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Principal's Message



It gives me immense pleasure to address the Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya family in this issue of *Deepar's Echo*. This is the 11th volume of our newsletter to see the light of day on 5th September, the auspicious foundation day of our college.

The thought that primarily occupies my mind at this time is about our students' achievements. It has been a matter of great happiness and utmost satisfaction for me to observe that students of our college have been doing better every year. Do keep it up.

After the laurels brought to the college by our student Suprakash Das who secured the 1st class 1st position in Finance from Gauhati University in 2013, more and more students seem to have been inspired to perform well. We expect our students to fully avail of these priceless years in their lives to equip themselves with a sound education. It will stand them in good stead later on and make their time spent in the college memorable and worthwhile.

An institute of higher learning is always measured with the yardstick of academic results, but we also believe that it does not form the only criteria for measuring excellence. So along with academic goals in mind, students should aspire to achieve the best in their areas of interest and chosen endeavour.

This year our college will be assessed by the NAAC for the second cycle. This is the time for us to gear up and seize the opportunity. Our strength as an academic institution with many dimensions to cater to the all-round needs of our students, must be projected as well as our weakness must be addressed to fullest limit.

It is also the time to introspect upon what has been achieved, and what ideals and aims the college has set for itself on the high road to continuing excellence. Let us rise to this occasion together with pride and fortitude, untiring zeal and commitment.

I conclude with hearty congratulations to the editorial team of *Deepar's Echo*, who strove hard to chronicle the major initiatives, events and achievements that marked the passage of the year 2014-15 for our college.

TEAM OF ACADEMICIANS TO CHINA:

It is a matter of immense pride for us all that our Principal, Dr. Balendra Kumar Das, was the Mission Leader in the educational trip under the India China Alliance for Cooperation (ICAC). Professors from Dibrugarh University, Gauhati University and Assam University, affiliated colleges of Assam were members of this team. Prof. J.C. Kalita, former CDC, G.U. and Director ICAC, Mrs. Taru Behl accompanied the team. The team visited Yunnan Minzu University and an MoU was signed between YMU and ICAC on 10th April, 2015, in the presence of Dr. Balendra Kr. Das, the Mission Leader. Significantly, introduction of YMU to the team was made by a Chinese student pursuing Major course in Hindi from the School of Southeast Asian and South

Asian Languages and Culture. On 11th April, the team visited the China Centre for International Exchange, Beijing. They also visited Tongji University, Shanghai, Soochow University, Suzhou. During a meeting with Mr. Lu Huixing, the Dy Director of International Office, and a representative of Soochow University, a discussion about possible educational collaboration took place.



From the Editor's Desk



With the fond hope to showcase the past year's activities and to record the steps undertaken towards academic and all-round excellence by Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, as well as to remind us once again the vow 'to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield' till success is ours, this volume of the college newsletter *Deepar's Echo* is presented to you. Needless to say, it has been one of the most cherished experiences for me to chronicle a year's journey of our college within its pages as its editor.

The manifold activities listed in *Deepar's Echo* is also a reflection of our teachers' ceaseless involvement in the noble endeavour to empower students who step into the portals of Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya with dreams, hopes and aspirations. To impart

educational skills for earning a livelihood should always be seen in the larger backdrop of developing an attitude and mentality for lifelong learning. It is a journey that never ends.

It is also a journey deeply heartwarming for a teacher to witness, as their students move on to find and win their way in life. As teachers, we can only hope to be conduits and act as catalysts to those who desire and strive hard to reach out to a greater and more fulfilling world.

I warmly thank all my colleagues, including members of the editorial board, for their support, help and valuable suggestions during the editing of this volume. For all the kind support and wise counsel our revered Principal has always been ready with — I can only express my sincerest gratitude. As for all inadvertent errors and omissions, the responsibility is all mine. Signing off with best wishes.

IN MEMORIAM



The Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya fraternity has been left grief-stricken at the passing of Dr. Mohammad Taher on February 24, 2015. Eminent academician of international repute, renowned geographer and social scientist, Dr. Taher was the very embodiment of perfection in a teacher. He was President of Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya's Governing Body from 2011 till his death. He has left behind a peerless legacy of teaching and lifelong learning, an inspiration to our teachers and students alike. With his demise, Assam lost a great son, and our college lost a guardian.

Tragedy struck our college the second time on June 25 this year with the sudden and untimely death of eminent scientist and educationist Dr. Umesh Chandra Goswami, while still serving as President of the Governing Body of Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya. Born on February 1, 1950, he served in the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University from 1978 till his superannuation on February 28, 2015. Dr. Goswami immensely contributed to the growth and development of the GU Zoology department. An internationally reputed scholar, Dr. Goswami will be fondly remembered by us for his sincere guidance to the college.



We mourn the untimely death of our student, Taslima Nasreen (B.A., 3rd Sem). Taslima's death has left us all deeply saddened and our hearts are with her family.

THREE NATIONAL SEMINARS

A UGC sponsored national seminar on 'Asamiya Sahityat Pragatibadi Chinta: Ramdhenur Para Bartamanoloi' was organized by the Assamese department on September 11-12, 2014. In the inaugural session, Dr. Mridul Hazarika, VC, Gauhati University and Dr. Sivanath Barman, Chief Editor, *Dainik Janasadharan* and retired Professor, Arya Vidyapith College, stressed upon literary value in progressive writings. Chairing the session, Principal Dr. B.K. Das spoke of Amulya Barua of the Jayanti Age as a path-finder in progressive writing. The well-attended seminar addressed various perspectives of the theme, bringing in instances of Sankardeva as well as modern versions of progressiveness.

Dr. Prabin Chandra Das, MIL dept., G.U., delivered the valedictory lecture. Convener of the seminar, Dr. Archana Bora, HoD, Assamese, offered the vote of thanks.

The Commerce department organised a UGC national seminar on 'Post Liberalisation Scenario of Industrial Development in North-East India: Issues and Challenges' in collaboration with GIMT, Azara, on October 21-22, 2014. Dr. Mohammad Arif, Joint Secy, UGC, NERO, inaugurated the seminar and stressed upon the importance of providing congenial environment to workers. The various sessions addressed aspects of marketing, investment, entrepreneurship prospects, scope for skill development,

tapping of renewable energies, etc. Convener Mr. Saiful Haque, summed up with the official vote of thanks.

The Education department organized a UGC sponsored national seminar in collaboration with 'Asom Sikshak Prasikshan Mahavidyalaya' on October 16-17, 2014 with Mrs. Trishna Choudhury as Convener on the topic 'Accountability of College Teachers: Their Role, Responsibilities and Professional Ethics towards the Society'. In his inaugural lecture, Mr Mahbul Haque, Chancellor, USTM, said that honesty, positive attitude and analytical approach are the main qualities for successful teaching. Chief Guest Dr. Dilip Kr Baruah, former Principal, Cotton College, emphasized the importance of having more contact points between the teacher and the taught. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Nilima Bhagawati, Professor, Education dept., G.U. The valedictory session was chaired by Principal Dr. B.K. Das. Chief Guest Dr. Amarjyoti Choudhury, former VC of Gauhati University and Tezpur University, reiterated the importance of higher education as it reflects the ideal way of life.



Teachers from our college who presented papers in the seminars are: Dr. Yashodhara Medhi, Ira Choudhury, Manisha Sarma, Trishna Choudhury, Dr. Mrinmoyee Bhattacharyya, Marie Kalita, Dr. Purabi Kalita, Dr. Nripendra Nath Medhi, Saiful Haque, Dr. Hazarat Ali, Bhudev Das, Hemanta Kalita, Kirtinath Kalita, Sofiul Islam Khan, Satyajit Das, Moinul Hoque Choudhury, Saraswati Rajbongshi, Pranjal Kumar Nath, Niranjana Sarma, Biswajit Sarma, Maya Dutta, Nirmali Bora, Gaganjyoti Bora, Jayanta Prasad Kumar, Manik Ch. Roy Pradhani, and Nabanita Choudhury.

CHRONICLE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ASSAMESE

The department organised the annual Bipin Chandra Barua Memorial Lecture on 17.8.15, delivered by Dr. Bimal Majumdar, Associate Professor, Assamese, G.U. Held in memory of the founder principal of the college, this year's lecture on 'Asamiya Kabita' was well attended by students of the Major classes of the department. Principal Dr. Balendra Kr Das expressed his satisfaction over the interest shown by students in participating in the lecture event.

Teachers' Activities:

Mrs. Saraswati Rajbongshi's article, 'Dr. Bhupen Hazarikai Rasana Kara Sishugeet' was published in the book 'Bhupendrajyoti', Ed. Dr. Mani Ram Kalita and published by Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust, on 8th Sept., 2014 (ISBN: 978-93-82149-63-7).

Ms. Nayanmoni Devi's article, 'Uccha Sikshar Gunagata Man Bikash aru Bridhikaranat Sikhakhar Bhumika' was published in 'News Thirty' magazine (ISSN:2348-2214, September, 2014). Two other articles, 'Rama Das-ar Galpat Sishu Charitra' and 'Rama Das-ar Galpat Prakriti Priti' were published in the same journal in the months of Nov., 2014 and Jan., 2015, respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The annual Pradip Chandra Das memorial lecture was held on 9.10.2014, delivered by Dr. Bhaskar Jyoti Bora, Dean of Faculty of Commerce, Gauhati University. With our Principal presiding over the function, the lecture's theme was the broad value of Commerce as an area of knowledge.

A lecture on 'Team Work Leads to Success' was delivered by reputed economist Dr. Debajit Mahanta on 25th August, 2015, highlighting finer points about real success in a wholesome business environment. The welcome address was offered by Mr. Saiful Haque, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Management.

Teachers' Activities:

Mr. Saiful Haque attended Orientation Programme from 28th Jan.-26th Feb., 2015 at Aligarh Muslim University. He also participated in the workshop on 'Personal Ethics and Public Service' organised by SIRD, Guwahati, from 13th July, to 15th July, 2015.

Mr. Achyut Talukdar attended Refresher Course from 28th Nov to 18th Dec., 2014, Academic Staff College, Burdwan University, Bardhaman.

Dr. Nripendra Nath Medhi attended Orientation Programme at UGC Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University, from 28th Oct. to 26th Nov., 2014. He also participated in the workshop on 'Personal Ethics and Public Service' organized by SIRD, Guwahati, from 13th to 15th July, 2015, and in the 'Civil Defence Training Camp and Workshop' (under a centrally sponsored scheme) from 18th June to 21st June, 2015, in our college.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

International scholar Dr. L. Bishwanjit Singh from University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, delivered a lecture on 'Fast Growing Chinese Economy: Current Status and Strategies for Future' on 19.1.2015.



UGC seminar gets under way at Commerce Department

Presided over by our Principal with Dr. Jogen Kalita, the then Director of CDC as distinguished guest, the event was supervised by Economics dept., with active support from English dept., the Extension Education Cell and others.

On 17.8.2015, an interactive session with Ms. Abhilasha Nanda, visiting Ph.D. scholar from KAIST University, Korean Republic and daughter of Mrs. Parul Baishya, Assoc. Prof., Economics dept., was arranged.

An awareness programme on dental care was organised by the department on 26.8.2015 at Mozuli Primary School. Dr. Rita Sarma, dental surgeon from Hojai Civil Hospital delivered valuable suggestions on dental care.

A lecture on 'Natural Resource Management and Indigenous People' on 24.8.2015 was delivered by Dr. Jonali Devi, HoD Anthropology, Cotton College.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The students of the Major courses were taken on an induction trip to the Krishna Kanta Handiqui Central Library of Gauhati University under the supervision of HoD, Mrs. Trishna Choudhury.

The department's annual lecture on 'Student-Teacher Relationship', held on 27.8.2015, was delivered by Dr. Prashanta Sarma, Department of Commerce, G.U.

Teachers' Activities:

Dr. Hazarat Ali published an article 'Problems of Primary Education in Kamrup District of Assam' in Indian Journal of Social Science and Sciences, (ISSN: 2231-2447). He also participated in a Refresher Course at Academic Staff College, Burdwan University, Bardhaman, West Bengal, from 28th Nov. to 18th Dec., 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The English department organised a lecture on 'Academic Performance Indicator and NAAC Assessment' on 25th June, 2015. It was delivered by Dr. Krishna Gopal Bhattacharyya, former Director, Academic Staff College, G.U.

On 26.8.2015, *Movie Club*, a cinema club was inaugurated in the college under the aegis of the department of English. It is expected to fulfill the long void of a platform

to screen and discuss relevant classroom texts which have been adapted to screenplays.

Teachers' Activities:

Dr. Yashodhara Medhi presented a paper titled 'Vaishnavism in Assam: Place of Sankardeva the Polymath, in the Indian Context' in the 47th All India Oriental Conference, organised by the Dept of Sanskrit, G.U., 2nd to 4th January, 2015. Her article 'Inspiring Life of Dr. Mukunda Madhava Sharma', in *Mukundamukurah Reflections of Indic Light*, Prof. Mukunda Madhava Sharma Commemorative Volume, ed., Dr. Shrutidhara Chakravarty, Pratibha Prakashan, 2014 (ISBN:979-81-7702-331-2) was published.

Mrs. Madhuleema Chaliha's article, *Sir Christopher Bayly: Itihasar Sintare*, has been published in the Assamese monthly literary journal *Satsori*, June, 2015 (ISSN:2319-8893).

Ms Antara Choudhury's article 'Marginalisation of the Queer: Mahesh Dattani's On a Muggy Night in Mumbai' published 2015 in an edited volume of seminar proceedings on *Representation of the Marginalised in Indian Writing in English*. She has contributed a chapter in the novel 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' for self-learning material for B.A. English Major course of KKHSOU..

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

The department organized a lecture on 'Hindi ka Biswik Roop', delivered by Dr. Amrit Kumar Pandey, Department of Hindi, G.U. on 28th August, 2015.

As an innovative step that has involved all departments, the Hindi department has started the programme 'Word of the Day' from August 1 this year, providing the meaning of the word selected in three languages.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The department organised a lecture covering the span of Assam history from pre-historic times to the coming of the British on 26.8.2015. Delivered by Dr. Biswajit Dev Mahanta, Department of History, Pragjyotish College.

Teachers' Activities:

Barnali Barman published an article titled 'Namghar: Its place in Assamese Society and Culture' in the journal *Society, Polity and Culture in Assam —An Intellectual Discourse* (ISBN: 978-93-85229-01-5). Another article titled 'The Sattra Architecture: Its Origin and Evolution' was published in the journal *Dehing—Pulse of Survival*, Vol VII, Sep 2014 (ISSN :2320-785X).



Students at Satirtha book fair

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The department organized a lecture on 'Life Skills', delivered by Mr. Anuj Kalita, senior lecturer, Department of Philosophy, D.K. College, Mirza on 20.8.2015.

Teachers' Activities:

Mr. Phanindra Medhi, Head of the Dept., attended Refresher Course at Burdwan University from 28th Nov. to 18th Dec., 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The department organized a lecture on 'Rights Enshrined in the Indian Constitution', delivered by Dr. Prashanta Sarma, Assoc. Prof., Dudhnoi College on 28.8.2015, along with an interactive session.

Teachers' Activities:

Mr. Gaganjyoti Bora, Associate Professor, HoD, submitted his minor research project on 'Socio-cultural Study



of the Rabhas Living Under Rani Development Block of Assam' on Aug., 2015. He participated in a workshop on 'Personal Ethics and Public Service' organized by SIRD, Guwahati, from 13-15 July, 2015.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CELLS

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, AWARENESS AND BEAUTIFICATION CELL

To mark World Environment Day on 5th June, 2015, Dr. Bhagawatpran Duorah, Prof., Dept. Of Geology, G.U. delivered a lecture attended by about 80 students of the college and students of nearby Dharapur H.S. School. It was followed by planting of saplings.

Our college took part in the 'Cleanliness and Green Assam Awareness Campaign' as per govt. directive, from 10th-16th Nov., 2015. It was observed by the Environmental Awareness Cell by cleaning the campus and planting trees, along with cleaning of classrooms, toilets and dustbins.



The Cell also made an environmental educational tour to Amsing on 13.11.2014, to study the effects of cement factories near the Amsing reserved forest. The Convener Mr Niranjana Sarma and Mr Satyajit Das, Lecturer, Env. Studies, accompanied the team of 104 students.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

With Mr Gaganjyoti Bora, HoD, Pol. Sc., as Coordinator of IQAC, the cell has been actively involved with the impending NAAC visit from 21st to 23rd Sept., 2015. Under our Principal's overall supervision, the cell has been involved in preparation and submission of Self Study Reports and communications with NAAC. It has been active in arranging programmes on preparations for NAAC, including a lecture

on UGC and RUSA on 13.2.15. by Dr. G.D. Sarma, ex-chairperson, NAAC, a lecture by former G.B. President, Dr. U.C. Goswami on 10.6.2015 and another by Dr. Jogen Kalita, the then Director of CDC, G.U., on 29.6.2015.

COMPUTER LITERACY CENTRE

This centre has been active in imparting training in Basic, Tally and DTP courses to students with a nominal fee. This year, a 3-month certificate course is being run under the initiative of Mr Biswajit Sarma, Centre Coordinator.

EXTENSION EDUCATION CELL

With Mrs. Manisha Sarma, Associate Prof., dept. of Education, as Convener, the Cell organized a book fair on 4.9.2014 of *Satirtha* Publishing House.

The 59th LIC Foundation Day was organised by the Guwahati Divisional office of the corporation on 4.9.2014 by planting trees in the campus.

National Integration Day was observed in the college on November 1, 2014 to mark Sardar Ballav Bhai Patel Divas and Indira Gandhi's death anniversary. Dr. Mrinmoyee Bhattacharyya of Economics dept., lectured on 'Iron Man' Ballav Bhai Patel's contributions. Mr. Moinul Hoque Choudhury, Pol. Sc. dept., presented a detailed analysis of Indira Gandhi's political career.

The Red Ribbon Club with Ira Choudhury as Programme Officer, organised an awareness programme on HIV/AIDS at the Dharapur Majarbaha Namghar on 12. 3. 2015 with Dr. Apurba Barua as expert.

Zee Institute of Creative Art conducted an animation session with Gaurav Banerjee as resource person on March 31, 2015 as part of career counseling activities, attended by 74 students.

On 22nd May, Bhagya Das Adarsha L.P. School of Guinmari village in Rani was adopted under this cell by the college. As part of adoption programme, five pairs of desk-bench, a filter and a wall clock were donated. On 20.8.2015, during the cell's visit to the school, Ms Plabita Das, English dept, engaged a class on the importance of English.

A 3-day workshop on disaster management was organised on 18-21 June, 2015 by Civil Defence Training Camp, in which 46 teachers, students and office employees participated. Coordinated by Mrs. Manisha Sarma with active participation of Dr. N. N. Medhi, Mr. Bhudev Das, Mr. Paresh Singh *et al*, basic survival techniques were demonstrated by instructors Mr Bikash Choudhury and Mr Joykanta Das, and SSOs Mr Tarun Baishya and Mr. B.B. Das.

On 31.8.2015, Red Ribbon Club organised a meeting with its 30 members, addressed by Mr. Apurba Bezbarua, Asst. Director, Assam State Aids Youth Affairs HIV/AIDS awareness programme.

WOMEN'S CELL AND STUDY CENTRE



on women empowerment.

On 8.8.2015, a health camp was organised in association with Narayana Super-speciality Hospital, Guwahati in the college campus. Cardiologists and Medicine experts treated 107 registered patients.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The Program Officer, Mr. Bhudev Das, Associate Prof., Education dept, directed members in the 'Green Awareness and Cleanliness Drive Week' programme on 10-16 Nov., 2014, by planting saplings and cleaning the college campus.

XAHITYA XABHA UNIT

The Xahitya Xabha unit of the college organised a lecture on *Adhunik Asamiya Suti Galpa*, delivered by distinguished litterateur Dr. Parag Kumar Bhattacharyya on 19.8.15. It was presided over by our Principal with Dr. Purabi Kalita, Assamese Dept., as Unit secy offering the welcome address.

YOGA CENTRE

Resource person Deepali Brahma conducted a yoga programme with students of the centre, which was coordinated by Mr. Phanindra Medhi, HoD, Philosophy. This is in consonance with the renewed focus on yoga.



KKHSOU CELL

Under the supervision of Mr. Achyut Talukdar, Asst. Prof., Accountancy dept., Over the years, the unit has expanded to include BPP, B.A., B.Com., BBA, M.A. (in Eng., Assamese, Pol. Sc., Educn.) and Diploma in Elementary Education courses of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. A workshop was organized from 6th to 17th July, 2015, with resource persons from Gauhati University and Dr. Hariprasad Sarma, HoD, EVS, present as guest of honour in the inaugural session, and Dr. Annada Charan Bhagawati, ex-VC, Rajib Gandhi University, as distinguished guest in the valedictory session.

BEAUTICIAN COURSE

A three-month certificate course on Beautician Training (Cosmetic Technology) with Ira Choudhury, HoD Economics, as coordinator, is providing training through reputed beauticians. It is conducted under the supervision of Runu Hazarika, well-known beauty therapist, to 15 students who are attending regular classes in this course.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association of the college with Mr. Dhaneswar Kalita and Hemanta Kalita as President and Secretary respectively, has been contributing towards its alma mater from time to time. The members have provided two solar lights, water filters and two Aquaguard water purifiers for the benefit of the college. An 'Alumni Prize' has been introduced to be given away to the student scoring highest marks in the 6th Sem Final B.A. and B.Com. courses every year.



TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

WE CONGRATULATE!

Mrs. Bijoylakshmi Das, Associate Professor, Dept. of Assamese, and an approved lyricist of All India Radio (Prasar



Bharati), has been awarded Ph.D. degree by G.U. on 'Bhupen Hazarika Gitat Samaj Aru Sanskritir Pratiphalan'. Her research work was carried out under Dr. Prabin Chandra Das, Retd. Professor, Folklore Dept, G.U.

Mrs. Mrinmoyee Bhattacharyya, Associate Prof., Dept. of Economics,

has been awarded Ph.D. degree by NERIST, Arunachal Pradesh, for her research on 'Socio-economic condition of the Hira community – A Case Study in Kamrup District of Assam'. The work was supervised by Dr. B.D. Nayek, Prof. & HoD, Humanities and Social Sciences, Nerist.



Mr. Nripendra Nath Medhi, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Finance, received his Ph.D. degree from G.U. His research, 'A Study on Revenue Receipts and Expenditure of the Government', was carried out under Dr. Prashanta Sarma, Prof., Commerce, G.U.



Mrs. Purabi Kalita was awarded Ph.D. from G.U. on the topic 'Dakshin Kamrupar Utsav Anusthan: Ek Bislesanatmak Adhyayan' under the supervision of Dr. Nabin Ch. Sarma, eminent folklorist, Retd. Prof., Dept. of Folklore, G.U. Dr. Bijay Kumar Sarma, Assoc. Prof., Mangaldoi College was the co-supervisor.



Moreover, Ph.D. theses have been submitted by Mr. Moinul Hoque Choudhury, Mr. Hemanta Kalita and Mr. Satyajit Das for research works under Gauhati University.



We also congratulate Ms Nayanmoni Devi, Asst. Prof., Assamese (against FDP vacancy) for completion of M.Phil. on the topic 'Rama Das-ar Suti Galpa : Eti Bislesanatmak Adhyayan', under Assamese dept, G.U.

Thirteen teachers from our college have been upgraded to the level of Associate Professorship. It is surely a boost to the institution.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

The 36th Foundation Day of the College was celebrated on 5th Sept., 2014 with lectures by two invited guests – Mr.

Ankur Deka, Assistant Editor, GARIYOSHI and Hrishikesh Goswami, Secy., Assam Childrens Literature Trust. The tenth volume of the college newsletter *Deepar's Echo*, edited by Dr. Yashodhara Medhi, HoD, Eng., was released by Mr Goswami, while *Nivedan*, the college magazine, edited by Mrs Saraswati Rajbongshi, Asst. Prof., Assamese Dept., was released by Mr. Deka. The students of the Beautician Training Course were awarded certificates. The teachers who have been awarded Ph.D.s were felicitated warmly with bouquets and *phoolam gamusas*. The updated college telephone directory, done by Ms. Marie Kalita, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Eng., was released by Mr. L. Kalita, member of the college G.B. on the day.

On 6th Sept., 2014, *Supto Pratibha Bikash Dibas*, an event to encourage students to develop their latent talents, was successfully organised.

The annual College Students Union elections were held on 27.9.2014. The new union took oath on 15th October.

Bhupen Hazrika Smriti Dibas was observed on 5th Nov., 2014 in the college. Dr. Bijoylakshmi Das presented an analytical lecture on Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's oeuvre to mark the bard's 3rd death anniversary, highlighting parts from his songs on cultural unity.

Saraswati Puja was celebrated on 25th January, 2015. Teachers, office staff and students with friends and family, offered prayers to Goddess Binapani.

College week was celebrated from 27th Jan. to 31st Jan., 2015. The students participated with interest in all the programmes with the active involvement of teachers in charge of various committees. Ms. Nirupa Das was adjudged the Best Singer for the year.

The Annual Freshers Day of the College was held on August 12, 2015. Dr. Anjanjyoti Choudhury, distinguished physician and cultural artiste, Dr. Bhupen Bora, Principal, BKB College and noted litterateur, Mr. Nitumoni Saikia, Editor-in-chief, *Pratidin Time* and popular singer Manash Pratim were the invited special guests on the occasion.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC:

In the last B.A. Final Exam. (2015), many students have performed well. Names of students who have secured first class are as follows:

B.A.– Education: Shehnaz Kamal (8.2 CGPA) and Lukumoni Baishya (7.1); Political Science: Banani Borah (7.4)

B.Com.– Accountancy: Nikumoni Talukdar (7.8 CGPA) and Pinku Kumar (7.6)

SPORTS & CULTURAL:

Our student from KKHSOU course, Mantu Das, has made us proud by playing as a Ranji cricketer. This year



College Week games in full flow

he played in matches for U-23 Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy and Nuruddin Ahmed Senior District (Elite Group) from 2nd-5th April, 2015.

Our student Sanjib Nath of H.S. 2nd year (Arts) was selected to take part in the TV dance programme *Dance Bangla Dance*.

Nihal Das of B.A. 3rd Sem has been selected to play for the prestigious Shillong Lajong Football Club.

Nursun Ali of B.A. 1st Sem participated in a State level Taekwando competition.

JOINT ACTIVITIES:

Women Cell and Study Centre with Environmental Awareness Cell organised a programme on 'Green Awareness' at the nearby Dharapur M.V. School on 20.1.2014. Mr. Niranjan Sarma of Commerce dept and Mrs. Marie Kalita of English dept spoke to the students on the

BIPIN CHANDRA BARUA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

With newer acquisitions, the college library now has a stock of more than 26,000 books. Librarian Mr. Manik Chandra Roy Pradhani attended an Orientation Programme in Aligarh Muslim University from 28th Jan to 26th Feb, 2015.

EXTENSION OF THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS

Valuable additions have been made to the physical infrastructure of the college with the aim to provide faculty and students with a rich learning environment. The indoor stadium is in its final state of completion. It has all provisions

subject. Head Mistress Kamalini Choudhury and some teachers of the school also spoke on the occasion.

Assamese and English departments jointly organised a workshop on proof reading and basics of editing in which about 22 students, alumni and teachers took part. The resource person of the workshop was Mr. Sanjib Pol Deka of the Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University. After the lecture demonstration on the theme, the participants were provided with worksheets to practice upon by Dr. Yashodhara Medhi, HoD, English.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

A one-day workshop on Kamrupi Lokageet was organized on 22.8.15 with 65 participants, including teachers of the college and students from our and other colleges. Inaugurated by our Principal, it was conducted by resource person Pranita Baishya Medhi and supervised by Dr. Bijoylakhsmi Das of Assamese dept.

A karate class is being successfully conducted by our ex-student Utpal Kalita. Its first batch of students have acquired the yellow belt. From this year, this group will be having their own exam. centre in the college.



HS 1st year viva in progress

for most indoor games, including badminton and tennis. Another feather in Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya's cap is the completion of the Girls' Hostel in the southern corner of the campus. It will be inaugurated within this academic session, for which due process has been started. The hostel capacity at present is 30 seats.

All the departments have been finally allotted their own spacious rooms with kitchenettes and toilets in the new wing and renovated older wing. The office block has been expanded; most cells have been allotted their own spaces.

"A teacher must enjoy teaching and for that, confidence acquired through academic proficiency is a must. When we teach the students with preparedness and conviction, we can see their faces beaming as they grasp the knowledge. This fills the teacher with a divine pleasure that is matchless," -Dr. Mohammad Taher on Teacher's Day, 2014 in Guwahati.

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