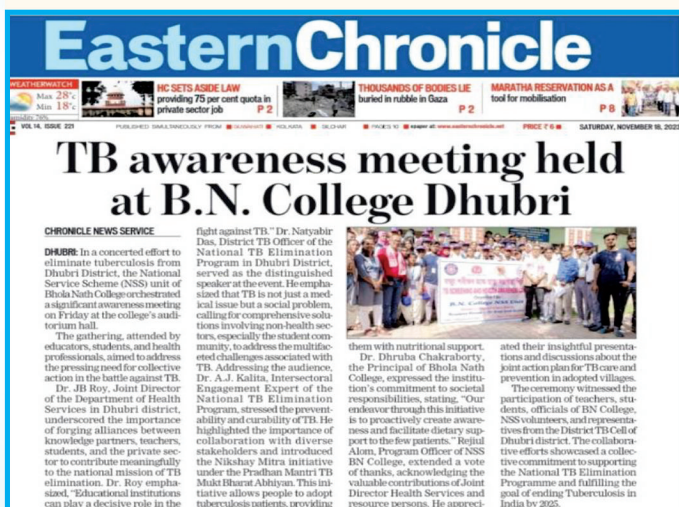
DATE : 16-11-2023

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day, the Departmental Research Cell of the Philosophy Department, B.N. College, Dhubri, organized an enlightening lecture programme on 16th November 2023. The event was presided over by Principal Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty. In his welcome address he talked about the relevance of the study of Philosophy. Dr. Sumitra Purkayastha, Prof, Department of Philosophy, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardev Viswavidyalaya and Rtd. Associate Professor, J. B. College, Jorhat has graced the occasion as a resource person. She gives a brief lecture on the topic: Philosophical Views of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and some Reflections of Sri Aurobindo.



TB AWARENESS PROGRAMME DATE : 17-11-2023

In a united effort to eradicate tuberculosis from Dhubri district, the NSS unit of B.N. College organized an impactful awareness programme on 17th November 2023 at the college auditorium. The event was attended by educators, students, and healthcare professionals, and focused on emphasizing the importance of joint action in the fight against TB.



EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO KRISHNAGURU ADHYATMIKVIS VAVIDYALAYA DATE : 17-11-2023

The Departmental Research Cell of the Philosophy Department, B.N. College, Dhubri, organized an educational trip to KrishnaguruAdhyatmikVisvavidyalaya, Nasatra, Barpeta on 17th November 2023. This visit was part of an MoU activity and aligned with World Philosophy Day celebrations. The students and faculty attended a lecture delivered by Dr. Bikash Bhargab Sarma, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, KBVSAS. His talk, titled "Inter-Religious Beliefs, Practices and Conflicts: A Challenge towards Universal Humanistic Religion," offered deep insights into philosophical perspectives on religious harmony. A total of 29 students participated in the event along with the faculty members from B.N. College.



NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK 2023

**DATE : 19-11-2023
25-11-2023**

From 19th to 25th November 2023, the NSS unit of B.N. College, Dhubri actively carried out a series of programmes across various educational institutions in Dhubri and Gauripur towns as part of the National Integration Week 2023. The week-long activities aimed to promote the ideals of unity, diversity, and national pride. Through a range of events, the initiative successfully fostered a spirit of togetherness and encouraged awareness about the importance of national integration among students and the wider community.

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National Integration Week-2023 concludes in B.N. College, Dhubri, with commendable activities

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

DHUBRI: B.N. College in Dhubri marked the culmination of National Integration Week-2023 with a closing ceremony on Saturday, showcasing a week-long series of events organized by the college's NSS Unit. The initiative aimed to foster a sense of communal harmony, national integration, and pride in the vibrant composite culture of the nation.

From November 19th to 25th, 2023, the NSS Unit of B.N. College actively engaged in various activities across senior secondary schools in Dhubri town and Gauripur town to promote the ideals of National Integration Week-2023.

The week commenced with the observance of Minorities Day on November 19th and 20th,

November 23rd and 24th at Moriom Ajmal Girls College, Gauripur, respectively.

Highlighting the significance of these events, the college authorities expressed that the observation of National Integration Week-2023 aimed to underscore the inherent strength and resilience of the nation against potential threats to its cultural and secular fabric.

As the week-long program concluded, the college extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to the NSS volunteers for their unwavering efforts, emphasizing their pivotal role in the success of the initiative. The diverse range of activities conducted throughout the week served to reinforce the values of unity, diversity, and national pride among the students and the community at large.

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BN College, Dhubri, observes National Integration Week

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Nov 28: BN College in Dhubri marked the culmination of National Integration Week-2023 with a closing ceremony a few days back.

Organised by the college's NSS unit, the event aimed to foster communal harmony, national integration, and a sense of pride in the vibrant composite culture of the nation.

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On November 22, the NSS unit organised Weaker Section Day, with Shehzad Islam, a postgraduate student from SOAS University, London, serving as the resource person for the event.

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Highlighting the significance of these events, the college authorities stated that National Integration Week-2023 was observed to underscore the inherent strength and resilience of the nation against potential threats to its cultural and secular fabric.

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The Ministry of Transport, Government of Assam, in collaboration with the NSS unit of B.N. College, organized a Road Safety Awareness Programme on 22nd November 2023 at the college campus. The Hon'ble Minister of Transport, Mr. Parimal Suklabaidya, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The primary objective of the programme was to educate students and the general public about the importance of following safe driving rules and preventing road accidents.

Awareness prog on road safety held

CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, Nov 24: A road safety awareness programme was held at BN College here on Wednesday in connection with 'Biswa Smriti Divas.'

The programme was organised by the Ministry of Transport, Government of Assam, under the guidance of BN College's NSS unit. It was attended by State Transport Minister Parimal Suklabaidya as the chief guest.

The programme aimed to educate students and the public about the importance of following the rules of safe driving and avoiding accidents.

The programme began with a welcome address by Prof Rita Borah, vice principal of BN College. She expressed her gratitude to the Ministry of Transport, Government of Assam, for organising the programme and hoped that it would have a positive impact on the participants.

In his speech, Suklabaidya

highlighted the importance of road safety for bikers, motorists and the general public. He said that road accident is one of the leading causes of deaths in the country and urged the participants to be responsible and careful while driving. He appealed to the students, teachers and the public present in the meeting to spread the message of road safety.


DTO Kabita and Dhubri ADC NB Wary also attended the meeting and shared their views on the issue.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks by Dr Rezibul Alom, programme officer, BN College NSS unit. He thanked the chief guest, the dignitaries, the participants and the media for their presence and support.


He also expressed his hope that the programme would inspire the participants to adopt safe driving habits and contribute to reduction of road accidents in the State.



In collaboration with the NDLI Club, the SNT Library, B.N. College, Dhubri organized a state-level essay competition. The event starts from January 5 to January 20, 2024. Students from various colleges actively participated by submitting their essays. The competition was judged by Miss Kalpara Pathak and Mr. Fahim Sayed, Assistant Professors at B.N. College. The topic of the competition is "Impact of Social Media on students' academic and social well-being".



State level Online Essay Writing Competition 2024



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Topic:
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Prizes will be distributed to the first three winning participants



Result of State level Online Essay Writing Competition 2024



Topic:
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Judges:

Miss. Kalpana Pathak
Assistant Professor
Department of Hindi
B.N. College, Dhubri

Mr. Fahim Sayed
Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics
B.N. College, Dhubri

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1st position:
Paribrita Dutta
B.A. 4th Semester
Department of Pol. Science
B.N. College, Dhubri

2nd Position:
Akangsha Tamuli
B.A. 4th Semester
Department of Assamese
North Lakhimpur College(Autonomous)

3rd Position:
Debashis Roy Sarkar
B.Sc. 2nd Semester
Department of Zoology
B.N. College, Dhubri



CAREER COUNSELLING AND FELICITATION PROGRAMME FOR APSC CRACKERS FROM DHUBRI

DATE : 25-01-2024

The department of Philosophy, B.N. College, Dhubri has conducted a Group Discussion event under the guidance of Dr. Jayda Begum, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, for B.A. 5th Semester (Hons.) students on 08-09-2023 and 12-09-2023. Students were divided into groups and assigned topics on Sartre's Existentialism and Heidegger's concept of Being and Dasein. They actively participated by sharing ideas and engaging in meaningful discussions. The activity enhanced their communication and critical thinking skills.





DEBATE COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL VOTERS DAY

DATE : 25-01-2024

The Electoral Literacy Club and NSS Unit , B. N. College, Dhubri in collaboration with District Election Office, Dhubri is organized a Debate Competition to observe the National Voters' Day on 25th January, 2024. Mr. Sudarshan Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, B.N. College, Dhubri has played the role of Speaker in the Competition whereas Dr. Gautam Ch. Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, B.N. College and Dr. Poli Bezboruah, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese, B.N. College, Dhubri were the Judges in the Debate Competition. Miss Paribrita Dutta, a student of 4th Semester has secured the 1st Position. The 2nd and 3rd Position is secured by Md. Nasimulla and Sri Pius Paul and both are the students of 4th Semester, B.N. College Dhubri. At the end of the Program Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal, B. N. College and Mr. M. Topno, Election Officer, Dhubri have delivered their speech to the students. Mr. Topno has informed the students about how they can enroll themselves in to the voter list and other important information to encourage the new voters.

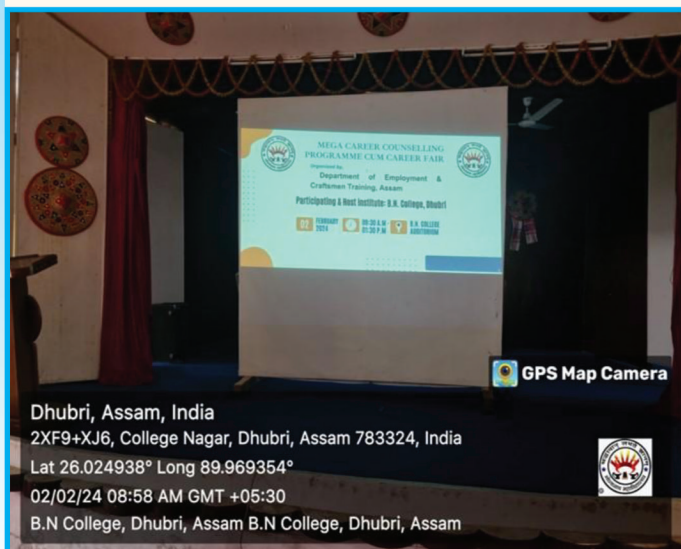


MEGA CAREER COUNSELING PROGRAMME CUM CAREER FAIR

DATE : 02-02-2024

The programme was organized by Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training, Assam with B.N. College, Dhubri as participating institute. The program began with a formal inauguration by the Honourable Minister of the Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, Govt. of Assam, at NEDFi Convention Centre, Guwahati.

It was attended by dignitaries, faculty, and students, including online participants from B.N. College, Dhubri. Mr. Nishant Sarawgi delivered a keynote session on aligning skills with industry needs and building soft skills. His engaging talk included interactive activities, case studies, and a Q&A session. The event saw enthusiastic student participation and was appreciated for its valuable insights.



ANNUAL COLLEGE WEEK 2023-204

**DATE : 05-02-2024
10-02-2024**

The Annual College Week 2023–24 was successfully organized by the college with great enthusiasm. The event began with the hoisting of the flag and the inauguration ceremony led by the Principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty. As part of the inaugural celebrations, a colorful procession was carried out from the college gate to the college playground. Throughout the week, students actively took part in a variety of competitions, showcasing their talents and creativity. The closing ceremony was graced by Dr. Chandan Modak, who was invited as the chief guest. The programme concluded with a vibrant cultural evening.





AN AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON E-RESOURCES **DATE : 28-02-2024**

An Awareness Programme on E-Resources organised by S.N.T. Library, 15.N. College Dhubri for Class Representatives of various classes of B.N. College, Dhubri to introduce them with the E-Resources provided by S.N.T. Library, B.N. College, Dhubri guided by Kankana Chakraborty, Librarian of B.N. College, Dhubri at Digital Classroom, B.N. College, Dhubri on 28.02.2024. There were 24 nos. of Class Representatives from both Arts and Science stream.





ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON SARALA-MANAKA -SAMSKRITAM

DATE : 28-02-2024

A one-day Sanskrit workshop on Sarala-Manaka-Samskritam, sponsored by the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India, was organized on February 28, 2024, at B. N. College, Dhubri. The event was conducted in collaboration with Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, the Sanskrit Department of B. N. College, Dhubri, and Samskrita Bharati, Uttarpradesh. On this occasion, the Non-Formal Sanskrit Education Centre at B. N. College was also officially inaugurated. The workshop was officially inaugurated by the President of the event, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal of B. N. College,



LACTURE PROGRAMME IN CONSECTION WITH NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

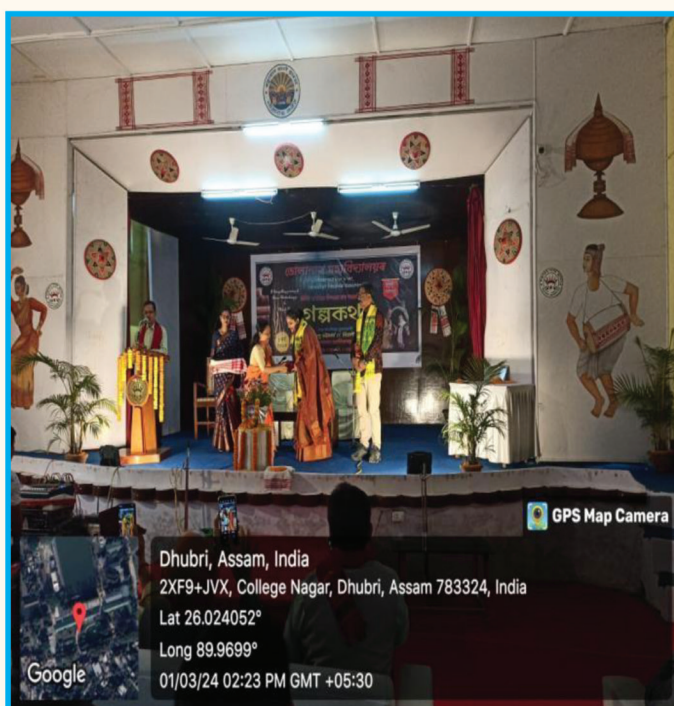
DATE : 28-02-2024

The Department of Physics celebrated National Science Day with the theme "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat," emphasizing the importance of homegrown scientific innovations in building a developed India. The event featured an insightful inaugural address by the college principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty. A key highlight was the talk by Dr. Samiran Patgiri, a research scientist from the RT Radar Centre, Gauhati University. He presented on "Indigenously Developed Indian Atmospheric Radars," focusing on the techniques and possibilities, particularly the ST Radar at Gauhati University.



GOLPO-KATHA : CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH CENTENARY OF SHILBHADRA **DATE : 01-03-2024**

To mark the birth centenary of renowned litterateur Shilbhadra, a programme titled 'Golpo-Katha' was held at Bholanath College, Dhubri, organized by the Language-Literary Club and the Department of Assamese. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal of B.N. College. Dr. Upendrajit Sarma hosted the programme. The Poet, Short-story writer and journalist Atanu Bhattacharya showcased storytelling styles, with musical collaboration by singer Mitali Dey.





LIBRARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS

DATE : 01-03-2024

Library Orientation Programme organised by S.N.T. Library, B.N. College for the newly joined teachers of B.N. College, Dhubri to introduce them with the library facilities provided S.N.T Library, B.N. College, Dhubri guided by Kankana Chakraborty, librarian of the college at Digital Class Room, B.N. College, Dhubri on 06.03.2024. There were 12 nos. of newly joined teachers from both Arts and Science stream. The teachers were benefited by the programme, they learnt how to use the Library Resources properly.



DEBATE COMPETITION AMONG THE STUDENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC

DATE : 09-03-2024

The Department of Arabic, B.N. College, Dhubri organized a debate competition on 9th March 2024. The event witnessed active participation from 2nd, 4th, and 6th semester Arabic Honours students. The theme of the debate was: “Islamic Customs are the Obstacles on the Way of Rights and Freedom of Muslim Women.” The competition encouraged critical thinking and effective communication, allowing students to express diverse perspectives on a socially and culturally significant issue. The event fostered healthy discussion and engagement among the participants and audience alike.



STUDENT SPEECH PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY WOMEN'S FORUM **DATE : 12-03-2024**

In connection with International Women's Day 2024, the Women's Forum of B.N. College, Dhubri organized a student speech programme on 12th March 2024. The event was inaugurated by the Principal of the college, Dr. Dhruba Chakravartty, who also delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the importance of women's empowerment. Students from various departments actively participated in the programme, sharing their thoughts and perspectives on gender equality and women's rights. The event provided a platform for young voices to express their views and celebrate the achievements of women.





VISIT TO KAKAIJANA RESERVE FOREST

DATE : 30-03-2024

The students of the Botany Department, B.N. College, Dhubri, accompanied by their teachers, visited Kakaijana Reserve Forest in Bongaigaon district to study the habitat of the Golden Langur, along with various species of birds, flora, and fauna.



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Students visit Kakaijana Reserve Forest

A CORRESPONDENT

DHUBRI, April 3: Students from the Botany department of BN College, Dhubri visited Kakaijana Reserve Forest in Bongaigaon district recently to study habitat of Golden Langur and other aves, flora and fauna.

The study also includes taxonomic, ethnobotanical and biodiversity as a whole of the forest and emphasized on conservation of flora and fauna particularly Golden Langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) and some plants.

The study team informed that *Saraca*

asoca (Fabaceae) which is globally vulnerable in IUCN Red Data List, is found here in wild condition. Similarly, *Ardisia paniculata* Roxb. (Primulaceae) is only known from NE India and Bangladesh, is also seen here.

Apart from these, Golden Langur which is not found anywhere in the world except Bhutan and four districts of Assam namely Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Chirang and Bongaigaon, needs to be protected and special measures should be taken for increasing their number by preserving their habitat, the team

further informed.

Talking to *The Sentinel*, Head of Department of Botany, Dr. Piyush Kumar Mishra informed that besides the habitat of Golden Langur, Kakaijana Reserve Forest is a home of the rarest and highly endangered species like Binturong, Jungle Fowl, Pangolin, Hornbill, Leopard, Porcupine, Python, Stork, Flying squirrel, Monitor Lizard, Mongoose, Jungle Cat, Wild cat, civets, etc. Other faculty members who participated in field studies are Dr. N. Basumatary, Lily Terangpi, Bipankar Hajong, Manashi Baruah and Anurag Pau.



INAUGURATION OF CHILDREN'S CORNER IN SNT LIBRARY

DATE : 10-04-2024

On April 10, 2024, the SNT Library of B.N. College, Dhubri, established a Children's Corner in the library for school-level students. This initiative is part of the Community Development services offered by the library to support the local community. The Corner was inaugurated by the Principal of the college, who also serves as the President of the Library Committee. Other members of the Library Committee Dr. Susmita Sengupta, Dr. Semual Sheikh and Dr. Gautam Ch. Roy were also invited in the programme.





Eco Club, B.N. College ,Dhubri observed the International Day for Biodiversity,2024 in collaboration with Environment and Climate Cell and Department of Botany of our College. Students and faculty members of various departments participated in the event enthusiastically. The programme was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty. The objective of the programme was highlighted by Dr. Piyush Kr. Mishra, HOD, Department of Botany. On this occasion, the resource person , Mr. Bipankar Hajong, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, enlightened the students with his illuminating lecture on “North East India: A Biodiversity Hotspot and Its Significance”.



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