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Combating Covid

The past few years have been unprecedented and unbelievably strange. Perhaps even stranger than fiction. The government's move to implement CAA and the protests that ensued all over the state in 2019 put our state, Assam in the limelight of international

news. Then COVID19 came galloping on its speeding steed spreading miasma and death in the entire world in the next two years. The shock of the epidemic baffled humans who were sure they had scaled heights of technology. The rate at which contamination spread, the only way was to leave the fighting to the medical scientists and experts and retreat into homes isolating oneself from all that we cared for. The concept of society, time, love and care had to be re-examined. Priorities changed and so did the modus operandi of Educational institutions. Education had to operate from home, going online, and honestly, without having the least preparedness while the infection raged on outside. We lost students to the epidemic too which left us heartbroken. We tried from afar to provide the other students whatever emotional and educational support they needed and we could muster in that situation. To envision a college without its classes filled and its corridors sprawling with the youth was strange but it had very soon become the 'new normal'. We tried to do the best by them- we kept in touch with them, kept them up to date with their syllabus even at the face of great uncertainty and organised events that they could participate in from the safety of their homes. It was a period of trials, tribulations, errors and confusion and we braved through it and came out of it holding on to the cohesive spirit of college community comprising of the students, the teachers, the administrators and the other staff.

We sincerely hope the world never has to see that kind of disaster again, where everything comes to a standstill and people are rendered helpless as they are forced to watch others suffer. Recovering from one such phase and carrying within the memories of all those whom we lost to COVID19 and still bearing the scars they have left behind, we are bringing out the College Bulletin for the years 2019-2021. As a community dedicated to the education of young minds we have strived to provide them with the best that we have to offer. Amongst all the dark cloud of hopelessness of the previous years there were also bright rays of hope in the form of excellence and achievements of the members of the college community. With this Bulletin we will be presenting to you all of it that happened. We apologize for all mistakes on our part as we take up the hard task to chronicle the events of the bygone years.

Dr. Smriti Rekha Bhuyan
Kaushik Hazarika

From the Principal's Desk...



Dr. Pranab Sandilya, Principal

The college has started on a fresh note with renewed vigor and enthusiasm after many setbacks in the past few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I say this with great pride that despite the alarming and depressing situation all the stakeholders of the college rose to the occasion to deliver their duties to the best of their abilities. I hope that this bulletin will be an adequate reflection of the continued efforts of the college community in its goal to pursue excellence. I also take this opportunity herein to congratulate the editors engaged with the publication of this bulletin for doing their best to bring out this edition in such a short duration of time.

Of late there is great discretion in the country regarding the approval of NEP which outlines a vision of new educational system in India. With the impending implementation of NEP, challenges to education will be anew and I am sure that our diligent college community would face them head on thereby doing their part in developing the community. My best wishes to all!

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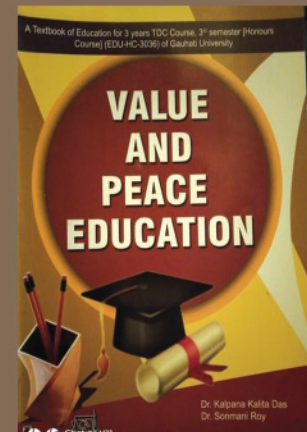
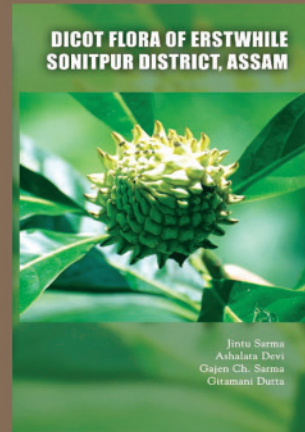
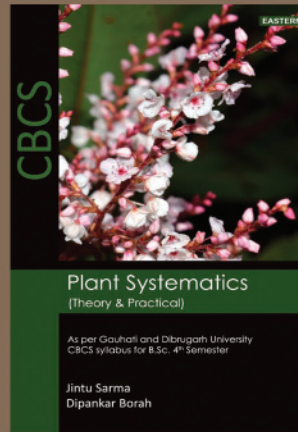
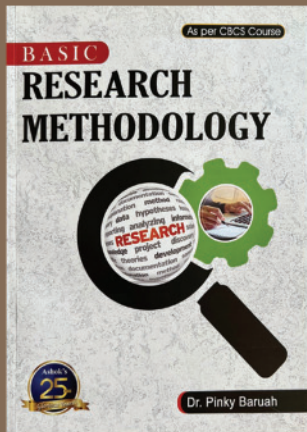
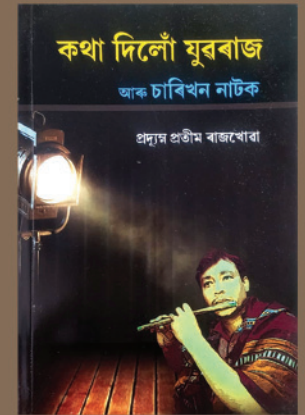
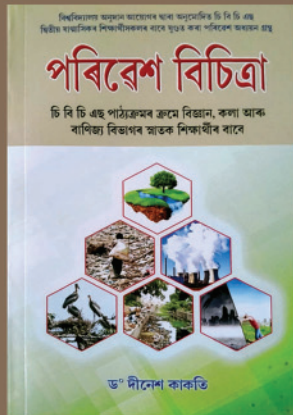
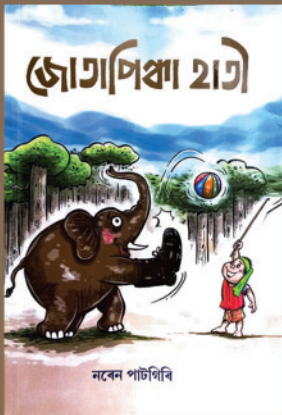
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Tidbits

Books



Superannuated from Guwahati College

1. Dr.Likhaneswar Ghatowar (Geography)
2. Mrs.Chandana Saikia (English)
3. Dr.Ranjita Devi (Physics)
4. Dr.Pulakananda Duttabaruah (Chemistry)
5. Dr.Mrinal Kumar Das (Botany)
6. Dr. Girindra Kalita (Zoology)
7. Dr. Bhanu Das (Physics)
8. Mr. Phanidhar Goswami (Office)
9. Mr.Girish Chandra Deka (Non-teaching)
10. Mr.Ranjit Bhuyan (Non- Teaching)

Philosophiae Doctor



Pallabi Medhi

Year--2019. Topic--Armed Conflict: A Non-Traditional Security Challenge in the Karbi Anglong District of Assam, under Gauhati University



Rajkumari Sujata Singha

Year-2020. Topic- Her Story- Women, Cinema and Partition, under Gauhati University



Karabee Medhi

Year- 2020
Topic- State Government Spending and Economic Growth in Assam- An Econometric Analysis, under Dibrugarh University



Departmental Diary

Department of Commerce

Industrial Visit for Students

On 6/4/2019, the students of commerce department went for an industrial visit to SRD Nutrients Pvt. Ltd., Mangaldoi Assam. Faculties of the Commerce Department Dr. Swapna Boruah, Mr. Kamal I. Das, Mr. Bhaskar A Deka and Bandeeta Deka guided a group of 47 students to SRD nutrients to acquaint the students with the production and operation system of SRD Nutrients Pvt. Ltd.

Awareness Program for budding entrepreneurs

National Awareness Programme on the topic "Build the enterprise of your dreams" was organised by MSME Development Institute from 17-28 February 2020 in association with Commerce & Economics Department of Guwahati College. In this program students of both Commerce and Economics Department participated. The officials of MSME Development Institute Explained the various ways, government schemes, support provided by the institute to the budding entrepreneurs, how to prepare project proposals for bank loans etc. were discussed.



2. Academic Exposure Tour - On Sep 5, 2021 5th semester students visited Tezpur University led by teachers of the department. The purpose of this program was to provide the students some immersion experience of being in one of the best Universities in India. The rationale behind is to motivate & encourage the students to pursue any course of their choice in the best institutions in India and make an informed career decision. On their visit the students visited the Central Library, Botanical Hub and had enlightening interactions with the Registrar and professors of the University.

Department of Assamese

1. Workshop on Mind, Meditation and Creativity- The Department of Assamese organized a workshop titled Mon, Dhyar aru Shristixilota on 21/10/2019. The workshop was inaugurated by renowned journalist Diganta Oza. Distinguished writer Hemchandra Dutta was the resource person of the workshop who mainly dealt with students on training the mind with meditation and how it can lead to achieve the space that creativity requires to thrive.
2. Handwritten yearly magazine 'BIRIKH' was published.
3. A souvenir 'BATAR AANT' was published on 02/03/2019 on the occasion of alumni meet.

Department of Bengali

Dr. Debjani Taron Sarmah was invited as the Chief Guest at Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati on 12 January, 2021 on the occasion of National Youth Day which is celebrated on the Birthday of Swami Vivekananda to honour his ideals and thoughts. She dwelt on length on the contribution of Swamiji and how he can serve as a role model for the present generation.

Department of Botany

1. WORKSHOP on IPR- With the increasing relevance of Intellectual Property (IP) in this era of globalization, it is important to recognize the role which IP systems play. With the view to create awareness on the significance of IPR to the students and teachers, a workshop was conducted jointly with the Department of Economics on 30.1.2021. Dr. Suchibrata Goswami, Research Officer, Tezpur University IPR cell, graced the occasion as the Resource person which was also attended by more than 70 participants from various colleges in Guwahati. The workshop covered various aspects of IPR like Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, etc.



Departmental Diary



Department of English

Release of Literary Journal

Brahmaputra- a literary journal published by the Department of English was released on 21/9/2019 in a meeting attended by students and teachers of the college by Jugal Goswami, Ex HoD, English. Brahmaputra, in its inaugural volume has ten articles compiled by students of the department pertaining to the theme of eco-criticism. Kaushik Hazarika, teacher In-charge of the literary production, said that the journal envisages to acquaint the students of the department with the literary developments and critical discourses of the day while at the same time provide a platform for critical engagement and dissemination. Naren Patgiri of the Department of History was the invited speaker who spoke on length on the tradition of ecocritical writings in the Indian context and encouraged the efforts of the students.

Annual Lecture Held

The Annual Lecture of the Department of English was held on 22 October, 2019 at the College Conference Hall. Dr. Gobinda Prasad Sarma, Retired professor and HoD, Department of English & Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, GU was the invited speaker of the lecture titled Reading The Novel : Aspects And Experiments. Students and teachers from different colleges of Guwahati were also invited to the lecture ad were enthralled by the erudition of Prof. Sarma. Winners of the Book review Competition were also felicitated at the event.

Department of Education

National Education Day Celebrated- National Education Day is observed on November 11 every year, since 2008, to commemorate the birth anniversary of independent India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He played a significant role in shaping the education system of the country. During his tenure, the UGC, AICTE, Kharagpur Institute of higher education, the University education commission, and the Secondary education commission were set up. The Department of Education too celebrated the event with a daylong programme in the year 2021. Dr. Sonmoni Roy spoke on " The recent Trends in Indian Education" while Dr. Rita Mahanta explained to the students Abul kalam Azad's contribution to the education system of the country. Various students of the department delivered speeches and showcased their talents on the occasion.

Department of Economics

Workshop on "Plagiarism and reference management"

The department of Economics in association with IQAC, Guwahati College organized a workshop on "Plagiarism and reference management" on 3rd January 2019 at the Conference Hall of the College. The program started at 9. 30 am and ended with the valedictory session at about 4.00 pm. The organizing committee included Sudarshan Narzary, Karabee Medhi, Elwin Kro Nihang and Anujay Kr. Saikia.



Two sessions were scheduled where the first session dealt with the topic "Referencing and Plagiarism" chaired by the resource person Dr. Narendra Lahkar (Assistant. Prof. Department of Library and Information Sciences, Guwahati University).

The second session dealt with the topic "Academic Writing and Plagiarism" chaired by the resource person Dr. Badan Barman (Assistant. Prof. Department. of Library and Information Sciences, Guwahati University). The program was successful with about 60 participants from different parts of Guwahati, who were mostly faculty and research scholars.



Departmental Diary



Department of Physics

Arup Jyoti Choudhury has completed a major research project for development of mulberry and non-mulberry silk of Assam as potential biomaterials for healthcare and bioengineering applications by using atmospheric dielectric barrier discharge (A-DBD) plasma under SERB, DST in August, 2021

Department of Political Science

World Human Rights Day observed – Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December- the day the United Nations General Assembly, adopted in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Teachers and students of the Department of Political Science observed the occasion by organizing a talk and different programs on that day. Students made pamphlets and posters related to this year's theme "Equality" and Article 1 of the UDHR – "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights".

Department of Zoology

Field Study in Manas national Park

The Department of Zoology conducted a two-day Environmental Field Study in Manas National Park on 24 & 25 October, 2019 under the guidance of Dr. Arati Bairagee and Dr. Dinesh Kakati. Dr. Dharanidhar Boro, renowned forest officer, Govt. of Assam and Dr. Dipankar Lahkar, Project officer, Tiger Specialist group, Aaranyak delivered the technical talk on The Landscape of Manas and tiger Census Procedure. The experience helped the students immensely in giving them the idea of a field study and how it enables students and researchers to examine the way scientific theories interact with real life.

Workshop on Nature photography : A workshop on Nature photography was organized by the Department of

Zoology at Garbhanga Reserve Forest on 7 January, 2019. Hemanta Swargiary, a renowned wildlife photographer was the mentor and resource person of the workshop.

National Science Day was celebrated in Guwahati College. Prof. D K Sarma, retd faculty Deptt. of Zoology, GU was invited as the distinguished speaker.

To celebrate World Sparrow Day a survey of Sparrow Habitat was done in the college campus. Bird feeders were made by students which were installed in the college campus.

To celebrate World Environment Day and Swachata Pakhwada was organized on 7th June 2019, in the college campus. The students participated in cleanliness drive of the college campus.



Keeping in the essence of World Environment Day, eco friendly dustbins were installed in different parts of the college campus.

Celebration of International Day For Biological Diversity, 22nd May, 2019 International Day For Biological Diversity was celebrated in Guwahati College on 22nd May, 2019. Dr Girindra Kalita, Associate Prof, Deptt. of Zoology, Guwahati College delivered a talk on " Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health: Biodiversity of Aquatic Ecosystem-Uses and Abuses. "



Students' Corner



The Guwahati College Drama Team bagged the second prize at Consensio 2020, organized by Royal Global University. The team which staged a play named Bemar was led by Madhurjya Pratim Chakrabarty.



Madhurjya Pratim Chakrabarty, a student of the Zoology Department, won the Best Actor Award at Lock-down Indian International Acting Competition Online 2021. A poster made by Madhurjya was also selected for the second prize in the Poster Making Competition organized by FIPIDUSC at Dibrugarh University. He is also actively involved in different cultural activities and forums in and outside the college

Bitpoan Raj Bora, a student of the Department of Mathematics, was adjudged the Best Actor for Obesophobia in the category of Mono Act in the Winter Fest Online Cultural Competition 2021.



Tribeni Bharadwaj and Ronni Moni Borah, students of the English Department, secured the First Position in the 5th Inter College Students' Seminar on the theme Reading to Interpreting :Reading Literature in the 21st Century organized by the Department of English, B.Borroah College on 30 September, 2019. The title of their paper was Nowhere to Go- Situating Godot in an Ecocritical Garden.



Students' Corner



Spondon Nath of the Department of English had performed the duty of On-set Still Photographer and DIT (Digital Imaging Technician) during the shooting period of the film 'Sijou', a Bodo feature film, directed by Vishal P Chaliha and cinematography of Asutosh Kashyap, which has bagged accolades in many prestigious film festivals around the globe. The film revolves around a small boy, Sijou, who lives in the village of Saikhonguri with his father. So far, the film has won awards in many film festivals, notably Golden Sparrow International Film Festival (2021), Montreal Independent Film Festival (2021), International Film Festival of Thrissur (2021), Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (2021), Canadian Cinematography Awards (2021) etc to name a few. Spondon is also the cinematographer of Kuhipator Rang, an Assamese feature film to be released in 2022.



Mukut Das, won the silver Medal representing GU in Grappling (Sr. category) in the All India University Games, 2019 held at Rohtak, Haryana. Mukut also served as the President of the GCSUS for the session 2020-2021.



Parthajit Baruah secured second position in Gauhati University Inter-College Athletics and Boxing Championship 2019-2020 held at Sarusajai Sports Complex, Guwahati organised on 22-23 Feb, 2020



Deep Jyoti Sarma successfully participated in the prestigious NSS Republic Day Parade Camp held in New Delhi from 1-31 January, 2021.



Around the campus

Eco Club celebrates World Sparrow Day, 20th March 2019

Every year, World Sparrow Day is celebrated on March 20 to raise awareness and protect sparrows. These little and beautiful birds need us for their survival in this ever-growing concrete jungle while we humans also need them for our ecological system to be balanced. To celebrate World Sparrow Day, a survey of Sparrow Habitat was done in the college campus. Ornithologists attribute a number of reasons for the decline of the house sparrow. They include lack of nesting sites in modern buildings, use of pesticides and non-availability of food. Bird feeders were made by students which were installed in the college.



Harit Diwali- Swasth Diwali

In present times, Diwali- the festival of lights has become synonymous with air pollution due to the high use of firecrackers during the festival. The Ministry of Environment considers the combustible chemicals found in firecrackers a major cause for the rise of respiratory problems in children and elderly during the days following Diwali. Keeping in view the above detrimental effects and also the importance of the festival, Ministry has initiated a "Harit-Diwali" campaign. Students participated in the rally at Dighalipukhuri on 23rd October, 2019 and Sensitization and Awareness program for celebration of Harit Diwali- Swasth Diwali Program of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Sponsored by ASTEC in the college premises and organized by Rural Women Upliftment Association of Assam. The students took pledge to minimize bursting of crackers and also discouraged the neighborhood and their friends from bursting of crackers.



ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB (ELC)

The ELC was formed as per the directive of the Election Commission of India in order to enhance awareness about democratic values among the prospective voters. Since its inception, the ELC has organized various events like celebration of National Voters' Day and Constitution Day every year on 25th January and 26th November respectively. It has conducted Essay writing competition, Debate competition, extempore speech competition etc among the students in order to inculcate in them democratic values. An awareness camp on EVM and VVPAT inside the college premise was also organized to make the students aware about the same. It also successfully conducted a training programme of the Election Officers engaged in the General Election of our country by the Master Trainers appointed by the Kamrup Metropolitan Election District.

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The institution introduced a certificate course on Human Rights in the year 2019 with Dr. Sangita Bhagawati, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, as the Convener. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Barpatragohain, the Advocate General of Assam, has been generous to don the role of the honorary advisor of the course. The duration of the course is three months. The first batch of students has successfully completed the course. However, due to the closure of the educational institutions because of Covid-19 pandemic, enrollment and classes for the second batch of the students started late and are in the process of completion.

PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SANITIZERS DURING PANDEMIC

The college authority with the help of different departments came forward to fight coronavirus situation by distributing free masks and sanitizers. They have joined hands to make sanitizers and masks available to underprivileged people around the Campus and in the College's adopted village.





Guwahati College Mountaineering Club Organizes Rock Climbing Camp

Around the campus

Among the many adventure travel activities, one that has steadily picked up in popularity over the decades is outdoor rock climbing. With a view to promote this adventure sport GCMC organized a basic Rock Climbing and Adventure Training Camp on 29th December, 2021. The camp was conducted at Garbhanga Reserve Forest, along the Assam - Meghalaya border in association with Assam Rock and Sport Climbing Association which is affiliated to the Indian Mountaineering Foundation.



The aim was to give novice climbers, the opportunity to climb with experienced climbers to help develop their outdoor traditional rock climbing skill. Around 100 boys and girls joined the camp and were coached the basic skills of rock climbing like rappelling, Tyrolean traverse climbing, River Crossing etc. under the guidance of experienced climbers and trainers appointed by the with Assam Rock and Sport Climbing Association. Mr. Deva Pratim Lahkar, the General Secretary of Assam Rock and Sport Climbing Association was also present on the occasion.

The GCMC had also conducted an "Adventure Day Out" programme on 6th December, 2019 at Grabhanga Reserve Forest. Tarun Saikia, the first Assamese to scale Mount Everest and an alumnus of the college and Manish Kumar Deka, the second Assamese to scale Mount Everest were present on the day to encourage the young trainees and share their precious experience of reaching the summit of the highest peak in the world. Around 60 students from various departments participated in the event.



Cloth Donation Drive Receives Overwhelming Response

Winter may be a season of feasting and bonhomie but for the thousands who spend their lives on the street, it is a terrible time. Many of them survive while many fall prey to the shivering cold in their fight against winter. The College NCC unit in collaboration with the NSS Unit initiated a noble initiative of spreading some warmth in the lives of the destitute and homeless of the city. Students and teachers were urged to donate their old clothes to the needy in the collection centres installed within the campus. The drive which began on 24 December, 2021 saw a huge collection of winter clothes which after proper sorting and cleaning, were donated to the people on the streets with a motive to provide some comfort and respite in the biting cold.

Pre Christmas Celebration

Students and teachers of Guwahati College under the aegis of NCC and NSS unit had a gala tome at the pre-Christmas celebration organized in the college premises on 24-12-2021. The programme commenced with a prayer song by Dr. Nicodim Basumatary of the Department of Economics which was followed by singing carols by the teachers and students community of the college. The celebration ended with the distribution of cakes and Santa caps.





Around the campus

Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat Day Observed

A PowerPoint presentation competition was organised by EBSB Club of Guwahati College to observe the EBSB Day. The PPT competition was on life and culture of Rajasthan, in which students of the different departments of the college participated. The Chief guest and the judge for the event was Abani Ranjan Narthakur. In the competition First prize was won by the students of English department and second prize was won by Chemistry department.



Celebration of International Women's Day by Guwahati College Women Forum

International women's day in 2020 was celebrated in collaboration with the NGO, Rodali- a centre for breast cancer awareness and counselling- where Dr. B K Das, surgical oncologist, delivered a talk on breast cancer. Dr. Ayona Borthakur, Gynaecologist, spoke on reproductive health and hygiene. 40 girl students participated in the programme. The programme was attended by Dr. Arunima Goswami and Dr. Jayantimala Chakroborty. Faculty and staff members of the college were also present.

In 2020, The International Women's Day was organized in Yasashi Education

Centre, Narengi. YASASHI EDUCATION CENTRE is a school for underprivileged children run by YASASHI FOUNDATION. The school also depends on donations for meeting the recurring expenses. YASASHI FOUNDATION is also working on some sustainable revenue generating model for this Centre. The youth ambassador of YASASHI FOUNDATION, Tanush, a IXth Grade student from Pennsylvania, US, takes regular online classes for the students on alternate Saturdays. Tanush is also taking it as a lifetime project to work for the cause of YASASHI EDUCATION CENTER. GCWF donated a stand fan to the school. The students were also given snack packets. The members of the forum interacted with the students and teachers of the school and also assured to extend help whenever needed.





Picturesque



IQAC activities (2019-2021)

- AQAR for the year 2019-2020 has been submitted to NAAC and accepted.
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- Thirteen Webinars on different topics has been organized.
- The faculties were encouraged to take online classes by providing the infrastructure.
- Three Smart class rooms were newly added for the benefit of students.
- One day Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights.

- The President of Governing Body has been appointed as the Adviser of IQAC of the college.
- Different college committees were reconstituted and published in the college website.
- The newly appointed faculty members were added to seven criteria committee.
- Seven Assistant Conveners were selected for seven criteria for smooth progress of IQAC activities.
- The Course outcome of TDC (CBCS) is framed and uploaded.
- Energy audit of the college has been completed.
- Administrative audit and Environment audit has been done.
- Proposal for liquid waste management in the college is taken.



Looking forward

NEW JOINING



The steps of spring march towards a new beginning

From L to R- Dr. Pranjal Protim Barua (English), Dr. Jintu Sarma (Botany), Dr. Manash Jyoti Deka (Chemistry), Dr. Rumi Patar (History), Dr. Ananya Bhattacharjee (English), Karishma Deka (Education), Priyanka Longmailai (Geography), Dr. Swapnali Saikia (Geography), Dr. Nicodim Basumatary (Economics), Dr. Arup Jyoti Choudhury (Physics), Dr. Uma kanta Chowra (Botany)

List of webinars held during May 2020-June 2021

1. Psychological well-being to overcome Negative Emotions during COVID 19 Pandemic and Lockdown
Resource Person- Dr. Chandita Baruah, Assistant Prof. ADTU
2. COVID 19 Pandemic and its Impact on Environment
Resource Person- Dr. Balendra Kumar Das, Former Principal and President, ACPC
3. Trajectory of English Studies in India
Resource Person- Dr. Munish Tamang and Kuntal Tamang, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi
4. Awareness programme for Accessing Online Digital Learning Resources
Resource Person- Anujay Kumar Saikia, Librarian, Guwahati College
5. Rebuilding Management Education in the Post COVID -19 World
Resource Person- Dr. Mukulesh Barua, Director and ONGC Chair Professor, AIM
6. New Business Potential between India and ASEAN Countries in the post COVID situation and how to unlock it.
Resource Person- Madhurjya Kr. Dutta, Director, Trade and Investment Facilitation Department, MEKONG Institute of Development and Cooperation, Thailand

7. Basics of Graph and Number Theory
Resource Person- Dr. Bipan Hazarika, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, GU
8. Manifestation of Confinement in Literature- A deliberation
Resource Person- Dr. Ratnottama Das, Assistant Professor, Department of MIL and LS, University of Delhi
9. Human Rights in India During Pandemic period of COVID 19 with special reference to Article 21 of Indian Constitution
Resource Person- Dr. Bhuban Ch Barooah, Principal, NEF Law college
10. Remote Sensing and Resource Management
Resource Person- Dr. K K Sarma, Scientist (SG), NESAC
11. Online Education – Transition into the Future
Resource Person- Prof. J S Bhatt, Director, IIIT, Surat
12. Conservation of Nature in the Light of Socio Cultural Perspectives
Resource Person- Dr. Ashalata Devi, Associate Professor, Department of EVS, Tezpur University
13. Diversity of Herpetofauna in Assam with special reference to Venomous Snakes
Resource Person- Dr. Abhijit Das, Scientist D, Endangered Species Management Deptt, WII, Dehradun