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#### FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Welcome to the Second Issue of the Assam University Newsletter April-June 2022

ssam University is well known for its academic excellence and dedicated approach towards dissemination of knowledge in the academic world. The first issue received an overwhelming response by everyone including the readers, our associates and allied stakeholders. This is a living document of the University carrying a mosaic of intellectual contributions, activities, events, seminars and much more. It is our pleasure to introduce the second issue of the Assam University Newsletter. In this issue, we will recount the various, academic, social, cultural, research and extension activities in which members were actively involved during April-June 2022.

We would like to convey our regard to all the Heads of the Department, Deans of Schools/Directors/Centres/Administrative and Academic Sections of University Administration/Faculty Members/Non-Teaching Staff/AUTA/AUNTEA/Cooperative Society/NSS/NCC/CCPC/ICC and students who supported us for making this happen. Last but not the least, we would like to thank our Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Advisor and Finance Officer for their everlasting support and motivation throughout the creation of this edition. We appreciate your support and feedback. We hope going through this newsletter is as enjoyable for you as it is for us bringing it to you.

Happy Reading...!

Warm Welcome!

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#### **About Assam University**

Assam University came into existence in 1994 after enactment of the Assam (Central) University Act 1989. Through its pursuit, Assam University is in the process of making itself an institute of excellence.

Assam University main campus is situated at Dargakona, about 20 kms away from Silchar. The campus is set amid sprawling hillocks and typical landscape of north east. The campus is spread over 600 acres and provide an ideal environment for the researchers, students and the people interested in academic excellence. The other campus of the university is situated at Diphu in the district of Karbi Anglong, Assam.

#### Message from the Vice Chancellor



Role of newspapers in giving freedom to India has been important. Newspapers criticized the policy of the British government through a variety of published literature, due to which new consciousness was awakened in the public mind and public outrage arose against the British Raj with positive thinking and energy. As a result, the British were compelled to leave India. Documents published in newspapers inspire and encourage us even today. From this point of view, I believe that publication of Assam University Newsletter will guide teachers, students and intellectuals. In the last issue, a brief outline for the future development of the University was laid before the society and intellectuals and we are working on that. In this context, the establishment of the Ambedkar Chair and Centre is a good sign for the development of the University. Through this, we can realize the concept of an inclusive society. At the same time, Assam University is the only university in the Northeast where a Centre for Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) has been established, which will make a special contribution in the preservation and development of the rich social and cultural heritage of the Barak Valley.

This university is an important centre of multidisciplinary higher education in southern Assam. This issue is focused on the convocation ceremony. The University has organized its 19th convocation on 5th, 6th and 7th May 2022 where degrees were conferred to the scholars and students of PhD, M.Phil., Postgraduate and Undergraduate courses for the years 2020 and 2021. This convocation was historic and unique, in which three Padma awardee eminent scholars and social reformers along with former Vice Chancellors participated. On the first day, Dr Rajendra Singh, the father of India's Water Conservation Movement and Ramon Magsaysay Awardee & Stockholm Water Prize winner, graced the convocation as the chief guest. We were fortunate that the founder of Himalayan Environment Studies and Conservation Organization and Padma Shri & Padma Vibhushan awardee, Uttarakhand's famous environmentalist, Dr Anil Prakash Joshi was the witness as the chief guest on the second day of this program. Further, I consider it my privilege that Dr Ravi Kannan Ji, Padma Shri awardee in the field of health, from Barak Valley, graced this program as chief guest on the third day. In this program, Dr Kumar Kanti (Lakshman) Das Ji, a famous doctor of Barak Valley, was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science and the Vice Chancellor of Vivekananda University run by Ramakrishna Mission was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by the University. I would like to give the credit for the success of the program to all the members of the university family, who made the program a success with their tireless and dedicated efforts.

I take pride in saying that the faculty and non-teaching staff of the university are very experienced and can make the University a world-class university, I believe and for that, they are also trying. Every member of the University family is requested to work with similar dedication towards their work, success will kiss our feet.

We have to keep working with dedication for the continuous progress of our University.

"Miles to go before we sleep"



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### कुलपति का संदेश

भारत को आजादी दिलाने में समाचार-पत्रों की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण रही है। समाचार-पत्रों ने साहित्य के विविध माध्यमों से ब्रिटिश सरकार की नीति की आलोचना की जिससे जनमानस में नवीन चेतना जागृत हुई और सकारात्मक सोच एवं उर्जा से ब्रिटिश राज के खिलाफ जनता में आक्रोश पैदा हुई। फलस्वरूप अंग्रेजों को भारत छोड़ कर जाना पड़ा। समाचार-पत्रों में प्रकाशित दस्तावेज आज भी हमें प्रेरणा एवं प्रोत्साहन देते हैं। इस दृष्टि से असम विश्वविद्यालय न्यूजलेटर का प्रकाशन शिक्षकों, छात्रों एवं बुद्धिजीवियों के लिए मार्गदर्शन का कार्य करेगा, ऐसा मुझे विश्वास है। पिछले अंक में विश्वविद्यालय के भावी विकास के लिए एक संक्षिप्त रूप-रेखा समाजिकों एवं बुद्धिजीवियों के समक्ष रखी थी और उसी पर हम कार्य कर रहे हैं। इस क्रम में अम्बेडकर चेयर एवं केन्द्र की स्थापना विश्वविद्यालय के विकास के लिए शुभ संकेत है। इसके माध्यम से हम समावेशी समाज की अवधारण को साकार कर सकते हैं। वहीं पूर्वोत्तर भारत में असम विश्वविद्यालय एक मात्र ऐसा विश्वविद्यालय है जहाँ परंपरागत ज्ञान प्रणाली केन्द्र की स्थापना की गई है जो बराक घाटी की समृद्ध सामाजिक एवं सांस्कृतिक विरासत को संरक्षित एवं उसके विकास में विशेष योगदान देगा।

विश्वविद्यालय उच्च शिक्षा का एक मुख्य केन्द्र है। इस उच्च संस्थान से अपने विशिष्ट विषय क्षेत्र में उपाधि प्राप्त छात्र समाज के लिए कार्य करने में सक्षम हो जाते हैं। इसलिए विश्वविद्यालय ने 19वां दीक्षान्त समारोह 5, 6 एवं 7 मई 2022 को आयोजित किया। जिसमें वर्ष 2020 एवं 2021 के पी-एच.डी., एम.फिल., स्नातकोत्तर एवं स्नातक पाठ्यक्रमों के छात्रों को उपाधि प्रदान की गई। यह दीक्षान्त समारोह कई विषयों में ऐतिहासिक एवं अतुलनीय था जिसमें तीन पद्म पुरस्कार प्राप्त विद्वानों एवं समाजविदों के साथ भूतपूर्व कुलपतियों ने भाग लिया। भारत के जल संरक्षण आंदोलन के जन्मदाता एवं रोमन मैग्सेसे पुरस्कार विजेता डॉ. राजेन्द्र सिंह ने इस दीक्षान्त समारोह में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में भाग लेकर कार्यक्रम एवं विश्वविद्यालय की गरिमा को बढाया। विश्वविद्यालय का यह सौभाग्य ही था कि हिमालयन एनवायरोंमेंट स्टटीज एण्ड कंजर्वेशन आर्गेनाइजेशन के संस्थापक एवं भारत सरकार से पद्मश्री एवं पद्मविभूषण सम्मान से सम्मानित उत्तराखण्ड के प्रसिद्ध पर्यावरणविद डॉ. अनिल प्रकाश जोशी दीक्षान्त समारोह के दूसरे दिन के मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे। आगे मैं अपना यह सौभाग्य ही समझता हूँ कि डाँ0 रवि कन्नन जी जिनको भारत सरकार द्वारा स्वास्थ्य के क्षेत्र में विशिष्ट कार्यों के लिए पद्मश्री पुरुष्कार से सम्मानित किया गया ने इस कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित होकर कार्यक्रम की शोभा बढ़ाई। इस कार्यक्रम में विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा बराक घाटी के प्रसिद्ध चिकित्सक डाँ0 कुमार कांति (लक्ष्मण) दास जी को डाँक्टर ऑफ साइंस एवं रामकृष्ण मिशन द्वारा संचालित विवेकानंद विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपित को डॉक्टर ऑफ लिटरेचर की मानद उपाधि प्रदान की गई। कार्यक्रम की सफलता का श्रेय मैं विश्वविद्यालय परिवार के सभी सदस्यों को देना चाहता हुँ, जिन्होंने अपने अथक एवं समर्पित प्रयासों से कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाया।

यह अंक मूल रूप से दीक्षान्त समारोह पर केन्द्रित है, परन्तु यह कहते हुए गर्व का अनुभव कर रहा हूँ कि विश्वविद्यालय के शिक्षक एवं शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी काफी अनुभवी हैं और विश्वविद्यालय को विश्वस्तरीय का विश्वविद्यालय बना सकते हैं, ऐसा मेरा विश्वास है और उसके लिए वे काफी प्रयास भी कर रहे हैं। विश्वविद्यालय परिवार के प्रत्येक सदस्य से निवेदन है कि वे अपने कार्य के प्रति इसी प्रकार के समर्पण के साथ कार्य करें, सफलता हमारे कदम चूमेंगी। हमें अपने विश्वविद्यालय की निरंतर प्रगति के लिये समर्पण भाव से काम करते रहना है।

चरैवेति, चरैवेति।

### 19th CONVOCATION OF ASSAM UNIVERSITY



The 19<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Assam University was held at the Netaji Mukta Mancha of Assam University during May 5-7, 2022. Over 7000 graduating students were awarded their degrees at the three-day ceremony.

On the first day, Ramon Magsaysay awardee and Stockholm Water Prize Winner, water conservationist Dr. Rajendra Singh, who is also known as the Waterman of India was the chief guest and delivered the convocation address. Congratulating the students, Dr. Singh said, "The true fulfillment of the education acquired in the academic institutions should be focused on the process to inculcate moral values and national spirit among the graduating students who are expected to contribute towards nation-building activities."

On the first day, as many as 330 Ph.D. degree recipients and 156 Gold Medal winners, M.Phil., and Master's degree holders were given away their degrees and certificates by Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, the Vice Chancellor of the University. Also, Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj, the first Vice Chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, and also the Maharaj from Belur Math along with renowned physician from Barak Valley, Dr. Kumar Kanti Das were awarded Doctor of Literature and Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) degrees respectively at the convocation in recognition of their immense contribution to their respective fields of work.

After receiving the *Honoris Causa* degree, the veteran physician popularly known as Dr. Laxman Das said that the recognition is dedicated to each person associated

with Sundari Mohan Seva Bhawan hospital in Cachar district. Swami Atmapriyanandiji Maharaj said that the steps taken to build a strong character for building a stronger nation is the pursuit of the Ramakrishna Mission over the past 100 years and this is a recognition of that pursuit.

Former Vice Chancellors of Assam University, Prof. Subhash Chandra Saha, Prof. Tapodhir Bhattacharjee, Prof. Somnath Dasgupta and Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath also attended the three-day convocation proceedings.

Renowned environmentalist and social activist, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi was the chief guest on the second day, and delivered the convocation address. Congratulating the students, Dr. Joshi said, "For a nation to be truly developed and prosperous, one should pay attention not only to the economy but also to its ecology." He also added that sustainable development is the model that nations should follow and preservation of natural resources, like land, air and water must be paramount in chalking out development master plans by governments and policy makers.

Eminent cancer specialist and Director of Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre Padma Shri Dr. Ravi R. Kannan was the chief guest on the third day, and delivered the convocation address. While congratulating the graduating students, Dr. Kannan said, "Education is a privilege, and not everybody has access to education. Therefore, you should consider yourselves the chosen few and therefore use this education in the service of those who do not have access to it."



Day 1 : Vice Chancellor presenting memento to the Chief Guest, 'Waterman of India' & Padma Shri Dr. Rajendra Singh



Day 2 : Vice Chancellor presenting memento to the Chief Guest Padma Bhushan & Padma Shri Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi



Day 3: Vice Chancellor presenting memento to the Chief Guest, eminent cancer specialist & Padma Shri Dr. Ravi Kannan



Vice Chancellor presenting memento to former Vice Chancellor, AUS, Prof. Somnath Dasgupta



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Vice Chancellor conferring 'Honoris Causa' degrees to Swami Atmapriyananda ji Maharaj & Dr. Kumar Kanti Das



Vice Chancellor presenting memento to former Vice Chancellor, AUS, Prof. Subhas Chandra Saha



Former Vice Chancellor, AUS, Prof. Tapodhir Bhattacharjee attending the Convocation ceremony.



Vice Chancellor presenting memento to former Vice Chancellor, AUS, Prof. Dilip Chandra Nath

#### ECOLOGY & ECONOMY HAS TO CO-EXIST : DR. ANIL PRAKASH JOSHI



Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi noted environmentalist exhorted the youths of Assam and the whole of Northeast India not to leave their land in the professional quest, instead, they must explore the potential of vocal for local making use of the rich natural resources the region is blessed with.

Dr. Joshi said that it is high time, the youth of Assam and Northeast tap the local resources. "People of the Northeastern region are blessed with rich mineral and forest resources, and medicinal plants. But somehow, the resource-based technical inputs, training and market intelligence, and marketing skills could not be properly oriented. The youths must not leave their land; instead, they must tap on the ways to work on local resources which will boost the economy and ecology as well which must grow in tandem," he maintained.

Dr. Joshi, the founder of the Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation (HESCO), has been the man behind mooting the concept of Gross Environment Product (GEP), especially after the 2013 Uttarakhand deluge. "Today the GEP has to be introduced across the Western and North Eastern Himalayan region to effectively gauge the anthropological pressure on our ecosystem and natural resources like the Gross Domestic Product, to measure where we stand economically, there are four pillars of GEP viz., how much organic soil is covered, how much rainwater we have been able to harvest, quality and quantity of water, air, and forest respectively which are in line with the GDP scale of economic progression. While the GEP will calculate the material value of the wealth of our forests and help to frame policies for the betterment of our wildlife and environment, this will help to formulate policies that boost sustainable development making optimum use of the local resources as well. The Uttarakhand Government had already announced the incorporation of the GEP in its approach and focus on ecosystem and I feel that the Assam Government must also look to implement the GEP," he said.

Dr. Joshi, in his address to the graduating students at Assam University Silchar admitted that the previous generation, in the last five decades has failed to seriously think and work for forest conservation which is why the future generations have had to suffer. "I do admit and apologize that our generation, since the past five decades is responsible for not being serious about forest conservation. We are losing our forest cover and the future generation is suffering now. Our resource management policy has been largely disappointing. We have been consumers and not contributors to sustain the blessings of Mother Nature. It is an alarming situation when we see that 35 cities, out of the 50 most polluted cities of the world are from India. My heartiest wishes to the graduating students at this prestigious university and I do expect that the students must realize the situation and become worthy citizens of the country and work for protecting the ecology and economy as well," he said.

## ASSAM UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER (Vol.1) AND COFFEE TABLE BOOK RELEASE



दिनांक 04.05.2022 को विश्वविद्यालय के दीक्षांत समारोह के पूर्व संध्या पर असम विश्वविद्यालय न्यूजलेटर के प्रथम अंक का विमोचन प्रशासनिक भवन के प्रेमेन्द्र मोहन गोस्वामी सभाकक्ष में हुआ। न्यूजलेटर का विमोचन विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में पधारे जल संरक्षक एवं पर्यावरणविद डॉ. राजेन्द्र सिंह जिन्हें 'भारत का वाटरमैन' भी कहा जाता है के हाथों हुआ। इस अवसर पर माननीय कुलपित प्रो. राजीव मोहन पंत और पूर्व कुलपित प्रो. एस. सी. साहा और प्रो. दिलीप चंद्र नाथ भी उपस्थित थे। साथ ही संपादक मंडल के सदस्यों एवं विश्वविद्यालय के कुलसचिव डॉ. प्रदोष किरण नाथ एवं अन्य कर्मचारी भी उपस्थित थे। इस अवसर पर एक कॉफी बुक का भी विमोचन किया गया। विशिष्ट अतिथि डॉ. प्रसाद ने कहा कि ''पुस्तकें और पित्रकाएँ हमारी ज्ञान एवं विचारों की संग्रह होती हैं। इससे हम प्रेरणा लेकर आगे की कार्य योजना बनाकर उसपर कार्य करते हैं।'' साथ ही वे कुलपित महोदय एवं संपादक मंडल की भूरी-भूरी प्रशंसा की। और ऐसे अन्य दस्तावेज भविष्य में भी प्रकाशित होते रहने की शुभकामनाएँ दी।

# DR. AMBEDKAR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (DACE) TO COME UP AT ASSAM UNIVERSITY SILCHAR



Along with the 31 central universities of the country, Assam University will also have Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE), an initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India. It may be mentioned that the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) was ceremonially launched at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in March 2022 by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in the presence of the Honourable Governor of Uttar Pradesh Anandiben Patel, Prof. Sudhir K Jain, Vice Chancellor BHU, officials from Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi and other dignitaries.

Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice Chancellor of Assam University, along with Dr. P.K. Nath, Registrar, attended the ceremony for the signing of MoUs with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, New Delhi, informed that the university is among the 31 varsities in the country including three from the North-Eastern states to have the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence. Also, the university has been provided with Dr. Ambedkar Chair, the Vice Chancellor said.

"It is a great day for Assam University to have been selected for the Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE). Under this, our mandate will be to work for social equity and uplifting of the weaker section of the society and provide coaching for students coming from the lesser-privileged strata for appearing in the Civil Services and other competitive examinations. We are among the 24 universities to be provided with Dr. Ambedkar Chair. There will be one professor post, one assistant professor post along with two research associates to work exclusively for the socio-economic transformation of the lesser-privileged section of the society," the Vice Chancellor said.

Moreover, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant added that a few days ago, the university received the sanction letter and first instalment regarding the center for Indigenous



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Knowledge System (IKS) from the AICTE under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. "Barak Valley has got a rich cultural base. Being part of the academic institution, it is our responsibility to disseminate knowledge among the people by bringing to the fore the indigenous knowledge base. Under the IKS at the university, we shall strive to analyze scientifically and document the traditional and timetested practices of the catchment areas of the region, primarily from across Barak Valley, which is getting lost with time. We shall chalk out the scheme of work for the IKS center after holding a meeting with the stakeholders shortly," Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant said.

## CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS (IKS) STARTS FUNCTIONING

By selecting four themes with specific objectives and outcomes, the "Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems with special reference to North East Studies" aims to educate and mentor research activities related to Indian Knowledge Systems in the North East India. Except Indian Consciousness Studies, the remaining three themes are directly related to North East India. The inter disciplinary approach, and collaboration is the strength of this center. There are four co-PIs from four different departments to bring their expertise and research to work for this center and also fulfil IKS mission. We also aim to collaborate with other North East universities to promote more project proposals from faculty and research scholars. Publication of books, research papers and articles are the priority. By developing mechanisms to educate and mentor in four different themes from the IKS division, this center fulfils the mandate of promoting inter disciplinary and transdisciplinary research in Indian Knowledge systems. Being placed in the heart of North East India, Assam University would act as a catalyst in promoting Indian Knowledge Systems with special reference to North East India. We bring in the expertise of conducting research for the last two decades, and also the experience of handling major projects.

## CABINET MINISTER OF ASSAM VISITS ASSAM UNIVERSITY SILCHAR



Cabinet Minister of Assam, Sri. Parimal Shuklabaidya ji, paid a formal visit to Assam University to meet the newly appointed Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant. They discussed many future developmental issues about Assam University.

### NSS CELL OF ASSAM UNIVERSITY HOSTS NATIONAL INTEGRATION CAMP



With over 200 participants and programme officials from as many as 14 states of the country including the North-Eastern states, the seven-day National Integration Camp (NIC) organized under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Government of India, Regional Directorate of National Service Scheme (NSS) Guwahati began at the Assam University from 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Vice Chancellor of Assam University, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, in his presidential address said that it is a wonderful opportunity to host the participants from across 14 states of the country who would take back the great memories of their time spent amidst this wonderful part of the country. "The event brings the scope for cultural exchange to spread the message of Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat. People from Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and other states who have come to Assam for the first time and witnessed our culture and the locations of Barak Valley, they will take back and spread the messages of our river systems of Barak and

Brahmaputra far and wide. Our people will also learn about the culture and traditions of the other states. The country has given us a lot and the youth, through their deeds mustdo for the country as well," the Vice Chancellor said.

Dipak Kumar, Regional Director, NSS Guwahati, in his speech said that the coming together of the participants from across the states here enhances the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat. "The youth need to be self-reliant, independent, and skilled in realizing their civic and national responsibilities. A camp like this adds fillip to the objective of youth engagement for nation-building in a significant way," Kumar maintained.

The inaugural session saw participants performing Bihu, Yakshagana, the traditional folk-dance forms of coastal parts of Karnataka and Manipuri traditional dance which enthralled the gathering.

Dr. Gopalji Mishra, a Senior Professor from the Department of Social Work, who was the chief guest of the inaugural session of the camp said that the NSS, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Nehru Yuva Kendra are working to streamline the enthusiastic and vibrant youth and also provide them with the necessary guideline for nation-building tasks. Retired Professor SP Singh Chauhan from the Department of Hindi and Dr PK Nath, the registrar of the varsity also encouraged the students on the occasion.

Earlier, Dr. Gangabhushan Molankal, a Professor at the Department of Social Work and also the Programme Coordinator of the National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell at the university in his welcome address said that the NSS NIC is an excellent opportunity for the participants for their personal development through community engagement. In his words, the NSS is a beacon of inspiration for the youth of the country and being part of the NSS will help mutual growth and understanding the diversities to echo the motto of "not me but you."

## NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY CELEBRATED IN ASSAM UNIVERSITY

Commemorating achievements of scientists, researchers, engineers, and all others involved in the field of science and technology of the country, officials and staff of the Rabindra Library, Assam University celebrated National Technology Day on May 11. The theme for National Technology Day 2022 is "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future." A National Webinar on "New Ways to Discover Library resources Through EBSCO Discovery Services: Assam University, Silchar," was held in which over 150 participants across the country took part.

Dr. Vikram Kumar Sharma, Librarian of Assam University said that the day was first observed on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1999 and marks the anniversary of the Pokhran Nuclear Tests (Operation Shakti) under the leadership of the then

aerospace engineer and former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. After the successful Pokhran Nuclear Tests, former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Bajpayee coined the term "National Technology Day."

Vice Chancellor of Assam University, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant inaugurated the session and stressed the importance of technology in all the dimensions of life. He congratulated the Team Rabindra Library for taking initiatives for strengthening its services and resources by deploying latest technological applications. Dr. Sharma shared the technological initiatives like Single Window Search, Remote Access, Cloud-based Server, RFID Technology applications, Paperless Membership Enrollment, Digital Card as some of the initiatives implemented at Rabindra Library of the university, an ISO 9001:2015 certified library offers a range of resources which include more than 1.5 lakh print resources and about 5 lakh e-books and e-journals and other digital resources for furthering research, innovation and development at the university.

Dr. Sharma further said the Rabindra Library has taken big leaps in recent times and has introduced cloud-based library services offering seamless technology driven solutions for its stakeholders towards strengthening research, innovation and development initiatives at Assam University towards furthering the goals and mission of the university.

Shri Raj Kumar Mahapatra, trainer, EBSCO Information Services, was the resource person who provided an overview of the Single Window Discovery Solution implemented for the digital resources subscribed by the university. He also shared the features of the Discovery Solution which included 365x24x7 access, Google Classroom Integration, Single Sign-in and creation of alerts on Cloud Storage and other key features towards strengthening collaborative research across the globe. The program was followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVED



World Environmental Day 2022 was observed in Assam University in association with Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Assam with full enthusiasm. Later in the event, a massive plantation programme was undertaken to mark the occasion. An experimental tea plantation plot with the assistance of nearby Rose Kandy



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Tea Estate has also been initiated. Programme was participated by the teachers, students, officials & other representatives from different organistions.

#### 8th INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA OBSERVED AT ASSAM UNIVERSITY



The 8th International Day of Yoga was observed by the Assam University Sports Board at the Netaji Subhas Mancha on 21st June 2022 at 6.35 a.m. with the live streaming of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address from Mysuru. This was followed by brief remarks from Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice Chancellor (online) with 134 (117 offline / 17 online) participants from different sections of the University fraternity. The Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Pinku Paul and Mr. Sanju Nath, Yoga Instructors as per laid down protocol with lucid explanation of the theoretical basis and benefit of the 'asanas' and 'pranayamas.' All participants were provided a T-shirt with University emblem, International Yoga Day event logo and 75-year Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav logo printed on it. The program came to a close following light refreshment.

"Pre-Yoga Day Yoga Performance Program" was organized by the Assam University Sports Board in collaboration with NSS Cell, NCC Coy and Rotaract Club of Assam University on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at Football Field of the University at 7 a.m. The program was attended by more than 150 participants led by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant.

"Yoga Session and Motivational Lecture" was organized by the Department of ICL on 21st June 2022.

# PROF. RAJIVE MOHAN PANT HANDS OVER RS. 1 LAKH TO CHIEF MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OF ASSAM



Honourable Vice Chancellor of Assam University, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant has met honourable Chief Minister of Assam on 14th July 2022 at Guwahati and handed over a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh) for relief to flood victims of Assam donated by Teachers of Assam University. Vice Chancellor sir also conveyed thanks to Chief Minister for granting 25 crores to Assam University and briefed him about the projects undertaken for the development of university. Honorable CM assured full support to VC for development of the University and committed to further help Assam University as per requirement. VC sir invited CM sir to visit the University as per his convenience.

#### **FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES**

In solidarity with the flood victims of Assam, Assam University Teachers' Association (AUTA) of Assam University, Silchar plunged into action. On May 31, 2022, the Office Bearers of AUTA along with the members of the EC and several other teachers from various departments visited the affected areas and distributed packages as relief. The honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant and, several other Senior Professors and Statutory Officers from the teaching community also joined the team and greatly encouraged the latter by travelling in the buses allotted by the university for the same and, actively participating



in delivering packages door to door. To visit the different areas, the Team was divided into three smaller teams. The flood-hit areas visited and distributed relief packages to were Dorgakona Community, Old Irongmara Community, Hati-Tilla Community, 6 No. Basti Community, Chatla Bairagitilla Community, Daspara Community, Rose Kandy Tea Community and Rajubari Community, Borojalenga. More than 200 affected households were reached with the packages containing rice, pulses, potatoes, edible oil, sugar, mosquito repellent, notebooks (for children), milk powder and bleaching powder.



AUNTEA was receiving disturbing reports of huge drinking water crisis. AUNTEA immediately decided to stay beside the distressed people. Our members braved all challenges and could reach to several persons of University Community. Massive relief operations with drinking water and other essentials were also organized in Irongmara, Dorgakona areas.







Assam University fraternity engaged in Flood Relief activities in Silchar on June 26 & 29, 2022.

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#### Dr. Shubhadeep Roychoudhury

Department of Life Science & Bioinformatics

Visiting Professor in Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovak Republic, Europe from May 31, 2022 to June 15, 2022

**Awarding Body:** Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovak Republic, Europe

#### Prof. Piyush Pandey

Department of Microbiology

Visiting Scientist at York University, Toronto, Canada **Awarding Body:** SMP award of Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute

#### Dr. Yashmin Choudhury

Department of Biotechnology Received INSA Teachers Award from Indian National Science Academy

#### PROJECTS GRANTED / COMPLETED

#### **Prof. Piyush Pandey**

Department of Microbiology

**Title:** Exploration of Native Legumes and Characterization of Associated Nitrogen Fixing Microsymbionts in North-Eastern India for Development of Biofertilizers

Sponsoring Body: DBT Prof. Piyush Pandey

Department of Microbiology

**Title:** Utilization of Soil and Plant Microbial Resources for Enhancing the Productivity of Cropping System and Soil Health Under Jhum and Terrace/Valley Agroecosystems of Eastern and North-Western Indian Himalayas

Sponsoring Body: DBT

Prof. Gangabhushan M. Molankal (Project Director),

Dr. Mrityunjay Kr. Singh (Co-PD), Dr. G. Albin Joseph (Co-PD) &

Dr. Aditi Nath (Co-PD)

Department of Social Work

**Title:** Higher Education Institutions and Rural Community Engagement: Study of Mechanisms for Promoting Reformative Rural Community Engagement in Assam

**Sponsoring Body:** Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India

#### **Prof. Paritosh Mondal**

Department of Chemistry

**Title:** Mechanistic Investigations on the Catalytic Activities of N-Heterocyclic Carbenes and Their Transition Metal Complexes

**Sponsoring Body:** Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB)



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#### Prof. Gangabhushan M. Molankal

(Co-Principal Investigator) &

Dr. Mrityunjay Kr. Singh (Co-Operator)

Department of Social Work

**Title:** Indigenous Models of Sustainable Rural Food Sovereignty in North East India

**Sponsoring Body:** ICT, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India

## CELEBRATION/OBSERVANCE OF SPECIAL DAYS / EVENTS



Celebrated the 161st Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore by organizing a "Symposium on Gurudev and Creative Arts" at the Department of Performing Arts on 13th May 2022. The programme was started with a short road circumambulation with the song 'Anondoloke Mongolaloke' of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore by the students of Performing along with the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant. The indoor event was inaugurated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor with the offering of flowers to the portrait of Gurudev. Prof. Biswatosh Chowdhury, Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, Mr. Pintu Saha, Mr. Jagannath Barman, Mr. Murali Basa, Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Mr. Supratim Chowdhury, and all the students paid floral tribute to the portrait of Gurudev. In the beginning Mr. Pintu Saha, HoD (i/c) welcomed the gatherings. Prof. Biswatosh Choudhury presented an enlightening speech on "Ekush Satake Rabindranath Thakurer Prasongikota." Dr. Suprabir Dutta Roy, in his short speech, won the heart of the gatherings. We were delighted to hear from our Chief Patron Honorable Vice



Rabindra Jayanti celebrated in the Department of Sanskrit

Chancellor Prof. Rajeev Mohan Pant. His address was too encouraging to explain. The frequent ovation from the students was the reflection of his beloved speech. The event was also enriched by the lectures of the faculty members of the department.



Rabindra Jayanti celebrated in the Department of Bengali

"Bhasha Shahid Divas" was organized by the Department of ICL on 19th May 2022.

"Pre-Yoga Workshop" was organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with Assam University Sports Board on 31st May 2022.

"Online Lecture Program on Yoga as a Holistic Science: Past and Future" was organized by the Assam University Sports Board and Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

PARTICIPATING IN FDPs/REFRESHER COURSES/ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES/ SHORT TERM COURSES/SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES

#### Dr. Monali Longmailai

Department of Linguistics

Attended Online Refresher Course in Linguistics organized by the UGC-HRDC, NEHU Shillong from 25.05.2022 to 07.06.2022

#### Dr. Subrata Paul

Department of Chemistry

Attended Orientation Program organized by the Teaching and Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Pintu Saha

Department of Performing Arts

Participated FDP on Design, Develop and Deliver Online/Blended Learning Courses was organized by the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi during June 6-10, 2022

#### ORGANIZING SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES/ SPECIAL TALKS/FDPs

"Special Lecture on Western Influence on Modern Arabic Literature" was organized by the SKC School of English and Foreign Language Studies on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Special Lecture Series-1 (Online Mode) was organized by the Department of Philosophy on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30 p.m., coordinated and convened by Dr. Pius V Thomas, Department of Philosophy. The Lecture was delivered by the well-known contemporary thinker and phenomenologist Prof. Dermot Moran, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Boston College, Boston, USA. The Lecture was responded to and discussed by Prof. Prasenjit Biswas, Department of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong and Prof. Siby K George, Dept. of HSS, IIT Bombay. Dr. Pius V Thomas introduced Prof. Dermot Moran and the subject of the lecture and delivered the vote of thanks.

"Two Day Virtual International Conference on Protecting Children from Multiple Vulnerabilities: Social Work Responses from Community to Global Context" was organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with Assam Down Town University, Guwahati on May 17-18, 2022.

"National Webinar on Himalayan Tea: Cultivation and Future Prospects" was organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Department of Life Sciences in collaboration with Graphic Era (Deemed to be University), Dehradun & Tea Board of India, Kolkata on April 7-8, 2022.

"One Day National Seminar (Online-Offline Mode) on Life and Cancer: Different Perspectives" was organized by the Department of Philosophy on 15th April 2022 at the Department Seminar Hall. Prof. Rajive



Mohan Pant, Vice Chancellor, inaugurated the Seminar and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Pius V Thomas, the Coordinator of the Seminar, delivered the Introductory Presentation, 'Life and Cancer: Different Perspectives.' Prof. A Nataraju, Dean, SRSPS, felicitated the Seminar. Dr. Ravi Kannan, Director, Cachar Cancer Hospital, Prof. Humayun Bokth, Department of Sociology, Dr. Devashish Sengupta, Department of Chemistry, Dr. S.M. Alfarid Hussain, Department of Mass Communication, Dr. P. Kanaka Rao, Department of Political Science (Offline Mode), Prof. Siby K George, Department of HSS, IIT Bombay, Dr. Bindulakshmi P., Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai, Dr. Augustine Pamplani, Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Aluva, Kerala (online mode) made their presentations/presented their papers. Dr. Munmun Chakraborty, Department of Philosophy, delivered the vote of thanks.

## ONE DAY WEBINAR ON CONTEMPLATING DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION ON WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY Date: 02/04/2022 | Time: 11:30 AM

## Organized By Centre for Educational Planning and Management, A.M. School of Educational Sciences, Assam University, Silchar

Speak

Prof. Molankal Gangabhushan Mallesham Department of Social Work. Assam University, Silchar

Patror

Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant Vice Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar

Advisor

Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh Head, Department of Education, Assam University, Silchar Chairperso

Prof. Geetika Bagchi Dean, Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay School of Educational Sciences, Assam University, Silchar

Co-ordinator

Dr. Sreeparna Bhattacharjee Assistant Professor Department of Education, Assam University, Silchar

"One Day Webinar on Contemplating Diversity in Education on World Autism Awareness Day" was organized by the Centre for Educational Planning and Management, A.M. School of Educational Sciences on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.



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Prof. Gopalji Mishra

Department of Social Work.

#### EXTENSION/SOCIAL/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES / FIELD WORK UNDERTAKEN/ PERFORMED/ COMPLETED

"National Integration Camp 2022" was organized by the Department of Social Work from April 26 to May 2, 2022.

"Orientation Workshop on Flood Relief" was organized by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with UNICEF at Gurucharan College, Silchar on May 22, 2022.

"Community Outreach Programme on Dimasa for the Bodo and Dimasa Heritage Digital Archive" was organized by the Department of Linguistics in collaboration with Department of Linguistics, University of North Texas, USA, and Dimasa Scholars' League, Haflong on 30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May (Rongpur), 7<sup>th</sup> May (Seorarthal), 8<sup>th</sup> May (Dholai), 14<sup>th</sup> May (Kumacherra),

15<sup>th</sup> May (Kanakpur), 16<sup>th</sup> May (Hawarma), and 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Joypur), 2022.

Award Winning Video Film Screening of the Malayalam film "Dreaming of Words" (Directed and Produced by Nandan; released in 2021) on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (duration: 60 mins). This film is about a community lexicographer's life time struggle and achievement in compiling a multilingual Dravidian dictionary based on Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. It was demonstrated as a part of the M.A. Course Paper 401: Lexicology and Lexicography.

#### TRAINING / WORKSHOP ORGANIZED

"4-Day International Workshop on Language Documentation and Data Annotation of Endangered Languages" was organized by the Department of Linguistics in collaboration with Department of Linguistics, University of North Texas, USA on April 1-5, 2022.



"5-Day Workshop on Everyday Leadership in Business" was organized by the Department of Business Administration from 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.



"Hands-on-Training cum Workshop on Basic Biological Techniques" was organized by the Department of Life Science & Bioinformatics during May 10-11, May 13-14 and May 27-28, 2022.

#### TRAINING/WORKSHOP PARTICIPATED

#### Dr. Soumendra Bhattacharjee

Department of Commerce

Participated Online Sensitization Programme on Prevention and Elimination of Bonded Labour and Child



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Labour organized by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida on March 29-31, 2022

#### SPORTS/YOGA ACTIVITIES

Assam University team participated in the AIU East Zone Inter-University Badminton (Men) Championship 2021-22 held at Royal Global University, Guwahati from December 27, 2021 to January 02, 2022.

#### LIST OF M.Phil. & Ph.D. AWARDEES

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Political Science	-	02	02
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Social Work	-	02	02
Sociology	-	01	01
Statistics	-	01	01
Visual Arts	-	01	01
TOTAL	05	37	42















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