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International Women's Day observed at Cotton University Special Lecture held, book launched

The Centre for Women's Studies, Cotton University observed the International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, by hosting a special lecture by feminist scholar and activist Dr Roshmi Goswami, entitled 'The Violence Continuum: Recasting Agency'. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami and widely attended by the faculty, scholars and students of the University. A highlight of the Women's Day convened by Dr Rakhee Kalita Moral, Head of the Centre for Women's Studies, was the release of an anthology of multilingual poetry and prose, 'Women of Earth' published under the aegis of Guwahati Grand Poetry Festival and edited by Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, Manjit Kr Sarma, Dr Namrata Pathak etc. Dr Roshmi Goswami while delivering her lecture on the culture of violence dwelt on the need to oppose structural, symbolic and systemic forms of oppression on women in our society and encouraged the young students to build awareness about women's rights and recent legislations that safeguard the position and individual freedoms of women in the country, and especially in the NE region. In the book launch held after the lecture, several Assamese poets and writers congregated and read excerpts from their works celebrating women and raising gender concerns to mark the day.



Ex-Cottonian B.K. Saikia bags Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award

Dr Binoy Kumar Saikia, Scientist, NEIST, Jorhat and Ex-Cottonian from the Department of Chemistry (2000-2001 M.Sc. Batch) won the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for Science and Technology 2021, the topmost
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Prof Bhabesh Ch. Goswami, Vice Chancellor

Science and Technology has made tremendous progress in the past 200 years in its relentless pursuit of making our lives healthier, faster and more efficient, and in understanding nature itself. One interesting observation is that the pace of advancement seems to be accelerating – progress in the last two decades appears to be greater than what we have seen in the past. This is evident if you examine our accomplishments in healthcare (AI-based radiology, mRNA vaccines), transportation (electric cars), computer and communication technologies (superfast smartphones with gigabits-per-second wireless internet when just 20 years ago we had bulky computers with 56 kilobits-per-second dial-up phone lines), and the layers of services built on top of these technologies – Uber, AirBnB, Zoom, Swiggy, virtual classrooms, proctored examinations Online shopping like Amazon, online banking etc etc – that change the fundamental rhythm of our day-to-day lives.

As we look ahead into the next few decades, it is important to be mindful of these changes. Without that, these technologies have the potential to cause societal harm. For example social networks have elevated an untrained, un-educated, and unscrupulous blogger to the same status as an accomplished newspaper with journalistic integrity. An uninformed pseudo-scientific article will receive more WhatsApp forwards than a peer-reviewed manuscript in an established journal. The easy access to information has somehow deprived us of our ability to distinguish good information from bad. And bad information has nurtured a growing anti-intellectual sentiment that threatens to destroy the very foundation of our scientific and educational systems we have established over centuries, and thus hamper mankind's future technological and societal progress.

The only way to prevent this is to instill the right scientific and human values in our young boys & girls. This means training them to not be distracted by the glamorous fruits of technology such as phones or apps, but instead be enamored by the centuries of application of the scientific method (observation, hypothesis, experimentation, conclusion) that have led to these fruits. It means teaching them to always look for the source of any piece of information, to distinguish fact from opinion, and to play the delicate balancing act of always applying critical thinking while respecting the depth of an expert's experience. Our youths are our future. It is our job to give them the tools they need to advance humanity to the next stage.

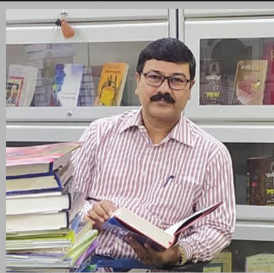
FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

After months of lockdown last year owing to Covid19, the new year 2021 started on a fresh note with renewed vigour and enthusiasm among the faculty members, staff and students. But little had we envisioned that the pandemic would give us another setback and normalcy would again seem like a far-fetched dream.

I am glad to say that despite the alarming and depressing situation due to Covid19, all the internal stakeholders of Cotton University rose to the occasion to deliver their duties to the best of their abilities. Besides this, the faculty members continued with their academic pursuits which is evident in the number of paper publications in reputed international and UGC CARE listed journals, participation in different webinars etc. during this period. This is indeed commendable and I congratulate each and everyone for their achievements. I hope we are able to work with the same spirit in the future too. My best wishes to all!



Prof Diganta Kr Das, Registrar



Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, Editor

EDITORIAL

The paradigm of education in our country is now in a state of flux. Of late, the Union Cabinet of India has approved the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) which outlines vision of new education system in India. This policy precisely has subscribed to the view of transformation in educational institutions from a window of knowledge to a window to the labor market. The pandemic may be seen only as a means to such changes that are now in vogue. The things considered as oddities before pandemic may have now become a necessity. The use of mobile phones in the class room and the open book examination system would have irritated teaching fraternity as well as guardians in the pre-Covid period. But after pandemic such practices have proven much effective and useful to keep the momentum of institutional education intake. Digital technology has made an irresistible entry into education with an undeniable demand of making education a digital colony in the post-pandemic period. In the present time the common impression is that the digital poverty may create constraints in nurturing education to the extreme height. Knowledge with digital tools and intellectual ability has now become synonymous. Teacher skills and depth of knowledge will no longer be the criteria for progress; their market potential will become a decisive factor. Teachers' intellectual vigor will be judged with their capacity of survival in the labor market. As a result, in institutions the courses will be devised with a business model to combat the market competition. Subsequently teachers' interests and insights will hardly get any space in the making of the courses. The main objective of such courses in the institutions will be to attract more students. Onus is now on the teachers to help augment the praxis of 'new normal' with socially committed perspectives. Therefore the teachers need to respond to such changes in education initiating a collective effort to maintain a balance between market motives and social values. It would otherwise bring forth an appalling threat to the academia if the market gets free hands to shape and control the future of education.

Private Screening of *Natkhat*

A private screening of short film 'Natkhat' was organised to commemorate International Women's Day and the foundation day of Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA) at Cotton University. The event was jointly organised by the Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies and Centre for Women's Studies, Cotton University with support from MAVA, one of the India's first men's organisation to work on preventing violence against women. The screening of the short film 'Natkhat', which is in the race for Oscars 2021 in the 'Best Short Film' category, was followed by an online interaction of students with the cast and crew of the film including actor-producer, Vidya Balan, writer Annukampa Harsh, writer-director Shaan Vyas and associate producer Sanaya Irani. The moderators for the online interaction were Rashmi Lamba and Tanaya Bhattacharya. During the interaction, national award winning actor Vidya Balan highlighted how actors as mass influencers through movies can play a significant role in facilitating positive change in society. Executive Director of MAVA, Harish Sadani shared his inputs of how men who are often considered perpetrators of violence against women could be mobilised, sensitised and made aware of their role as equal contributors in making the world a better place for women. The offline interaction at Cotton University which was attended by faculty members, students, staff members and administration was moderated by social entrepreneur and founder of Eco Hub, Nelson Deb.

Ex-Cottonian B.K. Saikia bags Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award

(Contd. from page no. 1) prestigious award in scientific research in India (Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences). Dr Binoy Kumar Saikia is among the 11 scientists under 45 years of age who bagged the award given for seven categories by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) this year. He is the lone recipient in the Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences category. After a gap of twenty years, a scientist from Assam has bagged the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for his pioneering research on coal and energy. With 65 published works and several awards including RP Bhatnagar Award in 2015-16 and Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award in 2012, Saikia plans to continue his research in the field and help bring down import of CQDs. Saikia is the 5th person from Assam to bag the award after Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri (1989), Jitendra Nath Goswami (1994), Bhupendra Nath Goswami (1995) and Prashant Goswami (2001). Cotton family congratulate him on his well-deserved success.

Varsity proposes to construct Accelerator Facility

Cotton University is proposing to construct a World Class Accelerator Facility as a joint research facility for students and researchers of North East States, in collaboration with Universities of Assam, other North East States and different National Laboratories of India. In this regard Cotton University Particle Accelerator Centre and North East (CUPAC-NE) Collaboration organised a one-day workshop on 'Developing a Discovery Class Particle Accelerator' for final pre-submission review of the project proposal on January 24, 2021.

Dr Bibhuti Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, is serving as Principal Investigator for a DST-SERB funded research project entitled "On the origin of rhyolites and associated granites and dolerites in the Proterozoic Shillong Basin" worth Rs 33,91,732 for a period of three years starting from December 31, 2020.

Dr Hiten Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of CS & IT, is serving as the Principal Investigator for a MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), Govt of India funded research project entitled "Enhancing Security using Lightweight Cryptography in IoT with OneM2M as the Service Platform and 3GPP-5G as the Underlying Communication Network" worth Rs. 48.5 lakhs for a period of three years starting from February 25, 2021.

Dr Manjil Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology, is working as a Co-Principal Investigator for an ICSSR funded research project entitled "Imaging the Artistic Elements of Gangatic Valley in Sculptural Art of Assam" worth Rs 14,00,000.00 starting from March 2021. Dr Hazarika is also acting as the Principal Investigator for another ICSSR funded research project entitled "Ancient Pragjyotisha-Kamarupa: An Archaeological Investigation" starting from April 2021.

Dr Teresa L Khawzawl, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, is acting as the Principal Investigator for an ICSSR funded research project entitled "An Analytical Study on Social and Community-Driven Preparedness, Challenges and Responses to Covid-19" worth Rs 300000.00 for a period of ten months starting from March 2021.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Activities under UBA and SES-REC

Mushroom Cultivation Training at Satargaon:

In a bid to introduce alternative means of livelihood to the villagers, the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell, Cotton University, in joint collaboration with a Cotton alumni group Prerana: Cotton 1987-89, the Technology Incubation Centre, Bodoland University and Nabajyoti Sangha, Satargaon, conducted a two-day mushroom cultivation training at Satargaon, one of the adopted villages under UBA Programme of Cotton University. The training was conducted by Amrit Debnath, CEO of AxomBazar.com and his team during February 18-19, 2021.



Awareness Programme on Sanitation and Hygiene:

In order to sensitise the local people about different aspects of Sanitation and Hygiene, street plays were performed in three of the adopted villages—Keotpara, Kalitapara and Satargaon on 26 March 2021. The plays were scripted and performed by the students of the Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies, Cotton University, under the guidance of faculty member Dr Muktikam Hazarika. It was a joint venture of UBA and SEC-REC, led by UBA Coordinator Dr Sangeeta Barthakur.

World Water Day Observed:

World Water Day 2021: A talk on 'Healthy Water, Happy Earth' by Prof Chandan Mahanta, Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Guwahati was organised by Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta & Rural Engagement Cell (SES REC) & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan on March 22, 2021.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

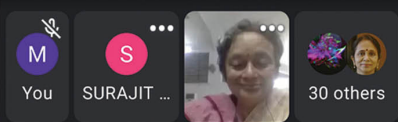
JANUARY

An interactive program with senior journalist Sushanta Talukdar was organised by the Department of MCJMS on January 18, 2021. He elaborated on the scope of Media Education in Assam and the skills required to be good journalist.

A Voluntary Cleanliness cum Plantation drive was organised by the Department of MBBT on January 30, 2021 on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas (Martyrs' Day), 2021. The program was sponsored by the faculty members of MBBT.



Tiluttoma Baruah and 1 more have joined



Prof. Ranjan Deka Professor, University of Cincinnati delivering an online talk on "Identifying a Novel 'Thrifty Variant' Influencing Human Obesity- Anthropology, Epidemiology and Genetics: The Samoan Adiposity Study" on the occasion of the 11th Prof B.M. Das Memorial Lecture (Under the Aegis of Prof. B.M. Das Memorial Lecture) organised by Dept. of Anthropology on January 22, 2021



FEBRUARY

Prof Tilottoma Misra delivered a special lecture on 'Gender and Society in the Present Time' organised by Center for Woman's Studies on February 5, 2021.

Dr Shilpa Das delivered a special lecture on 'Feminist Disability Studies: Perspectives and Approaches' organised by Center for Woman's Studies on February 12, 2021.

A special talk on 'Feminist Disability Study' was delivered by Prof. Shilpa Das, NID Ahmedabad organised by the Department of Assamese on February 16, 2021.

Two special talks were organised by the Department of Economics on February 4, 2021. In one of these, Prof. M.P. Bezbaruah, Gauhati University, spoke on 'Farmers' Produce, Trade & Commerce Act, 2020', while in the other Dr Gautam Mazumdar, Cotton University spoke on 'Union Budget, 2021-22'.

A webinar on 'Teachers' Role in NEP Implementation Awareness, Orientation, Challenges and Responses' was organised by the Department of Education in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal & NITI Aayog on February 25, 2021.

Cotton University Campus Birds Counts Drive was conducted by the Department of EBWS under the convenership of Dr Narayan Sharma from February 12-15, 2021.

MARCH

Dr Roshmi Goswami delivered a special lecture on 'The Violence Continuum: Recasting Agency' organised by the Center for Woman's Studies on March 8, 2021.

A talk on 'Museum and Practices of Democracy' was organised by the Department of Archeology on March 12, 2021. Dr Nishaant Choksi and Dr Dyotana Banerjee of IIT Gandhinagar spoke on the assigned topic.

Writer Gitalee Borah delivered a talk on 'Sampratik Lekhakar Rachana-shaili' organised by the Department of Assamese on March 20, 2021.

A workshop on 'Why and how to integrate social science methods in Conservation Science' was organised by the Department of EBWS from March 25-26, 2021.

APRIL

Dr Surajit Giri delivered a talk on 'Snake Bite Management' organised by the Department of EBWS on April 12, 2021.

Ms. Kirti Sharma delivered a talk on 'Carving Future on Campus' as a part of online lecture series for students 'Let's Talk' organised by the Department of Zoology under the co-ordinationship of Dr. Tarali Kaita and Dr. Anjana Singha Naorem on April 23, 2021.

MAY

Ms. Jinna Bordoloi delivered a talk on 'Management of Mental Health: An interactive Session' as a part of online lecture series for students 'Let's Talk' organised by the Department of Zoology on May 29, 2021.

JUNE

A workshop on 'How to read a scientific paper' was organised by the Department of EBWS on June 22, 2021. The Department also organised two more invited talks where M.K. Yadava spoke on 'Ecology and Economy: Lessons Learnt from Baghjan Blowout' on June 5, 2021 and Dr Manish Chandi spoke on 'There are crocodiles in the water: A little about the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' on June 26, 2021.

An essay competition on 'Role of Statistics in the Enhancement of Human Productivity' was organised by the Department of Statistics on the occasion of National Statistics Day on June 29, 2021.



Sushobhan Talukdar, SSO, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India delivering an online lecture on the topic of 'Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index: the position of Assam vis-à-vis India' on the occasion of National Statistics Day organised by the Department of Statistics on June 29, 2021

CU Nabeen holds plantation drive at Dighalipukhuri

Time for Nature! Following the tagline of the 2020's Environment Day, a plantation program was initiated by Cotton University New Writers' and Artists' Association (aka NABEEN) at Dighalipukhuri Park on February, 2, 2021. Focusing on the necessity of planting more useful saplings around the historic park, Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, President, CU Nabeen said that many age-old trees are seen to have destroyed by storms and landslides in the last few years. So this little effort has been made to extend awareness over to the masses. In the program all together four saplings of Neem, Amlakhi (Indian gooseberry) and Xilikha (Chebulic myrobalan) were planted at the east bank of Dighalipukhuri (inside campus). Former President Dr Manju Devi Pegu, journalist Dhiren Sarma, a host of former and present members of CU Nabeen were present in the plantation program.

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Dr Akunthita Borthakur, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper titled 'Upanayana Ceremony: A Step Towards Initiation' in a National Seminar organised by St. Xavier's College, Mumbai in collaboration with Indian Association for the study of Religions on February 25, 2021.

Anupom Kumar Hazarika, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper titled 'Caste, gender, and animalization in Homen Borgohain's The Fisherman's Daughter' in 30th Annual British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies International Conference organised by Georgia Southern University during February 15-19, 2021.

Girimalika Borah, Assistant Professor of Geography, presented a paper titled 'The Future Aspirations and Socio-Economic profile of the Return Migrants during Pandemic to Sonitpur District of Assam' in an International Seminar 2021 organised by IIPS on 'Pandemic and Population Dynamics' during March 18-20, 2021.

Dr Jimmy Y Yumnam, Assistant Professor of Botany, presented a paper entitled 'A comparative study on tree diversity and community characteristics of primary and secondary temperate broadleaf forest in Arunachal Pradesh, Indian Himalayas' in an International Conference on 'Building a sustainable environment (ICBSE) 2021' organised by the Dept. of Environment Science, D.M. College of Science, Imphal during March 14-15, 2021.

Dr Jyoti Das, Assistant Professor of Sociology, presented a paper titled 'The Right to Information and Grass-roots Movement in India: Implications for Human Rights in a Democracy' in ICIL-Congress of International Law organised by Nova School of Law, Lisbon (Portugal), Erasmus & Programme of the European Union on July 19-20, 2021. [2] Presented a paper titled 'Usage of semi-controlled experimental technique in qualitative analysis' in an International Congress on Research Methodologies (QUALIS) organised by University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain during July 7-9, 2021.

Dr Narayan Sharma, Assistant Professor of EBWS, delivered a plenary talk titled 'Impact of habitat loss and fragmentation on the primate assemblage of upper Brahmaputra Valley, northeastern India' in an International e-Symposium on Biodiversity organised by Swami Sahjanand College, Jehanabad, Bihar on February 3, 2021.

Dr Nilaskhi Mili Medak, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, presented a paper title 'Influence of the Manusamhita on the marriage system of missing society' in a seminar organized by Department of Sanskrit Vedic Studies, KBVSAS University, Nalbari, Assam in collaboration with Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratisthan, Ujjain during March 23-24, 2021.

Dr. Payal Jain, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper titled 'Doing Things with Words: Acts of Subversion in The Handmaid's Tale and Vox' in IACLALS on Utopias and Dystopias in Our Times (Online) during March 17-20, 2021.

Dr Rajiv Acharjya, Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented a paper titled 'Debating Ethno-nationalism, Democracy and Human Security in North East India' in a National Seminar on 'Democratizing the Discourse of Rights: Understanding the Question of Human Security in North East India' organised by Department of Political Science, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari in collaboration with, Assam Down Town University, sponsored by ICSSR during March 19-20, 2021.

Dr Ritika Sahu, Assistant Professor of Archaeology, presented a paper titled 'Park(s), Public space(s) and the Past(s): A Study of Urban Parks of Sivasagar, Assam' in Interrupted Spaces, Engineered Traditions-International Conference, organized by the History Department and the Centre for Heritage Conservation Studies and Technologies, Bamberg University, Germany during June 30, 2021.

NEW JOINING

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JOINED AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



Dr Eeshan Kalita
MBBT

DoJ: January 19, 2021
Ph.D.: NIPGR, New Delhi and GU



Anupom Kr Hazarika
English

DoJ: January 05, 2021
Ph.D.: IIT, Guwahati (Pursuing)



Inzamul Ahmed
Statistics

DoJ: January 19, 2021
Ph.D.: Gauhati University (Pursuing)



Dr Rajashree Borgohain
English

DoJ: March 01, 2021
Ph.D.: IIT, Guwahati



Dr Bhabatosh Banik
Chemistry

DoJ: May 12, 2021
Ph.D.: IISc, Bangalore



Dr Md. Raysul Hoque
Arabic, Persian & Urdu

DoJ: May 12, 2021
Ph.D.: Assam University



Dr Bidisha Sharma
Botany

DoJ: June 16, 2021
Ph.D.: Gauhati University



Dr Kuladip Sarma
Zoology

DoJ: June 16, 2021
Ph.D.: NERIST, Itanagar



Dr Ni-et Teronpi
Botany

DoJ: June 16, 2021
Ph.D.: Assam University



Dr Tridip Sarma
Chemistry

DoJ: June 16, 2021
Ph.D.: Univ. of Hyd.

JOINED AS NON-TEACHING STAFF



Saiful Islam
Scientific Assistant
DoJ: February 23, 2021



Debojit Hazarika
Scientific Assistant
DoJ: February 24, 2021



Jintu Rajbongshi
Scientific Assistant
DoJ: March 1, 2021



Nishant K. Ghatowar
Library Assistant
DoJ: February 26, 2021



Rupam Deka
Library Assistant
DoJ: February 23, 2021



Rajib Kalita
Library Assistant
DoJ: March 4, 2021

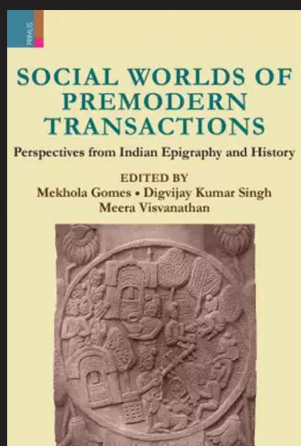


Rishikalpa Barkataki
Administrative Helper
DoJ: February 01, 2021

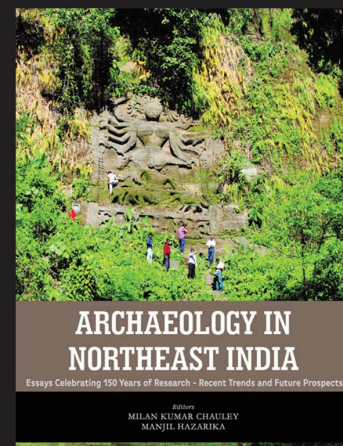
Faculty Name	Invited talk/Resource Person	Date	Venue/Organization
Ambeswar Gogoi	Ekabingsha Shatkar Asomiya Upanyash	June 20	Dibru College, Dibrugarh
Anjana Singha Naorem	Basics of Design Thinking for Faculty Members	May 17-18	MES Abasaheb Garware College Pune
Biswajit Brahma	Radio Talk on Bwisagu Festival of the Bodo Society	April 13	All India Radio: Guwahati
Chandana Sarma	My Vision and Road Map for Anthropology in India	January 14	UIAF (United Indian Anthropology Forum)
	Anthropology in the Present Century	February 18	Sikkim University
Draghima Basumatary	An Analysis of witch-hunting in context of Assam	February 25	International Alliance to End Witch Hunts
Indrani Sarma	Understanding the Forest Rights Act, 2006.	April 30	Women's College, Shillong
	The First Month of Assam Government: Leading Priorities and Challenges	June 9	SANSKRITI Group of Institutions
Inzamul Ahmed	Parametric tests of significance.	June 21-24	Jagiroad College
Jimmy Y Yumnam	Habitat Fragmentation	July 3	Royal Global University, Guwahati
Kangkana Bora	Artificial Intelligence in Early Detection of Cancer	June 12	Bahona College, Jorhat
Kalyan Das	Ecological Consideration in Production Process: Understanding the Outcomes on Economy, Ecology and Worker's Wellbeing	January 17	National Ecology and Environment Foundation
	What Northeast region of India needs to do to avert emerging water insecurity?	June 23	Centre for Public Policy and Critical Theory, Shiv Nadar University
Leena Borah	Impact of Climate Change in Agriculture and Allied Sector and Reducing Risk through Local Adaptation Practices.	March 19	(SAMETI), Directorate of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara
Manjil Hazarika	Building Scientific Temper in Children by Introducing Ancient Indian Monuments and its Rich Artistic Beauty and Scientific Magnificence	June 21-25	Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Guwahati Regional Centre
Mayuri Chabukdhara	Biomedical Waste Management	February 27	Design Innovation Centre (DIC), North Eastern Hill University
Narayan Sharma	Ecology and Environment for Holistic Development	January 27	Gauhati University
	Primate diversity of northeast India	February 9	ASTEC & ASBB
	People's Biodiversity Register (PBR): What, why and how	March 11	CASFOS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India
	Ecosystem Restoration: Towards a resilient future	June 5	Regional Science Centre, Guwahati, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India
Nurul Islam Saikia	Bishnu Rabhar Jeevan Darshan	June 20	Nezine.com (Guwahati)
Nurjahan Rahmatullah	National Webinar on Hariyali Andolan: Paryavaran Sanghrakshan ki Ek Naye Pahal.	June 27	Hariyali Andolan, Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh
Pooja Chetry	Gender Role and Family System in India: Covid 19 and Beyond	June 19	H.P.B. Girls' College Golaghat
Purabi Deka Bose	Viral diseases and COVID 19	January 8	Lalit Chandra Bharali College
Rakhee Kalita Moral	Women's Writings in India's Northeast, Resource person for Refresher Course Literature and Languages	January 2	HRDC, Dibrugarh University
	Women and Development: Perspectives from NE India	February 24	HRDC- JNU FIP
	International Seminar - Violence against Women & Naga Women's Writing in English	May 19-20	Kohima College, Nagaland
	Literature Series Special Symposium	June 21	Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi
Ritu Thaosen	Hinduaization of the Dimasas: Through the lens of History	February 25	St.Xavier's College, Mumbai
Sudipta Nandy	Non-linear Waves: Soliton to Rogue Waves (Online Webinar)	June 26	ICVC, Belonia
Teresa L Khawzawl	The Year that was 2020 and the Major Events	January 9	Sanskriti- North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research
	My Vision and Road Map for Anthropology in India	January 14	UIAF (United Indian Anthropology Forum)
	Pandemics-Natural Disaster and People's Response: A Case Study of India	March 21	Society for Empowerment
Urmimala Mahela	Intersection of Realism and Nihilism in the Fiction of Indira Goswami	March 20	Kokrajhar Government College



Dr Dhrubajyoti Das (Edited)
ISBN: 978-81-952973-3-7
Guwahati Grand Poetry Festival



Dr Digvijay Kumar Singh (Edited)
ISBN: 978-93-90430-66-6
Primus Books, New Delhi



Dr Manjil Hazarika (Edited)
ISBN: 978-93-5171-171-1
Research India Press, New Delhi

Tribute



Dr Binita Baruah
Assamese

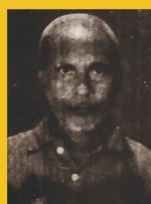
Cotton University has expressed profound grief and deep condolences on the untimely death of **Dr Binita Baruah**, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese who had breathed her last on February 22, 2021. In a condolence message, the University states her premature death as irrevocable loss to the 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 community has prayed the Almighty to grant her departed soul eternal peace.

SUPERANNUATED FROM CU

NON-TEACHING STAFF



Dharanidhar Deka



Jogendra Nath Tiwari

STUDENTS' CORNER

Ms. Rumi Sharma (PG 4th Semester, Department of Archaeology) won 1st Prize in Group B in the State Level Essay Competition organised by Jorhat District Museum, Assam

Jintu Thakuria (PG 2nd Semester, Department of Education) received the Young Researcher Award, 2021 from Institute of Scholars (InSc-unit of SDPL).

Abhishek Choudhury (UG 3rd Semester, Department of Geography) received the Aserenga Rodali National Award for excellence in singing on January 10, 2021.

Jajna Pratim Saikia (UG 5th Semester, Department of Statistics) and **Tridib Bhagabati** (UG 5th Semester, Department of Political Science) won the 'Best Debating Team' award in the Prashanna Narayan Choudhury Memorial All Assam Debate Competition held in Nalbari College.

Tridib Bhagabati (UG 5th Semester, Department of Political Science) won the '2nd Best Team' award in the 'Assam, 2021 Open Quiz Competition' organised by A, Aa, Ka, Kha.

SUPERANNUATED FROM CU

FACULTY MEMBERS



Dr Madhurjyoti
Chakravarty
Geology



Santanu Phukan
English



Dr Tiluttoma Baruah
Anthropology

PhD AWARDED

Deepjyoti Kalita, Department of Library and Information Science, has been awarded Ph.D. degree by Gauhati University for the thesis titled 'Ontology of traditional dances of Assam for the Semantic Web with Special Reference to the Dances of Rabha Community' under the supervision of Dr Dipen Deka, Assistant Professor, Gauhati University.

Jyoti Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, has been awarded Ph.D. degree by Gauhati University for the thesis titled 'Sustainable development and indigenous knowledge: A study of agricultural practices in Phek district of Nagaland' on February 23, 2021 under the supervision of Dr A. Bimol Akojiam, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Kuntala Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, Journalism & Media Studies, has been awarded Ph.D. degree by Tezpur University for the thesis titled 'Media and Conflict Communication: A Study on Newspaper Coverage of Ethnic Conflicts in Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Districts (BTAD), Assam' on May 5, 2021 under the supervision of Dr Uttam Pegu, Associate Professor, Tezpur University.

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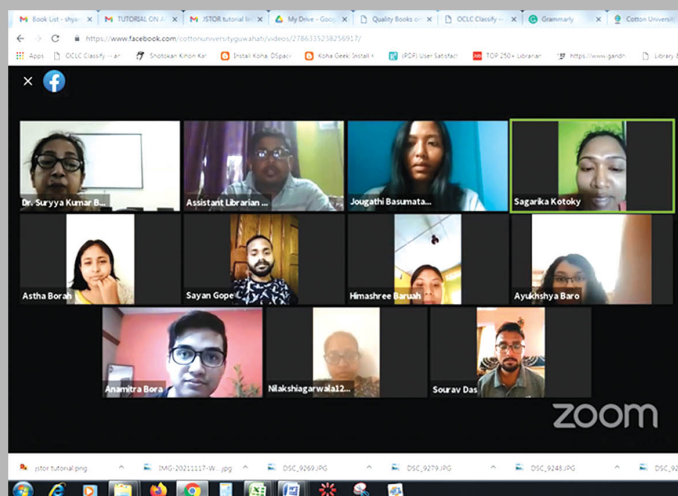
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Tutorial on Mendeley & Zotero Reference Management Software

An online tutorial programme on 'Mendeley & Zotero Reference Management Software' was held on March 31, 2021 via Zoom online platform which was attended by the students, research scholars, and faculty members of Cotton University. The tutorial programme highlighted the open-source reference management software Mendeley & Zotero. Management of bibliographic data and related research materials (such as PDF files), web browser integration, online syncing, generation of in-text citations, footnotes, and bibliographies, as well as integration with the word processors Microsoft Word, LibreOffice Writer, and Google Docs, etc. were also discussed.



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An online tutorial programme on JSTOR online access was held on April 27, 2021 via Zoom online platform. In the tutorial programme different steps of JSTOR online access were demonstrated and also the way of access of resources from Cotton University was highlighted.

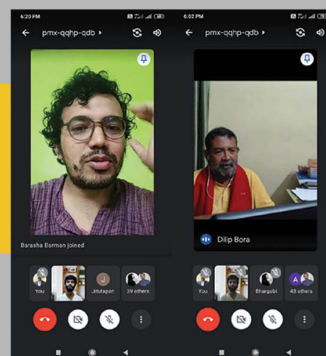
CUWF Celebrates International Woman's Day

CUWF celebrated International Women's Day, 2021 by visiting the Helping Hand Old Age Home, situated at Lutuma, Guwahati which houses 21 inmates of economically under privileged category on March 10, 2021. A team of 8 forum members enjoyed an evening of music and conversation with the inmates, provided them with dinner and also provided one month's quota of medicines worth Rs. 10000 which have been prescribed for the inmates.



Bishnu Rabha Divas observed

52nd death anniversary of 'Sainik Silpi' Bishnu Rabha was observed under the aegis of Cotton University New Writers' and Artists' Association (aka Nabeen) on June, 20, 2021. In this connection a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Dr Dhrubajyoti Das, President, CU Nabeen where Prof Dilip Bora, Gauhati University participated as appointed speaker. In his speech Prof Bora dwelled at length on the various contributions of Bishnu Rabha in shaping progressive cultural consciousness in Assamese society. The meeting was attended by Dr Manju Devi Pegu, Santanu Roumoria, Suresh Ranjan Goduka, Bipul Kolita, Kamal Kumar Medhi and several others. On this occasion a state-level essay writing competition was also organised on the topic of 'Relevance of Bishnu Rabha in Present Time'. Sagarika Goswami (Kumar Bhaskar Barman University), Nirmal Deka (Cotton University) and Priya Barua (North Lakhimpur College) achieved first, second and third prize respectively.



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