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### Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA): A New Step in Higher Education in India

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India is a nation of young people - out of a population of above 1.2 billion, 0.672 billion people are in the age-group of 15-64 years, which is usually treated as the 'working age population'. It is predicted that India will see a sharp decline in the dependency ratio over the next 30 years, which will constitute a major demographic dividend for India. This large population should be considered as an invaluable human resource and should be provided the necessary skills so as to empower them to lead a purposeful life and contribute to our national economy. By 2020, India will be the world's third largest economy, with a correspondingly rapid growth in the size of its middle classes.

In India, the main governing body at the tertiary level of education is the University Grants Commission (UGC), which enforces its standards, advises the government, and helps coordinate

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### Employability of our graduates

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"You will escape from school only to discover that the world is bigger school and that you are back again in the first form". This statement of G.B. Shaw made in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century is applicable to the overall education scenario in India, specially in Assam in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. The kind of general education imparted by the Indian colleges is traditional and does not take note of the real-life situation. Present day society is a knowledge based society where knowledge sells like any other commodity. So our institutions should produce graduates who have functional knowledge of the subjects they graduate. The colleges in Assam are still offering mainly traditional courses. Only a few colleges in Assam offer technical or professional courses which should be the thrust of the educational institution in this era of globalization. Most of the graduates produced in our state find themselves misfit when they come out of their alma matter. As our former honourable President, Sri Pranab Mukherjee said, "Higher education should be a bridge between our scientific knowledge and social needs" (*University News* Vol. 51, No.4).

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between the centre and the state. Commission (UGC), which enforces its standards, advises the government, and helps coordinate between the centre and the state. The other important policy initiatives in higher education are programmes for general development of universities and colleges; special grants for the construction of hostels for women; scholarships to students, scheme to provide interest subsidy on educational loans for professional courses, etc.

### **Higher education in India: the context for change**

Despite significant progress over the last ten years, Indian higher education is faced with four broad challenges:

- **The supply-demand gap:** India has a low rate of enrolment in higher education, at only 18%, compared with 26% in China and 36% in Brazil. There is huge demand for higher education in India. By 2020, the Indian government aims to achieve 30% gross enrolment, which will mean providing 40 million university places, an increase of 14 million in six years.
- **The low quality of teaching and learning:** The system is beset by issues of quality in many of its institutions: a chronic shortage of faculty, poor quality teaching, outdated and rigid curricula and pedagogy, lack of accountability and quality assurance and separation of research and teaching.
- **Constraints on research capacity and innovation:** With a very low level of Ph.D enrolment, India does not have enough high quality researchers. There are few opportunities for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary work. Besides these, lack of early stage research experience, lack of innovation and low levels of industry engagement often create hindrance in research capacity.
- **Uneven growth and access to opportunity:** Socially, India remains highly divided; access to

higher education is uneven with multidimensional inequalities in enrolment across population groups and geographies. Thus, the three central pillars of the government’s plans for education reflect these realities: **expansion, equity and excellence**. Over the next five years, every aspect of higher education is being reorganised and remodelled: funding, leadership and management, quality assurance, accountability, relationships with industry, international collaboration and the way teaching and research are conducted. Emphasis will be placed on strengthening existing institutions.

### **HEERA: A new horizon**

Keeping all this in view, the government of India is proposing to create a new higher education watchdog, which has been tentatively named **Higher Education Empowerment Regulation Agency (HEERA)**. The contours of the body as well as the draft law to back it are currently being worked out by the MHRD in consultation with the NITI Aayog.

The current regulators, namely, UGC and AICTE will cease functioning to make way for HEERA. The main objectives of establishing HEERA are,

- To eliminate the overlaps in the jurisdiction and remove irrelevant regulatory provisions.
- A single regulator will bring in greater synergy among institutions, including technical and non-technical institutions and in framing curricula.
- To empower the new body to take strong penal action, whenever necessary.

### **Conclusion**

It is to be mentioned that the failures of the UGC and called for its scrapping has been highlighted by various education committees namely, the Yash Pal Committee, the National Knowledge Commission as well as the Hari Gautam Committee. The TSR Subramanian Committee, which had been tasked with coming up with a new education policy, too called for the scrapping of the UGC and

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AICTE. UGC has failed on all three primary functions—namely, regulation of universities and colleges; disbursal of grants; and deciding on and maintenance of standards of higher education (non-technical). In this crucial juncture, HEERA will largely be expected to overcome the problems of higher education that is facing in the present days in India.

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### “Employability of our ..... (Contd. from P1)

Indeed, education is a great tool for social transformation. It plays a significant role in the uplift of a society. It is true that there has been a phenomenal expansion of higher education in India in the recent past. This is evident from the enormous increase in the number of colleges, universities and students as well. In an analytical essay, “Rethinking Quality Parameters”, Prof. S.L. Sarma observes that India has earned the distinction of having the world’s second largest education system after China. But, he continues, one disconcerting consequence of this indiscriminate expansion has been decline in quality of higher education. Nothing illustrates it better than the declining faith of the employers in the value of the university degrees and diplomas, the trend of delinking degrees from job -

- requirements. The irony is that this is happening at a time when we are witnessing the rise of knowledge society, i.e. a society which privileges knowledge (A.R. Kidwani, ed. Higher Education : Issues and challenges. New Delhi: ViVa. 2010. p27).

In order to produce socially relevant and employable graduates, we must impart to our younger generation quality education. To do this our education system has to acquire, what S.L. Sarma calls five quality pre-requisites: quality syllabus, quality faculty, quality teaching and evaluation, quality research and quality character. Some of the indicators of quality syllabus is its regular updating and up gradation, and above all, its relevance for self and social development. But our syllabus for the undergraduates is not designed scientifically. It is either over-staffed or it does not take into account the real life situations or social needs. As a result our finish product, our graduates don’t find employment or they cannot compete in the open market system.

Quality teaching is as much important as quality syllabus. Even the best syllabus fails to yield result if it is not taught properly by competent teachers. We have failed to deliver quality education specially in rural colleges of Assam because most of our colleges don’t have sufficient infrastructure and secondly there is a lack of quality teaching. Quality teaching requires, among other things, competent and more importantly dedicated teachers. And here we have failed miserably. Many of our teachers do not shoulder their responsibility with the kind of sincerity and dedication it requires. Whatever education system we follow, we must ensure quality syllabus, quality faculty and quality teaching. Otherwise education system will lose the relevance as a key agent for social change.

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### Observation of National Library Day

Date: 13-08-2016



The college Celebrates the birth anniversary of Prof. Shiyali Ramanritya Ranganathan, the college observed the National Library Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Dr. Dharani Kanta Das, Librarian of the college explained the life and contribution of Prof. Ranganathan. In his lecture Dr. Das mentioned that Prof. Ranganathan was a university librarian and Professor of Library Science of Banaras Hindu University (1945 - 1947) and Professor of Library Science at University of Delhi (1947 - 1955).



Prof. Ranganathan retired as Director of the first Indian School of Librarianship to offer higher degrees. He served as President of the Indian Library Association from 1944 to 1953. A good number of teachers and students of the college offered floral tribute to this great man.



### Plantation Programme at the Boys' Hostel

Date: 13-08-2016



A plantation programme was carried out by the NSS Unit of the college on the occasion of 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our nation. Students and teachers of the college took part in the programme actively.

A good number of Bakul and Krishnachura saplings were planted on the road connecting the college with the boys' hostel of the college.



### Celebration of Independence Day

Date: 15-08-2016



The college observed the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our nation with full vigour and enthusiasm on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The observation of the Day began with hoisting the National Tricolour by Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, Principal of the college followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The principal in his lecture remembered the national heroes who made supreme sacrifice to liberate the nation from the British raj.



**BNC NCC Unit won 1st prize in Independence Day Parade**

**Date: 15-08-2016**



The NCC unit of the college has participated in the Independence Day Parade organized by the District Administration, Dhubri at the Raja Prabhat Chandra Barua Play Ground and made the college proud by winning the 1st prize in the competition.



**71<sup>st</sup> College Foundation Day celebrated**

**Date: 16 - 08 - 2016**



The 71st Foundation Day of the college was celebrated with all enthusiasm by the college family on 16th August 2016. Dr. Mir Shahadat Ali, the president of the Governing Body of the college has hoisted the College Flag and delivered a valuable lecture addressing the audience. In his lecture Dr. Ali pointed out the role of the institution in providing higher education in the region. He showered best wishes on the students for their future academic life.

Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college appreciated the teachers and the staff who rendered their services sincerely to build the future of nation. In consonance with the celebration, the college was illuminated with multiple coloured lamps in the evening.



**Sanskrit Divas observed**

**Date: 18-08-2016**



‘Sanskrit Divas’ was observed under the aegis of the department of Sanskrit of the college on 18th August, 2016. A “Non - Formal Sanskrit Learning Centre” sponsored by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi was formally inaugurated. Mrs. Minakshi Roy, Member of “Sanskrita Bharati” graced the occasion as honourable guest. The programme started with the lightening of lamp, followed by Saraswati Bandana, Songs, Recitations, Lectures etc. performed by students as well as teachers of various departments of the college.





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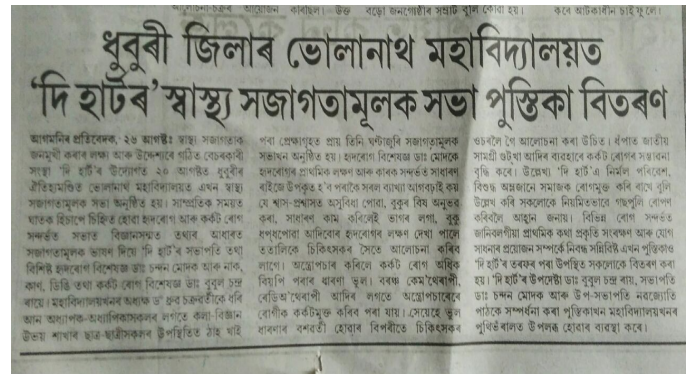
### Personality Development Programme

Date: 19-08-2016 & 20-08-2016



A two day personality development programme was organized by the Career Counselling Cell of the college on 19th and 20th August 2016. Mr. Aftab Azim of D. C. Cracker, Gurgao, Haryana acted as the resource person in the programme. A good number of students of the college participated actively in the programme.

- and President of the NGO acted as the resource persons in the awareness programme. A good number of students, teachers, employees, people from the locality benefitted from the programme.



The programme was followed by an interaction session where many confusions and queries were clarified by the resource persons at the satisfaction of the participants.



### Freshers' Social Ceremony

Date: 21-08-2016

### Awareness Programme on Cancer and ENT diseases

Date: 20-08-2016



An Awareness Programme on Cancer and ENT diseases was organized in the college on 20th August 2016 by "The Heart", a Guwahati based NGO.

Dr. Bubul Ch. Roy, MBBS, MS (AIIMS), ENT, Head and Neck cancer surgeon, Ex. Registrar, AIIMS, New Delhi and Advisor of the NGO and Dr. Chandan Modak, MBBS, MD, DM, AFESC (International), Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, Dispur Hospital, Guwahati —



The college organized the Freshers' Social Ceremony on 21st August 2016 for welcoming the new comers for the session 2016—2017.

Dr. Mir Shahadat Ali, President of the Governing Body of the college gave a presentation on prevalence and causes of cancer. In consonance with the programme students of the college staged a good numbers of plays. A cultural programme was also organized by the students to make the programme a colourful one.





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### Teachers' Day celebration

Date: 05-09-2016



The 55th Teachers' Day was celebrated in the college to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, an eminent philosopher cum teacher and former president of India.

The teachers of the college were honoured by the students by offering token gifts. The life and philosophy of the great philosopher were explained by some of the faculties and students of the college.



### Training programme on Mock Drill on Earthquake and Fire

Date: 08-09-2016



A Mock drill on earthquake and fire was arranged in the college by the District Disaster Management Cell, Dhubri on 8th September 2016. Experts from the cell demonstrated the steps to be adopted to save lives and property during and -



- after the occurrence of natural disaster like earthquake and sudden breakout of devastating fire. Students of the college also took part actively in the process of demonstration and learnt the technical know how about the use of different tools like fire extinguisher during fire disaster and rescue of victims during and after earthquake.



All these had a positive impact on building confidence among the participants.



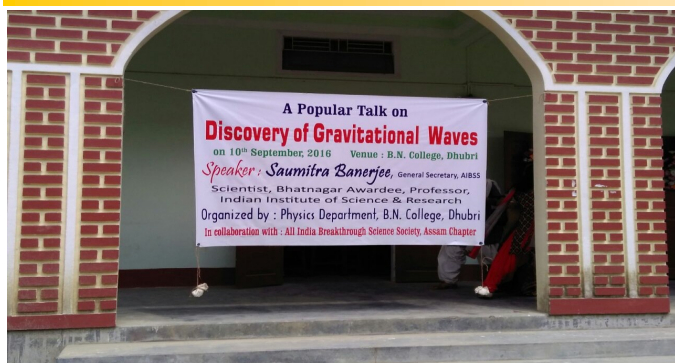
### A popular talk on "Discovery of Gravitational Waves"

Date: 10-09-2016

A popular talk on discovery of Gravitational Waves was organized by the Department of Physics on 10th September 2016. Prof. Saumitra Banerjee, Gen. Secy., AIBSS, Assam Chapter cum Scientist, Bhatnagar Awardee cum Professor, Indian Institute of Science and Research acted as the resource person in the talk. The resource person explained the nature and causes for the occurrence of gravitational waves in the remote time & space and its propagation.



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The speaker in his deliberation highlighted the ongoing research on the detection of the gravitational waves in Geneva, Switzerland and contribution of Indian Physicists to the research project.



A good number of teachers and students attended the session. Queries and observations of the participants were well attended to the satisfaction of the audience.



### Karate Training Camp in Girls' Hostel

Date: 17-09-2016 to 19-09-2016



A three day Karate training camp was organized by the Womens' Cell of BNCTA from 17-09-2016 to 19-09-2016. Prof. Abdul Motleb Mondal, President of BNCTA and Vice Principal of the college chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Dipa Ghosh, president of Womens' Cell, BNCTA and H.O.D., Bengali, Dr. Murshida Karim, Secretary, Womens' Cell, -



BNCTA and other members of the Cell graced the occasion. Around 50 girl students of the college including lady teachers received the training from Mr. Raushan Sheikh.



### Oath taking of B.N. College Students' Union 2016

Date: 17-09-2016



As in the previous years, this year also the B. N. College Students' Union Election was held on 22nd September 2016. Mr. Mrinmoy Roy, a student of BA course was elected as the General Secretary of the union. Mr. Roy and his elected office bearers took oath of office in front of Dr. Dhruva Chakrabortty, President of the union and teachers and students of the college.



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### Inauguration of Reading Room of SNT Library

Date: 23-09-2016



Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college and Prof. Noor Hussain, Coordinator, IDOL, B.N. College Study Centre inaugurated the reading room of the central library (SNT Library) of the college on 23rd September 2016.

The Reading Room is having the capacity of 80 readers at a time along with a Browsing Centre comprising 10 computers.



Dr. Chakraborty expressed his heartfelt thankfulness to the B.N. College Study Centre, IDOL when they showed their generous attitude by providing an amount of about Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs) only for the construction of the Reading Room and fulfilling the long felt need of the users.



### Campus Cleaning Programme

Date: 24-09-2016



The college had undertaken Campus Cleaning Programme on 24th September 2016 as a part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Students and employees of the college took part actively in the programme.



### Popular Talk on “Female Health Awareness”

Date: 28-09-2016



A popular talk on “Female Health Awareness” was organized on 28th September 2016 by the Alumni Association of the college. Dr. Isha Hoque Mondal, an alumna of the college who served as a medical officer at Dhubri Civil Hospital acted as a resource person for the talk. The speaker highlighted important aspects of women health.



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Students and teachers of the college attended the talk where many queries were raised by the participants. Dr. Mondal answered all the queries to the satisfaction of the participants.



### NAAC Peer Team Visit (3rd Cycle)

Date: 3-10-2016 to 5-10-2016



The of NAAC Peer Team visit took place from 3rd October 2016 to 5th October 2016 for assessment and re-accreditation (third cycle) of the college. Three member NAAC Peer Team led by Prof. Prem Sharda, Chairman of the Peer Team evaluated every aspect of the college that were incorporated in the Self Study Report submitted to the NAAC. In consonance with the visit a cultural programme was also organized in the college. The college was accredited by NAAC with CGPA 2.62.



### Observation of the nationwide campaign of “Rashtriya Ekta Saptah” and Vigilance Awareness Week

Date: 31-10-2016



To commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the unifier of India, the college observed Rashtriya Ekta Divas from 31st October 2016 to 6th November 2016.

The week was observed by organizing seminars and symposium throwing light on the life and contribution of the lion man of India. Teachers and students of the college participated whole heartedly and made the observance of the week a successful one.

A vigilance awareness week was also observed in the college from 31st October 2016 to 5th November 2016 to make the students and employees of the college aware of their rights and duties. Several faculty members delivered lecture on the need of vigilance and urged the stakeholders to keep vigil on the working of systems to which they belong.



### Observation of Death Anniversary of Sudhakantha Biswaratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika

Date: 05-11-2016



The college in collaboration with “Bhasa Sahitya Chara” - a literary society of the Department of Assamese of the college observed the death anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika on 5th November 2016.

The programme began with offering floral tribute to the portrait of the great man. The students and teachers of the college offered tribute to this great man by singing the beautiful compositions of the great artist in the programme.





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### Workshop on “Quality and excellence in higher education”

Date:11-11-2016



A one day workshop on “Quality and Excellence in Higher Education” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college on 11th November 2016. Dr. S. Bhaskara, Rtd. Principal, R.V. Teachers’ College, IASE, Bengaluru acted as the resource person in the workshop. Teachers of the college participated in the workshop where different aspects of achieving quality education and excellence in higher education were discussed.



### Visit of Deputy Director Higher Education , Assam Date: 13-11-2016



Smt. Chinmoyee Talukdar, Deputy Director of Higher Education, Assam visited the college on 13th November 2016. On this occasion, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college.



Smt. Talukdar was felicitated with a Phulam Gamocha by the college authority. In her speech, Smt. Talukdar reiterated the contribution of the teachers to in building the nation and added that teaching profession is one of the noblest profession. She expressed her thankfulness to one and all for keeping the golden heritage of the college intact.



### Observation of “World Philosophy Day”

Date: 17-11-2016



To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of the great philosopher, Socrates, the World Philosophy Day was observed in the college organized by the Department of Philosophy on 3rd Thursday of November i.e. the 17th November 2016.

The programme was started with offering floral tribute to the portrait of the great philosopher and lighting of lamp. Dr. Mousumi Bhattacharya, Head of Department of Sanskrit, Mrs. Nabanita Devi, Head and Mrs. Rita Bora, Associate Professor of Department of Philosophy threw light on the life and philosophy of the great philosopher through their lectures. Students also came forward and offered their tributes to the great philosopher through their species.



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### One day workshop on “Use of ICT in class room teaching”

Date: 01/12/2016



With a view to equipping the faculty members of the college with the existing technical knowledge about Information and Communication Technology (ICT) that can be used for effective dissemination of knowledge among the students, a one day workshop on “Use of ICT in Class Room Teaching” was organized by the Departments of BCA and Computer Science of the college.



### Workshop on online bill preparation for provincialized colleges of Dhubri Zone

Date: 16-01-2017



A workshop on online bill preparation was organized in the digital classroom of the college on 16th January 2017. A total of 10 number of colleges of Dhubri district participated in the workshop where Mr. Biswajit Mondal, Senior Asstt. Cum Accountant and Mr. Sheikh Nuruzzaman Ahmed explained the know - how about online bill preparation.



### Annual College Week Celebration 2017

Date: 22-01-2017 to 30-01-2017



The college organized its Annual College Week from 22nd January 2017 to 30st January 2017. Apart from other competitions, poster - making competition was introduced this year where many students participated actively. The week concluded with prize distribution ceremony where Sri Dhiraj Choudhury and Sri Longnit Terong District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Dhubri respectively graced the occasion.

In their brief lecture they congratulated the students for participating in different events held during the week and threw light on the need of sports and culture in education. The prize distribution ceremony was followed by a cultural programme was also organized in consonance with the week where Mr. Manoj Kashyap from Mumbai, Miss Kakoli Das from Guwahati and Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college were the main attraction.



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### Book Fair at the campus

Date: 24-01-2017 to 25-01-2017



During the Annual College Week, 2017 a Book Fair was organized in the college on 24th and 25th January 2017.

Mondal Book Centre from Bongaigaon with lots of books from different publishers of latest edition participated in the fair. Students and teachers thronged the Book Fair and showed a positive response to the event.



### Celebration of Republic Day

Date: 26-01-2017



The 68th Republic Day of India was celebrated in the college premises on 26th January 2017. Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college unfurled the Tricolor amidst the huge gathering of students and employees of the college.

The NCC Unit of the college could bag the 1st Prize in the March Past Competition held in connection with the Day at the Raja Prabhat Chandra Barua field by the District Administration, Dhubri, Assam.



### Organization of National Seminar by the Department of Zoology

Date: 28-01-2017 and 29-01-2017



A two day UGC sponsored National Seminar entitled "Environmental Conditions and Biodiversity Status in the New Millennium" was organized by the Department of Zoology of the college in collaboration with CEE Northeast on 28th January and 29th January 2017.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Jatin Kalita, Dean Faculty of Science and Head, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University. Out of the total 106 participants, 42 participants presented their research papers at the satisfaction of the resource persons.



## ACTIVITIES

### Saraswati Puja Celebrated

Date: 01-02-2017



The college celebrated the Saraswati Puja in the campus on 1st February 2017 in an atmosphere of spirituality.



### Visit of Sri Aswini Ray sarkar, MLA Golakganj LAC to the college

Date: 04-02-2017



Sri Aswini Ray Sarkar, one of the alumni of the college and present Member of Legislative Assembly from Golakganj LAC visited the college on 4th February 2017 and had an interaction with the students and employees of the college. Dr. Dhruba Chakraborty, principal of the college submitted a memorandum on behalf of the college to the honourable MLA seeking financial assistance for infrastructure development.



### Awareness programme on “Cashless Transaction”

Date: 10-02-2017



In a view to aware the people about “Cashless Transaction” a programme was organized by the college on 10th February 2017. The students and faculty members of the college participated in the programme actively and motivated the people to make transactions digitally and explained its benefit towards strengthening the economy of the nation.





## ACTIVITIES

### National Seminar on “ Women in india: Problems and Prospects

Date: 11-02-2017 & 12-02-2017



A UGC sponsored two day National Seminar on “Women in India: Problems and Prospects” was organized by Women Cell, BNCTA in the college on 11th February and 12 February 2017 in collaboration with Assam College Teachers’ Association. Altogether 86 participants attended the seminar out of which 28 participants presented their papers in six technical sessions. Dr. Syeda Sakira Sahin of Centre for Women studies, Gauhati University was present in the seminar as the keynote speaker.



### Drama on “Swachhatar Dishat Ekhoj”

Date: 13-02-2017



The NSS unit of the college organized drama at the college auditorium where different student groups performed drama in connection with Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan.

### Street Play performed by the students:

Date: 14-02-2017



In connection with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, the students of the college performed street play in different places of the town to bring about an awareness among the students and the general public about the need of cleanliness in and around their house and habitation.



### Campus Cleaning Programme by Deptt. Of Political Science

Date: 18-02-2017



The Department of Political Science undertook a campus cleaning programme under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan on 18th February 2017. Around 80 students from major course of the department took part in the cleaning programme.





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### Celebration of National Science Day 2017

Date: 28-02-2017



The National Science Day 2017 was celebrated by the college under the aegis of Advanced Institutional Biotech Hub of the college on 28th February, 2017.

In connection with the day a Science Model Competition was organized where the students of the science departments of the college participated. Students of Department of Chemistry, Department of BCA and Department of Physics bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize respectively.



### Workshop on Evaluation

Date: 8-03-2017

A Workshop on evaluation was organized in the college on 8th March 2017 in a view to ensure error free evaluation process.



Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, principal of the college and Prof. Noor Hussain, Coordinator, IQAC, Prof Sudarshan Roy, Head of Department of Political Science of the college have acted as resource persons. Around one hundred teacher evaluators of Dhubri district participated in the workshop.



### Outreach Programme of DBT Institutional Biotech Hub

Date: 08-03-2017



An outreach program was conducted at Dhubri Girls' Academy by the DBT Institutional Biotech Hub of the college on Biotechnology. Dr. P.K. Mishra, Coordinator, DBT Biotech Hub and Assistant Professor of Botany acted as the resource person in the programme held on 8th March 2017.





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### Students' visit to the IIT, Guwahati

Date: 08-03-2017



With a view to augmenting scientific temper among the students, the college arranged a visit to the Biotech Park, IIT, Guwahati. A group of students from the college visited the park at IIT, Guwahati along with Mr. Bhabesh Nath, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology of the college on 8th march 2017 and they interacted with Dr. Madan Gopal Borthakur, Senior Scientist, IIT, Guwahati and others on various biological techniques used in Biotech Park, IIT, Guwahati.



### National Seminar on "Recent Advances in Material Sciences and their Applications"

Date: 24-03-2017 & 25-03-2017



A UGC sponsored National Seminar on Recent Advances in Material Sciences and their Applications was organized by the Department of Physics & Chemistry of the college in collaboration with IQAC, of the college from 24th March 2017 to 25th March 2017. Prof. B.K. Sarma (Rtd.), Department of Physics, Gauhati University delivered the Keynote address.

One hundred and thirty teachers and students participated in the seminar. Twenty two numbers of papers were presented in the seminar.



### Students visit DBT State Biotech Hub, Gangtok

Date: 01-04-2017



With a view to introducing the students with the know-how about the latest techniques applied in the field of Biological studies, the college arranged a excursion for the students of the Department of Botany to the DBT - State Biotech Hub, Gangtok, Sikkim, on 1st April 2017.



### Namami Brahmaputra Festival

Date: 31-03-2017



The College participated in the Namami Brahmaputra Festival on 31st March 2017. As a part of the programme a colourful procession progressed from the college campus to the premises of Deputy Commissioner's office. Several students from the college participated in different competitions held in the programme. The students bagged prizes in different events held in the Competition.



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### Grant received for introduction of Bachelor in Vocation (Information Technology)

Date: 01-05-2017



Dr. Dhruva Chakraborty, Principal of the college received the grant document from the Honourable Education Minister, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma at Guwahati for introduction of Bachelor of Vocation (IT) in the college from the current session 2017—2018.



### Village adoption by the college

Date: 14 - 05 - 2017



With a view to adopt a village by the college, a meeting was held on 14th May 2017 at Raipara, Jhagarpar Pt. IV. The NSS Unit of the college took the initiative in holding the meeting where a good number of villagers took part. The meeting decided to adopt the above mentioned village for its all round development and as such a Village Development Committee was constituted for the same. Representative of the District Administration was also present in the meeting.



### Inaugurating of the New Two Storied RCC Building

Date: 22-05-2017



Moulana Badruddin Ajmal, Honourable Member of Parliament, Dhubri LAC inaugurated the new Two Storied Building constructed under MPLAD Fund on 22nd May - 2017. Sri Dhiraj Choudhury, District Magistrate of the district graced the occasion along with other dignitaries.



### “World Environment Day 2017” observed

Date: 05-06-2017

Like earlier years, this year also the World Environment Day was observed by the college family by undertaking a day long programmes. In the morning session a “On The Spot Photography” competition was held in the college campus where the participants tried capturing different Flora and Fauna available in the campus and submitted for the competition. In the mid of the day, an awareness programme was organized at the Kacharihat Dhubri where the students of the college tried making the general public -



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- aware of the need of biodiversity for the very existence of the mankind. They pointed out the process of propagation of different plants and the role of Bat ( the flying fox) in the pollination process of such plants in our environment. Moreover, in this connection an Essay competition was also organized among the students of the college.

In the afternoon, the teachers and students of the college undertook a plantation program at the college campus under the aegis of NSS Unit of the college.



### Talk on scope for higher Studies after B.Sc.

Date: 20-06-2017

A talk on the scope for higher studies after B.Sc. Was organized at the college by the Society for Chemical Education, Assam in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry of this college on 20th June 2017.



Dr. B.K. Das, HOD, Chemistry, Gauhati University and Dr. Pradip Phukan, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University acted as the resource person for the talk. While addressing the students of the college, the resource persons threw light on different avenues of studies and research in chemical science after completion of graduation.



### Observation of International Yoga Day

Date: 21-06-2017

The college observed the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2017. In consonance with the programme a “Yoga Shibir” was organized at the college premises from 7 AM to 8 AM on the day.



Sri Pradip Sutradhar, an expert in the field of yoga demonstrated various “Yoga Asanas” which were practised by the participants in the Shibir. The Shibir benefitted more than 100 participants comprising the teachers, staff, students and other persons from the local community.





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VIGNETTES



The college is continuing the Organic Linkage Programme with the Feeder Schools of Dhubri Town for the Academic Session 2016 - 2017



The college family visits the L.P. School of its adopted Village.



Students busy in Wall Graffiti on the occasion of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" 2017.



Students of the feeder school of Dhubri Town visit the college Laboratory and SNT Library as part of Organic Linkage Programme between the college and the feeder schools.



Best Photograph of "On the Spot Photography competition" in connection with World Environment Day 2017 clicked by Rishab Paul of B.Sc. 3rd Semester, Roll No. 960.



Street Play Team poses with honourable principal of the college.



Teachers of the college at the Help Desk and Admission Process during the admission days