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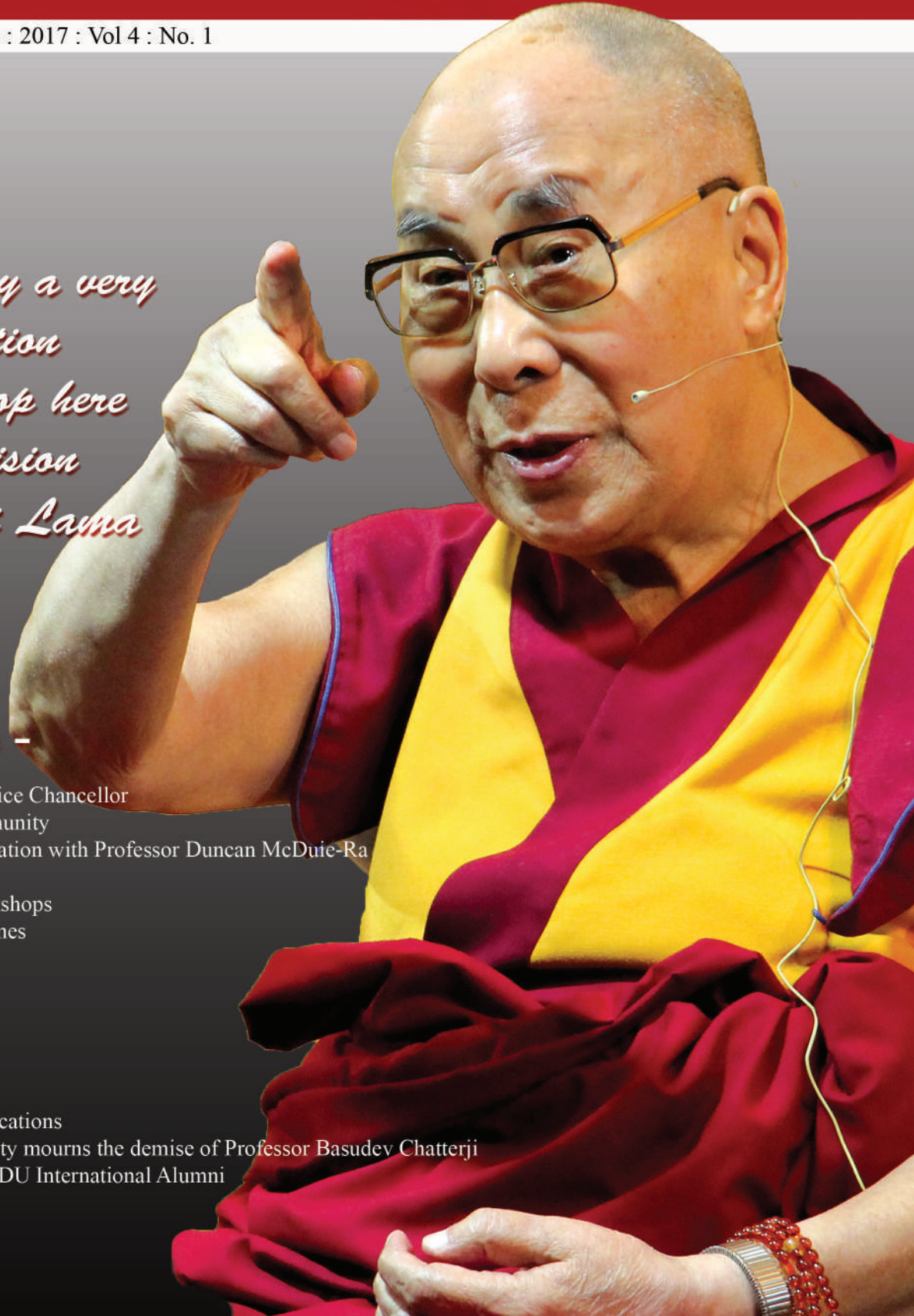
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*In order to carry a very
positive action
we must develop here
a positive vision
- Dalai Lama*

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A Note from the Vice Chancellor

There has been a lot of concern, confusion and apprehension regarding the suitability and practicability of the semester system in the country. The reasons for this is partly the wrong perception about the semester system itself but primarily due to poor student teacher ratio. A massive effort is required to prepare both the students and the teachers about the basic advantages and requirement of the semester system - a universally recognised pedagogic system. A new culture in pedagogy has to be developed in order to enable appreciation of the effectiveness of the semester system.

What has been more worrisome is the aspect of practicability of the semester system in our country where our Colleges and Universities have to cope with very large number of students in classrooms. Genuine and real as the concerns for practicability of the system in our country are, the urgent requirement of ICT in overcoming this particular problem has been appreciated by all concerned. The recent National Convention of Digital Initiatives in Higher Education convened by the MHRD, Government of India during the first week of July has removed much of the apprehensions regarding the practicability of the semester system in our Country. In a watershed development in the realm of Higher Education in India the Hon'ble President of India has inaugurated the first ever Indian version of the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS)-SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active –Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) offering more than two thousand courses, SWAYAM-PRABHA-the 24x7 Direct to Home Television Channels (32) telecasting various courses and e-YANTRA-the web based Robotics courses for the Engineering students in this convention. Apart from these, a massive National Digital Library network will now enable all the Libraries of the Higher Education Institutions be connected which will facilitate students to access more than eighty lakh digital resources at zero cost.

For a very effective Academic Governance especially relating to examination related documents, a National Academic Depository (NAD) has been created. Dibrugarh University is now developing its long and short term Action Plans, including appropriate legislative mechanisms for extending the benefit of Higher Education to our students on the campus as well as in all our 178 affiliated Colleges through these robust technology platforms. Orientation of teachers and students to the new regimen will require whole hearted involvement of one and all. I have full confidence that the synergy of pedagogy with the new digital technology shall usher in a new era in the academic landscape of Assam and also the whole country.


Recently the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited Dibrugarh University as an A Grade University in the Third Cycle of its assessment. The University has also been ranked amongst the top one hundred Universities of the country in the second Annual Ranking of the country's Universities by the National Institutional Ranking Framework of the MHRD, Government of India. I congratulate all my colleagues in the academic Departments and the Centres for Studies, Administration and our students on these two remarkable recognitions. The University can look forward to even greater accolades and achievements in the coming years.

During the last six months, several distinguished visitors came to the University and had discourses and discussions with the faculty members and students. Of all these visits, the visit of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama on April 3, 2017, shall remain as historic.

On the infrastructure development front, the commissioning of the Central Sophisticated Instrumentation Centre and the renovation of the *Raxaraj Lakshminath Bezboroa* Library are expected to enhance the academic culture on the campus.

The launching of the new Master's programme on Sanitation, Hygiene and Health with support from the UNICEF is a remarkable academic development. The multidisciplinary programme shall be offered from this semester with participation of the Departments of Education, Chemistry and the Centres for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, Behavioural Psychology and Geography. The programme will be coordinated by the Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication. The Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh shall also collaborate in running the programme. The UNICEF shall extend its active support to the programme by organising periodic visits by international experts. The Graduates from the programme shall contribute towards fulfilment of the much needed requirement of professionals for the successful implementation of the Nation's flagship programme, the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*.

With the renewed grant of additional support from the UGC towards the Area Study Centre on Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Department of Economics and Political Science are sharpening their research focus on these two important countries that figure on the canvas of the *Act East Policy*.


Alak K Buragohain

Sixteenth Convocation



Academic Rally of the XVI Convocation.

The Sixteenth Convocation of Dibrugarh University was held on 10 March, 2017. In a well attended solemn function organized on the campus, 8,245 successful students of the University and its affiliated colleges were conferred various Degrees and Diploma. The Convocation ceremony was attended by the Post Graduate, M.Phil and Ph.D students, numbering 1,635. In his Welcome Address Professor Alak K. Buragohain extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries, especially to Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the

Hon'ble Chancellor of the University and Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belure Math, West Bengal. Briefly narrating the major academic development of the University and the remarkable achievements of the students and the faculty members of the University in recent time, Professor Buragohain congratulated the successful students and wished them the very best for their future. Professor Buragohain stated that a great nation cannot be built by men and women with small

characters and therefore appealed to the young graduates to engage in the nation building process on the solid foundation of their moral character. In his Address, Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University called upon the students to be honest, disciplined and dedicated in their words and deeds. Drawing reference to several instances from the Indian mythology, Shri Purohit emphasised upon the fact that India has an ancient culture and heritage based on equality in a classless society. He applauded to the youth to live a simple life and to engage in the culture of knowledge and hard work for rebuilding a nation as great and ancient as ours with minds free from avarice and corruption. He extensively referred to the simplicity, honesty and dedication of Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri and A. P. J Kalam. Swami Atmapriyananda, an erudite scholar of international reputation who was the Chief Guest of the Sixteenth Convocation congratulated the young Graduates and drew their attention to the importance of learning from Indian Philosophy in order to live a complete life. He stated that acquisition of knowledge does not end when a Degree or a Diploma is awarded. It is a continuous and life long process. Drawing eloquently from the Vedas and citing the reference of Swami Vivekananda, he made a strong appeal to the youth to return their debt to the poorest of the poor of our country by dedicating their lives with Gyan, Bhakti and Karma. The Convocation concluded after the Graduates made the Convocation Pledge.



Students attending the XVI Convocation.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama visited DU



His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama during his discourse at the Rangghar auditorium.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama visited Dibrugarh University on the 3rd of April, 2017 and was received with great enthusiasm and warmth by the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain and the members of the University community, prominent members of the civil society and the Buddhist community of the region. In a programme coordinated by Shri Chandan Kr. Sarma, Coordinator, Centre for Buddhist Studies, His Holiness the Dalai Lama addressed on the theme of Ethics in Modern Education. His Holiness stressed on the message of Universal Brotherhood through inner peace and compassion. His Holiness impressed the audience the significance of love and trust which are necessary for alleviating fear, anger and violence. His Holiness pointed out in his address, are

inherently compassionate which has been affirmed not only by philosophers but also by modern scientific research. His Holiness the Dalai Lama lamented that inequalities and divisions are increasing immensely between people in the world today. Man-made divisions on the grounds of religion, language, and region, have adversely impacted our inner peace leading to fear, frustration and eventually violence. His Holiness commented that such artificial divisions between humankind should be removed in order to achieve Universal Brotherhood and compassion. His Holiness also spoke on the significance of Climate Change brought on due to our materialistic greed which has led to a depletion and destruction of our natural resources. In order to ensure a secure and peaceful future, His Holiness stressed upon the importance of sharing resources

and harnessing them in a sustainable manner. His Holiness the Dalai Lama also articulated that the education system in India was imposed by the British and insisted that it is now time to include elements in our education system as was prevalent in ancient Indian knowledge which included messages of compassion, love, and harmony. His Holiness expressed happiness that Dibrugarh University will be introducing a course on Secular Ethics and extended an invitation to the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University for further deliberations on the subject with the Buddhist scholars at the Tibet Home, New Delhi. In his concluding remarks, His Holiness thanked the University for inviting him and urged the younger generation to make the 21st century the Century of Compassion.

Sixty Eighth Republic Day

The Sixty Eighth Republic Day was celebrated at Dibrugarh University with participation of students, teachers, employees and members from the local community from the neighborhood. Professor A. K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, called upon the young generation to dedicate their lives to our great Nation. He paid rich tributes to the Freedom Fighters, their sacrifices and contribution to the birth of free India. He recalled the invaluable contributions of B. R. Ambedkar and others in giving the Constitution to the free nation. Professor Buragohain also paid rich tribute to the brave soldiers who are protecting our Nation even at their cost of their lives. He made strong appeal to the young students to join the armed forces of the Nation. Professor Buragohain referred to some of the outstanding achievements of the faculty members from the Department of Petroleum Technology and the Department of Chemistry in research.

One of the remarkable observations in the Republic Day

celebration on the Campus was the colourful participation of a large number of international students studying in the University. Dr. Vania Wassell, a Research Student of the Centre for Studies in Geography from Spain addressed the gathering on behalf of the International students. A large number of students from almost all the Departments and the Centres for Studies and two platoons from the University Model School along with the University's Security Personnel took part in the March Past. The students from the Department of Assamese were adjudged the best team in the march past. The students from the Centre for Studies in Physical Education and Sports presented a repertoire of Yoga Asanas. Students from the Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts presented traditional dance performances to the appreciation of one and all. The University also awarded Certificate of Appreciation and cash awards to the following outstanding performers of the University:

Ms. Tamanna Subba, a PhD student from the Centre for Atmospheric Studies for being awarded the Fulbright - Kalam Climate Fellowship.

Mr. Debajit Borah, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, for being awarded the Second Prize in the 'Assam Biotech Conclave 2017' organised by IIT-Guwahati, Biotech Park in the Talent search Contest Leading to Entrepreneurial Ventures in Biotechnology and Allied Areas.

A team of students and faculty members—the Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan Team of Dibrugarh University for their outstanding contribution within and outside the Campus.

The function ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. H. S. Atwal, Chairperson, Centre for Studies in Physical Education and Sports. There was a friendly cricket match between the students and the teachers and employees at the end of the Republic Day program.

Flag Hoisting Ceremony of the Sixty Eighth Republic Day.



Symposium on Parallel Thoughts: Buddhist Philosophy and Modern Science

The Buddhist Study Centre in the Department of History, organized a One Day Symposium on ‘Parallel Thoughts: Buddhist Philosophy and Quantum Mechanics’ on November 8, 2016. This symposium was part of a series of dialogues on Buddhism and Science. The symposium was attended by range of scholars, researchers and students from both Science and Social Science disciplines. Inaugurating the symposium, Professor Alak K. Buragohain laid emphasis on promoting the critical spirit inherent in Buddhism without which any holistic appreciation in Science,

the theme of the Symposium. Geshe Dorji Damdul, an erudite scholar of Buddhist Philosophy, touched upon Buddhist Philosophy, Quantum Mechanics, Buddhist Psychology and Neuro-Science and finally concluded by laying emphasis on importance of ethical considerations without which the present problems facing the world today can never be addressed in a meaningful way. Stressing upon the importance of inter-disciplinary research in the present highly interconnected world, Ven. Damdul illustrated how Buddhist philosophy and developments in modern

Theory the scholar said that while classical Physics maintained a ground which is deterministic in nature as opposed to the concept of randomness and uncertainty. Quantum Mechanics rejected it fully by at the level of sub-atomic particles like electrons. Ven. Damdul emphasized that the Quantum Theory has a great resemblance with the Buddhist philosophy of dependent origination where everything exists relatively and time is no exception. He mentioned the comment of Raja Raman during a conversation with H.H. the Dalai Lama, where he said, ‘the concept of quantum theory which the scientist discovered for not more than hundred years is what Nagarjuna (2nd century AD), a Buddhist master has already elucidated so well since thousand years ago’. Ven. Damdul in his discourse also emphasized on how Buddhist Psychology and recent developments in Neuroscience can be better contextualized by the idea of ‘parallel thoughts’, where disciplines explore one another; find out their convergences and divergences.

Towards the end of his discourse, Ven. Damdul stressed on Ethics and Secular Humanism to counter the problems of the contemporary world in the wake of unethical use of technology. Here Buddhist ethics, scientific temper and concern for larger humanity can present a new global perspective. He enthralled the audience by his deep insights of his thoughts and eloquence of his speech.

Dr. Rajeshwar Mukherjee, another erudite scholar from the Kaivalyadhama Research Institute, Pune, made an illuminating presentation on Buddhist Philosophy and modern Science. He began his exposition with the discussion on



Ven Geshe Dorji Damdul.

Ethics and Secular Humanism would not be possible. Professor Buragohain commented that in spite of great strides in science and technology, issues of social ethics are undermined. Buddhism, Buddhist ethics and modern scientific spirit can show us new path, he stated. Venerable Geshe Dorji Damdul, Director, Tibet House, the Cultural Centre of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama graced the occasion and presented the main discourse on

science can be studied together and how this will help in opening up new possibilities transcending the limitations put by conventional disciplinary boundaries. Regarding modern science and Buddhism, Ven. Damdul said that the Theory of Relativity addresses reality in the form of relativistic world, where both space and time are relative and in Buddhism everything exists relatively and time is no exception. Regarding Quantum

the synthesis of Modern Science and Eastern Mysticism. Quoting the physicists like Professor Fritjof Capra and Professor Arthur Eddington, he argued that eastern mysticism, which includes Buddhism, has a great role to play in deriving newer insights in the field of modern science, especially in Physics. He also referred to Ishopanishad to substantiate that, the cultivation of both material science and spiritual knowledge simultaneously is the sine qua non of holistic wisdom. He further argued that Lord Buddha was the fulfillment and the logical conclusion of the Vedas. Buddha's teaching contained the germ of the philosophical wisdom that flourished as Buddhist philosophical systems subsequently. He mentioned about the four Buddhist Schools of Thoughts with special reference to the Madhyamika philosophy of the great Buddhist philosopher Nagarjuna. He also argued, on the basis of textual evidence, that, Mandukya Karika

of Gaudapada is pregnant with the philosophical tenets of Sunyavada of the Madhyamika school of Buddhism which later culminated in the Advaita Vedanta of Acharya Samkara. Dr. Rajeshwar Mukherjee added that the Philosophy of Shunya as championed by the Buddhist Scholars has wonderful parallels in the world of physics. He unfolded the nature of Shunya with textual evidence and asserted that the Quantum Vacuum of modern physics is analogous to concept of Shunya as propounded by the Buddhist philosophers. He added that modern research shows that there are evidences of the traces of consciousness in the Quantum Vacuum. The Buddhist philosophers called the phenomenal world-Samvriti, which is also called Shunya, as it is devoid of the real essence. Therefore, the quantum vacuum which is the substratum of the physical existence may also be called Shunya from the perspective of the theory

of Shunya as championed by the Buddhist and the Hindu philosophers.

Professor G. D. Baruah, former Professor of the Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University also presented his thoughts regarding Buddhist Philosophy and Modern Science in the symposium. Dwelling upon the theme of the symposium, Professor Baruah quoted Warner Heisenberg, the great Quantum Physicist, who was of the opinion that in the history of human thought, the most fruitful developments often takes place at those points where two different (but parallel) lines of thought meet. Rev. Pragyasara, in his brief presentation drew references to some of the illuminating concepts of Buddhism and their relevance to the present day world. Dr. Chandan Syam also commented on the theme lectures of the programme. Shri Chandan Kumar Sarma, Coordinator of the Buddhist Study Centre of the University offered the Vote of Thanks.

National Science Day, 2017

The Dibrugarh University Research Scholars' Association (DURSA) organised the National Science Day on 28th February 2017. Keeping in view this year's theme 'Science and Technology for the Specially Abled Persons', the Key Note Lecture was delivered by Professor Nihar Ranjan Jana, eminent scientist from the National Brain Research Centre, Gurgaon, Delhi on 'Plasticity of the Human Brain and Disabilities'. Professor Jana, well known for his research contribution in the understanding of the molecular mechanism of the Huntington's disease, made a scintillating presentation on the dynamics of the human brain. He highlighted upon the dynamic functioning of the human brain through the constant interaction



Professor Basanta Deka, Eminent Educationist.

with the changing environment. Professor Jana explained how such interactions sometimes lead to permanent imprint on the human brain causing certain dreadful and debilitating disabilities.

Professor Basanta Deka, an



Professor Nihar Ranjan Jana, Scientist, National Brain Research Centre, Gurgaon.

eminent educationist, addressed the students and the faculty members on the 'Significance of Free Thinking in Development of Scientific Temperament'. In his interesting deliberation, Professor Deka discussed the subject drawing references from

the epoch making contributions of Galileo, Newton, Einstein and Richard Feynman. Earlier in his Inaugural Address, Professor Alak Kr. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University explained the significance of observing February 28 every year as the National Science Day. He stated that world class science

is possible from our country also.

A Poster Presentation on the pertinent theme of this year's National Science Day was organised. Participants included faculties, research scholars and students from Dibrugarh University, students of Assam Medical College, affiliated colleges of Dibrugarh University and

IIT Guwahati. Dr. Minhaz Momin, Neuro Surgeon, Srimanta Sankardev Hospital and Research Institute, and Professor Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University acted as the Judges for the Poster Competition.

Workshop on Climate Change



Professor E. S. Rajagopal.

A three day Lecture Workshop on Air Pollution, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change: Global and Regional Perspective was organized by the Centre for Atmospheric Studies (CAS) and the Department of Physics during 27-29 April, 2017. The Workshop was sponsored by the joint Academies of Sciences: Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore and the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad under their 'Science Academies Education Programmes'. Partial support to the Workshop was also availed from

UGC SAP DRS II of the Department of Physics. Students from the various Departments, including the Centre for Studies in Geography, DU Institute for Engineering and Technology, Environmental Science, Physics and Centre for Atmospheric Studies of Dibrugarh University, North-East Space Application Centre, Tezpur University, Mizoram University and Digboi College participated in the Workshop. Four eminent scientists, who are the Fellows of all the Science Academies of the country made the deliberations to 120 students including undergraduate, postgraduate, Research Scholars, faculties and scientists from across the North-East India. The Workshop began with the Welcome Address by the Coordinator of the Workshop, Professor P. K. Bhuyan, and inaugurated by Professor Alak K Buragohain, Vice Chancellor. Professor E. S. Rajagopal, Emeritus Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru who was the Convener of the Workshop introduced the theme of the Workshop. Professor K.

Bhuyan, the Head of the Department of Physics introduced the Resource Persons, the elected Fellows of all the three Academies of Science— from IISc Bangaluru, Professor K. Krishnamoorthy, a distinguished Visiting Scientist and Professor S. K. Satheesh, Professor in the Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Science (CAOS) and Professor U. C. Mohanty, Visiting Professor of the School of Earth Ocean and Climate Sciences (SEOCS), Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. Professor K. Krishnamoorthy delivered the Keynote Address covering the basic aspects of Climate Change emphasizing on the climate forcing agents causing temperatures to rise or fall, disrupting the energy balance. Altogether 13 lectures were held during the 3 day Workshop. The stimulating deliberations on the Climate Change had been an enriching experience for the participants. The lecture series covered the broad domains of Climate Science which included the climate sensitivity parameters, details of the reductive transfer equations used in the Earth's Radiation Budget, Atmospheric Chemistry and evolution of Climate Model reaching to an extent of Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP). The lecture series evoked stimulating interactions between the Speakers and the participants which helped in raising and answering various queries on the regional and global Climate Change scenario.

A group photograph of the resource persons and the participants of the workshop.



Rashtriya Ekta Divas observed



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain during his inaugural address.

Commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a function was organised on October 31, 2016 by the Post Graduate Students Union of the University. In the Indira Miri Conference Hall, the function was presided over by Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean Students' Affairs. Sri Chandan Sarma, Associate Professor, Department of History, made an eloquent speech on the significance of observing the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Divas). He dwelt upon the critical role played by Sardar Patel in the emergence of the

newly born independent India which marked not only a fulfillment of long cherished national aspiration of millions of Indians but also involved the huge challenges of organising an Independent Nation as vast and diverse as India. Sri Sarma narrated the enormous task of bringing together the many princely states of the country as integral parts of India with his astute statesmanship, vision and wisdom. He also mentioned about the necessity of handling very carefully the problems arising out of massive refugees in the wake of the division of India into West and East Pakistan. Earlier on, Professor Alak

K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor in his inaugural address stated how Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's pragmatic and perfect states craft enabled a smooth transition of India from the British Raj to an Independent India. While paying rich tribute to the Iron Man of India, Professor Buragohain mentioned about a number of instances of Sardar Patel's brilliant strategies nicely executed by the then Secretary of State Sri V. P. Menon. Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean, Students' Affairs in his comments as the President of the function stated that the relevance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel shall always be there in our country. He congratulated the organiser of the function which has enriched the knowledge of the younger generation attending the function today in large numbers along with the faculty members, about this great son of India. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Sri Manas Pratim Dutta, the General Secretary of the Post Graduate Students Union.

Dibrugarh University UNICEF India Partnership to offer Master's programme on Health Hygiene and Sanitation

Communication for Development (C4D) programme of UNICEF India

partnership with Dibrugarh University is launching a Master's Programme on

Health, Hygiene and Sanitation from the academic session beginning from

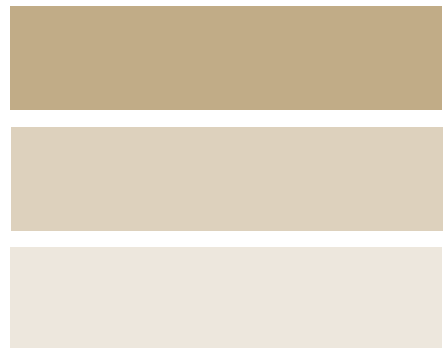


Sitting from Left to Right : Dr. Mario Mosquera Vasquez, Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Dr. Tushar Rane, Professor Mrinalendra Narayan Dutta, Professor Mukut Hazarika, flanked by the delegates from UNICEF and members from DU.

July, 2017. The detail draft for the curriculum and the syllabi for the four semester programme was reviewed in a meeting on 14th December, 2016 held at the Conference Hall of Vishranta, the DU Guest House. A high level delegate comprising of Dr. Mario Mosquera Vasquez, Global Chief of Communication for Development Programme UNICEF from the UNICEF Headquarter, New York, USA, Dr. Tushar Rane, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Assam, Ms. Veena Singh, C4D Officer, Assam, Ms. Sweta Patnaik, WASH Specialist, UNICEF along with other Officials from the UNICEF Office, Dibrugarh participated in the meeting. Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, DU while extending a warm welcome to the visiting delegates from UNICEF presented a brief overview of DU's vision and goals with respect to community development. He observed that the Nation is in need of a large number of professionally trained young people

to execute the activities mandated under the Swacchh Bharat Mission of Government of India. Professor Neeta Kalita Baruah, Chairperson, Centre for Studies in Behavioural Sciences presented the curriculum and the details of the syllabus. Dr. Mario Mosquera Vasquez and Dr. Tushar Rane appreciated the effort of the University in working out a comprehensive academic programme in a subject of great impact like Health, Hygiene and Sanitation. Dr. Mario assured DU a full support for effective conduct of this programme. Dr. Tushar Rane commented, "For the first time a programme has been launched that has provided an impetus to the flagship programme of the Government of Assam which is emphasised more on social and behavioural change especially when dealing with issues like Open Defecation Free status. A University coming full throttle on it and haven't left any stone unturned therefore this programme will go a long way." Mr. Himangshu

Bailing from the Centre for Studies in Geography, DU made a presentation on the various activities and plan of action of the University under the Swacchh Bharat Mission with which DU has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement—one of the first Universities to get involved with Swacchh Bharat Mission (Gramin) in the country. Professor Prodeep Kumar Borua, Dean, R&D, Professor Mukut Hazarika, Dean, School of Education, Professor M.N. Dutta, Registrar along with other senior Professors, Officials, Faculty members and students participated in the discussion.



“Research becomes politicised in most places, but in the Northeast this can be almost immediate”

In Conversation with **Professor Duncan McDuie-Ra**,
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Interviewer: **Chandan Kumar Sarma**

Q: How do you see the problems and possibilities of Social Science Research in North East India?

I think the issues are numerous but also understandable. I see two main problems. First, the research puzzles and subsequent research questions that many (but not all) researchers ask are tired. They have either been addressed already or have limited significance beyond a very small circle of researchers. Second, the approaches taken lack imagination and tend to repeat the same methods used to produce knowledge of the region by colonial authorities and the postcolonial state. The issues are worse when both happen at once. In other words you can have old questions with new approaches and new questions with conventional methods, and this is where the best possibilities can be discovered. If you have both new questions and new approaches and you can make it rigorous and relevant, than that is the best outcome of all, though often researchers are discouraged from this and even great research produced through this combination is ignored.

Q: Do you think that Social Science research in North East India is imprisoned in conventional Methodological Problems?

I'm not sure about problems, but definitely approaches. Methodologies undertaken in Social Science in the region tend to be rigid and a little dated. But often this is also due to curriculum at earlier levels of study. For working academics there its little opportunity to push into new approaches once careers are established. The issue is not disciplines per se; the issue is that most of the disciplines have moved on into different directions, often multiple directions. These demand methodological innovations. And these innovations are not really taking hold. And it



Professor Duncan McDuie-Ra.

is easy to understand because the hierarchies of teacher-student remain quite rigid, and teachers want to teach students the ways they were taught. Students want to do well and depend on their teacher/advisor for that pathway. A sense of collaborative learning through the Ph.D process is harder to find and is not actively encouraged. Sadly, both established academics and research students lose out without learning from one another.

Q: Should Social Science research in North East India shift its focus to Interdisciplinary Research to make it more relevant?

Interdisciplinary can mean a lot of different things. It usually means putting disciplinary traditions into dialogue or conversation--which should be encouraged, though it is often taken to mean avoid disciplinary knowledge--which should be discouraged. It can mean borrowing approaches from other disciplines, but most disciplines are not stable, unchanging ways of doing research. It can mean bringing different approaches into new syntheses, but not all disciplines synthesise well. Social Science research in the Northeast would benefit from interdisciplinary research in two general ways. The first is for researchers to think about the research problem or puzzle at hand without disciplinary constraints. For example, if a researcher wants to explore urban migration into Dibrugarh they should not feel obligated to use a 'sociological lens' or 'an historical approach' but instead identify what they want to know, what different ways they can find out about it, and why this might be significant. The problem is that many researchers, especially young researchers, have great questions and interesting, often interdisciplinary, approaches to the region, but are forced into a disciplinary straitjacket and discouraged from taking risks. This reduces the capacity of the research, and the researchers, to speak to a larger audience--to make their work more relevant. Second is people often confuse and conflate fields of study with disciplines. Urban studies, to stick with the example, are a field. It is not a discipline; there is no established set of approaches. There are many different disciplines that are interested in the set of questions raised by urbanisation, as with development studies, environmental studies, gender studies. Disciplines, even at their most rigid, don't own fields of study.

Q: How do you assess the impact of the politics of Ethnicity, Indignity and Nationalism in Social Science Research In North East India?

I think there are three relevant trends. First, these politics make the Northeast such a fascinating site for research. They show us the ways ethnic politics (ethnicity, indigeneity, nationalism) impact upon other issues and how other issues shape ethnic politics. They make the region so relevant for research elsewhere in the world. This is a point that needs to be taken on board, as the reverse is also true. There is a lot of incredible research done in other parts of the world that can really push research in the Northeast, but scholars are mostly reading only about their own place/area of study or other content from India. There are limitations to accessing information but these are nowhere near as formidable as what they were a decade

ago. Second, these politics also create risks for researchers. Research becomes politicised in most places, but in the Northeast this can be almost immediate. Therefore many scholars are careful what they say. This can work in many ways, researchers may seek to please as well as censor. Third, the Northeast is fascinating because many researchers start out, end up, or navigate simultaneously roles as researchers and as activists. This shows the power of social sciences research on the one hand, but also the entanglements of voice, politics, agency and knowledge production on the other.

Q: Do you think that issues of Livelihood, Social Security, Environment are marginalised in the dominant social science discourse in North East India?

I think there has been excellent social science work on all these issues, though I agree it is relegated somewhat. There are a number of things to mention. First, there is a great deal of research into these issues done by diligent and hardworking teams throughout the region, though it is mostly involved with data production; tables, surveys, figures. This kind of work is crucial, and it rarely gets the credit it deserves. Second, these issues tend to 'show up' when they intersect with more dominant issues, like ethnic politics etc. Rather than fighting against this, researchers needs to take these intersections as useful starting points to frame their questions and think about the approaches they take to research. I remember almost 15 years ago being puzzled as to why ethno-nationalist groups were taking up the issue of uranium mining in Meghalaya but were much less interested (at the time) in coal mining, which was widespread and had major environmental ramifications. This unravelled very interesting questions and issues to pursue. Similarly, intersections around livelihoods and migration into the region, for example, have been prominent in research but thinking of migration and livelihoods as pushing people out of the region has received less attention until recent years. When I first started researching that in 2010 people thought I was a bit mad. So sites of intersection are important but so too are where issues seem to pass by one another, meeting somewhere else in a different guise. I think researchers need to focus on the issue unfolding in front of their eyes--and this is true of researchers from the region and those from outside who study it--everything from the rapid development of health infrastructure in cities like Imphal to the spread of global fast food chains to Aizawl and Dimapur to the increase of migrants farms labourers on tribal lands tell stories about the region. We should not be afraid to explore these changes even if we are not exactly sure which discipline they fit into or which methodology we should begin with.

AIU-DU Workshop on University Governance



Resource Persons of the workshop during their address.

The Association of Indian (AIU) and Dibrugarh University jointly organized a three day national workshop on 'Management of University Administration' from 19 to 21 October 2016 at Dibrugarh University. The Workshop was organized to provide opportunities for senior University Administrators to update on technology application in University Administration, develop positive attitude in respect of interpersonal relationship and provide dynamic leadership in University Planning, Administration and Management. More than 50 delegates of Deans, Registrars, Controllers of Examination, Finance Officers, Directors representing 27 Universities and Institutes across 15 states participated in the National Workshop. In his inaugural address Professor Alak K Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University stated that the Universities are undergoing a second revolution; he stated that when higher educational institutes were established their sole objective was to generate and disseminate knowledge. But today, educational institutes are looked upon not just as facilitators for research and pedagogy but also as instruments of social and economic development.

Shri Arinjit Hazarika, Deputy

Controller of Examinations (A), Dibrugarh University and also the workshop Coordinator delivered the introductory remarks while welcoming the delegates across the country. In his deliberation, Shri Hazarika informed that the Workshop covers a wide range of topics related to Academic Administration which will help the delegates to focus and developing long term strategies for better administration in their respective institutions. Former Joint Secretary, MHRD Govt. of India, Shi R. D. Sahay delivered the Key Note address focusing on education ecosystem. Shri Sahay observed that one of the major ways in which management of higher education administration can be improved upon is through the twin approaches of high quality leadership and requisite governance structure. He informed that improvement in governance, administrative practices and leadership development are urgently called for at three levels: Macro (the administrative ministries as well as the national level regulatory bodies), Mezzo (administrative departments, directorates and state level regulatory bodies) and Micro (Institutional heads, statutory officers, Deans, Heads, administrative staff etc.). Dr. Amarendra Pani, Deputy Director and

In-Charge of the Research Division, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi and Professor M. N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University also addressed the delegates during the session. As part of the workshop nine technical sessions on various topics related to University administration and management were organized. Professor Alak K Buragohain discussed on the topics 'Management practices in University Administration' and 'Leadership in the Institutions of Higher Learning'. Dr. U. N. Bora, IAS (Retd.) stressed on ethics and values in administration and works. Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das, IAS (Retd.), State Chief Information Commissioner, Government of Assam made a presentation on Handling of RTI related matters by the administrators in Universities. The session on 'E-governance in University Administration' was addressed by Shri Deepak Goswami, Senior Technical Director and State Informatics Officer (NIC), Assam State Centre. Psychiatrist Dr. Jayanta Das delivered a lecture on 'How to cope with stress by the academic administrators'. Shri Kumarjit Dutta, Deputy Registrar (Finance), Tezpur University discussed on 'Financial Administration in the Institutions of Higher Learning'.

In the Valedictory Session, Prof. Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean- School of Commerce and Management Science and Prof. Mukut Hazarika, Dean-School of Education, Dibrugarh University addressed the delegates. Dr. Amarendra Pani of AIU thanked Dibrugarh University for successfully organizing the workshop. The rapporteurs report

was presented by Ms. Jennifer Shaheen Hussain, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, Dibrugarh

University. Shri Arinjit Hazarika, the workshop coordinator proposed the Vote of thanks. The Valedictory Session was coordinated by Dr.

Binod Ch. Bora, Deputy Registrar (Academic), Dibrugarh University.

DURSA organizes Seminar on the New Finance Policy of India

Bringing the ongoing debate on demonetization in India, to focus Dibrugarh University Research Scholar Association (DURSA) organized a Seminar titled “New finance policy of India” on 15th November, 2016 in Indira Miri Conference Hall. The discussion focused on the speculations pertaining to the move by the Government of India on currency ban and the

release of 2000 rupee notes. The approach to curtail corruption, money laundering and counterfeiting of the excessively circulated 500 and 1000 rupee notes, were analyzed from diverse perspectives of the Indian economy. Invited resource persons viz. Professor Deva Kumar Chakraborty and Dr. Amarjyoti Mahanta, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University provided their

expert opinions on the views that have skipped the critical eye of commoners. Dr. Prabwal Jyoti Phukon, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University acted as a moderator to the discussion. The seminar was attended by in-house faculties of various discipline and about 65 intellectual minds.

National Seminar on Demonetization and Indian Economy



Professor Atul Sarma, former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, former member Planning and Commission & Chairperson OKDISCD.

A two day National Seminar on ‘Demonetization and Indian Economy’ is organised by the Centre for Management Studies (CMS) from 27th February to 28th February, 2017 in the Indira Miri Conference Hall of the University. Eminent Economist Professor Atul Sarma, former Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi

University; former member, Planning and Commission, and Chairperson (OKDISCD); Professor Memcha Loitongbam, Director, Manipur Institute of Management Studies (MIMS), Manipur University; Professor Elangbam Nixon Singh, Head, Department of Management, Mizoram University participated as the external Resource Persons. Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Chairperson of the CMS and Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences, extended a warm welcome to the Resource Persons and the participants of the two day National Seminar. Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, in his address, drew the attention of the participants about the importance of objective analyses of the implications of the demonetization implemented by the Government of India. He

highlighted the various initiatives taken by Dibrugarh University towards Digitization and Cashless transactions. The Key Note address was delivered by Professor Atul Sarma. In his address Professor Sarma presented a meticulous analysis of the Demonetization move of the Government, examining the motivations, plans and the effects. All total 39 participants from north-east India viz. Arunachal University of Studies, GEA National College (Guwahati), Dibrugarh University, Salesian College (West Bengal), Assam University (Silchar), Kaziranga University (Assam), Darang College (Tezpur), Guwahati University, University of Calcutta, DHSK Commerce College (Dibrugarh), Women College (Tinsukia) participated in the National Seminar.

Management Development Programme

A two day Management Development Programme (MDP) was organised by the Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University on 22 and 23 December, 2016, on the topic “Leadership Development for Mid-Career Professionals and its Significance in a Modern Business Organisational Context”, attended by twenty four participants from corporate, educational institutions and from the University administration. The organizations represented were Oil India Limited, Duliajan, Assam Gas Company, Duliajan, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (AOD), Digboi, Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Ltd., Lepetkata, Numaligarh Refineries Ltd. Golaghat, Jalan Tea Group etc. The MDP was chaired by the Resource Persons from different organizations and successful leaders in their respective fields. Shri Alok Mehta, presently working as a HR Consultant; Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das, the Ex-Managing Director, Numaligarh Refineries Ltd. and also Ex-Managing Director of Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd. and presently the Emeritus Professor of Dibrugarh University; Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University. The MDP started with the first session on “Ability to see a connection with the larger universe, connect seemingly unconnected dots, meaning making, envisioning” with Mr. Alok Mehta was seemingly interesting and imbibe in a deep understanding of oneself. He brought in the environment of discussion and experience sharing about the meaning, role and the challenges of a leader. He focused on the relationship between ‘self’, ‘team’ and the ‘system’ or the ‘context’ and how accordingly one can adopt



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University addressing the participants of the workshop.

to the various leadership styles. The relevance of environment in inculcating and define leadership style was discussed in his session and forced the participants to think deeper into two most philosophical questions of “Who I am?” and “What is the purpose of my life?.” Dr. Bhupati Kumar Das transacted the next session titled “Leadership Roles and Leadership Styles” wherein he initiated the session with the interesting difference between a manager leader and a coach leader. With his extended knowledge of the Indian epic like Ramayana and Mahabharata, he mesmerized the gathering by his judgment about the Indian mythological leaders like Rama and Krishna. He in his delivery touched many relevant aspects of leadership theories including the western leadership styles with Indian mythological examples, mental models of people, the ladder of inference and the learning cycle. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain transacted the last session titled “Industry Academia Interface and University Leadership” wherein he shared his experience as a

leader of an educational institute like a University. He explained the circle of leadership wherein he explained the evolution of a leader and the various stages through which a leader passes through. The leader initiates change which in turn initiates resistance at the beginning but when the intents become more clear and visible the building of trust and faith happen thus leading to acceptance. The leader according to him has even greater mission of developing new leaders who will continue the legacy. He also talked about the ability of a leader to give up the leadership at some point of time in the near future. According to him leadership is not something which is permanent and needs to be handed over to his/her successor. Therefore, there is also the need for a successful leader to carefully nurture the growth of successful and effective successors. The programme ended with a vote of thanks to the eminent Resource Persons as well as the participants by Dr. Pratim Barua, the coordinator of the 11th Management Development Programme.

Entrepreneurship Development Programme for the Tea Community



Participants and Resource Persons of the Programme.

The Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Cell of Dibrugarh University in association with the Socio Educational Welfare Association (SEWA), Dibrugarh and Community Health and Advancement Initiative (CHAI) and with support of Mercy Corps, India, organized an Entrepreneurship Development Training programme specifically for the youth from the Tea community from March 28 to April 12, 2017 at the Centre for Management Studies. The targeted participants were from the age group of 18 to 32 years with their educational qualifications ranging from Matriculation to Graduation. 19 participants participated in this intensive training program.

The programme started with an inaugural session on 28 March, 2017 at Department of Education just after the valedictory session of another programme organized by the Dibrugarh University in association with the CHAI and SEWA. Dr. Chimun Kumar Nath, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, who is in charge of the Entrepreneurship and

Skill Development Cell welcomed the participants to this training programme. In her inaugural speech, Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences impressed upon the participants about perseverance, to become a successful entrepreneur. In his remark Sri Binayak Dewan,

Project Manager, CHAI urged upon the participants to utilize the time and other resources.

The program was designed to cover various aspects of entrepreneurship in three different phases: Orientation, Understanding the Issues and Applications. Some of the highlights of the programme were co-creation of Project Proposals/Enterprise Models according to the areas of interests with the final semester students of the BBA programme of the Centre for Management Studies, an exposure to the various Entrepreneurial Games, Business Communication Activities, Mathematical Activities, Maintenance of Books of Accounts and Insurance related issues, Break Even Analysis, various schemes available under the NABARD, Bank and Government aided schemes under the ambit of DICC and visit to the Vermicompost unit of Dibrugarh University for a Hands on Training.

Participants at the Vermicompost unit of DU.



National Seminar on Recent Developments in Synthesis and Catalysis

A two day National Seminar on 'Recent Developments in Synthesis and Catalysis' was organised by the Department of Chemistry on March 10 and 11, 2017. The Seminar was organised under the UGC's SAP-DRS-II Programme of the Department where Catalysis is the Thrust Area. More than 80 Research Papers and Posters were presented by the research students, faculty members and scientists from several Universities like NEHU, GU and reputed institutes of the country, viz., NCL, Pune, IISER, Mohali, IISER, Bhubaneswar, IISER, Kolkata, IIT Guwahati, Indian Association for Cultivation of Science, Kolkata, NEIST, Jorhat, BITS, Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, etc., besides the students and faculty members from Dibrugarh University. The Plenary Address on the main theme of the Seminar was presented in the pre-

Seminar Session in the morning on March 10, 2017 by Professor Anil Kumar of NCL, Pune who is also the J. C. Bose Fellow. While inaugurating the two day Seminar, later in the day, Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University, appreciated the initiative of the Department in organising the Seminar to provide a platform to researchers from several parts of the country to deliberate on the contemporary trends of research in Synthesis and Catalysis. He mentioned about the larger dimensions and significance of research in Synthesis and Catalysis in drug discovery, medical therapy and in gaining deeper understanding of the communication patterns in signaling pathways and gene expression regulations in System Biology today. He called for multidisciplinary research approaches in the research

in Synthesis and Catalysis by the young researchers from Chemistry, Biology, Biotechnology, Physics and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In his Key Note Address, Professor Anil Kumar called upon to the young students for deeper engagement in research and to get into the basics of their research areas. In a moving gesture, Professor Kumar announced that he will personally sponsor two awards to the best Papers/ Posters in the competition of the University organised every year on the occasion of National Science Day celebration. Earlier, Professor Pankaj Das, the Head of the Department of Chemistry extended a warm welcome to the distinguished Scientists participating in the two day National Seminar from various institutes and Universities of the country.

Professor Anil Kumar, NCL, Pune delivering his address.



National Workshop on Gravitational Wave Astronomy



Professor Sanjeev Dhurandhar, Emeritus Professor, IUCAA, Pune, delivering the Key Note Address.

A National Workshop on Gravitational Wave Astronomy (NWGWA) is organized by the Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University in collaboration with the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune from November 2-4, 2016. The inaugural address was delivered by Professor Prodeep K. Borua, Dean,

Research and Development, Dibrugarh University. In his address Professor Borua mentioned about the increasing academic collaboration of Dibrugarh University with IUCAA since the National Conference on Current Issues in Cosmology, Astrophysics and High Energy Physics (CICAHEP), organized by the Department in the previous year 2015. He also mentioned about the most challenging research opportunity unfolded by the discovery of Gravitational Waves by LIGO detectors in last year after 100 years of prediction of existence of such waves by Albert Einstein in the year 1916 as consequence of his Theory of General Relativity. Professor Tarun Souradeep, the Co-ordinator of the NWGWA 2016 and Senior Professor of IUCAA talked about the various programmes of IUCAA for the benefit of University faculties and he lauded the activities of Dibrugarh University in this direction. The Chief Guest of the inaugural function Professor Sanjeev

Dhurandhar, Emeritus Professor, IUCAA, Pune, delivered the Keynote Address Lecture entitled "Einstein right once again: Gravitational Waves Detection and Astronomy". Professor Dhurandhar is one of the most prominent figures in the field of Gravitational Wave Physics in the world.

Earlier Dr. Umananda Dev Goswami, who is the Co-ordinator of the National workshop extended warm welcome to the participants. Total 68 general participants from all over of India participated in the workshop. The inaugural function was followed by two Lecture Sessions and one tutorial session on 2nd November. In these session lectures were delivered by Dr. Rajesh K. Nayak from IISER Kolkata, Dr Chandra Kant Mishra from IIT Madras, Chennai and Dr. Nathan K. Johnson-McDaniel from the Internationale Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangaluru.

Dignitaries of the Workshop sitting on the dias.



National Seminar on the ‘Use of Technical Terminology in Political Science’

As part of the Government of India’s initiative towards promoting regional languages in teaching and learning, a MHRD, Government of India Sponsored National Seminar on the “Use of Technical Terminology in Political Science” was organized by the Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, from 21 to 22 December, 2016. While inaugurating the seminar Professor Mukut Hazarika, Dean, School of Education, Dibrugarh University underscored the importance of a seminar of this kind which concentrates on the use of technical terminology in Social sciences. Dr. Dibyajyoti Dutta,

Coordinator of the Seminar, in his Welcome Address stated briefly about the initiatives of the Department towards preparation of Glossary of Terminology of Political Science in Assamese. In his Keynote Address Dr. S. A. Ansari of the MHRD highlighted the importance of the proper use of scientific and technical terms in regional languages enlisted in the 8th schedule of the constitution. A book titled Fundamental Glossary in Political Science-English-Hindi-Assamese published by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) was also released in the programme. In his Book Release

Address, Dr Ananda Bormudoi of the Department of English and a noted author of the State, lauded the effort of the Government of India in promoting such a glossary which is the first of its kind in any Indian language. Er. J. S. Rawat of the MHRD underlined the need of using proper vernacular terms while speaking in regional languages instead of English terms. A number of scholars from Tezpur University and Gauhati University conducted the different sessions where college teachers from various places of Assam participated.

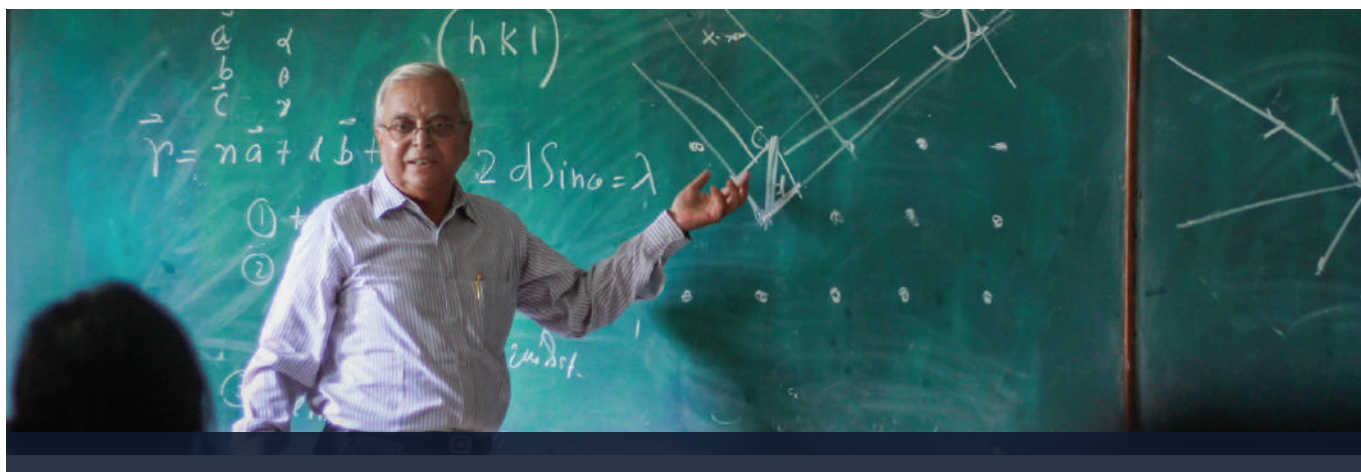
FDP on GST & Students’ Employability

The Centre for Management Studies (CMS), in association with ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd. organized a one day FDP on “GST & Students’ Employability” on March 6, 2017 at the Indira Miri Conference Hall. It was attended by more than 85 participants from Dibrugarh University and around 25 affiliated colleges under it. Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Chairperson, CMS and Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science, Dibrugarh University while giving her inaugural address stressed on the collaboration between the university and the corporate world. She said that while there are a lot of employment opportunities in Dibrugarh because of the presence of giants like OIL, ONGC, Coal India etc., and employment generation is not up to the mark. She was of

the view that the current situation needs to be addressed at the earliest and complimented the ICA for their endeavor in organizing the FDP in collaboration with the Centre. In the first session, Mr. Deepak Pramanik, a Board Member of the ICA spoke on employability of the students. An alumnus of the IIT, Kharagpur and IIM, Calcutta, he talked about employment as an opportunity as well as a challenge for the teaching community. He lamented that it is difficult to find employable candidates for a job while there are scores of unemployed. four inspiring videos and answering questions of the participants. In the post lunch session, Mr. Jay Agarwal, a practicing Chartered Accountant from Kolkata gave an overview of GST (Goods and Services Tax). He talked about

the technicalities of the Central GST (CGST), State GST (SGST) and Inter State (IGST). He deliberated on some issues which according to him are not properly defined and open to litigation. Mr. Agarwal also demonstrated the migration process from the earlier tax regime to the new GST regime. During his presentation, he spoke about the many employment opportunities GST can create. At the end of the two sessions, Mr. Subrata Kundu, General Manager of ICA Edu Tech talked about the courses developed by ICA for GST. He also thanked Dibrugarh University for the support provided in conducting the FDP. The FDP concluded with the vote of thanks given by Himadri Barman of CMS.

First Professor Hiralal Das Memorial Lecture



Professor Barindra Kumar Sarma giving special lecture to the students of the Department of Physics.

The first Professor Hiralal Das Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Barindra Kumar Sarma at the Indira Miri Conference on April 6, 2017. The oration was organised by the Department of Physics. Extending a warm welcome to the packed audience at the Indira Miri Conference Hall, Dr. Bulumoni Kalita, Assistant Professor of the Department stated that Professor Hiralal Das taught in several Colleges in Delhi after his PhD before joining the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. After a stint at the IISc he joined the Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University. Since 1985 he started his teaching and research at Gauhati University till his retirement in 2005. Professor Das passed away in 2016. He was a brilliant Physicist whose area of interest was Condensed Matter Physics. Inaugurating the

first Professor Hiralal Das Memorial Lecture, Professor A.K. Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor paid rich tribute to late Professor Das. Professor Buragohain recalled his close association with the eminent Physicist and stated that Professor Das had remarkable simplicity in his life and was a deeply committed researcher and teacher. Professor Pradip Kumar Bhuyan, UGC Emeritus Fellow in the Department also addressed the gathering. Professor Barindra Kumar Sarma in his scintillating lecture traced the history of X-Ray Crystallography first by narrating the famous deliberations at Munich, Germany in the early years twentieth century among the well known Physicists of the time, viz., W. C. Rontgen, Max von Laue, Paul Peter Ewald, Arnold Sommerfeld, Paul

von Groth and others regarding their experimentation leading the understanding of the wave nature of the X-Ray. Professor Sarma also discussed the pioneering experiments of the W. H. Bragg and his son W. L. Bragg in application of X-Ray Diffraction in the understanding crystal structure of matter. He also explained the work of G. N. Ramachandran on Collagen, a protein. In conclusion Professor Sarma pointed out the immense importance of elucidating the crystal structure of proteins to gain a deeper understanding of the life processes in the living system. Earlier in the day Professor Sarma enthralled the students in a special lecture program in the Department. Professor Kalyan Bhuyan, Head of the Department offered the Vote of Thanks.

Distinguished Academic Visitor at the Department of Physics

The Department of Physics invited Dr. Debanjan Bose, Research Professor, Sung Kyun Kwan University, South

Korea to deliver its Seminar Talk on March 29, 2017. Dr. Bose delivered a talk entitled 'Neutrino Astronomy with

Ice Cube Neutrino Detector' in the Gallery of the Department of Physics. Faculty members, students and the

Research Scholars of the Department attended the seminar. Dr. Bose, one the promising young Indian scientists in the fields of Astronomy, Astrophysics and Astroparticle Physics, did his PhD from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai in 2007 under the guidance of the renowned High Energy Physicists Professor B. S. Acharya in the field of Gamma Ray Astronomy. After a brief stint at the TIFR as a Visiting Fellow, he worked as a Post Doctoral Fellow of the Universidad Complutense de

Madrid, Spain from 2008 to 2009 to work with one of the most famous multinational mega project on Gamma Ray Experiments, the MAGIC (Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov). Thereafter he joined another Post Doctoral position at the Inter-University Institute for High Energies (IIHE), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium to work in the Ice Cube Experiment. Ice Cube is a cubic-kilometer Neutrino Observatory, deep in the ice sheet at the geographic South Pole. This is the biggest and

most challenging experiment on neutrinos, conducted by a group of international Neutrino Physicists. He worked in this position from 2009 to 2012. Since 2013 onward he is in the present position in South Korea. In his talk, Dr. Bose introduced the Ice Cube Detector, its Physics motivations and outcome. He informed that Ice Cube's discovery of a Diffuse Flux of Astrophysical Neutrinos ushered in a new era of 'Neutrino Astronomy'.

Four Hundred Sixty Fourth Birth Anniversary of Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva

The 464th Birth Anniversary of Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva was observed by the Department of History on 30th April 2017 at the Seminar Hall of Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Bhavan. Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences inaugurated the function. Professor Deka Hazarika paid rich tribute to Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva on the occasion. Professor Deka Hazarika in her inaugural address highlighted the academic and research activities being carried out under the Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Chair at the Department of History. Professor Sristidhar Dutta, former Dean, Rajib Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh, delivered the Key Note Address on 'Bhakti Movement in India: A Historical Perspective'. Professor Dutta an erudite scholar dwelt at length about the history and philosophy of the Bhakti Movement in India. The enormous contribution of the Mahapurushas of Assam Srimanta Sankardev, Madhabdeva and Aniruddhadeva, who were



Shri Utsabananda Deva Goswami, Satradhikar, Modarkhat Satra during his address to the gathering.

the architects of the Vaishnavite culture during the medieval period, was discussed by Professor Dutta providing refreshing insights. Earlier Shri Utsabananda Deva Goswami, Satradhikar of Madarkhat Satra, addressed the gathering. Shri Deva Goswami while paying rich tribute to Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva called upon for embracing the philosophy and

thoughts of Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva which according to him is so very relevant and required in today's context. Professor M.N. Dutta, Registrar, also attended the function. The meeting was chaired by Professor Biswajit Baruah, Head, Department of History. Shri Chandan Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of History offered the Vote of Thanks.

University of Calgary Professor on Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Programmes



Professor Anil Kumar Mehrotra

The Eighteenth DU Colloquium was delivered by Professor Anil Mehrotra, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Schulich School of Engineering, University of Calgary, Canada on December 1, 2016 in the Indira Miri Conference Hall. Professor Mehrotra is currently holding the key position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI). In his deliberation, Professor Mehrotra highlighted the functioning of the SICI. Reminiscing his meeting with Lal Bahadur Shastri

the then Prime Minister of India when he was just 14 years of age and the inspiration he got, Professor Mehrotra informed the house about how the idea of establishing the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute came into being. Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri visited McGill University in June 1965 where he envisaged an institutional understanding and framework to endorse and carry forward academic and scholarly exchange and activity, especially in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. The

encouragement and promotion of University level teaching and research in India and in Canadian educational institutions was the basic and initial purpose of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. He further gave emphasis on the various grants and scholarly exchange of views and ideas between the Universities of Canada and India through the membership of the SICI in his deliberation. Almost two-third of the total Universities under SICI are from India whereas one-third is from Canada, he added. He informed about the MoU being signed between the SICI and Government of India for 5 years for such collaborative endeavour. He also mentioned about the various programmes and activities run by SICI, such as Student Mobility, Internship and Exchange Program, Faculty Research, Faculty Mobility and Curriculum Development, Doctoral and Post Doctoral Studies at Canadian and Indian Universities.

Scholar in Residence Programme

A Scholar in Residence program was held on February 28, 2017 at the Centre for Management Studies. Professor Atul Sarma, an eminent Economist, former Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; former Director of Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, Member of the 13th Finance Commission of Government of India and presently Chairman of the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, participated as the main Scholar. Altogether fifteen Research Scholars from the Departments of



Professor Atul Sarma in the scholar-in-residence programme.

Commerce, Economics and Centre for Management Studies participated in the interaction program.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day has been observed on October 10, 2017. It is a day dedicated for creating awareness about the importance of global mental health education and advocacy on these issues. Mental health and well-being are fundamental to our collective and individual abilities as humans. “There is no health without mental health.” Like any other physical illness it requires care and attention. Still, stigma and discrimination continue to affect many people who experience mental health issues. As part of the month long celebration, and in tune with

this year’s theme ‘Psychological and Mental Health first aid to all’, the Centre for Studies in Behavioural Science, observed 26th October, 2016 as the ‘Mental Health Awareness Day’. The main aim was to remove the stigma and promote mental well-being by creating awareness about these concerns in the community. A Mental Health Awareness Rally was organized from Naliapool to Thanachariali by the faculties and students of the Centre, where most of the educational institutions of Dibrugarh are located. Pamphlets on Anxiety Management, Stress Management, Sleep, Hygiene,

etc., were distributed by the students among all the schools, colleges and offices that came under that area. The students also took out the rally in the University premises and distributed the pamphlets among all the Departments and Centres. Posters on a variety of mental health concerns starting from childhood to old age were put on display in the centre to raise awareness on these issues among the University community. The day concluded with a Quiz competition in the Centre among the students based on the theme of ‘Mental Health Awareness’.



Moran Jatir Buranji Review of the progress

A meeting to review the progress of the work on writing the first ever comprehensive history of the Moran people – Moran Jatir Buranji, was organized at Dibrugarh University on December 14, 2016. Representatives of several organizations, including Asam Moran Sabha, Sadau Moran Chatra Santha, Moran Sahitya Sabha, Sadau Moran Kala-Sanskriti Bikash

Kendra, Moran Jatiya Mohila Parishad, Moran Karmachari Saikshik Bikash Mancha, Moran Unnayan Parishad, participated in the discussion. Earlier, Professor Nirode Boruah of the Department of History, who is leading the project, gave a brief overview of the progress of the work. Professor Alak K Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, extended a warm Welcome to the

participants. Reiterating the urgency of a comprehensive history of the Moran, Professor Buragohain emphasized on the use of scientific methods in writing the history to retain objectivity and to avoid any distortions of facts. Professor Buragohain appreciated the initiative of the organizations to write the first ever history of the Moran people.

National Mathematics Day Celebration

The Department of Mathematics observed the National Mathematics Day on 22 December, 2016, which was the 129th Birth Anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, a genius par excellence in the field of Mathematics. Students from different schools and colleges participated in the programme. In his welcome address, Professor Tazid Ali, Head of the

Department of Mathematics presented a brief review on the Life and Work of Ramanujan. In his keynote address Dr Mukunda Rajbongshi, former Principal of North Lakhimpur Girls' College dwelt upon the subject 'How to think like a Mathematician?' Dr Dipak Sarma, former Principal of Kakojan College, was also present in the event and delivered a talk on

'Test of Divisibility', wherein he elaborated on Vedic Mathematics. On this occasion, Essay Writing competition and Extempore Speech competition were organized among the school as well as the College students. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony.

National Press Day observed

The Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, Dibrugarh University observed the National Press Day on 16 November, 2016. A special lecture session was organised at the Centre on the topic *Citizen Journalism and Digital Curation: Shaping a Democracy*, delivered by Jennifer Shaheen Hussain, Assistant Professor, CSJMC, Dibrugarh University. The lecture covered different facets of citizen journalism from its re-emergence in recent years with the extensive use of new media technologies to the impact of citizen journalism that has re-shaped media in a democracy. Digital Curation has also been highlighted as it helps in

filtering information for public use through blogging and micro-blogging

sites. The session was attended by the faculties and students of the centre.



Ms. Jennifer Shaheen Hussain, Assistant Professor CSJMC delivering lecture on the topic 'Citizen Journalism and Digital Curation: Shaping a Democracy'

Susasan Divas at Dibrugarh University

In keeping with the spirit of observing Good Governance Day on December 25 to celebrate the birthday of former Prime Minister of India, Bharat Ratna Atal Behari Vajpayee, Dibrugarh University observed Sushasan Divas with a week-long programme during December 25-31, 2016. As part of the observation, a Stakeholders Meeting

was held on December 29, 2016 which was attended by the members of the University fraternity apart from villagers of the Associated Villages of the University. The meeting was held at the Indira Miri Conference. The Inaugural address was delivered by Professor Alak K Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. He expressed his individual perceptions

on Good Governance urging upon the crucial need for 'flawless execution' as an inevitable mantra for success of any Governance activity. Drawing in practical examples from his vast experiences, he mentioned about the lack of awareness and irrational opposition by stakeholders as the major barriers to successful implementation of



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain addressing the gathering.

Good Governance. He further advocated that RTI is a magnificent tool for a democratic population, if used wisely. A notable aspect in the address was the significance of successful communication of information for increasing efficiency of operation in governance activities.

Mr Gunadeep Chetia, Programmer, Dibrugarh University gave a presentation on 'Cyber Crime' showcasing the various types of cyber attacks, the kinds of Cyber Attackers, the victim's vulnerabilities, activities that compromise Cyber Security, etc. The presentation covered some vital aspects of Desktop Security, Internet Security, e-mail Security, Social Networking Security, Wi-Fi Security and Mobile Security. Mr Chetia's presentation highlighted the existing laws and regulations for CyberSecurity, viz. IT Act, 2000 and the gradual rise of Cyber Crime Cells and Cyber Forensic Labs throughout the land. The next presentation was given by a research scholar from the Department of Commerce, DU and an employee of DODL, DU, Mr Rajpol Bharadwaj. He demonstrated the use of *99# (especially for basic cell phone users) for easy banking from cell phones with Unstructured Supplementary Service Data

(USSD). The scholar explained with video guides regarding usage USSD service from network providers. He covered the usage of Mobile Personal Identification Number (MPIN), Mobile Money Identifiers (MMIDs), Indian Financial System Codes (IFSC), UPI app and related applications. Mr Diganta Bora, Assistant Registrar, Finance also made a presentation detailing the activity timeline of Finance Department, Dibrugarh University, highlighting significant milestones from 2009 to 2016. From the installation of MIS, e-Payment for admissions and bills, online application for convocation and online Dibrugarh University Research Admission Test (DURAT), Project Research Monitoring systems etc., gradual but significant evolutionary changes have shaped the Finance Department of DU towards ease of access, transparency of procedures and reliable system governance. Representatives from State Bank of India were also part of the meeting. They gave a presentation on promoting various Digital Products offered by the SBI. Owing to the recent changes in monetary policy of the country, the SBI has been making efforts to digitize banking and provide ease

of banking to a digital India. Mrs Tonmoyee Goswami Barthakur, Officer, SBI, presented the various Digital Products like State Bank Anywhere App, State Bank Buddy App, SBI Pay, SBI Green Channel Counters, State Bank Samadhan App (guide App for other Apps), that can bring in mass change in cashless transactions and flow of money. Mr Himadri Barman, Assistant Professor, Centre of Management Studies, DU concluded the meeting by giving a presentation on e-governance time-travelling through the evolution of e-administration to e-services to e-governance and eventually towards e-democracy. He stated the vision of National E-Governance Plan (NeGP) to make all government services easily accessible to all common people with efficiency, transparency and reliability. Mr Barman illustrated the existing steps taken by Government of Assam and Government of India by citing the establishment of Sahaj Arunoday Kendras/Centres in various places in Assam. Currently these Kendras operate in a majority of the states in India bringing the benefits of technology to citizens across the country. The Inaugural session was closed with a vote of thanks from



Mrs. Tonmoyee Goswami Borthakur.

Mr. Gunadeep Chetia.

Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Chairperson, Centre for Management Studies, Dibrugarh University. Dr. Rajkonwar proposed that the ideas and thoughts generated in the discussion can be put forth as practical planned proposals to bring

viable changes in terms of Good Governance in the University. Among other programmes as part of the Sushasan Divas, for popularizing digital transactions usage by citizens is also under way among the University stakeholders.

Another important activity that was conducted was a special awareness drive on mobile money transfer among the varsity fourth grade staff who reside on the East Campus of the University on December 30 and 31, 2016. The University as part of feedback received has decided to continue the awareness programmes by conducting more such activities in the New Year. The Government of Assam has also offered assistance to the University to promote digitization of services and its usage. It is worth mentioning that Dibrugarh University is aggressively digitizing its services including Online Admission, Online Project Monitoring, using Payment Gateways for submission of fees, etc.

Thirteenth Edition of *Sanmilan* 2016

The Thirteenth Edition of *Sanmilan*, the annual intellectual-cultural mega meet of the Centre for management Studies witnessed a three day extravaganza loaded with a heady mix of intellectual, cultural and social activities from November 18 to 20, 2016. *Sanmilan* 2016 centred on the theme ‘GST: The Ease of Doing Business in India’. Professor Subhransu Sekhar Sarkar, former Dean, School of Management Science, now a Professor, Tezpur University and a former faculty member of IIM, Shillong was the Chief Guest in *Sanmilan* 2016. In his captivating Key Note address, Professor Sarkar in his pedagogic best, brought the perspectives, academic and technical details and the far reaching implications of the goods and services Tax in a nation as vast and diverse as India. He drew particular attention to the administrative strategies that would be required for the successful execution of the GST from first April, 2017



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain lighting the ceremonial lamp along with Professor A. B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science and Professor Subhransu Sekhar Sarkar, Tezpur University.

which will be a game changer in one of the major economies of the world. Professor Ajanta B Rajkonwar, the Director of CMS and the Dean, School of Commerce and Management Science, extended a warm welcome to the audience that included prominent industrialists from the tea, oil and other sectors and also the alumni of the CMS now working in various corporate sectors. She reiterated the continuous endeavours of the CMS in creating quality human resources

for the industry. Highlighting the significance and the relevance of the new economic paradigm of the country, she emphasised on the need of an absolute understanding, appreciation and seamless execution of the GST regime in India. Earlier on, Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor, stated in his brief Inaugural Address that bringing in of the GST regime, is a part of a larger developing scenario for ushering in an age of Ease of



Doing Business in India. ‘Kosha Moola Danda’ Professor Buragohain said, referring to Chanakya, is still cardinal to Good Governance and is the basic underpinning element in the inauguration of GST in the ancient nation of Chanakya, who authored the Arthashastra in the fourth century, BC India. Professor Buragohain called upon the young generation of students to work hard with focus, dedication and integrity. He called upon the industries and the academia to work with a vigorous synergy for creation of a new ecosystem where industry and academia can open up

new vistas for the new generation of Indians and from the rest of the world to do business in India with ease making India an economic power of the world like never before. In several other programmes viz., the Manthan, Straight Talk, Bijamantra, Soft Skills Workshop, Entrepreneurship Workshop, Shristie, Clicke, Alumni Meet, Autumn Aura and Sparks, etc., eminent personalities like Mr. Sanjay Chaudhuri, DGM Accounting Policy, OIL, Mr. P. K. Chand, Chief Manager, Finance, BCPL, Mr. Prashant Gowande, IRS, Assistant Commissioner, Customs

and Central Excise, Dibrugarh, Mr. Pravin Jain, Chartered Accountant, Mr. Kishore Kumar, Director, Reforms, Prayas, Guwahati, Mr. Rajen Lagashu, General Manager, District Industries and Commerce Centre, Government of Assam, Dibrugarh, Mr. Mukul Kachari, Lead District Manager, UBI, Dibrugarh and the faculty members from the CMS, Department of Economics, Dr. Amar Mahanta, Dr. Pratim Barua and others made invigorating and stimulating presentations. There was a Photography and Crafts Exhibition by the students as well.

NCS Promotional Activities at DU

National Career Service (a mission mode project under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India). It is common, centralized platform to provide a wide range of career related service such as (1) Nationwide opportunities of Jobseeker/ Employer registration, (2) One stop shop for online career services, (3) Rich career content, (4) Self assessment tools and (5) Career counseling services. NCS promotional initiatives were initiated in Dibrugarh University from March 20 to March 24, 2017. Various academic Departments/



Students participating in the NCS promotional camp.

Centre were visited and interacted with Ph.D., PG and UG students of the University and demonstrated the use of NCS-www.ncs.gov.in portal for Jobseekers registration.

Group career guidance were also provided to students as a part of NCS promotion. Dibrugarh University authority has extended all the possible cooperation while propagating the NCS in the varsity. During the visit, 7 Departments (Pharmaceutical Science, Applied Geology, Life Sciences, Statistics, Sociology, Assamese and English) and 03 Centres (Biotechnology, Computer Sciences and Geography) were covered. Around 600 students were interacted during the career guidance activity sessions.

State Level Conclave on Duties and Responsibilities towards Protection of Child Rights

The Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR) organised a two day State Level Conclave on Duties and Responsibilities towards Protection of Child Rights, in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University and District Child Protection Unit Dibrugarh, on the 3rd and 4th March, 2017, at the Conference Hall of the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University. The inaugural function was held on the 3rd March, 2017, attended by Mrs Runumi Gogoi, Chairperson, ASCPCR, Professor Alak K Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Ms Laya Madduri, Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh, Ms Tehseen Alam from the UNICEF, Air Vice-Marshal (Retd.) Anjan Gogoi, Dr. Chiranjeeb Kakoty, Director, NESPYM, Mr. Stephen Ekka, Director, Pajhra and Mr. Gopal Sharma, member of ASCPCR. Professor Buragohain, Vice Chancellor formally inaugurated the conclave and emphasised on meaningful and effective deliberations towards a safe and healthy environment for the children on whose hands lies

the future of the nation. He also stressed upon the need to nurture the individual talent of each child rather than judging their capabilities on the basis of their competence and performance in a few academic areas. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Runumi Gogoi, where she pondered over many critical issues involving exploitation of children and the consequent violation of child rights. The Deputy Commissioner of Dibrugarh district, Ms Laya Madduri through her speech ensured all help from the administration to curb all hindrances of protection of child rights. Ms Tehseen Alam marked that Assam is the first state to observe a Child Protection Day. The two day Conclave witnessed participation of a considerable number of resource persons from law Colleges and Universities, the Legal Profession, Media, Police and youth in six technical sessions. The programme concluded on 4th March, 2017, the day marked as Child Protection Day by ASCPCR. The closing function was attended by Dr Ramesh Chandra Borpatragohain, Head, Department of Law, Gauhati University, Mr Pronoy Bordoloi,



Mrs. Runumi Gogoi, Chairperson, ASCPCR during her address.

noted media personality, officials from ASCPCR, students and faculty of the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University and other social workers. The formal part of the inaugural function ended with the pledge administered by Mrs Runumi Gogoi for complete dedication to work for the promotion of child rights. The conclave ended with a cultural programme involving participation by a child artist from Sivasagar, students of the Prerona Children's Home, Dibrugarh, Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Duliajan and by children of the members of the Dibrugarh University Ladies' Club.



Thirty Eighth Glorious Years of the Department of Commerce

Established in 1978, the Department of Commerce celebrated its glorious journey of 38 years of existence on 3rd November, 2016. The day long programme began with the hoisting of the Departmental flag by the Head of the Department Professor Ashit Saha. Professor Saha paid rich tributes to the founder faculties for their contributions and pledged to carry the torch forward to even newer height. Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences, shared her experiences and urged upon the students to be more responsive to the contemporary issues as they will play a major role in the nation building. Professor Pranjal Bezborah in his speech stated that we should march forward by taking into cognizance the experiences of the past and take pledge for doing better in the future. On this occasion, the member of the non teaching staff of the Department Mr. Bhogeswar Sonowal also spoke about his feelings about the Department. As a part of the programme, 38



Professor Ashit Saha, Head, Department of Commerce hoisting the Departmental Flag.

numbers of saplings were planted by the Faculties, Students and Research Scholars to mark the occasion. In the afternoon, the Foundation Day Talk was delivered by Mr. Pravin Kumar Jain, CA, Pravin Jain and Associate, Dibrugarh on the topic 'GST—an Overview' at Indira Miri Conference Hall. The officiating Vice Chancellor Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika along with the Deans of various Schools, faculties from the school of Commerce and Management Sciences and more than 110 students attended the Talk. While addressing the house, CA Pravin Jain emphasised on the prevailing system of Indirect Taxes. He informed the house that about 160 countries of the world have already adopted the GST. While he explained the constituents of Indirect Taxes, viz., Excise Duty, VAT, Service Tax and Custom Duty, he expressed concern about the problem of the existing system of Indirect Taxes mainly related to multiplicity of taxes, cascading of taxes, i.e. ,taxes on taxes, and non uniformity in the tax system across the country for which

GST has been introduced to simplify the indirect tax system, he added. He said that the GST is a destination based tax and thereby the consuming State will get benefit. Taxes to be subsumed under the GST have also been explained by him. He also focused about the taxes which do not come under the purview of GST and made interaction with the members of the house regarding the benefits of the GST. He made it clear to the house that the rates of tax will be same but the prices of the product may not be the same throughout the country. The Department of Commerce decided to take many initiatives in the coming months which include a seminar on Agricultural and Rural Marketing, Workshop on Case study writing and an alumni meet 'Sampark 2017' during the second week of February 2017 which will feature several activities in association with the alumni of the Department as reported by the Foundation Day Programme coordinator Dr. Chimun Kumar Nath of Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University.



Dr. Chimun Kumar Nath, Department of Commerce and Co-ordinator of the program during the tree plantation programme.

IQAC : Visioning Exercise

A Visioning Exercise by the faculty members of Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET) was presented on 22/03/2017 at Chintan. The Visioning Exercise was carried out under the aegis of the IQAC. The Visioning Exercise presented, is the culmination of a Co-creation engagement by all the faculty members of the DUIET under the stewardship of Professor Bhupati Das, Emeritus Professor, DUIET and CMS over the last six months. Professor A. K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor and Professor S. K. Ghosh, Director, IQAC, Dibrugarh University participated in the Visioning Exercise presentation. The details of the Visioning Exercise are in the IQAC portal of the DU website.



Visioning Exercise by the faculty members of Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology (DUIET) at Chintan, the conference hall of the office of the Registrar.

Winter School on Genetic Analysis of Complex Traits

A two day Winter School on Genetic Analysis of Complex Traits was organised by the Department of Anthropology in collaboration with the Human Genetics Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata on 21st and 22nd December in the Department. A large number of teachers and research scholars from various reputed academic institutions, viz., Gauhati University, Assam University, IIT Guwahati, Indian Council of Medical Research, NE Regional Centre, Abhayapuri College, D.H.S.K. College, N.L.B. City College, Margherita College, Silapathar Science College, Gogamukh College participated in the Winter School. The program was inaugurated by Professor A. K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University on 21st December at the Conference Hall

of the Department of Anthropology. Professor Sarthak Sengupta extended a warm welcome to the participants and the dignitaries. Professor Saurabh Ghosh, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata explained the relevance of the Winter School. Professor Samir Bhattacharjee, FINSIA, FNAS, FIAS,

Emiretus Professor, Vishwa Bharati University, West Bengal graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Professor N. K. Gogoi, Head of the Department presided over the inaugural session. Ms. Arindita Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, compered the



Participants of the two day Winter School on Genetic Analysis of Complex Traits.

session and also proposed the Vote of Thanks. The focus of the Workshop was to update the basic knowledge of Statistics, Human Genetics and Epidemiology, Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium and Allele Frequency Estimation, Illustration using Oral Cancer Data and Hands on Computer Exercise on Association Analysis using SPSS. Well-known faculty

members from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata—Professor Saurabh Ghosh, Professor Bidyut Roy, Dr. Raghunath Chatterjee and Dr. Abhik Ghosh acted as Resource Persons. The renowned Human Genetics and Genetic Epidemiologist Professor Partha Majumdar, FINSA, FIAS, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata presented his Valedictory Speech on

the topic ‘Concepts and Cautions in the Quest for Identifying Genomic Associations with Disease’. The Winter School successfully concluded on 22nd December where participants were awarded certificates. Ms. Geetanjali Devi, Assistant Professor of the host Department offered the formal Vote of Thanks.

Winter School on Research Methodologies in Social Sciences at DU

A week long Winter School on Research Methodology in Social Sciences began on January 8, 2017 at Dibrugarh University which was jointly organised by the University with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati. Research students from TISS and DU along with a group of students from The Universities of Bern and Zurich, Switzerland participated in the Winter School. Professor Sanjay Borbora of TISS, Guwahati, Professor Duncan McDuie-Ra from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, Dr. Doly Kikon of Melbourne University and a group of young faculty members of Dibrugarh University led by Mr. Chandan Sarma of the Department of History conducted the Winter

School as the Mentors. In the brief Inaugural function, attended by the Vice Chancellor, the Deans of the Schools, the Registrar and other faculty members, Mr. Chandan Sarma extended a warm welcome to the participants and the Mentors of the Winter School. Professor Sanjay Borbora of TISS, Guwahati, spoke briefly about the Winter School which is the third one this year after the first one held earlier in 2012. Professor Duncan, who has been involved with the Winter School over the years, drew the attention of the participating young research students to the unique features of the North East from the perspectives of research in Social Sciences. He also emphasised on the rigour of Field

Research. Dr. Doly Kikon who did her doctoral research on the North East at Stanford University, the USA, traced the genesis of the series of Winter School on Social Science Research with the initial support from her PhD Supervisor.

Earlier, Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor, appreciated the initiative of the TISS, Guwahati in organising the third Winter School in Social Sciences at Dibrugarh University. He made special mention about the significance of ‘peer team cross talks’ across disciplines, referring to the participating scholars from multiple institutions from within and outside the country with diverse academic backgrounds and experiences.

Scholars from abroad participating in the Winter School.



Working Place for DURSA

The Dibrugarh University Research Scholars' Association (DURSA), now has a working place which was formally inaugurated on 25th

January 2017 by Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. He was accompanied by Professor M. N.

Dutta, Registrar, D.U. and faculty members of different Departments and Centres for Studies and other Officers of the University. The program started with the formal inauguration of the office followed by a brief lecture regarding the beginning of the Association by Mr. Pranjit Kalita, Coordinating Secretary, DURSA. Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor addressed the Research Scholars and pointed out the importance of such Association. He also suggested a few activities that the Association should take in the near future for the betterment of the University and the society as a whole. The meeting was compered by Shri Bhaskarjyoti Baruah, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology on behalf of DURSA.



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain addressing the DURSA.

Start-up Ventures

Two Start-up ventures have been set up by the alumni of Dibrugarh University on its campus. *Green Agri-Biotech*-a Biopesticide and Biofertiliser producing venture and *KBQUBE*, an e-Solution providing Start-up by the alumni are commissioned in the Centre for Tea and Agro Technology and Centre for Computer Studies respectively. Both Start Ups have entered into a formal Memorandum of Agreements with Dibrugarh University.

Green Agri-Biotech- a Start Up Company setup by Mr. Abhijit Saikia, an alumni of the Department of Life Sciences has started production, packaging and marketing of several bio agri-products, especially targeting the organic Tea Plantation sector and

the general organic farming sector of the State.

KBQUBE, a registered start-up venture under Dibrugarh University Centre for Technology Innovation and Incubation, is a full-service Web Development Company specialized in web development, desktop application development, e-commerce, mobile development, web hosting and more offering an extensive range of Internet services to business houses and organizations. The Start Up has successfully created the e-Platform for online admission and online fee submission for Dibrugarh University. The Start Up has already attracted the attention of the affiliated Colleges of Dibrugarh University for similar assignments.



Sri Abhijit Saikia, showcasing the biopesticide and the biofertilizer products.



Exchange of Memorandum of Agreement between Dibrugarh University and KBQUBE.

Two more Start-Ups by the alumni of the University on Organic Tea and Tissue Culture of Orchids are on the anvil. It may be mentioned that Dibrugarh University is the only University in the North East where students have been enabled successfully to set up Knowledge based enterprises. The Centre for Innovation and Technology Innovation, the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Skill Development and the Intellectual Property Rights Cell of the University are providing necessary support to the enterprises.

Fifth Inter College Taekwondo Competition

The Fifth Inter-College Taekwondo Competition began on February 9th, 2017 at Dibrugarh University, which was organized by the Dibrugarh University Sports Board and the Centre for Studies in Physical Education and Sports. Altogether 105 participants from 32 Colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University from different parts of Upper Assam

participated in the competition. The inaugural function was held at the Bhimbora Deori Indoor Stadium, where Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor addressed the participants with a warm welcome. Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean, Students Affairs, Mr. Pankaj Borthakur, Deputy Controller of Examination, Dr. Mantu Baro, Director (i/c), D.U. Sports Board, Mr.

Diganta Bora, Assistant Registrar, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Anjan Chetia, General Secretary, Dibrugarh University Employees Association graced the inaugural function. This is for the fifth time the University has organised the Inter-College Taekwondo Competition on its Campus.

Participants of the Inter College Taekwondo Competition.



Outreach Programmes

Awareness Camp at Muttock Tea Estate, Lahoal

The Dibrugarh University Tea Tribes Student Society under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, organized an Awareness Camp at Muttock Tea Estate (Lahoal) on the 2nd of October, 2016, the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri. The Assam Tea Tribes Student Association, Lahoal Branch was also associated with the organization of the programme in the auditorium of the garden. The meeting was attended by around 300 residents comprising young students and senior of the community. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by Dayananda Shah, Chairman, S. K. S. Academy, Lahoal and Namita Nayak, Assistant Teacher, Teliapatti L. P. School. About 250 persons comprise of students and local people attended the function. Earlier, the organizers, which included around forty students and faculty members of the tea tribe studying and teaching in Dibrugarh University, participated in a cleanliness drive in Lahoal as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. To commemorate the occasion various competitions like those of drawing, recitation and open quiz were also organized among school students. The Quiz was conducted by Mr. Amir Barhoi, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics. About 50 students participated in the competitions. Mr. Barhoi also motivated the students and people by giving a short speech on education, health and hygiene.

Quite a few successful candidates of the 2016 HS and HSLC examination were felicitated by the organizers. The programme which was anchored by Ms. Dipawoli Kurmi, of the third semester student of the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University included speeches by Munu Tasa of the Department of Commerce, Kumar Pan Tanti, Research Assistant, Centre for Women's Studies, Binay Munda, Assistant Professor, Moran College, Tutumoni Patnaik, Assistant Teacher, Chabua High School, Girish Gowala, Member of Assam Tea Tribe Student Association and by social workers, Lakhi Prasad Karmakar and Boloram Kurmi. The speeches centered around topics related to sanitation and hygiene, education and economic self-sufficiency. In the interaction session initiated by Haricharan Bhumij, a 3rd semester student of the Department of Chemistry, Dibrugarh University various problems faced by the students of the tea community were discussed. The students and faculty from Dibrugarh University shared their personal experiences of their struggle

from their homes to the highest level of education. The students and guardians were apprised of various financial schemes available for the education of tea community students. Other highlights of the programme included a street play scripted by Munu Tassa on economic self-sufficiency, performance of Jhumur by Doli Kurmi of the Department of History, Dibrugarh University and Hariprasad Bhuyan from Muttock Tea Estate. Before the conclusion of the programme a committee was formed from amongst the local residents of Muttock Tea Estate to monitor the preparation of the candidates for the 2017 HS and HSLC examination and to coordinate on the same with the organizers. The audience was served tea and lunch during the course of the programme, which ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Haricharan Bhumij. Mr. Bhumij in his address lauded the guidance received from the Chairperson and faculty of the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University towards successful organization of the programme.



Initiatives

DU adopts Online Payment Method

Dibrugarh University adopts

cashless transactions in every financial and business conduct. Now the students of the University can pay their fees online through an e-payment gateway available on the Dibrugarh University Online Services Portal (<https://dibru.online>). Through this online portal the students can also keep track of their payment history and find notifications on time regarding their dues. Now it is easy for the Finance and Accounts Branch of the University to easily prepare fee payment report and detect any payment defaulter within a minute with the single click of a mouse. The University is also making provision for other stakeholders to make online payment through the same portal. In fact, from the academic session 2016-2017, the University has been using online Application Submission System for Admission, Convocation

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and Research Admission Test (DURAT) where payment gateway is integrated to enable online payment. Now, no candidate has to come to the University campus and stand in Bank or department's queue while applying for admission. This process has reduced a lot of paper work on the part of the University and made the system more efficient, accurate and transparent. The most important and unique feature of the Online Payment System adopted

by Dibrugarh University is that neither the stakeholder nor the University has to pay any transaction charge while paying through online modes like credit card, debit card, Internet Banking etc. As a result of an agreement between the Payment Gateway Provider, the Bank and Dibrugarh University, the transaction charges fixed by RBI for online transactions have been totally waived off for Dibrugarh University and all its stakeholders. Dibrugarh University has also hired a few Point of Sale (POS) terminals from Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India to accept payment through cards at selected locations. Thus with the implementation of Online Portal and POS terminals, the university is aiming for 100% cashless transactions in its financial and business conducts within a few days.

DU Moves towards Clean Environment

In a major move towards improving

the overall environment of the Dibrugarh University campus, the University formally commissioned the new market complex, the DU Haat, the Key Resource Centre under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and a Vermicompost facility. Inaugurating the new market complex on its campus, Smti Laya Madduri, IAS, the Deputy Commissioner of Dibrugarh district lauded the effort of the Dibrugarh University in renovating one of its old buildings into a modern



Inauguration of the Key Resource Centre by Golabi Balmiki, the oldest sanitation worker of the University.

market complex. She called upon the shop-keepers who are shifting their shanty shops on the road side along the national highway to the new complex, to maintain cleanliness by adopting solid waste management system and making it completely polythene and plastic free. She also called upon the shop owners to adopt digital mode of transaction. The Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and the student representatives, faculty members and officials of the University addressed the gathering. The Key Resource Centre—one of the eight set up in Assam under the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan was inaugurated by Golabi Balmiki, the oldest sanitation worker of the University. Smti Laya



Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Smt. Laya Madduri, Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh District at DU Haat, the new market complex.

Madduri, the Deputy Commissioner of Dibrugarh district also inaugurated a Vermicompost unit set up in the Botanical Garden of the University.

New Facilities at the Centre for Computer Studies

A Language Lab with state of the art facilities was formally inaugurated today at the Centre for Computer Studies. Inaugurating the facility, Professor Bhupati Das, Emeritus Professor of the University told

that the Language Lab shall be a boon to the student community in enhancing their communication skill in English. Essentially a self learning system, the Language Lab shall also help the international students

of the University who are from the non-English speaking countries. The Language Lab has facilities for learning several other languages like Spanish, German, French, Chinese, etc. Professor Alak K Buragohain, the Vice Chancellor appreciated the initiative of the Centre in setting up the facility which is also a necessary requirement for the Centre in line with the guideline of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Earlier, Professor Surajit Borkotokey, the Chairperson of the Centre for Computer Studies extended a warm welcome to the gathering. A Digital Library was also inaugurated for the Centre by Professor Buragohain. The in house facility shall enable the students of the centre to access a good number of e-books and journals. The operational software for the Digital Library was developed by Shri Pranjal Bhumij, one of the students of the Centre.



Professor Bhupati Das, Emeritus Professor, Dibrugarh University inaugurating the Language Lab.

In-House Chapters

Department of Applied Geology

An International Meet on Majuli

On 25th November, 2016, an ‘International Meet on Majuli’ was organized jointly by the Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG), DU Chapter and ‘Inter-disciplinary Research Cell’ of the Office of the Dean (R&D), DU.



Professor Robert James Wasson is expressing his grave concern on the uncertain future of Majuli.

Theme of the meet was ‘Towards a System Dynamics Analysis of Environmental and Human Interactions in the Brahmaputra Valley with a Particular Focus on Majuli’. The meet was meant for promoting inter-disciplinary research on Majuli. Professor Robert James Wasson, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; Dr. Chuah Chong Joon, Research Associate, Institute of Water Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Dr. Navarun Varma, Associate Fellow, Centre for Global Environment Research, Earth Science and Climate Change Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi were the key speakers. Faculty members and Research Scholars from a number of Departments and Centres for

Studies participated in the deliberations. The meet was meant for preparing the ground to take up inter-institutional and multi-disciplinary project in tune with the effective operationalization of the National Disaster Management Plan 2016. The 2016 Indian Disaster Management Plan follows the internationally agreed Sendai Framework-2015 for Disaster Risk Reduction, and aims at substantial reduction of disaster risk and loss of lives, livelihoods and health in all sectors of Indian society, including economic, infrastructure, social, cultural and environmental assets, by the year 2030.

DU Chapter of SPG

On 4th November, 2016, Mr. G. V. J. Rao, Head, Geophysics Division, OIL, Duliajan and President, Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG) Duliajan was invited by the DU Chapter of the SPG to deliver a lecture on ‘Future of Oil Exploration and the role of Geophysicists’. Besides reorganization of the SPG, DU Chapter, the latest issue of the South East Asian Journal of Sedimentary Basin Research (SEAJSSBR) (ISSN 2320-6829) was released. Mr. Bidyut Baruah, M.Tech (Exploration Geophysics) programme was selected unanimously as the General Secretary of the body for the session 2016-17. On 22nd November, 2016, SPG, Dibrugarh University Chapter organized three programmes simultaneously which drew participants from more than ten (10) Departments of Dibrugarh University. ‘Cognizance’, a Short Film competition attracted four entries; ‘Click On’ a still photography (both black and white and colour) and ‘Crack Me’ a quiz competition conducted by the professional quiz master Mr. Abhisekh Rana Bora. Total prize money for all the events was around Rs. 10,000/-.

Department of Assamese

Lecture and Seminar

- Seventh Dr. Mahendra Bora Memorial lecture was organized by the Department on 27 March, 2017. Dr.

Ram Kumar Mukhopadhyay delivered the lecture on *Modern Trend in Literary Criticism*.



Dr. Ram Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Nagen Saikia and Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika at the Lecture session.



Birth Centenary Seminars of the renowned short story writer Sneha Devi.

- A two-day seminar on the occasion of the Birth Centenary Seminar of the renowned short story writer Sneha Devi was organized by the Department in

collaboration with Sahitya Academi on 27-28 March, 2017.

Department of Commerce

National Seminar on Agricultural Marketing in India

SA National Seminar on 'Agricultural Marketing in India' was organized by the Department at Indira Miri Auditorium on 30-03-2017 under UGC-SAP-(DRS-I). The Seminar was inaugurated by Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences and gave a very thought provoking inaugural address. There after the Welcome Address was delivered by the Coordinator of UGC-SAP(DRS-I), Professor A. Saha. Professor Bhabotosh Banerjee, former Dean, Commerce and Management, University of Calcutta delivered his addressed on the subject. Followed by a speech by the Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences Professor Ajanta B. Rajknowar, the Keynote Address was delivered by Professor Navin Mathur, Professor, Department of Business Administration, Rajasthan University. There were two Technical Sessions, in the first Technical Session seven research papers were presented. The session was

chaired by Professor Bhabotosh Banerjee, A very lively and meaningful discussion followed at the end of the Technical Session. The second Technical Session was chaired by Professor Navin Mathur. In all 8 papers were accepted for presentation. After the presentation, Professor Mathur who is the UGC nominated SAP Advisor made critical observation on the work presented and appreciated the efforts of the young research students. had very highly appreciated the paper presenters. The session ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Bipasha Chetiya Barua, Assistant Professor.

Distinguished Visitors

Professor Suvasis Saha, Professor of Marketing, Department of Business Management, University of Calcutta delivered lectures in the Department as Visiting Fellow under UGC-SAP-DRS-I Scheme from 19-24 March, 2017 on the following broad areas:

- Research Methodology: for M.Phil and Ph.D Scholars.
- Marketing related topics: for M.Com. (Marketing) group.

Professor Bhabotosh Banerjee, Retired Professor and Dean of Commerce, University of Calcutta delivered lectures in the Department as Visiting Fellow under UGC-SAP-DRS-I Scheme from 28-31 March, 2017 on the following broad areas:

- Research Methodology: Scholar in Residence Programme for M.Phil. and Ph.D Scholars.
- Cost of Capital.
- Capital Budgeting and decision making.



Orientation Workshop

A One-Day Orientation Workshop on 'Action Research' and 'Understanding Self' was organized by the Department on February 9, 2017 for the Principals and faculty members of the institutions affiliated to Dibrugarh University offering Two-Year B.Ed programme. The objective of the Workshop



was to orient the teacher educators towards the pedagogy and transactional strategies to be adopted for dealing with the courses of B.Ed programme on 'Action Research' and 'Understanding Self'. Dr. P. K. Gogoi, Head, Department of Education coordinated the Workshop. Professor Mukut Hazarika, Professor (Mrs.) Neeta Kalita Barua, Dr. (Mrs.) Manashee Gogoi and Dr. Pranjal Buragohain acted as the Resource Persons in the Workshop.

Celebration of National Education Day

The Department of Education observed the National Education Day on November 11, 2016 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India. The faculty members, guests, research scholars and students of the Department deliberated on a number of issues related to present educational scenario of India. Dr. P. K. Gogoi, Head, Department of Education, presided over the meeting. Professor L. K. Nath, Dean, Science and Engineering, Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean, Students

Affairs and a number of faculty members from other Departments participated in the programme.

Community Work

A 'Community Work' activity was performed by the students of the Department at Natun Bolai Janajati High School Campus, from February 3 to February 7, 2017. During the community work, the students of the Department cleaned the whole campus of the school along with beautification. A Shram Dan programme was organised and repaired the entrance road of the School, where the school students also took part. The B.Ed teachers were assigned some students (each group 30 students) and according to that they performed some activities with the students. A plantation programme around the school campus was organised as a part of the programme. An Educational Awareness Rally was also organised by the B.Ed Students on the last day of the programme. They



made a survey of the village. By 1:30 pm on the last day, a programme was also organized where all the people of the community along with the teaching and non-teaching employees of M. E and High School were invited which was held at Natun Bolai Janajati High School. In the programme, the school students of both the schools (ME School and N.B.J.H.S) participated whole heartedly and showcased whatever they have learnt during the period of community work.

Seminar

- ◆ A National Seminar on *North East since Independence: Society, Polity and Economy with Special Reference to Assam* was organized by Department on 3-4 March, 2017.

Distinguished Guest

Professor B. D. Chattopadhyay, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, delivered a series of lectures on Ancient Indian History under SAP-DRS II in the Department of History from 7-12 November, 2016.

Department of **Mathematics**

National Seminar

The Department organized a National Seminar on Mathematical Modeling on Applied Sciences (NSMMAS-2017) on 14th March, 2017. Professor Uma Basu, Dept. of Applied Mathematics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, Professor (Retd.) B. N. Mandal, ISI, Kolkata delivered lectures on *Mathematical Modeling on Applied Sciences*. About 43 participants from various universities and colleges took part in the seminar and presented their research works. Selected papers will appear as Proceedings by the end of this year.



Department of **Political Science**

Awareness Generation Programme on Human Rights

An Awareness Generation Programme on Human Rights, sponsored by the National Human Rights Commission was organized jointly by the Department of Political Science and the Centre for Juridical Studies on March 23, 2017. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. M. H. Barbhuiyan, Assistant District Judge of Dibrugarh. The speakers were, Dr. Girin Phukon, Retired Professor of Dibrugarh University, Dr. Bolin Hazarika, Retired Professor of J.B. College, Jorhat, Ms Nazrana Ahmed, Advocate and Social

Activist, and Mr. Saumyadeep Dutta of Nature's Beckon. The themes covered by the speakers during the programme included Environmental Security, Women's Rights, Basic Doctrines and Evolution of the Concept of Human Rights and the Relation Between the State and Human Rights.

Invited Lectures

Professor Girin Phukon, Retired Professor of Dibrugarh University delivered two talks on 'Ethnic Solidarity' and 'Research Methodology' on 20-2-2017.

Department of **Sociology**

International Women's Day

The Department of Sociology observed the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2017. On this occasion the Department invited Dr. Sewali Borbora, Retired Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, MDK Girls College, Dibrugarh, Jennifer Shaheen Hussain, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, Dibrugarh University and Harriet Mwinga, International Student of Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, Dibrugarh University to share their thoughts and experiences on Women and Womanhood with the students. Professor Jyoti Prasad Saikia, chaired the session and gave the

introductory remarks and Professor Pranjal Sarma shared his views on the observance of the day. Dr. Sewali Borbora in her deliberation spoke about the struggle of women and Transformation to Women Empowerment in the present. Jennifer Shaheen Hussain in her address stressed upon the importance of Gender Equality and Gender Justice, especially at workplace. Ms Harriet Mwinga, an international student of the University from Zambia, shared her experience of enlightened Zambian women in the present day and their awareness about their own status in the society. She also stated the importance of self-empowerment among women by creating their own opportunities to grow, rise and make the world a better place to live in.

Distinguished Visitors

- ◆ Professor Jayprakash M. Trivedi, Department of Sociology, Sardar Patel University, Gujarat on 24-02-2017 delivered a lecture on ‘Perspectives of Sociology’.
- ◆ Professor P. S. Vivek, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 27-03-2017 delivered a lecture on ‘Academic Research and Writing Skill’.
- ◆ Anuradha Sarma Pujari, eminent writer shared her life experience in the Department on 28-03-2017.

Department of Statistics

National Seminar

A two-day national seminar titled “Recent Trends in Theoretical and Applied Statistics – II (RTTAS – II)” under the UGC SAP DRS – II was organized by the Department during 24-25 March, 2017. The seminar was inaugurated by Professor Alak K. Buragohain, the Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. Professor Buragohain in his inaugural speech highlighted the changing scenario of different disciplines with the aid of Statistics and Computer Technology. Before the inaugural speech, Professor J. Hazarika, the coordinator of SAP-DRS-II in his welcome address briefly mentioned the status of the Department particularly in the context of teaching and research. Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Professor (Retd.), Rajasthan University and Dr. K. K. Singh, Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, were the guests of honour. They highlighted the recent trends of statistics with examples from real world. This session was followed by the key note address of Professor D. K. Ghosh, UGC BSR Faculty Fellow, Saurashtra University. After the talk of Professor Ghosh, a special session on “Students paper presentation



cum competition” was conducted under his chairmanship. Sixteen students belong to different Departments/Centres of Dibrugarh University and affiliated colleges under Dibrugarh University took part in this event. The two judges for this session were Dr. K. Dutta, Professor (Retd.), Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University and Dr. R. N. Mishra, Professor, Patna University. The best paper presenter award was won by Ms. Devangi Hazarika Singha, Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University. There were six Technical Sessions held in three different venues in two day programme of which three Technical sessions were held simultaneously on both Day 1 and Day 2. Apart from these Technical Sessions, a plenary discussion on the topic “Big data and Analytics” was held at the Conference Hall, Department of Statistics of Dibrugarh University on Day 1. This programme was open for all participants and was chaired by Professor S. C. Kakaty. Besides the faculty members of the Department, the other panelists from sister Departments and other universities were Professor D. K. Ghosh, Professor K.K. Das, Professor G. C. Hazarika, Professor S. Borkotoky, Professor R. N. Mishra and Mr. Ujjal Saikia (Photo 2). Different panelist gave their views on big data and importance of statistics in analysing it. In the second day of the National seminar Professor K. K. Das gave a very fruitful lecture on “Application of Circular Statistics on the occurrence of Health Disease”. The Registrar of Dibrugarh University, Professor M.N. Dutta was the guest of honour of the Valedictory Session. In his speech he appreciated the Department of Statistics for maintaining the continuity in organizing such type of programmes like workshops, seminars and talks throughout the years.

Centre for Studies in Behavioural Science

World Down Syndrome Day

The Centre observed the World Down Syndrome Day on 21st March, 2017. A special program was organized on the occasion at the Centre for promoting and creating awareness about Down syndrome. A special lecture was

delivered by Mr Rituraj Gogoi, Assistant Professor of the Centre on the ‘Down Syndrome’ and its clinical features. The lecture covered different facets of Down Syndrome like chromosomal abnormalities, misconception about child abilities, stigmatizing the child etc. It also discussed

about mothers emotional conditions and the difficulties in taking care of such children. This was followed by an open discussion on the topic by other faculty members and the students of the Centre on the origin, name and causes of the Down syndrome Disorder and its significance for observing the day. There was also a screening of a documentary on Down Syndrome named “Perfections in Imperfect Lives”. This documentary highlighted that Down Syndrome is not a disability, with special training programmes, care and societal support a person with Down Syndrome can live a beautiful and productive life.

World Health Day

On the occasion of World Health Day 7th April, 2017, the Centre organized a programme to celebrate the same. As per this year’s WHO theme ‘Depression: Let’s Talk’, the aim of the programme was to create awareness and understanding among the students and their role as mental health professionals in the near future. There were presentation made by students on Depression, its clinical features and interventions which was followed by an open discussion among the students and the faculty members.

Centre for **Biotechnology and Bioinformatics**

Workshop

A three-day workshop on ‘Current Methodology in Applied Biological Sciences’ was held from 20th to 22nd March, 2017 at the Centre for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (CBB), Dibrugarh University. The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (DBT-GOI) and organised by the DBT-Institutional-level Biotech Hub (IBT-Hub) of the Centre. The workshop was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, who extrapolated on the significance and necessity of both in-depth knowledge and multidisciplinary perspective to address research problems in the broad field of Biotechnology. Professor

Lahari Saikia, Department of Microbiology, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, was invited as the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session and the external Resource Person of the Workshop. Fifty participants from different colleges, research scholars participated in the workshop.

Distinguished Visitors

- ◆ Professor Samir Bhattacharya, FNA, FNASc, ASINSA National Professor, Professor Emeritus, School of Life Sciences, Viswa Bharati University, West Bengal visited the Centre.
- ◆ Dr. Suvendra Kumar Ray, Professor and Head Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University, visited the Centre.

Centre for **Studies in Geography**

Workshop on Big Data Analytics

The Centre had organized a workshop on ‘Big Data Analytics’ in collaboration with IBM, Kolkata and Convergence Systems and Services Pvt. Ltd., GHY on 11.04.2017 in the Sri Sri Aniruddhadev Bhawan. Mr. Himanshu Shekhar, General Manager, IBM Kolkata, Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Analytics Architect, IBM Kolkata, Mr. Vamshi Krishna, Analytics Architect, IBM Kolkata, Ms. Chitrakshi Gaur, Analytics Seller, IBM Kolkata and Mr. Partha Pratim Gohain, Expert, Convergence Systems & Services Pvt. Ltd., GHY were present as resource persons in the workshop. The workshop was organized in two sessions and there were nearly 60 no. of participants in that workshop including faculty, research scholars and students from various Department/ Centre.

Language Lab

The Language Lab of the Dibrugarh University was inaugurated by Professor Bhupati Das, Emeritus Professor of the University in the Centre for Computer Studies on 05.11.2016. Professor A. K. Buragohain, Vice-Chancellor, D.U. and faculty members from various Departments and Centres were present in the event. The Language Lab has facilities to develop the listening and communication skills as well as provides access to native-speakers via audio-video aids so that they learn correctly and learning several other languages like Spanish, German, French, Chinese etc.

Distinguished Visitors

Professor Malay Ananda Dutta, Department of Computer

Science & Engineering, Tezpur University delivered a talk on 'Hard Problems in Computer Application' on 04.11.2016. Around 90 students from the Centre

for Computer Studies, D.U. and Computer Science & Engineering Branch, DUIET were present in the talk.

Centre for **Studies in Geography**

Workshop on Geospatial Technologies

It is a matter of great privilege for the Centre for Studies in Geography, Dibrugarh University to have successfully organized a brilliant and informative workshop on a very latest field of Application of Geospatial Technologies within a time frame of six days from 26th March, 2017 to 31st March, 2017. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce the scholars with the different GIS tools and softwares, its handling, usage and application in various aspects. The workshop was glorified by the presence of eminent skilled resource persons and around 22 scholars from different fields. The resource persons involved in this workshop were Dr. Narayan Chetry of Cotton University, Guwahati; Dr. Dhanjit Deka of B. Barooah College, Guwahati; Dr. Dhurba Jyoti Saharia of Guwahati University; Dr. Ajanta Goswami of IIT Roorkee and Dr. Shukla Acharjee and Mr. Rituraj Neog of Dibrugarh University. The participants were enhanced with both theoretical and practical knowledge in respect of handling GPS, application of different tools viz. ERDAS

Imagine Software, Ilwis, ArcGIS, and QGIS for preparing maps and finally followed by test on the respective class discussion.

Distinguished Visitors

The following eminent persons have been visited the Centre different time frame:

- Professor AnupSaikia, Head, Dept of Geography, Gauhati University.
- Dr. Ajanta Goswami, Department of Earth Science, IIT Roorkee.
- Dr. SantanuSarma, Department of Geology, Cotton University.
- Dr. Narayan Chetry, Department of Geography, Cotton University.
- Dr. Dhruvajyoti Saharia, Department of Geography, Gauhati University.



Centre for **Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication**

Major Activities

- ◆ The Centre organised Dr. Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture on 25th October, 2016 to observe his 92nd birth anniversary. Patricia Mukhim, Padmashree recipient and Editor, 'Shillong Times' delivered the key note speech.
- ◆ Dr. Gayatri Gogoi, MD in Pathology, Assam Medical

College, Dibrugarh, Assam delivered a talk on breast cancer awareness on 8th November 2016. The talk was organised for the post-graduate students of Public Affairs specialisation in Mass Communication. These students will conduct a campaign on breast cancer awareness among the women's hostels of Dibrugarh University in 2017.

- ◆ The centre observed National Press Day on 16 November, 2016. A lecture was delivered by Jennifer Shaheen Hussain, Assistant professor, CSJMC, DU on 'Citizen Journalism and Digital Curation: Shaping a Democracy'.
- ◆ Renowned Assamese journalist Manoram Gogoi delivered a lecture on News Writing, Media and Journalism at the centre on 22 February, 2017.
- ◆ A workshop on Writing Skills Development exclusively for the centre's students was conducted from 14-25 March, 2017. Dr. Rantottama Das, Assistant Professor, Department of MIL and Literary Studies, Delhi University, Mr. Diganata Oza, Executive Editor, Prag News and various faculties from the Centre as well as from other Departments and Centres of humanities, social sciences and education were resource persons for this workshop.
- ◆ Dr. Ankuran Dutta, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Communication and Journalism, Guwahati University delivered a lecture on Media Literacy and Media Education in Classrooms on 16 March, 2017.
- ◆ Anuradha Sharma Pujari, Writer and Editor, 'Sadin', had an interactive session on Creative Writing, News Writing and Print Industry in Assam with the students on 29 March, 2017.
- ◆ Mrinal Talukdar, Renowned Journalist and Editor,



Mrinal Talukdar, renowned journalist & Editor, DY365 delivering his lecture.

DY365 conducted a week long workshop with the students on "Broadcast Journalism : Newsroom to Classroom" from 27 March – 1 April, 2017

- ◆ A National Seminar on 'The Brahmaputra: Prospects, Potential and its Future Conservation Needs' was organised by Assam Government in collaboration with the Centre on 1 April, 2017 in the University campus.
- ◆ A special lecture on 'Press Freedom and Changing Media Landscapes' delivered on 3rd May, 2017 on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day by Sushanta Talukdar, eminent Indian journalist and Editor, NEZINE and former Assistant Editor, 'The Hindu'.
- ◆ A two day workshop for the students was conducted by Sushanta Talukdar on 4th and 5th May, 2017 on 'New Media: Scope and Challenges in North East India and Content generation for New Media'.

Centre for **Juridical Studies**

Awareness Generation Programme

An Awareness Generation Programme on Human Rights Issues Sponsored by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, was organized jointly by the Centre for Juridical Studies and Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, on the 23rd day of March, 2017 at the Indira Miri Conference Hall, Dibrugarh University.

Special Talk

A Special Talk on GST in India was held in the Seminar Hall of the Centre for Juridical Studies, Dibrugarh University on 16/02/2017 in which Professor D. K. Chakraborty, Head, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University and Dr. A. Mahanta, Chairperson, CJS, DU and Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University acted as the Resource Persons.

Distinguished Visitors

Professor P. Ishwara Bhatt, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences delivered an Invited Lecture in the Centre for Juridical Studies, Dibrugarh University on the theme 'Balancing of Competing Interest in the Domain of Freedom of Speech and Expression' on 17th of November, 2016.



Centre for **Studies in Language**

Major Activities

- ◆ Bodo Department building foundation stone laying



Prof. M. N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University during foundation stone laying function of the Bodo Department.

programme was organised on 8th March 2017. The foundation stone laying ceremony was preceded by Professor M. N. Dutta, Registrar, Dibrugarh University. Later Professor Bhim Kanta Boruah, Director, Centre for Studies in Language; General Secretary Bodo Sahitya Sabha Mr. Kamala Kanta Mushahary; Vice President Mr. Bisweswar Basumatary; Newly selected Bodo Sahitya Sabha President Mr. Taren Chandra

Boro; General Secretary Mr. Prasanta Boro; Mr Rabi Sankar Borgoyary, Education Director; Mr. Rabin Mushahary, Secretary Bodoland Territorial Council were also laid the stone. The following members were also co-operated at the function, Mrs Bibha Rani Narzary President, All Bodo Women Welfare Federation; Mr Gopinath Borgoyary, Ex-General Secretary, Bodo Sahitya Sabha; Mr. Dipak Basumatary Vice President, Baksa District Bodo Sahitya Sabha; Mr. Jaypal Singh Brahma, IS, Chirang; Mr Biswajit Brahma; Dr. Pratima Brahma, Assistant Professor of Bodo Department; Mrs Am Chon Gohain; Mr Medini Madhab Mohan, Teaching Assistant of Tai Language and Office Bearer of the Centre for Studies in Language; members of District Bodo Sahitya Sabha (Dibrugarh, Dhemaji and Lakhimpur) were also laid stone for the building; Bodo Sahitya Sabha office bearer Mr. Bichitra Narzary; 1st batch of Bodo Department's students and members of the University community

- ◆ A lecture programme was conducted on 4th April 2017 on 'Learning of French through Songs and Poems', delivered by Dr. Binod Kr Gogoi, Retired Chief Scientist, NEIST, Jorhat, Assmam.

Centre for **Management Studies**

Faculty Development Programme

The Centre for Management Studies in collaboration with ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd. has organized an exclusive one day Faculty Development Programme/Workshop for the benefit of the faculty members of Dibrugarh University on 06.03.17 at Indira Miri Conference Hall. The sessions were handled by the industry experts and Chartered Accountants of ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd. The initiation and implementation of the Goods and Services Act, the economic factors shaping the career development opportunities in the countries and planning and strategizing education for profession oriented life goals were elaborately and critically discussed.

Distinguished Visitors

- ◆ Professor Subhrangshu S. Sarkar had an interactive

session with the students of Management under CMS on on Life cycle costing, Target Costing, Activity Based Costing/Activity Based Management and Theory of Constraints.

- ◆ Professor S. Saha, Kolkata University visited CMS and delivered a talk on Research Methodology to the students of 2nd Semester MBA under CMS on 21.03.17 and 22.03.17 at 12.30 p.m. Faculties and students alike attended the same and were enriched with the avenues and tools used in research for social sciences.

Mr. Manoj Basumatary, CEO and Founder, Symbiotic Foods Pvt. Ltd., interacted with the students of Management and delivered a talk on Entrepreneurship for a two hour session.

Workshops

- ◆ A 10 day long Theatre Workshop on Acting Method of Michal Chekhov was conducted for the students of M.A. 3rd Semester under the supervision of Gunamoni Boruah, theatre director, actor and a NSD graduate, from 22nd to 31st October, 2016.
- ◆ A 13 day long Theatre Workshop on Sceneography was organized for the students of M.A. 3rd Semester under the supervision of the renowned theatre director, designer and a NSD graduate Sajal Mondal from Sundarban, West Bengal, from 14th to 26th November, 2016.
- ◆ A Theatre Workshop on Acting Practical was conducted for the students of M.A. 1st Semester under the supervision of Himangshu Prashad Das, actor, director and a NSD graduate, from 15th to 21st November, 2016.
- ◆ The Drama section of the Centre organized a 30 day long production oriented Theatre Workshop in collaboration with Naboday Yubak Sangha in Jorhat from 13th January, 2017 to 11th February, 2017 at Kahum Jugenia Gaon, Jorhat. The Workshop was a successful attempt in creating creative consciousness among the upcoming youths in the village area and the University had extended its financial assistance for making the event a success. Professor Jiten Hazarika, Dean, Students' Welfare, Dibrugarh University was present in the final show organized on the occasion.
- ◆ A 25 day long production oriented Workshop was conducted for the students of M.A. 4th Semester under the supervision of Jyoti Narayan Nath, actor, director and a NSD graduate, from 13th March, 2017 to 6th April, 2017. After completion of the workshop the



A scene from the play Macbeth.

play 'Macbeth' by Shakespeare was staged on 12th April, 2017 under his direction. It was a successful orientation in the field of stagecraft, costume and direction. The logistics of the immortal dramatist had enlightened the performers how to exploit critical psychological situations to the utmost advantage of their delivery in the performing text on the stage.

- ◆ A 13 day long production oriented workshop was conducted for the students of M.A. 2nd Semester under the supervision of Dulal Roy, eminent theatre director, from 30th March, 2017 to 11th April, 2017. After completion of the workshop, the play 'Andhayug' by Dharambir Bharati was staged on 11th of April, 2017. The play 'Andhayug' is one of the significant plays in the modern Indian Drama and has been translated into many of the Indian Languages. In Assamese it has been translated by Dulal Roy. The playwright has adopted the mythical background from the Kurukshetra War of the Mahabharata and reinterpreted the context to highlight the issues of contemporary post-war situations of human civilization. The play is purely a poetic play and it extremely benefitted the students to work under an able director who has been awarded the Sangeet-Natak Akademi award for his excellence in the field of direction.
- ◆ A workshop on 'Musicology and Evaluation of Indian Music' was conducted for the students of M.A. 3rd Semester under the supervision of Dr. Amit Verma, Assistant Professor, Bisva Bharati University, Kolkata from 17th to 27th October, 2016.
- ◆ A 15 day Bhaona Workshop was organized on 'Ram Vijay' which was performed by the students of M.A. 1st Semester (Theatre Art and Sattriya Dance) from 22nd September, 2016 to 4th October, 2016. The workshop was collaborated by Sangeet Natak Akademy, New Delhi and was directed by Haricharan Bhuyan Borbayan, veteran Sattriya artist from Uttar Kamalabari Sattri, Majuli.

Second Ajit Baruah Memorial Lecture

The Second Ajit Baruah Memorial Lecture was organized on 7th April at the Indira Miri Conference Hall of Dibrugarh University under joint collaboration of Ajit Baruah Anuragi Samaj, Guwahati and Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Studies in Performing Arts of the University (BHCSA). The Lecture was delivered by Professor Nagen Saikia, former Bezbaroa Chair Professor as well as

former President of Assam Sahitya Sabha. The programme started at 4 pm with the Welcome Speeches delivered by Dr. Pranjit Bora, Chairperson, BHCSA of the University and Rajib Baruah, President, Ajit Baruah Anuragi Samaj, Guwahati. The Lecture session was chaired by Professor Karabi Deka Hazarika, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University. In his lecture, Professor Saikia described Ajit Baruah as the iconic figure to bring tremendous changes that were responsible for the exactly modernist trend in Assamese poetry. Discussing in detail the varied thematic as well as stylistic features dominant in Ajit Baruah's discourse, Professor Saikia said that Ajit Baruah successfully weaved in his poetry the magical association of the reason and emotions. The Lecture was preceded by recitals of Ajit Baruah's poems in English, Assamese and Mishing respectively, and also by the performance of his popular number, 'Aakashar Paar Bhangi Name' by Bhaskar and Parinita from the music section of BHCSA of the University. The Lecture session was soon followed by a Poets' Meet where a number of poets from different parts of Assam had read out their own poetry.

Sonal Mansingh at the Centre

Sonal Mansingh, a maestro of Indian Dance, a Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, interacted with the students of the Centre on 27th October, 2016. She also presented a brief demonstration of varied distinguishing styles of Indian classical dances before the students. That day in the evening she presented her show, 'Naatya-Katha: Krishna' at Rangghar, the University auditorium. The programme was a joint collaboration of the Centre and Sangeet Natak Akademi, North-East Centre, Guwahati. It was a splendid



Maestro of Indian Dance, Sonal Mansingh presenting her show, Naatya-Katha : Krishna : Krishna at Rangghar.

show exploiting the Indian oral dramatic tradition in unique amalgamation of modern stagecraft and spectacles.

Interactive Session with Loknath Goswami

An outstanding interactive session with Loknath Goswami, the veteran Assamese singer was held in the Centre on 7th February, 2017. The reputed singer narrated briefly his musical sojourn which was followed by thought-provoking discussions of the crisis in the present cultural scenario. He also performed a few of his popular numbers before the students and faculties of the Centre.

Samar Hazarika Interacts with the Students

On 7th November, 2016, an interactive session was held in the Centre with Samar Hazarika, the renowned Assamese singer. Mr. Hazarika made the students almost spellbound by his observations on the course of Assamese songs, particularly on the wonderful sojourn of Bhupen Hazarika.

Centre for Studies in Philosophy

World Philosophy Day

A talk programme on the topic *Revaluation of Values: Poets and Philosophers* has been organized by the Centre with an aid of ICPR, New Delhi on 17 November, 2016 to observe World Philosophy Day. On this occasion, eminent laureate Professor Aparna Mahanta, Former Professor, Department of English, Dibrugarh University has delivered the talk and has analyzed about interactions between philosophy and literature especially between poets and philosophers since the time of Plato to Post Modern thought. The programme has been presided by prominent literary critic and former Professor of English, Dibrugarh University Professor Pona Mahanta. The programme has been participated by teachers and

students of different Departments and Centre for Studies of Dibrugarh University along with various Colleges and Institutions.



Rural Camp

The students of second semester of the Centre participated in a rural camp that was conducted at Halungmara Village under Sapakhati Development Block of Charaideo District of Assam. The rural camp commenced on 26th March, 2017 and ended on 4th April, 2017. The entire rural camp was headed under the supervision of two faculty members of the Centre, namely Monuj Dutta and Ansai Bathou Basumatary. The objective behind conducting such camps was to give the students a first-hand practical knowledge and experience on the various aspects related to rural life. The Centre feels that as a future social worker its mandatory on the part of students to understand the rural way of life and thereby inculcate the basic lessons of Social Work in a more practical and authentic manner. The entire rural camp was structured in various activities such as: 1. Conducting survey on various thematic areas viz. health, livelihood, hygiene and sanitation, education etc. 2. Performing Street plays. 3. Shramdan. 4. Camp fire (an informal discussion among the students and villagers

on various topics related to rural life). 5. Conducting Participatory Learning and Action (PLA). 6. Plantation Drives. 7. Conducting activities with community. 8. Awareness Rally on Social Issues.

Field Visit cum Study Tour Programme

Towards the end of the 3rd semester, a study tour was planned by the Centre for the students. The tour was strategized to Sikkim. There were two faculties and 30 students of MSW 3rd semester who went to study tour cum field visit in Sikkim for seven days from 6/1/2017 to 13/1/2017. The group of students along with the faculties visited some of the reputed social service organizations such as Mamatalaya, Malyalmu Shelter Home, Lepcha Cottage, Spastic Society of Sikkim, Old Age Home, Ranipool. Apart from this the tour group had also paid a visit to the Minister of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Sikkim in order to get a comprehensive picture of the welfare measures adopted by the government of Sikkim in order to alleviate the existing problems.

Someswar Sarma Memorial Endowment Award Function

The 5th Someswar Sarma Memorial Endowment Award function was held on the 31st of March 2017 at the Centre. The award is given each year by Ms. Nirupoma Phukan, a prominent citizen and a writer, in the memory of her great grandfather Late Someswar Sarma who was a renowned tea planter. The award is given to the student securing the highest marks in the first semester examination of the PGDTTPM course, and consists of a certificate of merit and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.00. This year's meeting was presided over by Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwer, Dean of the School of Commerce and Management Sciences, Dibrugarh University, the Guest of Honour for the meeting was Mr. Sandeep Ghosh, Secretary of the Indian Tea Association, Kolkata and a host of other dignitaries were also present. The meeting was started with the playing of the University anthem, felicitation of the guests and followed by observing a minute of silence in condolence for the departed soul of renowned tea planter, Late Abhijit Sarma. Thereafter the welcome address was given by Professor P.

K. Borua, Chairperson of the Centre followed by speeches from Mr. Sandeep Ghosh, Mr. Kalyan Phukan, Sri Devi Prasad Bagrodia, and Professor A. B. Rajkonwer. The award for this year was given to Mr. Mousum Buragohain, and it was presented to him by Ms. Nirupama Phukan. At the end of the function, Ms. Monalisha Sangma, faculty of the Centre offered the vote of thanks.

Sixth One Day Workshop For Small Tea Growers

The Centre organized the Sixth One Day Workshop for Small Tea Growers on 4th March, 2017. Altogether thirty-nine numbers of Small Tea Growers from the districts of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia attended the Workshop sponsored by the Joonktolee Tea and Industries Limited. The workshop was inaugurated by Professor P. K. Borua, Chairperson of the Centre who welcomed the participants at the beginning of the Workshop. The day long workshop was conducted by Mr. Prafulla Bordoloi, Senior Tea Consultant Scientist of Dibrugarh, Ms. Aditi Smith Gogoi, Assistant Professor in Tea Husbandry and Technology,

AAU, Jorhat and Dr. Siddhartha Sharma, Senior General Manager of J. Thomas Company Ltd. and acted as resource persons discussing respectively on the topic 'Cultivation' and 'Quality and Productivity Management' separately in three sessions. In the afternoon Professor Alak Kumar Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of the University, motivated the Small Tea Growers by his innovative speech for betterment of the industry and quality production. At the end of the workshop Certificates of Participation were distributed to the participants.



Dr. Siddhartha Sharma, Senior General Manager of J. Thomas Company Ltd. discussing on the topic Cultivation and Quality and Productivity Management.

Centre for **University Sports Board**

Inter College Volleyball (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue : Dhakuakhana College, Dhakuakhana.
 Total College Participated : 20 (M) and 5 (Women).
 Date of Commencement : 18-19 October, 2016.
 Team Champion (Men)
 Winner : Harhi College, Dhakuakhana.
 Runner-Up : Dhakuakhana College, Dhakuakhana.
 Best Spiker (Men): Sri Dhiraj Chamuah, Dhakuakhana College.
 Best Setter (Men) : Sri Paresh Borgohain, Harhi College.
 Team Champion (Women)
 Winner : North Bank College, Ghilamara.
 Runner-Up : Jorhat College, Jorhat.
 Best Player (Women) : Miss Shibani Boruah, North Bank College.

Inter College Cricket (Men) Tournament 2016-17

The Inter College Men Cricket Tournament of Dibrugarh University for the year 2016-17 was held from 9-23 December, 2016 in various six zones. The Final round was held at Dibrugarh University Playground from 17-23 December, 2016. Total College participated: 35

Zone A: (Dibrugarh)

1. DHSK College
2. DHSK Com. College
3. Khowang College
4. Dibru College
5. PG Classes
6. NLB City College

Zone B : (Sibsagar)

1. Sonari College

2. BLB College
3. Moran College
4. Gargaon College
5. Sibsagar College
6. SPP College
7. Sonari Com. College
8. JHNS College

Zone C: (Tinsukia)

1. Margherita College
2. Tinsukia College
3. Naharkatiya College
4. Digboi College
5. Doom Dooma College
6. Duliajan College
7. Tinsukia Com

Zone D: (Dhemaji)

1. Lakhimpur Com. College
2. Dhemaji College
3. Moridhal College

Zone E: (Jorhat)

1. Mariani College
2. CKB Com. College
3. JB College
4. JIST
5. Jorhat Kendriya

Zone F: (Golaghat)

1. Golaghat Com. College
2. DKD College
3. CNB College
4. JDSG College

DR College (Last year Winner) and North Lakhimpur College (Last year Runner-up) will play directly from Quarter Final round

Results

- Winner: Sonari College.
- Runner Up : J.B. College, Jorhat.
- Men of the Match : Sri Adarsh Saikia.
- Men of the Tournament : Sri Mujibur Rohman, Sonari College.

Inter College Athletic Meet: 2016-17

Venue: Moridhal College. Date: 5-7 December, 2016.
Total college participated: 31.

Results

- Best Thrower : Gitali Moran, PG Classes, DU (Women)
- Best Short Distance Runner : Jagat Ch. Nath, N.L. (Men)
- Best Short Distance Runner : Happy Gogoi, Khowang (Women)
- Best Long Distance Runner : Bipul Satnami, Sapekhati (Men)
- Best Team (Men) : North Lakhimpur College
- Best Team (Women) : Khowang College

Inter College Weight Lifting, Power Lifting (M/W) and Best Physique Tournament 2016-17

Venue: S. P. P. College, Namti. Total College Participated : 21. Date of Commencement : 4-5 January, 2017.

- Best Lifter (Men) of Dibrugarh University: Sri Sada Narah, Dhemaji Commerce College.
- Best Lifter (Women) of Dibrugarh University: Miss Rekhamini Sonowal, Dhemaji Commerce College.
- Strong Men of Dibrugarh University 2016: Sri Chinttron Jyoti Gogoi.
- Strong Women of Dibrugarh University 2016: Miss Runjun Nath, J.B. College.
- Mr. Dibrugarh University 2016-17: Sri Pobitra Nath, Majuli College.

Inter College Kabaddi (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue: Borhat College, Borhat. Total College Participated : 18. Date of Commencement : 17-18 January, 2017.

Result

- Team Champion (Men)
- Winner : Borhat B. P. B. Memorial College, Borhat.
- Runner-Up : Dibru College, Dibrugarh.
- Team Champion (Women)
- Winner : Borhat B. P. B. Memorial College, Borhat.
- Runner-Up : Moran Mohila Mohavidalaya, Moran.
- Best Raider : Miss Janmoni Gogoi, Borhat B. P. B. Memorial College, Borhat.

- Best Defender : Miss Bina Ghatuwar, Borhat B.P.B. Memorial College, Borhat.

Inter College Kho-Kho (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue : Dibrugarh University Campus. Total College Participated : Men Team 7 and Women Team 4.
Date Of Commencement : 20 January, 2017.

Result

- Team Champion (Men)
- Winner : Tengakhat College, Tengakhat.
- Runner-up : Margherita College, Margherita.
- Best Player : Sri Robindra Sonowal, Tengakhat College.
- Team Champion (Women)
- Winner : Margherita College, Margherita.
- Runner-up : H.P.B. Girls' College, Golaghat.
- Best Player : Miss Pratima Chetry, Margherita College

Inter College Hand Ball (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue : Dibrugarh University Campus. Total College Participated : Men Team 8, Women Team 2. Date of Commencement : 21 January, 2017.

Result

- Team Champion (Men)
- Winner : North Lakhimpur College, Lakhimpur.
- Runner-up : Doom-Dooma College, Doom-Dooma.
- Best Player: Sri Dharitra M. Medak, N. L. College.
- Team Champion (Men)
- Winner : H. P. B. Girls' College, Golaghat.
- Runner-up : Lahowal College, Lahowal.

Inter College Yoga (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue : H P B Girls' College. Total College Participated : 10. Date of Commencement : 23-24 January, 2017.

Result

- Men : 1st : Partha Pratim Gogoi, Sibsagar College, 2nd : Pronob Changmai, Dimow College and 3rd : Vivek Chakrabarti, Tinsukia College.
- Women: 1st : Barsha Rani Gogoi, Sibsagar College, 2nd : Bristi Chetia, Lakhimpur Girls' College and 3rd : Nayanmoni Hazarika, Lakhimpur Girls' College.

Inter College Taekwondo (M/W) Tournament 2016-17

Venue: Dibrugarh University Campus. Total College

Participated : 32. Date of Commencement : 9 and 10 February, 2017.

Best Fighter Men : Arbaj Ali, D.D.R. College. Best Fighter Women : Sonali Borah, J. B. College.

East Zone Inter University Women Football Tournament

The Dibrugarh University Sports Board organized the East Zone Inter University Football (Women) Tournament 2016-17 on its campus remarkably from 1-6 October, 2016. The tournament was also organized under light. From entire East Zone total 17 teams were participated. The teams were Ranchi University, MG Kashi University, Dibrugarh University, LN Mithila University, Darbhanga, NEHU, Shillong, Sambalpur University, Pt. Ravisankar Shukla University, Raipur, BRA Bihar University, VBS Purvanchal University, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, University of Calcutta, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag, West Bengal State University, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal, Kolhan University, Jarkhand, Cotton College State University and Manipur University. Manipur University secured first position. Along with the Manipur University, Ranchi University, Utkal University and Dibrugarh University qualified for All India Inter University securing second, third and fourth position respectively. In the opening ceremony First Arjun Award winner from North East India Mr. Bhageswar Baruah grace the occasion as Chief Guest. Along with him Vice-Chancellor i/c, Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Dean Student Affairs, D.U., Prof. Mukut Hazarika, Dean, School of Education, and other dignitaries were present in the occasion. In the Closing ceremony, International Footballer Gilbertson Changma, Dr. Subhas Basumatary, Director, SAI NE Region, Prof. L. N. Sarkar, Former Registrar, LNIPE Gowalior and AIU Observer, Vice-Chancellor i/c, Prof. Karabi Deka Hazarika, Prof. M.N. Dutta, Registrar, D.U., Prof. Jiten Hazarika, Dean Student Affairs, Prof. Biswajit Basumatary, Dean, LNIPE, Guwahati, and other dignitaries were grace the occasion. Colourful cultural programme were also displayed in both opening and closing ceremony.

Participation of Dibrugarh University in Various Inter University Tournaments

The Dibrugarh University participated in the Football (Men and Women), Badminton (M/W), Chess (M/W) & Table Tennis (M/W) & Volleyball (Men), Boxing (Men), Taekwondo (Men and Women), Judo (Men), Cricket (Men), Weight Lifting (women), Best Physique (Men) Inter University Tournaments organized by various

Universities in association with Association of Indian Universities.

Participated in East Zone Inter University Football (Women) Tournament 2016-17

The Dibrugarh University participated in East Zone Inter University Football (Women) Tournament 2016-17 held at Dibrugarh University on its campus from 1-6 October, 2016. The team achieved 4th place in the tournament and qualified to participate in All India Inter University Tournament. The team members were: Mridula Mech, Punam Taye, Sinumoni Chutia (Goal Keeper) Renuka Mili; (Moran Mohila Maha Vidyalay) Gitali Moran, Vibeisieno (PG classes, D.U.); Nilom Das, Sumitra Khamon, Sunali Konwar, Sewali Rajkumari, Ranjana Newar, Rituporna Phukan (Goal Keeper) (Pithubor Girls Degree College) Anjana Saikia (Goal Keeper), Karabi Bhakta, Bonita Bawri, Mrinali Borah, Rina Murari,, Purnima Chawra, Bonti Gogoi, Trishnmoni Dutta (Khowang College); Manger : Dr. O. Jiten Singh & Coach: Dr. Mantu Baro.

Participated in All India Inter University Judo (Men) Tournament 2016-17

The Dibrugarh University Judo (Men) team participated in All India Inter University Judo (Men) Tournament 2016-17 organized by Kurukshetra University from 3-6 November, 2016. Player: Sanjay Yadav, (NLV City College), Manager cum Coach: Dr. O. Jiten Singh, Associate Professor of Physical Education.

Participated in East Zone Inter University Volleyball (Men) Tournament 2016-17

The Dibrugarh University Volleyball (Men) team participated in the East Zone Inter University Volleyball Tournament organized by Gauhati University, Guwahati from 5-8 November, 2016. Dibrugarh University got walkover in first match and in the second match loss to Banaras Hindu University by 3-1. The team members were Manash Barhoi, Arabinda Barhoi, Mridupavan Barhoi (Madhab Dev College), Paresch Borgaohain (Harhi College), Keshab Chintey (Jorhat College), Shyamal Konwar (HCDG), Manash Jyoti GogoiDhiraj Chamuah, Chitra Ranjan Chamuah, (Dhakuakhana College), Sanjay Barman, Ashok Gohain, Ashim Pratap Chutia (PG Classes) Manager cum Coach: Bimal Ch. Gogoi.

Participated in East Zone Inter University Cricket (Men) Tournament 2016-17

Dibrugarh University cricket Team (Men) participated in

the East Zone Inter University Cricket Tournament 2016-17 held from 5-19 January, 2017 at Vidyasagar University. Mr. Niranjan Borah, Asst. Professor, NLB City College was accompany the team as Manager cum Coach of the Team. Players were Bitu Singh, Margherita College, Manash Pratim Dutta, Mrinal Rajbongshi PG Classes, Adarsh Saikia JB College, Musuf Sah, Arindom Baruah, Siddarth Dosi, Elbert Buragohain DHSK Com College, Debanjan Timsina, DHSK College, Irfan Laskar, Ishan Ahmed, NLB City, Sekhor Gowala, Digboi College, Sanjeev Hazarika, DR College, Mujakir Ali, Sonari Com College, Samujjal Deor, Dhemaji College.

Participated in All India Inter University Boxing (Men) Tournament 2016-17

The Dibrugarh University Boxing (m) team was



participated in All India Inter University Boxing (m) Tournament 2016-17 held at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, from 30 January to 7 February, 2017. The players were, Tzvinder, Irfan Khan (NLB City College), Bibhas Konwar, Paramanada Rajbogshi (PG Classes). Team Manager Roshan Limbu, Assistant Professor, Physical Education, D.U. and Coach Inamul Hussain.

Participated in East Zone Inter University Football (Men) Tournament 2016-17

Dibrugarh University Football Team (M) was participated in the East Zone Inter University Football

Tournament 2016-17 held at Vidyasagar University 3-10 February, 2017 and proceed up to pre-quarter final. The team was Binod Rajwar, Chndra Bhanu Gogoi (DDR College), Pranjyoti Chetia (Tinsukia College), Sahojoyoti Kalita (NLB CITY College), Pinku Mohan, Dibankar Boruah, Dharmeswar Deori (Nazira College) Hemanta Horo (N. Lakhimpur College), Milo Taki, Taku Tatung, Rajiv Gayan, Bishal Saha, Debasish Burgaohain, Princh Husain, Dimbo Bora, Aran Goyary (PG Classes), Alom Singer (Kamargaon), Suman Kalyan Gogoi, (DR College), Bobby Martin Lahon, Deep Darshan Rajkakoti (Gargaon), Manger: Mr. Mridul Dutta, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, North Lakhimpur College, Coach: Mr. Dhruvajyoti Saikia, Lecture of Physical Education, Gargaon College.

Participated in All India Inter University Weight Lifting (Women) and Best Physique (Men) Tournament 2016-17

The team war participated in All India Inter University Weight Lifting (Women) and Best Physique (Men) Tournament 2016-17 held at Panjab University, Chandigar from 7-9 February, 2017. The team comprises as Weight Lifting (Women) : PUJA SONOWAL (Dhemaji commerce), SONALI SARGIARY (Sarupathar College), GITANJALI GOGOI (SPP COLLEGE), and BEST PHYSIQUE (MEN) : PABITRA NATH (Majuli college). Manager/Coach : Mr. Nilutpal Dutta & Mrs. Madhusmita Gogoi, SPP College.

Participated in All India Inter University Taekwondo (Men/Women) Tournament 2016-17

The team was participated in All India Inter University Taekwondo (m/w) Tournament 2016-17 held at MD University, Rohtak 15-21 March, 2017. The team comprises as Nabajyoti Arrandhara, Madhurjya Bailing (Gargaon college), Arbaj ali (DDR), Biplob Das (JDSG) & Swastika Barpatra gohian (JB) and Suwala Pegu (Simen Chapori college) Manger & coach,: Bimal Chandra Gogoi, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, D.U. and Ritamoni Rai PET. JDSG College.

Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Cell

Fifteen Days Entrepreneurship Development Programme

The Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Cell (ESDC)

of Dibrugarh University in association with SEWA-CHAI Project has organized a Fifteen days Entrepreneurship Development Training programme specifically for the Tea community from 28th March to 12th April, 2017 at Centre for

Management Studies, Dibrugarh University. The targeted participants were of the age group of 18 to 32 years and their educational qualifications ranging from Matriculation to Graduation. In total there were 19 participants who have participated in this Training Programme. The programme started with an inaugural session on 28 March, 2017 at Department of Education just after the valedictory session of another programme organized by the Dibrugarh University in association with the CHAI and SEWA. Dr. Chimun Kumar Nath, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce who is in charge of the ESDC welcomed the participants to this training programme. In her inaugural speech Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences impressed upon the participants about perseverance, to become a successful entrepreneur. Now-a-days one of the major issues with the entrepreneurs of this region is lack of patience, she added. In his remark Sri Binayak Dewan, Project Manager, CHAI urged upon the participants to utilize the time and other resources to be made available during the fifteen days of training to the fullest possible extent. The training programme was organised in the seminar hall of Center for Management Studies, from 29th March, 2017. It has been designed in such a way that it covers various aspects of entrepreneurship in three different phases: Orientation, Understanding the issues and Applications. Some of the highlights of the programme were the involvement of the BBA 6th Semester students to help the participants to prepare a project proposal according to the area of interest of the participants, an exposure to the various entrepreneurial games, business communication activity, mathematical activity, maintenance of books of accounts and insurance related issues, Break even analysis, various schemes available under NABARD, Bank and government aided schemes under the ambit of DICCD and visit to the Vermicomposting unit of Dibrugarh University for a hands on training. On 12th April, 2017 the valedictory Session of this training programme was held at Seminar hall of CMS, DU from 11.30 AM. The participants have expressed their satisfaction regarding the training programme, DU campus as well as the various facilities offered to them during their stay in the campus. Professor Ajanta B. Rajkonwar, Dean, School of Commerce and Management Sciences has expressed her satisfaction for successful completion of the training programme by referring the remarks given by the participants. She also informed the house that another two programmes are in the pipeline in association with CHAI project and one more programme has already been conceptualized. Mr. Arfan Hussain, Project Director of CHAI project has spoken about the relevance of this programme. Quoting from Professor

Ajanta B. Rajkonwar's remark, he urged upon the participants to spread the importance of Entrepreneurship in their locality so that the community as a whole will get the benefits of such programmes. Certificate of participation along with the project report prepared by the BBA students were distributed to the participants for their successful completion of the training. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Mr. John Paul Tirkey of CHAI project.

Three days Advance Doll Making Training Programme

The Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Cell of Dibrugarh University in association with SEWA-CHAI Project has organized a Three days Advance Doll Making Training programme specifically for the Tea community from 21st April to 24th April, 2017 at Centre for Women Studies, Dibrugarh University. 8 participants have participated in the 3 days training programme. During the valedictory session, Professor Alak Kr. Burgohain, the Vice Chancellor of the University has interacted with the participants and provides suggestions to them as to what should be 'the next' after such training. He also urged upon the trainers to teach the participants on how to use the waste products for Doll Making. This will set example of recycling waste and to create environment friendly dolls, he added. The participants have shared their experiences and learning during this three days of training and how such an advance training have helped them to upgrade their skill. All the participants are eager to start a micro venture in their respective T.E. as well as they are ready to train the other youths of their locality so that an entrepreneurial environment can be created. Mr. John Paul Tirkey, Senior Project Officer and Mr. Monuj Kr. Dutta, Senior Field Officer of CHAI Project SEWA were also present during the valedictory session. Dr. Pranjal Buragohain, the coordinator of this programme offered the formal vote of thanks.

New Advisory Committee

A new Advisory Committee to support the OIA activities no. DU/RG/G.01.01/16/1927 of the office of the Registrar was constituted on 17 November, 2016 vide notification DU with the following members:

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| 1. Prof. S. Chakraborty, Director, OIA, DU | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. B. K. Baruah, Dept. of Assamese, DU | Member |
| 3. Prof. Pankaj Das, Dept. of Chemistry, DU | Member |
| 4. Prof. Subrata B. Gogoi, Dept. of Petroleum Technology, DU | Member |
| 5. Prof. Kalpana Deka Kalita, Dept. of Applied Geology | Member |
| 6. Prof. Surajit Borkatokey, Dept. of Mathematics, DU | Member |
| 7. Dr. B. B. Kakati, Dept. of Phrama. Sc., DU | Member |
| 8. Mr. Arinjit Hazarika, Dy. Contoller of Exams 'A' | Member |
| 9. Warden, International Hostel | Member |
| 10. Mr. Pranjal Pratim Borah, OSD | Convener |

Two Interns Joined

Name of the Intern	Country of origin	Name of the Academic Programme
Mr. Kumaresan Jagatheesan	Malaysia	Intern (Department of petroleum technology)
Mr. Jayakumar Viswanathan	Malaysia	Intern (Department of petroleum technology)

Activities of the Training and Placement Cell

The Training and Placement Cell of Dibrugarh University has endeavoured to make the students of the University employable and find meaningful opportunities in their respective fields. This Cell is consistently engaged in providing training and placement support to the student community of the University. It is heartening to note that this year students from several Departments and Centre of Studies have managed to find suitable opportunities in diverse organizations through campus recruitment initiative of the Cell. The cell also consistently endeavours on continuous learning by enhancing professional competencies of the students by way of providing enhanced coaching on personality development, GATE and NET coaching etc.

Name of the Recruiters : Oil India Limited, Indian

Navy, Zaloni Technologies India Pvt. Ltd., ONGC, Indian Army, Airtel, Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail Ltd., Bandhan Bank, Dalmia Cement, Sun Pharma, Azim Premji Foundation, ITC Food, VKV, Arunachal Pradesh Trust & UNICEF

Participating Department/Centre : Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, MCA, Petroleum Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Petroleum Technology, MBA, Applied Geology, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Geography, Mathematics, Life Sciences, Education, Political Science, Library Science, English, Economics & Mass Communication.

Number of Students Placed : 108 nos.

Achievements

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has accredited Dibrugarh University as 'A' Grade University in the Third Cycle of its assessment.



Dibrugarh University in 2016 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings

Dibrugarh University ranked 268 overall, and 4th among Indian Universities in the 2016 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings. This year 516 universities from 74 countries participated in this ranking, which was an increase from last year with 407 universities from 65 countries. This was the seventh edition of ranking, which compares universities efforts towards campus sustainability and environment-friendly university management. The results were computed from information provided by universities online. This year the information was classified under Six (6) categories, such as, Green Statistics (15%), Energy and Climate Change (21%), Waste Management (18%), Water Usage (10%), Transportation (18%), and Education (18%). The maximum point was 10,000. Dibrugarh University earned 4324 points.



Achievements of the Members of Faculty

◆ **Surajit Borkotokey**, Professor, Department of Mathematics, has been awarded with the prestigious UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) - UGC Thematic Partnership Projects 2016-17 on April 7, 2017 in a formal function organised by the British Council in New Delhi. The Ambassador of the UK in India, the Science and Technology Minister of the UK and the Secretary, Science and Technology, Government of India were among the dignitaries. A proposal on Game Theory, submitted by Professor Surajit Borkotokey, Head, Department of Mathematics and his Co-Project



Investigator from the Queens University, Belfast has been selected for the award. The project envisages visit of research students from Queens University to Dibrugarh University and also research students from Dibrugarh University to Queens University, Belfast for conducting research on the awarded project.

◆ **Debajit Borah**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics was awarded with the 2nd Prize along with a cheque of Rs. 25,000/- in the Assam Biotech Conclave 2017 (Jan 5-6, 2017) organized by IIT-Guwahati Biotech Park in connection with Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas Leading to Entrepreneurial Venture in Biotechnology and Allied Area. The award was handed over by Shri Keshab Mahanta,

Minister of Science and Technology, Govt. of Assam, Professor Alak K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor, Dibrugarh University and Professor Kamal Malla Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University.

◆ **Subrata Sinha**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics (CBB) has received a research grant of Rs 9 lakhs from Indian Council of Medical Research, Delhi for project entitled *Design and Development of Chemical Compounds Database based*

on traditionally used medicinal plants curated for drug designing. The Co-PI for the project are Dr. Surabhi Johari from CBB, DU and Professor Bijoy Neog from the Department of Life Sciences, DU.

◆ **Priyakshi Mahanta**, Assistant Professor of Centre for Computer Studies received the Best Paper award at the *First International Conference on Accessibility to the Digital World*, held at Assam Engineering College, Guwahati, Assam during 16 to 18 December, 2016

First Position to DU Men Badminton Team

The Dibrugarh University Badminton (Men/Women), Table Tennis (Men/Women) and Chess (Men/Women)



teams participated in the East Zone Inter University Badminton, Table Tennis and Chess Tournament organized by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from 09.10.2016 to 12.10.2016. The Badminton (men) Team Dibrugarh University secured the first position defeating Durg University, Chhattisgarh by 3-1. In women section the Dibrugarh University showed emerging performance and reached the quarter final by defeating Ranchi University by 2-0, Magadh University by 2-0 and BHU by 2-0. The players were: Men Team: Nitish Bora (Sibsagar Com. College), Kashyap Neog (Dinsukia College), Deba Lalung Bordoloi (Dhemaji College), Krishanu Dohutia (PG Classes), Aditya Poran Das (Sibsagar Commerce College); Women Team: Daisey Chetia (HPB Girls College), Mayuri Phukan (PG Classes), Deepika Kaushik (Sonari Com), Borokha Sonowal (MDKG); Manager: Sri Sumit Kr. Thapa, Coach: Narul Akhtar Hussain. In Chess (men) tournament the Dibrugarh University played seven games, won 4 games; draw one lost 2 game and scored 9 points and placed 7th position out of 34 participating universities. In women section secure 11th position out

of 13 participating universities. The players were; Chess (Men): Sapon Jyoti Kalita (Jorhat Eng. College), Netra Kamal Handique (PG Classes), Kaustabh Das (Doom Dooma College), Monmohan Dowarah (Jorhat Eng. College); Women team: Bishmita Lahon (DCB Girls College), Rupalim Gogoi (DCB Girls College), Munmi Saikia (DCB Girls College), Loxmi Rekha Gogoi (Moran College)

In Table Tennis men team in second round defeated by BRABihar University 2-3. In women section also lost to Utkal University by 2-3. The players were; Men: Ritish Buragohain, (CKB Comm. College), Shekhar Jyoti Dutta (Jorhat Eng. College), Chandutpal Bora (Sibsagar Com College), Rahul Neog (PG Classes); Women: Barasha Singha (HPB Girls College) Angkita Borpatra Gohain (Golaghat Com. College), Prabodhani Sharmah (Sivsagar College, Joysagar). Team Manager: Mr. Sujit Gogoi & Coach: Mr. Satya Changmai.

DU employee wins Bronze in the 7th International Karate Championship



Shri Anjan Chetia, an employee of the Directorate of Distance Education Dibrugarh University brought laurels to the University by winning the Bronze Medal in the 7th International Karate Championship 2016, organized by Shito Ryu Karate School of India in New Delhi, from December 26-30, 2016. Many contestants from nine countries of the world participated in the Championship.

Achievements of the Students

◆ **Tamanna Subba**, Ph.D scholar in Atmospheric Science under the joint supervision of Professor P K Bhuyan in the Centre for Atmospheric Studies, Dibrugarh University and Dr. Mukunda M Gogoi, Scientist SE in the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum has been selected for the Fulbright-Kalam



Climate Fellowship 2017-2018 for Doctoral research. Ms. Subba will pursue her research in either Penn State, Washington University or Washington State University in the academic session 2017-18 as part of her current Doctoral programme in Dibrugarh University. She is one among the three selected scholars out of twenty two applicants for the Fellowship in this inaugural year. She has joined the Centre for Atmospheric Studies, Dibrugarh University in 2014 as a Junior Research Fellow in the 'Aerosol Radiative Forcing over India' project sponsored by the Geosphere Biosphere Programme of the Indian Space Research Organization and currently working as a Senior Research fellow in the project. She is at present involved in the impact assessment of atmospheric aerosols on climate through the estimation of radiative forcing over India using synergistic approach of both measurements and modeling.

◆ **Samrat Bharadwaz**, student of the Department of Commerce, fourth semester, represented Dibrugarh University in North India Students Parliament on 26th and 27th March 2017 and won the best Parliamentarian in a National Meet organized in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu. North India Students Parliament is a non-political platform proposed for the purpose of sensitizing the youth of North India towards Nation Building and the emerging prospected for the youth in this regard. It is a platform where eminent experts, members across party lines, scientists, media and social organizations enlighten the youth on the issues related to contemporary challenges to nation building and to bring about a change that will propel the country forward. The theme of the parliament was 'Inspiring Youth, Strengthening Democracy'.



◆ **Mr. Utpal Deori**, 4th Semester Student of Centre

for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics has been awarded 1st prize for poster presentation on the topic "Assisting the specially abled person with the *Silky Soldier, Muga* against Degenerative Conditions" in National Science Day Celebration, 28 February 2017, Dibrugarh University.

◆ **Mr. Rupangkor Kakoty**, MBA 4th Semester Student of the Centre for Management Studies secured third place as young entrepreneur in *Sampark* 2017 organized by Tezpur University.

◆ **Gyanashree Bora & J. G. Handique** of the Department of Chemistry has been awarded a gift voucher of 250 EURO for Best Paper Presentation on the topic *Determination of antioxidant activity of some phenolic Schiff bases using FRAP assay* in 86th Annual Session of National Academy of Science, India (NASI) and National Symposium on *Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship for Human Welfare in Himalayan Region*, organized by Uttarakhand Technical Univ. and Uttarakhand Council of Science and Technology (UCOST), at Dehradun on 2-4 Dec, 2016.

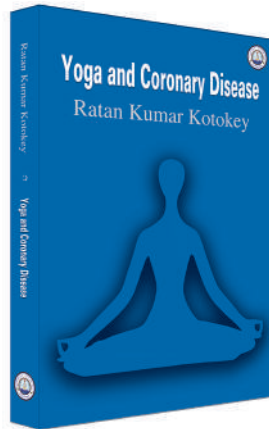
◆ The paper entitled *A comparative Analysis of Continuous flow Gas Lift Valve Positioning Methods and its Application with MS Excel and Visual Basic Application* by **Darsana Dutta, Palash Lochan Bordoloi, Pranjit Mahanta, Subham Debnath, Rajnib Borah and Sarmistha Roy Choudhury**, Students of the Department of the Petroleum Engineering, Dibrugarh University Engineering Institute (DUIET) has been awarded the Best Paper at the 3rd International Conference on Recent Development in Engineering Science, Humanities and Management, held on 26th March 2017 at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh, India (MHRD, Govt. of India).

◆ **Amlan Jyoti Kalita**, a student of 7th semester, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology participated in the online painting contest, The Heart of Art Contest and secured 218 Rank globally through votes. He was then invited to Athina 4, an International Painting Symposium organised by World Federation for UNESCO and Zervas Art, in Athens from 22nd to 28th April, 2017. He also won Bronze Medal in the World Art Marathon and got appointed as Indian Coordinator of Zervas Art, Athens, Greece.



‘Yoga and Coronary Disease’

The publication division of Dibrugarh University has recently published an unusual kind of a book authored by Dr. Ratan Kumar Kotokey. The title of the book is Yoga and Coronary Disease. Coronary diseases have been claiming more and more tolls in our society and the doctor-author urgently feels the need to do something which might arrest the rapid growth of the disease. Extensive study of subjects belonging to two different fields enabled the author to integrate his experience and knowledge to work out preventive measures.



Yoga, as the author states in the Introduction, is the control of thought waves in the mind. Reading books on medical science somehow created in the author an interest in the principles of Ayurveda, and especially in Tridosha concept of Bayu, Pitta and Kapha which govern physio-chemical and physiological activities. When these three elements are in a state of balance, the person enjoys perfect health of body and mind but any imbalance causes disease.

The author Dr. Kotokey finds resemblance between the modern approach to disease and the yoga system of Indian philosophy mentioned by Patanjali in the system of Sutras long ago. The principle is prevention which is better than cure. Coronary heart disease means the disease of the coronary arteries and the author observes that, at present it is a very common cardiac ailment in the world irrespective of age, sex, caste and race.

Anxiety, stress and strain are inescapable conditions of modern life and these have been recognized as some of the factors responsible for coronary disease. Dr. Kotokey observes that, yoga is the best way to get rid of stress and strain and thus to keep away coronary heart disease. Though the author focuses primarily on the preventive aspect of the disease, he also discusses how yoga can be a treatment of the ailment.

The chapter titled Coronary Heart Disease gives us a first-hand information of what the disease is all about. In a subsequent chapter, he tells us how transcendental meditation reduces mental stress and strain. It reduces nervousness, depressions, irritability, inhibition, anxiety and the tendency to dominate. At the same time, it increases inner control, sociability, self assurance, emotional

stability and efficiency.

Yoga therapy, the author finds, can reduce stress, glucose level in blood in diabetes mellitus patients, hypertension, body weight, atherosclerotic plaques in the coronary artery and lipid level in blood. It improves blood flow, cardio respiratory function and overall fitness.

Dr. Kotokey concludes that, the eight fold methods of Yoga can be very effective in controlling the thought waves by which Samadhi can be achieved. The Yoga system of Indian Philosophy can be very effective

in preventing heart disease as it can protect an individual from stress and strain.

The author makes a statistical survey and arrives at the conclusion that, lack of physical activity may also be a cause of coronary heart disease. The problem of coronary disease has been discussed from a historical perspective also and the author's intention in this regard is to give his readers a picture of the disease in different countries of the world.

Dr. Kotokey has used a large number of medical terms while discussing coronary disease but the terms do not resist reading for non-medical readers because he is very clear about what he wants to communicate to his readers. In spite of the medical terms, his language is simple, direct and racy. The author is committed to his target audience. Certain things like the efficacy of walking, cycling, jogging or swimming usually done in fresh open air may look like common knowledge but they also have an impact upon the readers when a person with professional knowledge and expertise tells us.

The book Yoga and Coronary Heart Disease has been written by an expert not for other experts like him but for the common readers for whom he has regards and his regards for the readers is something that matters. He has a thesis, an axe to grind, and that is to change awareness of his readers. He tells the readers what coronary disease is all about and suggests means to prevent it through practice of Yoga. This book is likely to go a long way in creating a new awareness among people.

Dr. Ananda Bormudoj

Obituary

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

-Chapter II, Verse 20, Bhagavat Gita

We pay our sincere homage to...



Bhupendra Kumar Hazarika

Designation: UDA, Certificate
& Migration Branch

Date of Joining: 14.02.1997

Date of Death: 14.05.2017



Mridul Gogoi

Designation: Peon

Date of Joining: 01.09.1979

Date of Death: 08.02.2017

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Mr. Naren Konwar

Section Officer, Student Welfare Section

Date of Joining: 17.09.1979

Date of Retirement: 28.02.2017



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Section Officer, Establishment A

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Date of Retirement: 28.02.2017



Mr. Sanjib Bhusan Das

Section Officer, Examination Branch

Date of Joining: 01.06.1986

Date of Retirement: 28.02.2017

New Appointments



Dr. Basil N. Darlong Diengdoh, has joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of English, Dibrugarh University on 17th February, 2017. He did his MA in English and obtained Ph.D from English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. Taught at Loyola College, Williamnagar in 2016. Primary research interest includes the study of fiction and narrative, ethics and philosophies of mind and body.

Dr. Upasona Sarmah has joined as an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University on 20th March, 2017. She did her M.A. in Sociology from Dibrugarh University in the year 2003 and obtained her Ph.D from Dibrugarh University on the topic entitled '*Workers' Participation in Management-A Sociological Study based on North-Eastern Coal-Fields, Margherita, Assam*'. Her wide area of interest covers Social Psychology, Sociology of North East India, Political Sociology and Industrial Sociology.



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Dibrugarh University mourns the demise of Professor Basudev Chatterji

Eminent historian Professor Basudev Chatterji, former Chairperson of the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) passed away on June 8, 2017, Thursday in Guwahati, Assam. An erudite scholar Professor Chatterji is well known for his books 'Trade, Tariffs and Empire : Lancashire and British Policy in India', and 'Dictionary of Martyrs India's Freedom Struggle'. He also edited the Three Volumes of Documents on Indian Politics, Indian Economy and Society. Professor Chatterji's last institutional attachment was with the Department of History, IIT Guwahati. Professor Chatterji obtained his Ph.D. from Cambridge University England where he was also a Commonwealth Scholar and Smuts Fellow. Professor Chatterji taught in Saint Stephens College, New Delhi, Hyderabad University and Delhi University.

A highly cultured person as he was, Professor Chatterji had deep interest in music and was also an accomplished Veena player.

Professor Basudev Chatterji was involved with Dibrugarh University where he was the Chief Guest in the Fourteenth Convocation. Professor Chatterji was to deliver a course on Gandhian Studies in the University in the summer of 2016 which had to be deferred because of his illness. Professor A.K. Buragohain, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University paid rich tribute to Professor Chatterji and stated that his demise is an irreparable loss to the academic world and to Dibrugarh University.



Thoughts from the DU International Alumni



I joined Dibrugarh University as a research scholar with the sole interest in academics. However, I gained experiences in areas beyond the academic sphere by interacting with the University community and having worked as a prefect of the International Hostel. As a whole, my stay in Dibrugarh University was a successful one.

Nuretin Mohamedkassm Siraj
(Eritrea, East Africa)

My dream had always been to pursue an M.A degree in Mass Communication. Then, in the Summer of 2015, Dibrugarh University offered me admission into the Centre for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication. Two years later, I have obtained my M.A degree in Mass Communication. So, to me! Dibrugarh University remains an institution where dreams come alive...

Harriet Mwinga
From Zambia.



The time to say goodbye is the most difficult one in social relations. This is a hard aspect of life that I learnt when it was my time to say goodbye to Dibrugarh University. I can only say that I owe a moral debt to testify, wherever I will be, of the humanistic values with which the population of Dibrugarh receives foreigners.

Jean Ushimirimana, Ph.D (Economics)
From Burundi

I am quite glad to have the opportunity to study in Assam and particularly in Dibrugarh University. Here in this place where where both the kind people and the nice weather are cooperating to create unforgettable moments that will stick in the memory for ever.



It's a such pleasure to spend 2 years of my life in a place you would never feel homesick.

I feel like I belong to you. "Assamese"

DU is my University
Simply Sayin

Abdelrhim Adam Elhijani
M.Sc Applied Geology
From Sudan with Love.



Three years ago, I left my home country Lesotho to pursue my BBA at Dibrugarh University. Being a thousand miles away from home made me cry. However, upon completion of my course, I found myself crying again. Only this time, I was sad to be leaving Dibrugarh University because it had become my second home. My memories of the University shall forever remain fond.

-Dianakoena Bereng (From Lesotho)
Bachelor of Business Administration





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