



# The Guwahati College Bulletin

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Principal

Just like the previous years, it is a proud privilege on my part to say a few words on the progress of Guwahati College in this issue of the College Bulletin. We firmly believe that an academic institution should be a place where young students can cater for their varied necessities to develop their talents beyond academics. The students of the college must be congratulated for their active participation in all fronts of the college programmes. The teachers have all along been associated with the involvement of the students in all respects. My heartiest thanks go to all the members of the college fraternity for their efforts and cooperation in building and giving shape to new frontiers for the upcoming youths.

## EDITORIAL

During its continued journey in search of excellence Guwahati College has had several proud moments in different fields of activities which are attempted to be documented in this small endeavour in the form of a Bulletin. The responsibility to edit the College Bulletin was bestowed on us. We are happy to carry out the work with sincere effort. This Bulletin highlights all the remarkable events organized inside and outside the college campus by various departments individually and collectively in the last academic year 2017. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Principal of our college, each member of the teaching and other staff of the college for their cooperation and support in preparation of this Bulletin. We extend special thanks to D.R.S. Khataniar & Kausik Hazarika, Dept. of English, for their active involvement in this process.

## EDITORIAL BOARD

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## CELEBRATION OF THE 54<sup>TH</sup> COLLEGE FOUNDATION DAY

The 54th College Foundation Day was observed by a day long programme on Thursday, 3rd of August. The flag hoisting ceremony graced by Dr. Pranab Sandilya, the Principal of Guwahati College, at 9 a.m. marked the beginning of the celebrations. The foundation stone of the Auditorium and a three storied academic building to be constructed with the help of funding from "Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), was laid by Dr. Harendra Chandra Das, the President of the College Governing Body. At 11:45 a.m. the open meeting session commenced and therein the memorial lecture which is held yearly in the memory of Ex. Principal Late Bandhuram Deka, was organized. The Principal, Dr. Pranab Sandilya inaugurated this session by lighting the ceremonial lamp and offering floral tributes at the image of Late Deka and also delivered the welcome speech. In his speech, the Principal shed some light on future plans of the college and expressed hopes of making Guwahati College a noteworthy and outstanding institution with the help and cooperation of everyone concerned. The Chief Guest of the programme, Nitumoni Saikia, the Editor -in-Chief of "Protidin Time", delivered an enlightening speech addressed to the students. He shared his opinions and apprised how the students can keep themselves busy and what kind of dreams, desires and determination is the requisite for the improvement of the self, the society and the country. A speech on the awe-inspiring life and works of Bandhuram Deka was delivered by Dr. Sonaram Hazarika, Professor, Department of Assamese. Hereafter, the audience was delighted by a song sung by Geetima Kalita, a student of the college. A short film titled "Abhishap" prepared by the students of the Department of Zoology of the college was also screened on the occasion. The day long programme culminated with the illumination of the college premises by lighting earthen lamps in the evening.





## UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Guwahati College in collaboration with UNESCO, organized a UGC sponsored seminar on "Human Rights and Global Challenges" on 20 and 21, 2017. The inaugural function was attended by Dr. Aswini Sharma, Executive Director, United Nation's Resource Centre, Dr. Udayon Mishra, Former HoD, Deptt. of English, D.U. Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Principal, Guwahati College and Dr. Arati Bairagee, Coordinator, IQAC, Guwahati College, among others. Dr. Udayon Mishra said in his Keynote address that the greatest challenge faced by an individual is poverty. To overcome it justice is necessary, which can be achieved if there is equal distribution of opportunities. As many as 270 papers came for presentation at the seminar from different parts of the country such as Karnataka, Maharastra, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Delhi, Assam and also from some other countries like Nigeria, Kenya and Pakistan.

## UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL WORKSHOP



A three day UGC Sponsored National Workshop on "D. Space : The Open source Software Package" organized by Guwahati College in association with Assam College Librarians Association was held at Guwahati College from August 28 to August 30, 2017. The inaugural session of the workshop held on 28.08.2017 was presided over by Dr. Pranab sandilya, Principal Guwahati College and Chairman, National Workshop Organizing Committee. Dr. Harendra Chandra Das, President Governing Body, Guwahati College, was the Chief Guest. Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, HOD, Deptt. of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University delivered the Key Note Speech. Dr. Prasanta Deka, Librarian K.C. Das Commerce College and General Secretary, ACLA delivered speech as guest. Welcome address was given by Coordinator of the National Workshop Anujay Kumar Saikia.

Dr. S. Ravikumar of Department of Library and Information Science (DLISc), NEHU, Prof. D.S. Rath, DLISc, Kalyany University, Prof. Narendra Lahkar, DLISc, Gauhati university were the eminent resource persons present in the workshop along with Dr. Tilak Hazarika, DLISc, Gauhati University, Dr. Badan Barman, Dr. Dipen Deka, DLISc, Gauhati University, Dr. Nabajyoti Das, Librarian, Handique Girls' College, Dr. Gautam Das, Librarian, K.K Handique Open University, Guwahati and Birendra Pal, Librarian, Dhakuakhana College.

## ARTS DAY CELEBRATION



The Guwahati College Teachers' Unit continued the tradition of organizing an Arts Day in the college this year as well. Wellknown historian Prof. Priyam Goswami was invited to deliver a lecture on 'The contribution of Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel towards constructing a modern India'. The

students and teachers were greatly benefited by the discussion that followed the talk. The best arts graduate of the college Ms. Kritirupa Das was felicitated and given a cash award of Rs. 2000/- on the occasion. It may be mentioned here that 31st October, has been celebrated for the last few years as Arts Day and an annual lecture organized in the hallowed memory of Late Rajendra Kumar Mazumdar, Ex. -Vice Principal, Guwahati College.

## SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Science Day was celebrated by the Guwahati College fraternity on 16th November, 2017. Wellknown scientist Dr. Saibal Sengupta, Ex-Principal, Arya Vidyapeeth College, was invited on the occasion to deliver the Abdur Rahim Memorial Annual lecture on "Herpeto Fauna of North Eastern India". The best science graduate of Guwahati college (2017) Ms. Trishna Kalita was felicitated and given a cash award of Rs. 2000/- on the occasion.

## COMMERCE DAY CELEBRATION



On 18 November 2017, Commerce Day was celebrated in memory of Dr. Apurba Kr. Das, the founder of faculty of Commerce, Guwahati College. On the occasion Dr. Amiya Kumar Sarma, delivered the Apurba Kumar Das memorial lecturer as the Chief guest on the topic "Micro Credit – Good, Bad and ugly", Dr. Amiya Kumar Sarma is currently working as the Director, RGVN, Guwahati. The program was also graced by the presence of Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Principal, Guwahati College, Dr. Dipak Sagar Das, Vice Principal of Guwahati College, family members of Late Dr. Apurba Kr. Das, faculty members of Guwahati College and students. On this occasion, the first division holders in Higher Secondary Final Examination 2017 (commerce) and first class holders in B.Com final examination 2017 were felicitated by GCTU, Commerce Forum and family members of Late Dr. Apurba Kr. Das with books, certificate and cash awards. The topper of the H.S. final Examination, 2017 was Kriti Nath and the best B.Com graduate 2017 was Rita Moni Nath.

## ECO CLUB ORGANIZES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



Guwahati College has established a new-wing in the shape of an Eco-Club in the month of June, 2017 with the aim to acquaint the students on different aspects of environment and ecology both in theory and practice. As a part of its affairs, World Environment Day was observed on 5th June with a day-long programme. Prof. A.K Borah, Department of Geography, GU, graced the occasion as the invited speaker in a meeting where Mr. P. Goswami, HOD, Chemistry, Guwahati College delivered the keynote address. Citing many examples from his own experiences, the principal, Dr. Pranab Sandilya also spoke at the event on connecting people to nature. It was followed by a power point presentation competition held among various departments which was initiated by Dr. D. Kakati, the convenor of the event. An expert panel comprising many teachers from various departments of the college judged the competition and prizes were distributed thereafter. Results of competition were the first prize- Mathematics Department, 2nd Prize- Geography Department & 3rd Prize jointly English and political Science Department.

## INAUGURATION OF NEW OFFICE BUILDING



On 10 January the new office building of the college was inaugurated by Babulal Sarma, Director, DHE. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of Chinmoyee Talukdar, Assistant Director, DHE and members of the College Governing Body.



## DEPARTMENT OF ASSAMESE CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON LEARNING THE ASSAMESE LANGUAGE

To acquaint the students with the various facets of the language and to infuse in them the spirit of its proper usage, a workshop titled "Axomiya Bhaxa Xiku Aaha" was conducted under the aegis of the Department of Assamese. The workshop, a brainchild of the Principal, was inaugurated on 25 August in the presence of many teachers and students from various departments of the college. The programme, moderated by Dr. Smriti Rekha Bhuyan, began with a Speech by the Principal Dr. Pranab Sandilya and was followed by the main academic lecture delivered by Dr. Arup kr. Nath. The second session of the workshop held on 12 September, 2017 witnessed another enlightening talk on "Morphology in Assamese language" addressed by Mrs. Pratima Sarma, HOD, Department of Assamese.

## SPECIAL NSS CAMP AT THE COLLEGE'S ADOPTED VILLAGE HAJONGBARI

Guwahati College organized a five day long NSS camp at its adopted village Hajongbari under the Chandrapur Revenue Circle, from 14-18 December. A group of about 50 students stayed at a make-shift camp prepared at the Hajongbari L.P. School premises from where they studied different social and educational aspects of the village by conducting field study and participating in social welfare works. Dr. Dipak Sagar Das, Dr. Girindra Kalita, Dr. Dinesh Kakati, Dr. Satyajit Kalita, Dr. Dhruvajyoti Rajbongshi, Dr. Dharani Lahon, Dr. Robert Tuolor of the Guwahati college fraternity and Dr. Niranjana Kalita of S.B. Deorah college guided the students on various topics as resource persons. The camp ended with an open meeting presided over by the Principal, Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Guwahati College.

## 6TH INTER COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Guwahati College organized the 6th Inter college volleyball championship for college teacher's and students separately from 3rd to 5th February, 2017. For the championship prize money and the Trophies were donated by respected teachers of the college. Mr. Pranab Goswami donated prize money and trophy for the champion team of college teachers in loving memory of his mother Bharati Devi. Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma donated runners up prize money and trophy for college teachers and best smasher prize money and trophies were donated by Dr. Ranjita Devi, in loving memory of her elder sister Abha Baruah and best lifter trophy was donated by Dr. S.R.B. Deka in loving memory of her father Hemanta Kr. Barma. For college students, Mrs. Bhanu Das donated students boys championship prize money and trophies in loving memory of her father Assam Olympian volleyball player Manoranjan Das. The runners up trophy and prize money were donated by Dr. Arati Bairagee in loving memory of her father Bipin Ch. Bairagee and mother Kalpana Bairagee. Best player trophy and prize money were donated by Dr. Pinky Barua in loving memory of her father Jiten Barua and best lifter prize money and trophy were donated by Dr. Deben Bora in loving memory of his nephew Pulak Bora. For girl's volleyball championship main trophy and prize money were donated by Dr. Dipak Sagar Das in loving memory of his father Kaliram Das and mother Kanaklata Das. The runners up trophy and prize money were donated by Dr. Debajani Taran Sarma in memory of her mother in law Punyamoyee Devi. The best player trophy and prize money were donated by Mr. Manab Potim Medhi in loving memory of his mother Ruhini Prova Medhi and Mr. D.R.S. Khataniar and Dr. S.K. Sharma donated the best lifter award for the girls.



Several college teachers' teams and students team participated in the championship. College teachers' champion trophy was lifted by Jagiroad college and runners up trophy by Pragjyotish college. Boys' champion trophy was lifted by LNIPE and runners up by J.N. College, Boko. The girls' championship trophy was lifted by LNIPE and runners up by Guwahati college girls' team. Dr. Pranab Sandilya hoisted the college flag in the inaugural ceremony and gave away the trophies to the winners. The coordinators of the tournament were Mr. Sudarshan Narzary and Dhruvajyoti Rajbongshi.

## INTER COLLEGE QUIZ COMPETITION



An All Assam Inter College Invitational Quiz was conducted on the college premises on 10th October, 2017. Mr. Chiranjib Gam was present as the Quiz Master on the occasion. This year altogether 15 team took part in the quiz. The team representing Gauhati University won the 1st prize, while the team from Guwahati Medical college came second. The best team received a prize money of Rs. 10,000/- and a running trophy and the second best team received Rs. 8000/- along with a running trophy.

## CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



A cultural troupe representing Guwahati College participated in a cultural exchange programme at the Prafulla Rajkhowa Smarak Mancha at Habiborangabari, Morigaon. A group of more than fifty students of the college were present at the event accompanied by the Principal, some teachers and office bearers of the college. The cultural evening that began with a speech by the Principal, Dr. Pranab Sandilya showcased an array of folk and modern dances and songs, plays etc performed both by the students and the local artistes. Child artistes Beli and Tanistha Sandilya also mesmerized the audience with their individual performances.

## PERSONALITY AND PERSONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

On 11 September 2017, faculty of Commerce in collaboration with the Career Development Cell of Guwahati College organized a session on personality and personal skill Development. The session was conducted by Ms. Junali Phukan, Freelance Motivational Trainer. She started the session with a very creative introductory session. This was followed by a discussion on personality and personal skill development. To sum up, it was a well thought out session of motivating students to discover themselves and develop their personality to boost up their confidence level.

## ACTIVITIES OF IQAC

- (1) A National seminar was held on 20 & 21 May 2017 by IQAC.
- (2) "Periodical" (ISBN), a Research based book was published by IQAC in this year.
- (3) National Seminar Proceedings Volume was published in August, 2017.
- (4) A college hand book was published in the month of May, 2017.

## ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN'S FORUM

- On 8 March, the members of Women's Forum visited the Mothers' Old Age Home where they distributed essential commodities among the residents. The visitors from the college spent quality time at the gathering where Dr. Marami Goswami recited a poem.
- Dr. Rita Mahanta, Associate Prof., Dept. of Education and Dr. Kalpana Saikia, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Hindi, participated in a workshop on "Gender Sensitization" at Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, in the month of April, 2017.

## MULTILINGUAL POETRY-READING SESSION

For the first time, Guwahati College hosted a unique Poetry-reading session on 17 November. The illustrious programme moderated by Dr. Golok Ch. Deka commenced with a welcome speech by the Principal Dr. Pranab Sandilya. D.R.S Khataniar, HOD, Department of English, threw light on the poetic genius of Hiren Bhattacharyya with an elucidating lecture.



Renowned contemporary poets Kamal Kumar Medhi and Himangshu Prasad Das graced the occasion and captivated the audience with a recitation of few of their popular poems. Principal, Students, teachers and office bearers of the college read out their self-composed poems in four different languages which were later taken for discussion and analyzed by Dr. Pranjal Sarma Bashishtha, Professor, Gauhati University. A painting rendered on the outline of a poem by Himangshu Prasad Das was exhibited on the occasion by Bhaswati Das, student of the college.

## CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OF NSS

The NSS unit of Guwahati college visited Kolkata from 17 January to 22 January, 2017 to attend a youth Exchange Programme in Rabindra Bharati University and Suren Das college in Kolkata under the guidance of NSS Officer Dr. Satyajit Kalita. The team was accompanied by Debajani Taran Sarmah, Mr. Dhrubajyoti Rajbongshi and Mr. Mukul Deka and comprised 40 student performers of Guwahati College.



## FRESHERS' SOCIAL



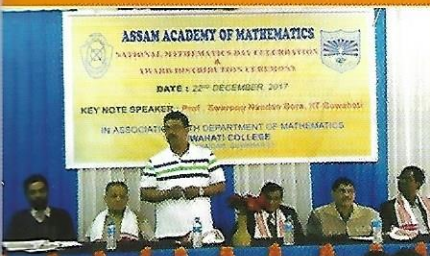
On 18 August, 2017, the new students of the college were formally welcomed at a Freshers' social. The open meeting was presided over by the Principal Dr. P. Sandilya. Eminent Assamese writer Mayur Bora graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He narrated various historical events and contribution of some Assamese legends in various fields which can inspire the youth. Dr. Pranab Sandilya Principal of the college in his speech welcomed the students. A colourful cultural programme was held in the evening in which many students including freshers participated.

## EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TO THE KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK



An educational excursion was organised from 3 October 2017 to 5 October 2017 from the college. A group of 24 students, representing 2 students from each department took part in the programme. The students took part in a workshop held at J.D.S.G. college, Bokakhat. The Kaziranga Research Centre of this college had organized the workshop. Resource persons from the Kaziranga National Park conducted the workshop. The group of students visited the K.N.P. in two ranges namely Bagari and Kohora. They also visited the orchid garden. An overview of the K.N.P. was given by D.N. Bhattacharyya, associate professor, Gauhati College in the meeting held on 3 and 4 October 2017. The group was led by D.N. Bhattacharyya, HoD of Botany and nodal teacher of Environmental Studies and Dr. S.R. Bhuyan, Asstt. Professor of the Department of Assamese. The trip was funded by the Deptt. of Education, Govt. of Assam.

## MATHEMATICS DAY OBSERVED



National Mathematics Day was observed on 22 December 2017, the birth day of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan Ayenger, jointly by the Department of Mathematics, Guwahati College and Assam Academy of Mathematics (AAM), in the college premises. The main attraction of the event was Dr. Swarup Nandan Bora, Prof. Department of

Mathematics, IIT Guwahati who took the audience for a 30 minute joyous ride in the seemingly drab world of Mathematics.

Dr. Dipak Sagar Das, Vice Principal of Guwahati college, welcomed the gathering and Dr. Tarakeswar Choudhury, Ex HOD, Department of Mathematics, Cotton College, and Dr. Haren Ch. Das President, Governing Body of Guwahati College, graced the occasion. The Programme commenced with Sarawati Vandana, followed by a chorus and concluded with the distribution of medals, certificates and prizes to the winners.

## GUWAHATI COLLEGE STUDENTS UNION SOCIETY ELECTION 2017-18

GCSUS election, 2017-18 was held peacefully on 16th of September, 2017. To hold the whole process of election smoothly an election conducting committee was formed. In this committee Mr. Sudarshan Nurzary, Asstt. Prof. Dept. of Economics, was the returning officer. The other members of the committee were Mr. Bimal Ch. Das, Mr. Dipak Kr. Deka, Mr. Pranab Goswami, Dr. Mrinal Kr. Das, Dr. Ranjita Devi, Mr. Amal Das and Mr. Adhar Choudhury. The whole process of election was completed within ten days from the notification of election date as per guidelines of the Lyndoh Commission. On the previous day of election i.e. on 15th September, 2017, an open debate session was held in presence of a large number of students and teachers. The open debate of the election was conducted jointly by Dr. Satyajit Kalita, Prof. Pranab Goswami and Prof. Naren Patgiri. In connection with the election process as per Lyndoh Commission. A Grievances Redressal Committee was also set-up headed by Dr. Dipak Sagar Das, Vice Principal, Guwahati College.



### ACTIVITIES OF IBT HUB

Guwahati College IBT Hub was established in the year 2011 to fulfil the dream of DBT, Govt of India for spreading the science and technology among the students. To review the activity of Biotech Hub every year a review meeting of Biotech Hub is held. This year 7th Annual Monitoring-cum Mentoring Review meeting of the Coordinators of the DBT-Biotech Hubs in the



North Eastern Region sponsored by the DBT was held at Imphal on 30th and 31st August, 2017. The 7th Review committee graded IBT Hub Guwahati College as "VERY GOOD" and upgraded the Hub as Advance Institutional Level Biotech Hub.

Some Important Activity of IBT Hub during the year 2017:

- 1)Invited lecture: The lecture was delivered by Dr. Hirendra Nath Sarma, Professor, Department of Zoology, Rajib Gandhi Central University, Itanagar on 9th March,2017
- 2)Three days Inter Institutional Workshop on "Bioinformatics and its Application" was held from 23rd January to 25th January, 2017. In this workshop Dr. Proboadh Bora, of AAU Khanapara was invited as Resource Person.
- 3)Out Reach Programme: An outreach programme was held at Pub Guwahati Girls' High School on 22nd March 2017 on the topics 'Pollution and Organic Elements' .In this Programme Dr. Monidipa Barua of Guwahati College and Dr. Jonali Medhi of Arya Vidyapeeth College were invited as Resource Person.
- 4) An Invited lecture on the topic of "Emerging Careers in Science and Technology" was delivered by Dr. Arup Kumar Misra, Director ASTEC on 9th October, 2017.

### LAURELS FOR THE COLLEGE IN BOOK FAIR

A cultural troupe from Guwahati College won the First prize in a cultural competition at the North East Book Fair 2017. Almost all the leading educational institutions of the city participated in the competition. The troupe of artistes from the college comprised more than fifty members. They presented a wide range of performances such as Nagara Naam, Bihu dance, different forms of tribal folk dance etc.



### NCC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1) 05/10/2017 - National Integration camp (NCC) - Memari, Burdwan, west Bengal SUO (Senior Under Officer) AMAN KUMAR was placed as a best cadet in All India basis.
- 2) Md. Shajed Sheikh - Selected from NER (North East Region) to attend firing camp in West Bengal.
- 3) Bijay Lama attended National Integration Camp, Silchar on 4.12.2017..
- 4) Pramod Kr. Baishya attended NIC, in Bihar.
- 5) 20 Cadets attended Combined Annual Training Camp held at 9th Mile, Khanapara, on 17.06.2017.
- 6) 15 Cadets attended Combined Annual Training Camp at A.V. college on July,2017.
- 7) Two cadets attended Pre Republic Day Camp held at Narangi (MES) on Dec, 2017.
- 8) Observed Yoga Day at Guwahati college on 21.06.2017.
- 9) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Programme by all NCC cadets at Guwahati college, August, 2017.
- 10) Road cleaning programme by all cadets in August, 2017 at Guwahati.
- 11) 15 cadets participated in Assam Police Half Marathan Ralley on 24.09.2017.
- 12) "Ek Shaam Veer Jawano Ke Naam", a programme held at Sri Manta Sannkardev Kala Khetra, Guwahati by NCC.

### THOSE WHOM WE LOST DURING THE YEAR BUT WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN OUR MEMORIES .....

1. Kamala Kanta Kalita-Ex-Principal i/c and HoD, Deptt. of Assamese.
2. Dr. Jiten Talukdar - Ex- Principal.
3. Debesh Choudhury - Ex. HoD, Deptt. of Economics
4. Sanjit Chakraborty - Ex. HoD, Deptt. of Economics



### TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Dhrubajyoti Rajbonshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, was awarded PhD degree on the topic - "Landuse Land cover change and growing



drainage sewerage problems of Guwahati City, Assam : A study in Urban Geomorphology" from Gauhati University in the year 2017

### NEWS IN BRIEF

- Dr. Sushil Kr. Sarmah has been appointed as a State Academic Coordinator of National Children Science congress.
- 3rd International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June 2017 in the college premises.
- 71st Independence day was observed in the college with full enthusiasm.
- The students who took part in the excursion to Kaziranga made a power point presentation on 25October 2017.
- Dr. Deben Bora, HoD, Deptt. of Hindi was elected as President, ACTA Kamrup (M) Zone for the session 2017-18.

### ANNUAL POPULAR TALK

A popular talk was delivered by Dr. Bula Choudhury, Sr. Scientist of Biotech park, Guwahati who is also an alumnus of this department. The talk was organized by the Deptt. of Botany. She delivered her lecture on Advanced methodology and appliances used in the study of life science. The students participated in the discussion with her about the recent advances of life science. The talk was held on 12 October 2017.

### FAREWELL PROGRAMME

A function was organized on 12 April, 2017 by Guwahati College Teachers' unit to bid formal farewell to ex, Vice Principal, Dr. Khanidra Ch. Sarma and Dr. Mamoni Borthakur who retired after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the college. Teachers of the Unit delivered speeches remembering the memorable moments spent with them.

### RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS IN 2017

1. Dr. Khanidra Ch. Sharma, Department of Economics.
2. Dr. Mamoni Borthakur, Department of History.



### RETIRED OFFICE BEARER IN 2017

Kashinath Talukdar



### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Sangita Bhagawati, Assistant, Professor, Deptt. of Political Science





## An Insight to the Departments

### Department of Assamese

• On 24th April, 2017, the third edition of annual hand-written magazine "Birikh", edited and published by the students of the department, was inaugurated. The departmental wall magazine "Bimrisha" was inaugurated by the HoD Mrs. Pratima Sarma on 5th September. The freshers' social and felicitation of meritorious students who had secured first class in the year 2017 were also arranged on the same date. With the coordination and support of the college authorities, the department also initiated a workshop on leaning the nuances of the Assamese language for all interested students of the college titled "Asomiya Bhaxa Xiku Aaha" on 25 August, 2017. On 10th October, a study circle on preparing a minor research project was organized among the fifth semester students of the department. On 20th December the fourth semester students accompanied by Teachers In charge Dr. Arup Kr. Nath, Pradyumna Pratim Rajkhowa, Dr. Smriti Rekha Bhuyan and Dr. Dharani Lahon left for an excursion cum filed trip to Majuli where they surveyed and studied different aspects of the Vaishnavite cult and Mising way of life in the cultural capital of the state.

### Department of Bengali

• Dr. Debjani Taran Sarmah, HoD, Deptt. of Bengali, inaugurated a magazine in memory of Rabindranath Tagore in the month of August 2017 in Bongaigaon. She was also invited at Thakurbari, Bamunimaidam, on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's Birthday (National Youth Day) on 12 July, 2017. The departmental wall magazine "Punachcha" was released on Teachers' Day, 5 September, 2017, which was inaugurated by the Vice Principal Dr. Dipak Sagar Das.

### Deptt. of Botany

• An educational excursion to Bhutan was held from 9 March to 14 March, 2017. A group of 14 students participated in the excursion. The group was led by D.N. Bhattacharyya HoD of Botany. During their visit they studied the flora of the tiny country situated in the lap of the Himalayas. They observed the alpine forest and the plants available in the country.

### Department of Chemistry

• The departmental magazine was inaugurated on 5 September, 2017 by the Vice Principal Dr. Dipak Sagar Das. A paper titled "Adsorption isotherm study for the removal of Cu(II) from aqueous medium by Artocarpus Heterophyllus leaf powder" jointly written by Miss Himani Medhi, Dr. P. Dutta Baruah and Major student Nissar Hasan was published in the Journal of Chemistry, Karimganj College. Another research paper was published in the New Journal of Chemistry-an international journal of Royal Society of Chemistry by Miss Himani Medhi, a teacher of the department. A paper titled "Noise pollution and its impact- A review" was presented jointly by Miss Himani Medhi and Dr. P. Dutta Baruah at Dhing College, Nagaon on 20 June. Dr. Monidipa Baruah, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry delivered a lecture on "Classification and nomenclature of organic compounds" to the students of class IX and X at Pub-Guwahati Girls' High School, sponsored by Bio-Tech Hub of Guwahati College on 22 March, 2017. Debashis Sharma, a 5 semester student of the department attended a National workshop on "Synthesis and characterization of Photoactive Nano Composites for Solar Application" at NEHU, Shillong from 11-16 September, 2017. The 5 semester students also attended an apprenticeship training programme sponsored by Indian Oil Corporation at Pragjyoti ITA, Complex, Machkhowa on 23 October, 2017.

### Department of Commerce

• A group of 5 students of the faculty of Commerce along with faculty members Dr. Swapna Boruah and Narayan Goal attended a National workshop on consumer protection and awareness on May 12th and 13th 2017 at Guwahati. The workshop was organized by Nabajeevan Sarathi (NG), Guwahati in collaboration with centre for consumer studies, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

### Department of Education

• An academic exchange programme was organized on 28.02.2017 by the Dept. of Education, Guwahati College in collaboration with Kaliabor College. Dr. Marami Goswami, H.O.D. Dept. of Education, Guwahati College delivered a talk on "Technology Integration in Education". Her talk was of immense help to the students as well as teachers participant and it became clear during the interactive session. A colourful cultural programme was followed by the talk. Students from both colleges were participated in the programme.

### Department of English

• The departmental wall magazine "Foliage" themed on nature was inaugurated by Dr. Dipak Sagar Das on 5 September. Two students from the department – Ritwik Pathak and Harshit Hillol Gogoi-won the second prize in the Inter College students' Seminar organized by the Dept. of English, B. Borooah College. Another group comprising Priyanka Devi and Upashana Doimary also presented a stimulating paper in the same event. A 15 day crash course on English Language and linguistics began in the month of November coordinated by Gunjana Dey. Dr. Uddipana Goswami is about to complete her Fulbright research project on "Gender and Ethno Nationalism in India's Northeast" and is expected to join the department from August, 2018.

### Department of Geography

• Dr. Dhrubajyoti Rajbongshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography was awarded PhD from Gauhati University. Dr. Safikur Rahman Assistant Professor of the department edited three research based ISBN books and one UGC approved Research Journal in the year 2017. Dr. Likhneswar Ghatowar, Associate Professor has been working on MRP under UGC funding on the topic "Migration of Tea Tribes". The department undertook field work at Deepor Beel for H.S final year students and another field trip to Gangtok and Dibruchaikhowa for BA/B.Sc 3rd semester students in the year 2017. They also organized a felicitation programme to felicitate the outstanding students on 5 September, 2017. A quiz competition was also held among students in the month of August.

## Department of History

• Mr. Naren Patgiri, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, chaired the academic session on "Ethnic Practices in North-East India", organized by D.R. College, Golaghat on 21 September, 2017. He also participated in a talk show on the historical contributions of Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel, organized by PPC North-East on 31 October, 2017. Mr. Patgiri also acted as a judge in the regional level All India Radio plays. Dr. Arup Kr. Goswami, Associate Professor, Dept of History, delivered a lecture on "The Role of Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel in the Making of Modern India" in Dispur College in the month of November, 2017. The Department of History, Guwahati College also coordinated a lecture entitled "The Role of Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel in the Making of Modern India", delivered by Prof. Priyam Goswami on 31 October, 2017.

## Department of Physics

• On the occasion of Teachers' Day on 5 September, the departmental magazine "WAVE" was inaugurated by Prof Debendranath Bhattacharya, H.O.D, Dept of Botany. The students of the department also organized a farewell for the outgoing 6 semester students and the Freshmen Social on the same day. Two students of the department, Mintu Haloi and Pinkumani Malakar participated in the educational tour held in December, 2017.

## Department of Political Science

• The department of Political Science celebrated Teachers' day on 5 September and the departmental wall magazine "JANAPADA" was also released on the same day. Dr. Robert Tuolor, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science participated in the three day NSS camp organized by the college at its adopted village, Hajongbari. The students of the department won the third prize in the power point presentation held in the college on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June. The students of the department also participated wholeheartedly and won several prizes in different categories in the College Week.

## Department of zoology

- On 28 February, 2017, Dept of Zoology celebrated National Science Day where Dr. G. Kalita presented a paper on shrinkage of wetland in Guwahati.
- The department participated in the Science Festival organized by IASST, Cotton University on Science Day by displaying a model on Kamranga Beel.
- An academic excursion was arranged on 10 March, 2017 for the sixth semester students of the department ably guided by Dr. A. Bairagi.
- On 8 March, 2017, a group of sixth semester students attended the Muga Research Centre at Boko as part of their academic syllabus under the guidance of Dr. D. Kakati
- On 9 March, students from the department attended a workshop cum lecture on biodiversity organized by Biotech Hub where Dr. Hiren Sarmah from Rajiv Gandhi University was the resource person.
- On 20 March, 2017, fourth semester students of the department visited Orang National Park as part of their academic activity under the guidance of Dr. D. Kakati and Dr. M.K. Das where the group surveyed and prepared list of animals and plants found there.
- A short film titled "Abhisap" brought out by the students of Zoology was released on 3 August, 2017, on the occasion of Foundation Day.
- Departmental Freshers was celebrated on 17 August, 2017.
- A seminar presentation was held on the occasion of "Vulture Conservation Day" on 3 September, 2017
- A trekking programme at Jyotinagar area was organized as part of "Celebration of Wildlife Week" on 7 October, 2017, by the 3 semester students with the help and supervision of Prof Manab Pratim Medhi where the students also undertook a plantation drive in that area. Later a meeting was held in the department attended by the Vice Principal where a lecture was delivered by Dr. Dhruvajyoti Rajbongshi, Department of Geography.
- On 5 November, 2017, death anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was celebrated in the department.
- Three students from the department attended a debate on "Youth Parliament" held at B.Borooah College on 16 November, 2017

