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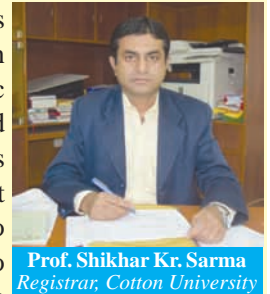
### Vice-Chancellor speaks

I am delighted with the University's new initiative to publish this Newsletter covering our various academic activities, exchanges, research projects and campus life. This six-monthly publication is aimed at the students, alumni, partner universities, the business community, and all well-wishers of this 117-year-old institute. In order to be more environmentally conscious as well as to reach a larger number of readers, I would like for the publication to have a digital issue along with traditional hard copies.

### From the Registrar's Desk

The year 2017 has been an eventful one for the institution. The transition from a college to a University brings with it many challenges. As we persevere to keep the history and heritage of Cotton intact, it indeed is a mammoth task to build Cotton University as a platform of higher learning and research. The short but experimental experience of Cotton College State University and the long and brilliant performance history of Cotton College will definitely lead the Cotton University towards achieving the goals. This newsletter is an attempt to document and highlight the activities undertaken by the institution centrally and the

departments in 2017. I am sure that this newsletter would give the readers with a fair idea about the various academic and co-curricular activities and achievements of our faculty, students and employees. I wish all the very best to the stakeholders in their effort to build Cotton University as a force to reckon with. I also congratulate the editorial team for bringing out this newsletter in a befitting way.



Prof. Shikhar Kr. Sarma  
Registrar, Cotton University

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## Editorial

Cotton University has inherited a very strong foundation with academic and intellectual legacy of 116 years of the historic Cotton College. The onus of the University is now to must excel further. It goes without saying the present stakeholders of Cotton University, even in this time of transition, are keeping upright with their potentials to lift the institution to an expected height, some glimpses of which have found expression in the newsletter we are working on. Newsletter helps to showcase the significant activities that are taking place inside the campus. It helps augment and nurture the institutional professionalism. It enhances the culture of documentation of the institution too. Though CU Newsletter has been a bi-annual publication, the reason why we have

covered up the one-year period from January to December, 2017 for this issue is that a bulk of newsworthy activities of the University beyond June, 2017 had been left unheeded and undocumented. We have tried to incorporate those events too in this issue of newsletter. I am thankful to all faculty members, non-teaching staff and students of Cotton University for providing information in time as an immediate response to our inkling. I am indeed apologetic that a host of information submitted by the esteemed faculty members has not been included in this issue of newsletter due to the constraint of space. Finally, I would like to appreciate the effort and co-operation of every member of the editorial board in bringing out this newsletter.

**Dr Dhrubajyoti Das**  
Editor, CU Newsletter

## University news / events

### Transition to Cotton University



Hon'ble Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma handing over a copy of the Cotton University Act and notification (No. LGL.101/2011/Pt/20 dated the 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017) to former Vice-Chancellor of the institution Prof. Dhrubajyoti Saikia on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 at KBR Auditorium. The 116-year-old Cotton College was upgraded to Cotton University to constitute and establish a teaching and research, unitary, residential university at Guwahati

### INSA Senior Scientist joins Cotton University



Professor Bhupendra Nath Goswami is a SERB Distinguished Fellow who has joined Cotton University as an INSA Senior Scientist. Professor Goswami is a Fellow of all three National Science Academies and the World Academy of Sciences. A former Director of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and who then held the Pisharoty Chair Professor of

MoES at IISER Pune from 2014 to 2017, he is certainly one of the most distinguished climate scientists of the country and is an institution builder. Under his able guidance and research activities, he will surely be able to mentor a new generation of students and also help build a new Department of Atmospheric and Climate Science at Cotton University.

### Cottonian wins accolades



*Cottonian* (2015-16) bagged first prize in the cover design category in the North East college magazine competition organised by USTM, Meghalaya in 2017. More than 200 colleges all over North East had participated in the competition. Besides, the magazine also received second prize in the state-level inter college magazine competition conducted by Asom Sahitya Sabha as a part of its centenary celebration in Sivasagar.



Prof. Bhabesh Ch. Goswami takes over charge from Prof. Dhrubajyoti Saikia as the Vice Chancellor of Cotton University w.e.f 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017



RBI Chair Professor, ICRIER Dr J. Bhagwati delivering the 117<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day lecture on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017



A glimpse of Teachers' Day celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Sudmersen Hall



During the proceedings of the Executive Committee (EC) meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

## University news / events

### 37<sup>th</sup> MCB Debating held

The 37<sup>th</sup> National-level Manik Chandra Barooah (MCB) Memorial Debating Competition was successfully organised on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha (KBR) Hall, Cotton University. The theme of the debating was “*Implementing a Uniform Civil Code will supplement the secular credentials of the country and ensure social justice*”. This time, the competition marked the 102<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of the legendary personality Manik Chandra Barooah. Director of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati Prof. Gautam Baruah graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. A total of 28 contestants from different states of the Northeast and Delhi participated in the competition.

Pragya Bhattacharya and Anisha Bhattacharya from Guwahati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH) won the ‘Best Debating Team’ award. Ankita Ray



Karmakar and Manami Bhuyan from Assam Engineering College (AEC) were placed in the second position. Kuldeep Bhattacharya from Jamia Millia Islamia University of Delhi was conferred with the ‘Best Debater’ title and Manasmita Mahanta from Cotton University was adjudged the second best debater.

Associate Prof. Shrutimala Duarah from the Dept. of English, Handique Girls’ College and Associate Prof. Asha Kothari from Gauhati University were the judges of the competition. Head of the Department of Law, Gauhati University, Dr Ramesh Chandra Borpatra Gohain enlightened the participants and the audience as the Key Speaker.

Vice Chancellor of Cotton University Prof. Bhabesh Chandra Goswami delivered the welcome address and Chief Advisor of the All Assam Students’ Union (AASU) Dr Samujjal Bhattacharya released the event souvenir.

### Cotton Fest’ 2017



Cotton Fest, 2017 - the first of its kind organised in the institution - was held during 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. An inter-college fest, the event was organised with an objective to promote and document the rich cultural heritage, wealth and resources of Assam through exhibits and competitions. A host of thematic events, seminars, cultural programmes and competitions was a part of the event.

### Independence Day celebration



Participants of the drawing and painting competition along with faculty members

Cotton University celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup> National Independence Day in a grand manner with a three-day long programme. The celebration kick started on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 with boys’ and girls’ NCC parade at the University field. On 14<sup>th</sup> August, a drawing and painting competition and on-the-spot essay writing competition was also organised. The central flag hoisting ceremony took place in front of the MCB Administrative building on 15<sup>th</sup> August. To mark the occasion, the tricolour was handpainted on a 50 meter long fabric by the teachers, students and other staff members of the University under the initiative of the boarders of Mahendra Nath Deka Phukan (MNDP) Boys’ Hostel.

### Campus News

■ **30/10/17:** First students’ union election of Cotton University held.

■ **06/09/17:** The first Cotton University Teachers’ Association (CUTA) takes oath. The Association has been formed with Dr Prahash Chandra Sarma as the President, Dr Santanu Sarma as the Vice-President and Dr Ruma Talukdar as the General Secretary.

■ **23/11/2017:** First IQAC of CU constituted with Dr Santanu Sarma as the Coordinator and Dr Merry Baruah Bora as the Assistant Coordinator.

## Snapshots of Departmental Activities



The 7<sup>th</sup> Prof Bhuban Mohan Das Memorial Lecture organised by the Dept. of Anthropology on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2017



Students and faculty of the Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences during their field trip on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 to Khungkrajani village in Goalpara



Cultural performance by students in the annual fest Demetrix 2017 organised by the Dept. of Geology on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017



Ms. N. Gogoi, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India speaking on 'Implementation of the theories of Statistics' in the Dept. of Statistics on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2017



A 'Self-defense Workshop for Female Media Students' organised by Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Mass Communication & Journalism on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017



Students and faculty of the Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences during a rally on the occasion of World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**Snapshots of Departmental Activities**



*Kazi M. Murshed, Assistant High Commissioner, Bangladesh (2<sup>nd</sup> from Left) was invited by the Dept. of Arabic, Persian & Urdu to deliver a talk on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017*



*VC, CU, Prof. Bhabesh Ch. Goswami presenting the 12<sup>th</sup> Dr Pabindranath Datta Memorial Award in a meeting organised by the Dept. of Geology on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017*



*VC, CU, Prof. B. Ch. Goswami addressing the gathering during the 10<sup>th</sup> Dr Hemanta Kumar Sarma Memorial Lecture organised by the Dept. of Assamese on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017*



*An international symposium on 'Archaeology and Heritage Management in the Indian Subcontinent' organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017*



*Dr G. Kalita, Assoc. Prof. speaking on 'Definitions of Dreams and Dreaming: A Surrealistic Freud and the Freudian Dali' in a seminar organised by the Dept. of English on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017*



*Faculty & students of the Dept. of Sociology participating in 'Bharat Yatra' - A nationwide mass awakening campaign for 'Safe Childhood – Safe India' held at GU on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct., 2017*

## Departmental Activities

### January

- A workshop on 'Contributions of Earth Sciences to Archaeology' was conducted by the Dept. of Archaeology on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
- A talk on 'Molecular Oxygen in Biology' by Prof. A. R. Chakravarty from the Dept. of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science was organised by the Dept. of Chemistry on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

### February

- A talk on 'The evolutionary origin of skinks of the India sub-continent' by Aniruddha Datta Roy, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru was organised by the Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017.
- An international seminar titled 'Financial Inclusion: Role of insurance sector with special emphasis on health insurance' was organised by the Dept. of Economics on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- A talk on 'The psychology of sustainability to a largely interdisciplinary' by Ron Chandler, University of Florida, USA was organised by the Department of EBWS on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- A workshop on 'Campus Bird Count' was organised by the Department of EBWS on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Jayaditya Purkayashtha from Help Earth, Jaydev Mandal and Somoyita Sur from Gauhati University and Narayan Sharma from Cotton University attended as the Resource Persons.
- A seminar was organised by the Department of Computer Science & IT on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Prof. Deepankar Medhi who was invited as the Resource Person spoke on 'Multipath Routing in Computer Networks'.
- 'International Mother Language Day' was observed by the Dept. of Assamese on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.
- A talk on 'C-H Functionalization and Divergent Reactions of Betti Bases' by Dr Pranjal Kr. Baruah, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Applied Sciences, GUIST, Gauhati University was organised by the Dept. of Chemistry on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017.
- A national workshop and hands-on training in Basic Cellular and Bioinformatics techniques was organised by the Dept. of Zoology during 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- A national seminar on Recent Advances in Zoological Research and Integrative Biology was organised by the Dept. of Zoology during 27<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

### March

- A workshop on Guwahati Birds was organised by the Department of EBWS on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.
- The Dept. of Psychology organised a seminar entitled 'Naari Shakti: Celebrating Womanhood' on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- Prof. K.C. Paul Memorial Lecture was organised by the Dept. of Political Science on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Invited guest Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury spoke on 'Culture at Crossroads: Narrating the story of people in India's North East'.
- Sound Designer Amrit Pritam was invited for an interactive programme by Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Mass Communication & Journalism (BCMJ) on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- An IT Quiz themed 'Document Freedom Day' was organised by the Department of CS & IT in association with AMTRON on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- A talk on 'Implementation of the Theories of Statistics' by Nabanita Gogoi, Director, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India was organised by the Dept. of Statistics on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.
- An interactive session on 'People and their relationship with the landscape' was organised by the Department of EBWS on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. Julian Hoffman and Julis Henderson from the USA were invited as the resource persons.

### April

- The Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology observed World Health Day on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Invited speakers Dr Anjan Saikia, Director Hayat Hospital, Guwahati spoke on 'Viral hepatitis scenario in NE India' and Dr Anweshak Das and Dr Jayashree Das spoke on 'Depression in Women'.
- A colloquium was organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Invited speaker Dr Vasant Shinde spoke on 'Relevance of Archaeology in Contemporary Society'.
- A talk on 'Gestural Communication of Wild Bonnet Macaques *Macaca radiata* in the Bandipur National Park, Southern India' by Shreejata Gupta, DST-SERB Postdoctoral Fellow was organised by the Dept. of EBWS on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

## Departmental Activities

### May

- ASBI Public Relations Summit was organised by BCMJ in association with Leap PR at the Conference Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2017
- Youngest Archaeologist and India's only Egyptologist Arsh Ali was invited by the Dept. of Anthropology to deliver a talk on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. He spoke on 'Funerary customs and beliefs of the ancient Egyptians'.
- A talk on 'Career Prospects in RBI' by Dr Pradip Bhuyan, Deputy Director, RBI, Guwahati was organised by the Dept. of Statistics on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
- A talk on 'Electron Count & Chemical Structure' by Dr Kiran Boggavarapu, Dept of Chemistry, Mc Nease State University, Louisiana, USA was organised by the Dept. of Chemistry on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

### June

- A one-month certificate course on 'Video Editing' was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) in June, 2017.

### August

- A talk on 'Rashtriya Ekta Mein Anuvad Ka Mahatwa' by Dr Arsu from Calicut University was organised by the Dept. of Hindi on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- A talk on 'Philosophy of Wittgenstein' by Prof. Priyambada Sarkar of Calcutta University was organised by the Dept. of Philosophy on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- A special lecture was delivered by Dr. Nayanika Mookherjee, Reader, Durham University, United Kingdom on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at the Dept. of Political Science on the topic 'The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories and the Bangladesh War of 1971'.
- A one-day workshop on 'How to write grant proposal?' was organised by the Dept. of EBWS on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Asst. Professor Narayan Sharma acted as the Resource Person.
- An interactive programme on the latest advances in Economic theories was organised by the Dept. of Economics during 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Dr Abinash Bora of Ashoka University was invited as the Resource Person.
- A talk on "Thin films and their properties" by Dr Ganesh Chandra Wary was organised by the Dept. of Physics on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- A talk on 'Contemporary Assamese Language' by Prof. Ramesh Pathak was organised by the Dept. of Assamese on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- A workshop on safe surfing themed 'Social Surfing 3.0' was organised by the Dept. of Computer Science & IT on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 in association with CSR, New Delhi and supported by Facebook.

### September

- A one-day workshop on 'The Art and Science of Taking Field Notes and Keeping a Nature Journal' was organised by the Department of EBWS on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017. Assistant Professor of the Department Narayan Sharma acted as the Resource Person.
- Eminent singer & folk artist Loknath Goswami delivered the 'Mass Communication Day' lecture on the occasion of the 91<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika observed by BCMJ on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- A talk on 'Contributions of Sciences in Archaeology – Why and how archaeologists collaborate with scientists: Some Case Studies' by Dr Kim-Yong-Jun, Institute of Forensic Science, Seoul National University, South Korea was organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- Kim Yong, Asst. Professor, Seoul National University, South Korea was invited by the Dept. of Anthropology to deliver a talk on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. He spoke on 'Archaeology and Science'.
- Former Chief Election Commissioner Harishankar Brahma (Retd. IAS) was invited by the Dept. of Economics on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to deliver a talk on 'Knowledge based employment opportunities of youth in Assam'.
- A talk on 'Study of the making of sacred space of the Nilachala hills' by Sneha Das, Assistant Acquisitions Editor for History, Religion and Philosophy, Oxford University Press, New Delhi was organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- A talk on 'Neutrino' by Dr Bipul Bhuyan, Associate Professor of Physics, IIT, Guwahati was organised by the Dept. of Physics in association with the Physics Academy of North East on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

## Departmental Activities

### October

- A talk on 'Numismatics: A brief study of Indian coinage' by Sikharani Sabnis, Curator, Indian Customs and Central Excise Museum, Goa was organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- The Dept. of Psychology observed 'World Mental Health Day' on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 with a lecture by renowned psychiatrist Dr Sangeeta Datta.
- A national seminar on the theme 'Antrashriya Pripreksh Mein Hindi: Sandarbh aur Chunoutiya' was organised by the Dept of Hindi during 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Dr Achyut Sarma, Associate Professor, Dept of Hindi, Gauhati University was invited as the Key Speaker and resource person.
- Dr Rubul Mout, Innovation Fellow, School of Medicine, University of Washington, USA was invited by the Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. He spoke on 'Gene Editing, Adoptive Cancer Therapy and the Future of Human Medicine'.
- A three-day workshop on 'Introduction to eBird' was organised by the Dept. of EBWS during 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Jaydev Mandal and Somoyita Sur of Gauhati University were invited as the resource persons.
- A talk on 'Historiography with Special Reference to the North East Region' by Retired Prof. Manorama Sarma was organised by the Dept. of History on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- An interactive programme on 'Advance course on Mathematics with application for Economics' was organised by the Dept. of Economics during 27<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017. Dr Mridul Prabal Goswami of IGIDR, Mumbai was invited as the Resource Person.
- An 'Anthropology Meet' was organised by the Dept. of Anthropology in association with Guwahati Regional Committee of INCAA on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

### November

- A talk on 'Molecular Modelling of real life research problems using Schrodinger Materials Science Suite' by Dr Sudarsan Pandiyan, Application Scientist of Schrodinger Inc. was organised by the Dept. of Chemistry on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- An interactive session on 'Peace and Humanity' was organised by non-profitable organisation Raj Vidya Kendra in the Department of Sociology on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- A one-day workshop on 'Communicating conservation – Challenges, Complexities and Confrontation' was organised by the Dept. of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Neha Sinha, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) was invited as the Resource Person.
- An outreach programme of Indian Statistical Institute was organised by the Dept. of Statistics on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Prof. Nityananda Sarkar, Sr. Prof. ISI Kolkata & Head ISI North-East Centre at Tezpur, Prof. Sanjit Maitra and Prof. Darpa Saurav from ISI North-East Centre were invited as resource persons.
- An Investors Awareness Programme was organised by the Dept. of CS & IT in association with Gurukul Edutech (Training Hub of TISS) on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- A talk on Nobel Prize for Literature, 2017 was organised by the Dept. of Assamese on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- A talk on 'Geoarchaeological investigations of Acheulian sites at Tikoda and Damdongri, District Raisen, Madhya Pradesh' by Dr. S.B. Ota, Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi was organised by the Dept. of Archaeology on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- A national workshop on 'Society and Law' organised by the Dept. of Anthropology in collaboration with Assam State Legal Services Authority on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- Prof. Malinee Goswami delivered the 10<sup>th</sup> Dr Hemanta Kumar Sarma Memorial Lecture organised by the Dept. of Assamese on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.
- A talk on Kazuo Ishiguro, the 2017 Nobel Laureate for literature was delivered by Dr Kalpana Bora Barman, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.



## Research Projects

**Dr Abdul Wahab**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a DST-SERB sponsored Major Research Project titled 'Electrochemical and photo-physical studies of singlet fission materials based on indigo derivatives' worth Rs. 41, 05, 200/-.

**Dr Amiya Baruah**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a DST-SERB sponsored project titled 'Role of multiphase flows in controlling the dynamics of melts & other geological fluids: a theoretical and experimental investigation' with a grant amount of 51 lakhs.

**Dr Ankur Kanti Guha**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a DST-SERB sponsored Major Research Project with a start-up grant of Rs 38 lakhs.

**Dr Indrani Sarma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, is serving as the Co-project Director of an ICSSR Major Research Project titled 'Witchcraft and Witch-hunting as Gendered Violence: A Comparative Sociological Analysis of Four Tribes of Assam'.

**Dr Jagadish Patgiri**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, is serving as the Project Director of a translation project under the Holistic Science Research Centre, Surat. He is also working on the compilation and editing of an ABILAC sponsored project on the History of Assamese Drama.

**Dr Leena Borah**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, successfully submitted a DST-SERB research project titled 'Towards climate-friendly agriculture: Assessment of methanogenic and methanotrophic microbial dynamics in rice fields of Assam in relation to mitigation of the greenhouse gas methane' as the Principal Investigator.

**Dr Maushumi Ganguly**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a DBT-Twinning Major Research Project titled 'Isolation and characterization on potent anti-fertility compounds obtained from a few folklore medicinal plants of North-east India' with a grant amount of Rs 80.36 lakhs.

**Dr Mayuri Chabukdhara**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a DST-SERB sponsored research project titled 'Investigation of heavy metals in soil-rice systems in northeast India: Food safety implications and evaluation of best management practices'.

**Dr Mayuri Chabukdhara & Dr Leena Borah**, Assistant Professors, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, successfully submitted a Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) sponsored research project titled 'Infrastructure and laboratory facilities for the Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences'.

**Dr Narayan Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, successfully completed a research project funded by The Rufford Foundation, London, UK titled 'The impact of harvest of a Critically Endangered Dipterocarp *Vatica lanceaefolia* on its population and regeneration in the rainforests of northeastern India'. He has also submitted a RUSA sponsored research project titled 'Establishment of three biological field stations at Dihing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary and Manas National Park, Assam'.

**Dr Narayan Sharma, Dr Mayuri Chabukdhara & Dr Leena Borah**, Assistant Professors, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, successfully submitted a RUSA sponsored research project titled 'An integrated approach to understand the impact of pollution on methane emissions and biodiversity of Deepor Beel'.

**Dr Pratibha Deka**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Science, successfully completed a DST-SERB sponsored research project titled 'Health implications to woman and children in biomass using households of Assam'.

**Dr Purabi Deka Bose**, Head (i/c), Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, is serving as the Principal Investigator of a major research project titled 'Delineation of the chromosomal and molecular endocrinological alterations leading to recurrent pregnancy loss in north-east India' under DBT's Twinning programme for the NE region.

## Faculty Activities

**Dr A. K Verma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, was invited as a Resource Person to a training programme on 'In silico drug designing' organised by Namrup College during 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.

**Dr Ambeswar Gogoi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese, was invited to deliver talks on 'Introduction to Computational Linguistics' by the Dhemaji Commerce College on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017 and 'Bandhar Dinbor Kenekoi Udyapan Kora Uchit' by Sapatia H.S. School on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Under his supervision, Mridul Sarma was awarded the doctoral degree by Assam University in 2017.

**Amiya Baruah**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology, was invited as a Resource Person by the Dept. of Geological Sciences, Gauhati University on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017. She spoke on 'The Boiling Planet, a tale of mantle convection'.

**Dr Anjana Singha Naorem**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, was invited as a Resource Person to impart hands-on training on 'Mammalian Cell Culture, Oocyte Manipulation and IVF' organised by the DBT-funded Advanced State Biotech Hub, College of Veterinary Science, AAU, Khanapara during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

**Dr Ankur Kanti Guha**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as a Resource Person by B.N. College, Dhubri on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017. He spoke on 'National Entrance at a Glance'.

**Dr Apurba Kr Barman**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as a Resource Person by B.N. College, Dhubri on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. He spoke on 'Reduction reactions using metal based reagents'.

**Dr Basanta Kr. Rajbongshi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as a Resource Person by IASST, Guwahati on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. He spoke on 'Intramolecular charge transfer mediated internal conversion in two model green fluorescent protein chromophore analogs'.

**Dr Bibhuti Gogoi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology, was invited as a Resource Person by the Department of Geological Sciences, Gauhati

University on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. He spoke on 'Understanding magmatic process through texture'. He has been invited by Gauhati University on numerous other occasions in 2017.

**Dr Binita Baruah**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Assamese, supervised two research scholars - Pallabika Sarmah and Anushree Adhikary - who were awarded doctoral degrees by Gauhati University in 2017.

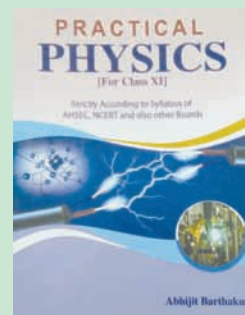
**Dr Dhrubajyoti Das**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, presented a paper titled 'Re-reading Nature Poems of Nirmalprabha Bordoloi and Emily Dickinson From Eco-Critical Perspective' at the International Conference on 'Language, Literature and Culture' organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Pune during 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**Dr Dipak Sarma**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, presented a paper titled 'Effects of Hall Current and Rotation on Unsteady MHD Natural Convection Flow Past A Vertical Flat Plate with Ramped Wall Temperature and Heat Absorption' at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International cum 24<sup>th</sup> National ISHMT-ASTFE Heat and Mass Transfer Conference organised by BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad during 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

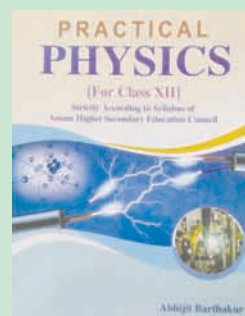
**Dr Garima Kalita**, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, presented a paper titled 'Definitions of Dreams and Dreaming: A Surrealistic Freud and the Freudian Dali' at the International Conference on Dreams and Dreaming: Theoretical Conceptualisations and Artistic Representations organised by London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at London, United Kingdom.

**Dr Gautam Mazumdar**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, was invited as a Resource Person by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU) on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. He spoke on 'Impact of Kenneth Arrow on Economics & Public Policy'. He was also invited by Dimoria College on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017; Sualkuchi College on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 and Assam Administrative Staff College on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 wherein he spoke on Goods & Service Tax (GST) in India.

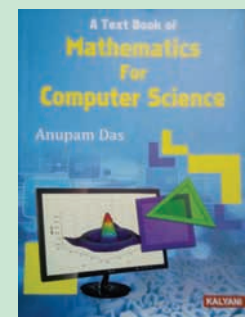
## Book Publications



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LSBRSG Publication, Guwahati

## Faculty Activities

**Dr Hiten Choudhury**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & IT, was invited as a Resource Person by the North Eastern Police Academy, Meghalaya on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. He spoke on 'Introduction to Mobile Technology & Security' and 'Security & Future: Challenges in Mobile Technology with emphasis on Internet of Things'.

**Dr H. Ranjit Singh**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences, was invited as a Resource Person by the Department of Zoology, Gurucharan College, Silchar during 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. He spoke on 'PCR: A tool for molecular biology'.

**Ms. Imsuchila Kichu**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, presented a paper titled 'Jane Harrison's Stolen: Telling and Performing Truth' at the International Conference on (His)tory, Her-Story, and 'Other' Narratives: Revisions and Reinterpretations in Story-Telling, organised by REVA University, Bangalore during 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**Dr Indrani Sarma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, is engaged as a Documentation Officer in the project 'Training and Orientation Programme for the Students and Scholars on Community Forest Resource Rights' with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.

**Dr Jagadish Patgiri**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, was invited as a Resource Person by Gauhati University on two different occasions. He spoke on 'Philosophical Tradition of Assam' and 'Research in Modern Theatre Movements in Assam'.

**Dr Jonali Devi**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, was invited as a Resource Person by the NIRD PR NERC on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. She spoke on 'Understanding Rural Communities: Structure, Culture and Polity'.

**Dr Kamal Barman**, Associate Professor, Dept of Statistics, was invited as a Resource person by Pub-Kamrup College, Baihata Chariali on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. He spoke on 'Development of Probability Theory and Its Application'.

**Lutfu Hanum Selima Begum**, Head, Dept. of Assamese, was invited to deliver a talk on 'Renuka Devi Borkotoky: Eti Samagrik Abolokan' at the 19<sup>th</sup> North East Book 2017 on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. She was invited as a poet to the South Asian Literary Festival held during 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in New Delhi and to the India World Poetry Festival held during 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in Hyderabad.

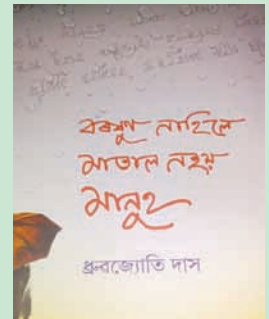
**Dr Maheswar Kalita**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Assamese, was invited to deliver a talk on 'Contemporary Assamese Literature: Latest Trends' by the HRDC, Gauhati University on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017; he was also invited by the Private School Teachers' Association to speak on 'Technique of Teaching in School' on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. AIR, Guwahati invited him on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to deliver a talk on 'Borgeet for the students of Class 10'.

**Dr Manjil Hazarika**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Archaeology, was invited as a Speaker to the International Seminar on Archaeological Heritage of South Asia during organised by the Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of Assam during 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017. He spoke on 'Early Human Colonisation in the Indian Subcontinent: Recent Evidences'. He was also invited by the Seoul National University, South Korea under its 'Prominent Foreign Scholar Program' during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. He spoke on 'Early Farming Communities of India with special reference to the Eastern Himalayan Region'.

**Dr Manju Devi**, Former Head, Dept. of Assamese, was invited to deliver a talk on 'Abani Chakrabartir Kabitat Samaj Setana' by Kabita Publication on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017. She was also invited to speak on 'Naribadi Asomiya Kobita' by the Sasol Lekhika Samaroh, Guwahati on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Mayuri Chabukdhara**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences, was invited as a Resource Person to the Young Ecologist Talk and Interaction (YETI) held at Tezpur University during 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. She spoke on 'Environmental Impact Assessment'.

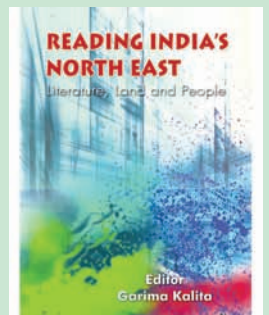
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Author: **Dr Dilip Rajbonshi**  
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Assam Publishing Company,  
Guwahati



Editor: **Dr Garima Kalita**  
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MRB Publication, Guwahati



Author: **Dr Jagadish Patgiri**  
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## Faculty Activities

**Dr Merry B. Bora**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, was invited to mentor the Guwahati Regional Children's Writers' Festival - Katha Utsav - held at Royal Global School, Guwahati during 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

**Dr Mita Chakraborty**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Bengali, was invited as a Resource Person by Handique Girls' College on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. She spoke on 'Vaishnav Literature & Vaishnav Philosophy'.

**Dr N. S. Singh**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, was invited as a Resource Person to deliver a talk on 'Photoperiodic time measurement in Eurasian tree sparrow' by North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong during 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**Dr Narayan Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences, chaired two technical sessions in the National Seminar on the Socio-Economic and Scientific Development in North-East India: Problem and Prospects organised by Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati during 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

**Nur Islam Saikia**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese, was invited as a Resource Person by Bani Bidyapith H.S. School on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. He was invited to deliver talks on the 'Historical Role of Islam' by Damdama College on 11th November, 2017 and 'Present Education System' by Damdama H.S School on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.

**Dr Pankaz K. Sharma**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, was invited as a Resource Person by the Mangaldoi College on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. He spoke on 'Role of Mathematics in Biochemical and Biomolecular Studies'.

**Dr Phunu Das (Sarma)**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, was invited as a Resource person to the national seminar on 'Role and importance of Educational Technology in the field of Teaching and Learning' organised by Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Barpeta during 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. She was also invited by the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati as a Resource person to a one-day orientation programme for newly appointed regular teachers of Elementary level on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

**Dr Prasanta Chakraborty**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Bengali, has been selected as a core member of the Assam Publication Board in 2017 by the board's Chairman Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma.

**Dr Purabi Deka Bose**, Head (i/c), Dept. of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, was conferred the 'Vice Chancellor's Award for exemplary services to Cotton' in 2017. She was also nominated by the North Eastern Region Biotechnology Programme Management Cell to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> India International Science Festival (IISF) during 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 held in Chennai, India.

**Dr Sangeeta Barthakur**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Statistics, was invited as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker on 'Administrative Statistics' on National Statistics Day by NSSO, North Eastern Zonal Office, Guwahati on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. She was also invited as a Resource Person by K.C.D. Commerce College, Guwahati on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and by Asian Institute of Nursing Education, Guwahati on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to speak on 'Time Series' and 'Vital Statistics' respectively.

**Dr Swapnali Das**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Assamese, was invited to deliver a talk on 'Philosophy of Madhavdeva Literature' by the Eka Saran Bhagawati Samaj, Daxin Kamrup Amtola Gaon on 9th August, 2017.

**Dr Tarali Pathak**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, was invited as a Resource Person by Kaliabor College to deliver a lecture on 'Learning disabilities and Learner needs' on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017.

**Dr Uma Dutta**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology, was invited as a Resource Person to the International Conference on Nutraceuticals and Chronic Diseases, Bogmallo, Goa on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017. She spoke on 'Amelioration of Ethanolic Extract of Shoot of Bambusa balcooa against Ethophon induced oxidative stress on gonadal function'. She was also invited to impart hands-on training on Mammalian Cell Culture, Oocyte Manipulation and IVF organised by the DBT-funded Advanced State Biotech Hub, College of Veterinary Science, AAU, Khanapara during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

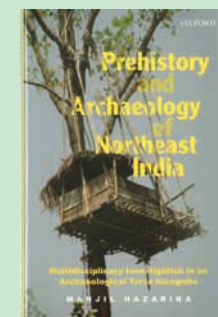
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Oxford University Press, New Delhi



Author: **Dr Mita Chakraborty**  
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## Ph.D. awarded in 2017

**Dr Angita Sarmah Boruah**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'Emotional Intelligence of Higher Secondary Students of Sivasagar District of Assam: A study of selected associated variables' by Dibrugarh University in December, 2017.

**Dr Afsana B. Barbhuiyan**, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'Folk, Fiction, Fact: Negotiating identities among some prominent Nigerian writers' by the Department of Folklore Research, Gauhati University in November, 2017.

**Dr Barun Kumar Saha**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Bengali, was awarded the Ph.D. degree for his thesis titled 'Novelist Banaphul and his thoughts- A critical study' by Gauhati University in August, 2017.

**Dr Bibhuti Gogoi**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geology, was awarded Ph.D. for his thesis titled 'Mafic-Felsic Magma Interactions from the Bathani Volcano sedimentary Sequence of Chotanagpur Granite Gneiss Complex of Eastern India: Implications for Magma Mixing during Arc Magmatism' by Delhi University in August, 2017.

**Dr Bornali Borthakur**, Assistant Professor (Contractual), Dept. of Sanskrit, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'The R̥gvedic Maṇḍalas-Sixth and Seventh: A Study' by Gauhati University in June, 2017.

**Dr Madhumita Talukdar**, Scientific Assistant, Dept. of Botany, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'Isolation and Screening of Micromonospora for bioactive metabolites and their bioevaluation' by Gauhati University in January, 2017.

**Dr Moitrayee Banerjee Chakraborty**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled "Agricultural Commodity Marketing in Assam- Its Mechanism, Marketing Channels' efficiencies and price behaviour" by Gauhati University in October, 2017.

**Dr Preetee Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'A Stylistic Analysis of Pottery from the Brahmaputra Valley (5<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE) by Jawaharlal Nehru University in April, 2017.

**Dr Samarjit Das**, Assistant Professor (Contractual), Dept. of CS & IT, was awarded Ph.D. for his thesis titled 'Towards Finding New Fuzzy Clustering Algorithms' by Gauhati University in March, 2017.

**Dr Satyajit Ray**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Geology, was awarded Ph.D. for his thesis titled 'Groundwater Prospects Evaluation in the Interfluves of the rivers Brahmaputra and Kolong, Assam with special reference to sustainability of groundwater resources' by Dibrugarh University in July, 2017.

**Dr Shamim Rahman**, Scientific Assistant, Department of Zoology, was awarded the Ph.D. degree for his thesis titled 'Development and characterization of DNA barcodes in Eel shaped fish species of Assam' by Gauhati University in December, 2017.

**Dr Teresa L. Khawzawl**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, was awarded Ph.D. for her thesis titled 'Women's Role in Decision making at Household level: A Study of Hmars in Dima Hasao District, Assam' by NEHU, Shillong in March, 2017.

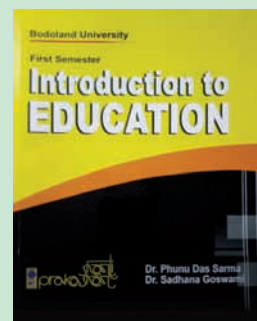
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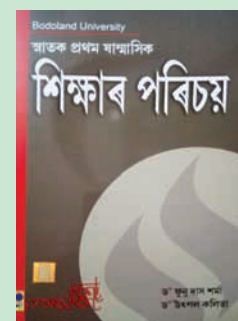
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## Students' Achievements

### Cotton shines at National Level



Cotton succeeded in bagging first prizes in the group song competition 'Swargam' and drama competition 'Rangmancha' in the annual social and cultural

Spring Fest' 2017 organised by IIT Kharagpur during 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January this year. The drama - *Aur Ek Shakuntala* – was directed by Rituparna Kalita. Debapratim Baruah, a student of MCJ and Barasha Bora, a student of History bagged the 'Best Actor' and 'Best Actress' awards. The drama also won the 'Best Award for Stagecraft'. Hriday Parash Kalita, a student of Physics, won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Dancer award in the Solo Dance competition. A total of 38 students led by Cotton College Students Union (2016-17) and under the supervision of Biswajit Nath, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit and Moitrayee Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Botany participated in the annual festival.

### HS (Science) Exam Toppers, 2017



**Ronak Jain**  
6<sup>th</sup> Position



**Arnab Kapil**  
9<sup>th</sup> Position



**Hiranya Hazarika**, a 4<sup>th</sup> semester undergraduate student of the Dept. of English, was conferred 'The

Award of Honour' at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Youth Peace Festival held at Chandigarh during 29<sup>th</sup> Sep to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. He was also invited to participate in the 'Circle of Excellence: Dialogue Session on Leadership in Volunteerism', a triangular conference organised by a Malaysia-based organisation Sithi Global in Malaysia during 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The only delegate to represent India in the conference, he received 'The Award of Appreciation and Recognition' for his involvement, commitment and leadership in developing children's future in education & entrepreneurship and youth empowerment.

**Amarjyoti Kakati**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Dept. of Assamese, secured 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the AIU Inter University National Youth Festival – One act play competition held at Shivaji University, Kolhapur during 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. He secured 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the 5<sup>th</sup> All Assam Inter College Drama Competition held at Assam Don Bosco University on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Ankur Ranjan Phukan**, a 1<sup>st</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Department of Sociology, has authored a poetry book titled *Soudixe Etiya Xariya Hepah* published in 2017.

**Ashutosh Kashyap**, who graduated from the Department of Zoology, in June 2017, has authored a book titled *As I See It* marketed by Amazon Asia-Pacific Holdings Private Limited, Kindle Edition. He was also selected to the London Film Academy (LFA) as a student and as well as a member of the Exclusive Film Makers Club of LFA. The LFA selects only 12 students every year from around the world and Ashutosh has been able to take one of the coveted seats.

**Bhupali Goswami**, a 4<sup>th</sup> semester under-graduate student of the Department of Economics, has authored a text book titled '*Manohik Samortha Abhikhya*' in 2017.

**Bijit Kalita**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester student of Dr Bhupen Hazarika Centre for Mass Communication & Journalism, won the 'Best

Debater' award in the National level Debate Competition organised by Gauhati University on the occasion of National Science Day on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. He also won the 'Jury Special Award' in the Golap Sarma Memorial North East Level Inter College and University Debate Competition organised by North Lakhimpur College on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

**Dharitree Boro**, a 4<sup>th</sup> semester under-graduate student of the Department of Economics, won the Gold medal in the Guwahati Open Taekwondo Competition held in 2017.

**Himakshi Thakuria**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester student of the Department of Archaeology, won 'Best Debater' awards in the 21<sup>st</sup> All Assam Annual Parag Das Memorial Inter-College Debate Competition, Dihing Dohotiya Memorial Northeast Level Debate Competition and State-level Debate Competition (Assam Engineering College) in 2017.

**Nabajit Barman**, a 6<sup>th</sup> semester under-graduate student of the Department of Economics, represented India as a youth delegate in the Youth Exchange Programme, Sri Lanka as a part of National Cadet Corps (NCC). He represented the North-eastern region in the Republic Day Camp as a 'Best Cadet of Air NCC' in 2017. He also represented the North-eastern region in the National Integration Camp held at Peddapuram, Andhra Pradesh in 2017.

## Students' Achievements

**Parthajit Baishya**, a 1<sup>st</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Department of Sociology, has been selected in the 33 Ranji Probable for the Assam Cricket Team. He is also the captain of the university cricket team, 2017 to play in KIIT, Bhubaneswar.

**Pritam Sharma**, a 5<sup>th</sup> semester student of the Department of Geology, secured 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Freedom Quiz Competition organised by GMDA at District Library Auditorium; 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Bos Quiz- 2017 organised by Assam Don Bosco University; 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the quiz competition in the 20<sup>th</sup> ISTE Students' National Convention, 2017; 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Mela Quiz organised by Pragyanam - the Annual Hub Quiz Fest; and 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the quiz competition in the Young Voters' Festival, 2017 organised by District Election Office, Kamrup (Metro).

**Priyadarshika Medhi**, a 1<sup>st</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Department of Sociology, has co-authored a book titled *Kashmir: Sanghat ne Samadhan* with a group of students from across the universities in India in October 2017.

**Priyanka Nayak**, a 1<sup>st</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Department of Assamese, participated in the National Cadet Corps Youth Exchange Programme as a foreign delegate in Sri Lanka from 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.

**Rajiya Khadim**, a 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the Department of Statistics, won 1<sup>st</sup> positions in 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in 100m Backstroke competition in the All Assam Swimming Championship, 2017.

**Shreya Sharma**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester student of the Department of Archaeology, won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the All Assam Essay Competition organised by October Revolution Centenary Celebration Committee, Guwahati.

**Maitrayee Baruah**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester post-graduate student of the Department of Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences, won the Best Actress Award in Curtain Call, 2017, an All Assam Annual Inter-College Drama Competition organised by the Dramatics Club of School of Technology, Assam Don Bosco University on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Nishiranjana K. Mallika** was adjudged the Best Actor in the All Assam Mamoni Raisom Goswami Memorial One Act Play Competition organised by Cotton University in 2017.

**Tushar Bhuyan** won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the singing competition of 'Hunar', a talent show organised by Pragati on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

**Jintu Thakuria** received the 'Bindu Sahitya Sanman' from the Bindu Literary Magazine for his short story published in 2017.

## TRIBUTE

Cotton University has expressed profound grief and deep condolences on the sudden demise of **Dr Chitra Sarma**, Associate Professor, Department of Education, who had passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The University states her untimely death as irrevocable loss to the institution. A pleasing personality upright with indomitable passion for life, the deceased is a rare epitome of humility, sincerity and righteousness. She will remain an inspiration to the posterity.



The University has also mourned the untimely death of **Girindra Medhi**, Gas Maker of the Dept. of Chemistry, who had breathed his last on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. He joined the institution in 1988 and had been in service till his death. In a condolence message, the University community has prayed the Almighty to grant his soul everlasting peace.

### *The following persons retired from Cotton University in 2017*

#### *Faculty members*

Dr Sadhana Goswami (Education)  
 Dr Narayan Chetry (Geography)  
 Sri Kiran Bhuyan (English)  
 Mr. Deben Ch. Das (Physics)  
 Dr Rupali Phukan Bhuyan (Geography)  
 Dr Sonalee Borah Hazarika (Chemistry)  
 Sri Anjalee Deves (Economics)  
 Dr Mamata Goswami (Zoology)  
 Dr Dandadhar Borah (Botany)  
 Sri Manju Devi (Assamese)  
 Dr Painuruddin Ahmed (Arabic, Persian and Urdu)

#### *Members of non-teaching staff*

Shri Sarat Patgiri (UDA)  
 Shri Uday Barman (Bearer, Dept. of Chemistry)  
 Smti. Malati Deka (Peon, Hostel)  
 Jyotish Chandra Sarmah (Hostel Cook)

## Extension Activities

### Cottonian undertakes 'Save Village Save Culture' campaign



Hajongbori village

A campaign called 'Save Village Save Culture' was carried out in 2017 under the aegis of *Cottonian* (2015-16), the students' journal of Cotton University. The main objective of this campaign was to make people conscious about the fact that striding out with the industrial modernisation, development in multiple levels in the present time is bound to take place in rural areas and the rural people should facilitate with the most symptomatic modern amenities being enjoyed by the urban people but not at the cost of their aged old traditions and cultural heritage. Four significant villages of Lower Assam were visited for field studies which include Nankar Bhoira (Nalbari), Sorthebari (Barpeta), Barpeta Atasbaji Gaon (Crackers' village of Barpeta district) and Hajongbori (Kamrup). As a part of the campaign, Nankar Bhoira of Nalbari district has been declared as 'Sister Village' by the institution in January, 2017. The campaign was carried out under the supervision of Dr Dhrubajyoti Das. The team members were Gunjan Sarma, Uddipan Sarma, Dhritiman Deka, Bhanita Talukdar and Bedanta Bikash Bora.

## CUWF activities

■ Flood-relief materials were distributed by the Cotton University Women's Forum (CUWF) in three villages of Morigaon districts - Belguri, Bornoloni Pothar and Katahguri - on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.



■ Cotton Lady Teachers' Meet - an interactive meet of all retired lady teachers and present lady teachers of the institution was organised on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

■ 'Black Day' - a silent protest meet was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to mark a protest against various crimes and sexual harassment and abuse of women which are in the rise in present times. A memorandum was also submitted to the Women's Commission and Govt. of Assam.

■ A health check-up camp was organised at Hajongbori village, Chandrapur Kamrup in association with NEMCARE Hospitals Ltd. on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

■ 6<sup>th</sup> Late Parul Phukan Memorial Lecture was organised on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017. Dean of Social Sciences, USTM Prof. Alaka Sarma delivered the lecture on 'Memoirs of a dutiful daughter'.

### Brahmaputra Literary Fest



Institution's participation in the Brahmaputra Literary Festival during 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

### Skill Development Workshop



Participants during a 12-day UGC Sponsored Skill Development Workshop conducted by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), Cotton University during 20<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The workshop imparted hands-on training in four trades namely: Clay Jewellery, Newspaper Craft, Fabric Designing / Fashion Photography and Salads & Carvings

## Literary / Cultural programmes

Cotton College *Nabin* had a plethora of activities and events in 2017. The forum organised a story reading event titled 'Galpabeekshan' on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. An interactive cum cultural programme titled '*Sahitya Sanskritir Hiyar Mel*' was organised at Nankar Bhoira, Nalbari, a sister village of the institution on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.



A glimpse of Galpabeekshan

The Cotton College **Lekhika Samaroh** Samittee in association with *Nabin* organised an interactive programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> March wherein Sahitya Akademy and Assam Valley Literary Award winner Arupa Kalita Patangia was invited as the Chief Guest.



Participants and organisers of the programme with the chief guest Arupa Kalita Patangia

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