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The Times of India's Lifestyle Desk recently reported a concerning case that underscores the alarming trend of vaping among teenagers. A high school cheerleader, who began vaping at the tender age of 14 to cope with anxiety stemming from the prolonged Covid-19 lockdown, was diagnosed with irreversible "popcorn lung" after three years of secretive vaping. At 17, during a cheerleading practice, she experienced severe breathing difficulties and called her mother for help. Medical investigations revealed that she had developed Bronchiolitis Obliterans, commonly known as "popcorn lung," a serious condition that affects the small airways in the lungs. The symptoms of this disease include persistent cough and breathlessness, which can lead to long-term health complications. This case serves as a stark reminder of the risks associated with vaping, particularly among young people who may not fully understand the potential consequences of their choices.

The issue of substance abuse among students is not limited to vaping; it extends to a broader drug crisis in Northeast India, especially in Assam. The region's geographical proximity to Myanmar's Golden Triangle, a notorious drug-producing area, has exacerbated the situation. Recent studies indicate that substance abuse rates in Northeast states are approximately 20% higher than the national average, with school and college students increasingly falling prey to addiction. In Manipur, a state that has been a hotspot for heroin trafficking since the 1980s, over half of young users report consuming heroin, with significant numbers also using opioids and methamphetamine. Alarming, nearly half of the injectable drug users in the state share needles, which significantly increases the risk of HIV transmission, as highlighted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

The mental health ramifications of this crisis are severe. For instance, Arunachal Pradesh has reported that 41.9% of its youth experience psychological distress, often linked to substance use. Nationally, studies show that the initiation of alcohol consumption begins as early as 14.4 years, and similar patterns are observed for narcotics in the Northeast. Addressing this multifaceted issue requires a comprehensive approach that includes enhanced border security, school-based prevention programs, and expanded rehabilitation services tailored to the unique challenges of the region, such as intravenous drug use and cross-border trafficking networks. Given the interconnected nature of drug routes across Northeast India, urgent collaboration among states is essential to combat this growing crisis effectively.



In contrast to these troubling narratives, the story of Olly Neal illustrates the transformative power of education and mentorship. Once a rebellious teenager known for his disrespectful behaviour and truancy, Olly's life took a pivotal turn when he stumbled upon a book titled "The Treasure of Pleasant Valley" by Frank Yerby in a library. Intrigued by its cover, he secretly borrowed the book and quickly became captivated by its story. Unbeknownst to him, his teacher, Mrs. Grady, had noticed his interest and chose to nurture it rather than reprimand him. She began placing more books by Yerby in the library, even travelling 70 miles to purchase them at her own expense. This thoughtful encouragement ignited Olly's passion for reading, leading him to explore various genres and ultimately pursue higher education.

Olly Neal's journey culminated in his graduation from law school and his historic appointment as the first Black District Prosecuting Attorney of Arkansas in 1991. His story emphasises the importance of cultivating natural passions—whether through reading, sports, music, or travel—that enrich our lives. When individuals lack these fulfilling outlets, they may turn to harmful synthetic alternatives. Mrs. Grady's unwavering belief in Olly's potential exemplifies the profound impact a dedicated teacher can have. Her actions remind us that life, filled with opportunities for growth and discovery, is far more intoxicating than any artificial substitute. Every student deserves a teacher like Mrs. Grady, who recognises and nurtures the hidden talents waiting to blossom.

**- Fr (Dr) Jose Paley
Rector & Vice Chancellor**

Pharma Anveshan 2025

The Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, organized PHARMA ANVESHAN 2025 on 9th March 2025 at its campus, Sonapur, Assam. The event, themed “Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice: Encouraging Innovation, Incubation Centres, and Pharmaceutical Startups,” aimed to inspire innovation and foster industry-academia collaboration in the pharmaceutical sector.

Coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Raja Chakraborty, Principal, and supported by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and Assam Don Bosco University, the event attracted over 307 participants, including PCI dignitaries, regulatory authorities, entrepreneurs, faculty, and students.

The programme began with a warm inaugural session featuring a lamp lighting ceremony, Saraswati Vandana, and cultural performances. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Fr. (Dr.) Jose Paley delivered the keynote speech, emphasizing the vital role of pharmacy professionals in healthcare innovation. Dr. Montukumar M. Patel, PCI President, spoke on the importance of startups and incubation centres in transforming pharmacy education and practice.



The Central Council members from the North-Eastern region of India, Registrar and Presidents of the State Pharmacy Council of Manipur and Meghalaya, Principal, faculty members, and students of all Pharmacy Colleges in and around Guwahati were present at the event.

Technical sessions included insightful talks by Mr. Gunajit Roy (Avizen Biopharma) on industry-academia collaboration and Dr. Bula Choudhury (Guwahati Biotech Park) on bio-entrepreneurship. A panel discussion addressed challenges and opportunities in fostering pharma startups, focusing on curriculum integration, medicinal plant innovations, and regulatory aspects.

A total of 333 participants, including all attendees, were part of this insightful event. The event concluded with cultural performances and networking over high tea. PHARMA ANVESHAN 2025 successfully promoted a start-up ecosystem in pharmacy, enhancing cooperation between academia, industry, and regulatory bodies to drive innovation and entrepreneurship in the pharmaceutical field.

International Conference on Digital Media and Society (ICDMS 2025)

The Department of Mass Communication hosted a two-day International Conference on the theme ‘Digital Media and Society: Navigating Connectivity, Culture and Change in the Digital Age (ICDMS-2025)’ on February 6 and 7, 2025. The two-day conference was held in a hybrid mode, which brought together scholars, academicians and industry experts stimulating meaningful discussions on Digital Media and its various aspects.



The inaugural session of the conference was graced by Prof. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of Madhabdev University, Assam, as the Chief Guest along with the keynote speaker Professor Andrew Carlson from Metropolitan State University, Minnesota, USA, Ms. Enaxi Saikia Baruah, Former Bureau Chief of PTI, and Dr. Akshata Narain, Group President of AM Television Pvt Ltd. and Founder of Upstream Media, Assam.

A total of 42 papers were received, of which 39 papers were presented in 6 technical sessions. The sessions were presided over by Dr. Manoj Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Sikkim University; Dr. Chandan Kumar Goswami, Associate Professor, Gauhati University; Dr. Arvind Kumar Pal, Assistant Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University; Dr. Deep Moni Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Manav Rachna University; Prof. Uttam Pegu, Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University and Prof. V. Ratnamala, Professor, Mizoram University respectively as Chairpersons.

The international conference provided students to engage with various facets of digital media and its challenges in the present times. The invited guests at the inaugural session highlighted on important aspects of Digital Media, providing deeper insights on Digital media, Culture and Connectivity.

This conference was a valuable addition to the Department's ongoing effort to further expand their network of media educators and professionals and enhance the department's reputation as a hub for media and digital communication research. Further, this conference holds a special significance as the Department is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its foundation.

State Level Innovative Project Award

Students from BCA 6th Semester, Raj Roy, Aman Sah and Bishant Choudhury won the Innovative Project Work Award at the State Level Innovative Project Work Competition organized by Assam Engineering College Class 88 Foundation. A cash award of Rs. 10,000/- was given to the winners as a one-time scholarship. They were guided by Dr. Vijay Prasad, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, School of Technology, Assam Don Bosco University.



The "SafarNama" project innovatively integrates modern web technologies like React, Node.js, and MongoDB to promote eco-tourism in North East India. It leverages interactive maps, AI-driven recommendations, and real-time community engagement to enhance user experience. The eco-certification feature combines user-uploaded media with automated verification tools to foster responsible tourism. By using data analytics and machine learning techniques, the platform provides insights on sustainable practices and custom travel itineraries, benefiting both tourists and local communities. This scientific approach encourages eco-conscious behaviour, uplifts local economies, and creates a dynamic digital space that blends technology with environmental responsibility.

AICTE Sponsored FDP on Photography Design

The Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with AICTE conducted a week-long Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the topic Creative Vision: A Faculty Development Programme on Photography Design from 27th January to 1st February, 2025.

The FDP featured eminent Professors like Prof. A K Das, Dr. Manoj Majhi and Dr. Abhishek Srivastava from Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati along with Dr. Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography at D.S.N. (P.G.) College, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh; Dr. Joy Roy and Prof Vikramjit Kakati from Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati, Professor Kandarpa Das, Vice-Chancellor, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam and award-winning photographers Himadri Bhuyan, Bidya Sagar Baruah and Nejb Ahmed. The participants of the FDP were also provided hands on training by Kumar Kishore Kalita, Regional Manager Nikon Corporation; Riju Talukdar, Sony Imaging System and Mr. Biswajit Roy Cannon Imaging System. To enhance their practical skill, the participants were also taken to Jyoti Chitraban, Kahilipara, Guwahati.



A total of 41 people, which included students, working professionals and faculty members participated in the FDP.

The FDP provided the participants with in-depth exposure to various aspects of photography. The resource persons shared their experiences and demonstrated various techniques, and at the same time provided hands on guidance to the participants. This FDP was a valuable addition to the Department's ongoing effort to further expand their network of media educators and professionals and enhance the department's reputation as a hub for media and digital communication research. Further, this FDP holds a special significance as the Department is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its foundation.

Symposium on Theoretical Physics

The Department of Physics in collaboration with Physik Club organized a one-day Symposium on Theoretical Physics (STP 2025) on 28th March 2025.



The main objective of STP-2025 was to provide basic concepts of theoretical physics to undergraduate and postgraduate students of our university. Prof. Debojit Sarma, Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam, and Dr. Pulak Talukdar, S.B. Deorah College, Guwahati, were invited to deliver talks on the thematic area of the symposium. A total of 41 students from participated in this symposium.

The first speaker Professor Debojit Sarma from Cotton University delivered a talk on 'Measuring the Universe the Cosmic Distance Ladder.' He encouraged students to pursue theoretical studies in the future. The second speaker Dr. Pulak Talukdar gave a talk on 'Into the World of Elementary Particle.' He spoke about the nature of fundamental particles in our universe, the photons, electrons etc, and, also described the concept of Quantum Electrodynamics (QED), renormalization theory. Both the speakers created an interactive atmosphere and addressed the queries of the participants.

The Symposium ended with a thank you note from Dr. Neelakshi Sarma, Convener of the Symposium. The participants expressed their gratitude for being given an exposure to the world of theoretical physics through this symposium and shared their thoughts on their experience and the knowledge gained through the symposium.

Amazing Nano2025

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) successfully organized a workshop-cum-value-added course, which commenced on January 27, 2025. The event was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Karen Das, an Assistant Professor in the Department of ECE. A total of 27 participants from the University registered for the course. Given that the entire participant pool belonged to the university, the organizers decided to offer the course free of charge, ensuring accessibility and encouraging active participation. The Workshop AmazingNano2025 was a comprehensive event organized to explore recent advancements in nanotechnology. The workshop brought together experts from various institutions who shared insights on micro and nano-fabrication, characterization techniques, electromagnetic applications, nanoelectronics, biosensors, and emerging materials. The event was conducted over multiple sessions, featuring both theoretical discussions and hands-on laboratory experiments. The Workshop AmazingNano2025 was a successful event, providing an in-depth understanding of nanotechnology and its applications. This event served as a platform for knowledge exchange, fostering interest and innovation in the field of nanotechnology.



Celebrating 4 Years of Virtual Student Exchange



The Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with the International Office, Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), hosted a special Meet & Greet event to mark four successful years of the Virtual Student Exchange Programme between ADBU and Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (FUAS), Germany. The event served as a platform to showcase the collaborative efforts, creative outputs, and academic bonds that have grown over the years, and to formally introduce the ADBU community to this significant international initiative.

The session began with a warm welcome by Ms. Alinisha Boro, followed by an insightful address from Prof. Riju Shar-

ma, who shared the background and growth of the academic collaboration between ADBU and FUAS. Mr. Kaushik Bhuyan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mass Communication, provided an overview of the Virtual Student Exchange Programme, which has been successfully running for the past four years under the joint leadership of ADBU and FUAS. Prof. Snezana Golubovic, the key collaborator and visiting faculty from FUAS, spoke about the evolving theme of the exchange: 'Food, Love & Diversity,' highlighting how personal narratives, cultural practices, and human emotions were explored through performance, photography, and dialogue. She emphasized how students from both universities engaged creatively and meaningfully, despite being separated geographically.

A showcase of students' works—curated over the four years—offered a visual and emotional journey into the lived experiences of the participants. Past students of the exchange programme shared their personal reflections and learnings, underlining the impact of the initiative on their academic and personal growth.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Fr. (Dr.) Jose Palely, praised the international partnership and encouraged continued engagement with global academic communities through such collaborative and creative platforms. He also appreciated the efforts to archive the four-year journey on a dedicated website, ensuring that the rich body of work produced is preserved for posterity and future inspiration.

Panel Discussion by Indian Accounting Association

The Department of Commerce hosted the celebration of the 57th Anniversary of the Foundation Day of the Indian Accounting Association (IAA), Guwahati Branch on 15th March 2025 at Azara Campus.

On this occasion, an insightful and engaging state-level panel discussion on 'Exploring Strategic Partnerships and Value Chains between North East India and South East Asia: Empowering Local Communities' was held. Prominent academicians, professionals, and government representatives discussed key strategies for enhancing regional collaboration and empowering local communities.

The session commenced with the National Anthem, which included sign language interpretation. A few distinguished academicians and government officials namely, Prof. Sujit Sikidar, President, Indian Accounting Association (IAA), Prof. Prashanta Sharma, Head, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University, Prof. Ayekpam Ibemcha Chanu, Head, Department of Commerce, Bodoland University; Dr. Sinmoy Goswami, Assistant Professor, Assam Institute of Management; Dr. Pallavi Deka, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Handique Girls College; Sjt. Aranyak Saikia, IAS, Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Government of Assam; Dr. Saurabhi Borthakur, Head, Department of Commerce, Cotton University; Mr. Panchanan Barman, Flying Officer, Branch Secretary of IAA, etc graced the occasion and enlightened the audience with their valuable and fruitful sessions on the theme of the panel discussion. The session concluded on a cultural note with the Ahom anthem, symbolizing pride in the region's rich heritage.



Educational tour to North and East Sikkim

The Institute of Pharmacy organized an educational tour to North and East Sikkim from 31st January to 7th February 2025 for Bachelor of Pharmacy students. The tour was co-ordinated by Ms. Clarynda Sari and Mr. Akash Sharma and aimed to enrich students' academic experience through cultural immersion and industrial exposure.

The journey began with a travel from Guwahati to Siliguri, followed by visits to several iconic locations in Sikkim. In Gangtok, students explored cultural landmarks including monasteries, a plant conservatory, and other local attractions. The tour then proceeded to North Sikkim, covering scenic and ecologically significant areas such as Lachen, the high-altitude Gurudongmar Lake, and Yumthang Valley, often referred to as the "Valley of Flowers." These visits allowed students to engage with the region's biodiversity, environment, and heritage while also fostering physical endurance and environmental consciousness.



A key highlight of the tour was the industrial visits to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Ranipool, Sikkim, and Mankind Pharma Ltd., Singtam, Sikkim. During these visits, students observed tablet and capsule manufacturing processes, gaining first-hand insight into pharmaceutical industry operations. These experiences effectively bridged classroom learning with real-world pharmaceutical practices.

A total of 27 participants, including 2 faculty members and 25 students, benefited from the tour. The programme concluded with the group's return to Guwahati on 7th February 2025. Overall, the educational tour offered a well-rounded exposure that combined academic, cultural, and professional dimensions, significantly enhancing the participants' knowledge and interpersonal skills.

Webinar on 'International Year on Quantum Science and Technology 2025'

The Department of Physics in collaboration with Physik Club organized a webinar on 'International Year on Quantum Science and Technology 2025' to commemorate National Science Day on 7th March, 2025.

The objective of IYQST-2025 were to celebrate the contributions of quantum science to technological progress and raise awareness of its importance for sustainable development. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of quantum mechanics and its application to various fields such as quantum computation, quantum teleportation, quantum communication and quantum sensing.



Dr. S. K. Noor Alam, Assistant Professor, Aligarh Muslim University and Dr. Debmalya Das, Assistant Professor, Universita degli Studi di Bari, Italy were invited to deliver the webinar talks on the theme of international year on quantum. A total of 59 students including 5 students from Azara campus participated in this event. Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah, Head, Department of Physics and Director, Interdisciplinary Research addressed the gathering and extended her hearty welcome to the participants and the invited speakers and highlighted the importance of quantum science and technology. Dr. Satyananda Chabungbam, Convener of IYQST-2025 presented a brief overview of the webinar and explained what the international year on quantum is about.

In the first scientific session, Dr. S. K. Noor Alam gave a talk titled "Quantum Mechanics and its application." In his deliberation, Dr. Alam talked about several historical experiments related to the development of quantum science and its applications to real world. The first session was followed by a tea break.

In the second scientific session, Dr. Debmalya Das presented a talk titled "Exploring new frontiers of quantum computing." In his lecture, Dr. Das explained the basics of quantum information science and computations. He provided a latest update on quantum computers and explained why superconducting quantum computers are promising in comparison to others. He also shared his most recent work on floquet qubits. The speakers created a conducive atmosphere and addressed the queries of young curious participants.

Excursion to Jaipur-Ajmer-Delhi

The Department of Economics organized an educational excursion to Jaipur, Ajmer, and Delhi during 11th to 16th January 2025. The purpose of this trip was to provide students with experiential learning opportunities, broaden their academic perspectives, and expose them to the rich historical and cultural heritage of India. The excursion was attended by 22 students, accompanied by two faculty members and 1 tourist guide.

The team reached Jaipur on 14th January 2025 and began visiting the local tourist places of Jaipur - the Pink City. The key highlights of the visit included, Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar, Nahargarh, Jaigarh Fort, Jal Mahal and Gatore Ki Chhatriyan. The excursion continued to Ajmer on the Day-2 of the tour. Ajmer is a city known for its historical and spiritual significance. The group visited Ajmer Sharif Dargah and Pushkar where the team also enjoyed desert safari. On the 3rd and 4th days, the team visited Ambar Fort, Red Fort, India Gate and Qutub Minar.



The educational excursion to Jaipur, Ajmer, and Delhi in 2025 was a highly enriching experience for students and faculty. The blend of academic visits, cultural explorations, and interactive learning sessions contributed significantly to the holistic development of the participants. The trip not only broadened students' knowledge but also inspired them to explore interdisciplinary connections between history, economics, governance, and culture.

Campus Bird Count 8.0

The Campus Bird Count (CBC) is a unique citizen science initiative aimed at documenting bird species found in educational institutions, research campuses, NGO premises, and other green spaces. It is an integral part of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), a global effort that engages thousands of bird-watchers in recording and monitoring bird species annually.

As part of the GBBC, the Department of Zoology, Don Bosco University conducted the Campus Bird Count 8.0 on 14th February, 2025. This exciting initiative was led by Dr. Biswajit Chakdar, Assistant Professor Department of Zoology along with the Alumni of the Department. Before the bird count, Dr. Biswajit Chakdar conducted an orientation session where he provided a detailed briefing on how to use the eBird application for real-time data entry and checklist submission. He also explained the importance of the GBBC and how regular bird observations help in understanding long-term population trends and habitat preferences.



A total of 20 bird checklists were uploaded on eBird. The survey recorded a total of 55 bird species, including both wetland and terrestrial birds, showcasing the rich avian diversity of the mosaic habitat of Tapesia Campus. The Campus Bird Count 8.0 was a resounding success, engaging students, faculty, and alumni in birdwatching, biodiversity conservation, and citizen science participation. By documenting bird species and uploading the data to eBird, participants contributed valuable information for global bird monitoring efforts. A total of 88 participants took part in the event including 5 alumni.

Report on Outreach Programme

As a part of the Outreach Programme, a Career Awareness Workshop was organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering on 10th January 2025 at Cotton Collegiate Govt. H.S School, Panbazar, Guwahati. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Buljit Buragohain, a prominent career counsellor of the state and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Pranjal Sarma, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. Buragohain spoke on various pathways students can pursue after passing the High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) examination. He discussed options such as ITI trades, three-year diploma courses in polytechnic institutions, and stream and subject selection in higher secondary education.

Another speaker, Assistant Professor Pranjal Sarma, emphasized the significance of hobbies in shaping one's career. He also shared insights about the various undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. programmes offered by Assam Don Bosco University in disciplines such as engineering, arts, commerce, science, management, and pharmacy.

The Workshop was attended by the Principal of Cotton Collegiate Govt. H.S School, Reeta Basumatari, along with other teachers. Students expressed their gratitude for the valuable insights they gained, commenting that the session was highly beneficial for their career planning and personal development. The number of participants of the workshop was 48.

World Frog Day 2025

The World Frog Day held on March 20, 2025, at the Auditorium of Block 1, was organized by the Department of Zoology, Assam Don Bosco University and featured Dr. Jayanta Gogoi, Head of the Department of Zoology at Arya Vidyapeeth College, as the resource person. Centered on the topic "Diversity in Modes of Procreation in Amphibians," the session explored the evolutionary and ecological significance of frog reproductive strategies. Dr. Gogoi discussed the origins of amphibians, from the ancient *Triadobatrachus massinoti* to modern species, and highlighted various reproductive modes such as aquatic, arboreal, underground, and foam nesting. He also outlined frog development stages and stressed the importance of conservation in the face of habitat destruction and climate change. The presentation not only deepened understanding of amphibian biodiversity but also encouraged participants to actively support conservation and awareness efforts. The event was attended by a total of 106 participants.



Alumnus Talk - Nithin George

The Department of Mechanical Engineering organized an alumni talk on 28th March 2025 at Azara campus. The event aimed to inspire current students by sharing insights from a distinguished alumnus.

Nithin Jerin George, an alumnus of the 2020-24 batch of the Mechanical Engineering Department, shared his experiences transitioning from academic life to professional service. Addressing the gathering, which included students and faculty members, he emphasized the importance of focusing on long-term goals rather than initial salary packages.

"As fresh graduates, students should prioritize skill development and career growth over immediate financial gains," George advised. His talk provided valuable guidance to aspiring engineers preparing to enter the workforce. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing students to gain practical insights into career planning and professional success.

Exposure to Plasma Lab, Nuclear Lab, and Nano-physics Lab

The Department of Physics organized an extension programme for school students of Janata High School, Rangia on 28th February, 2025 at the department. The team of 49 students and teachers from the school was led by the headmaster Mr. Mahesh Kalita. Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah, Head, Department of Physics welcomed the students and teachers from Janata High School to the department. In this extension programme, students of the above said school were exposed to Plasma lab, Nuclear lab and Nano-physics lab. Dr. Sumita Kumari Sharma explained to the students what plasma physics is all about and demonstrated the plasma generated in the discharge tube. Students were fascinated to see plasma for the first time and asked many questions to Dr. Sumita. Dr. Aibanjop Pyngrope also gave a short briefing on the various experiments going on in the department. Dr. Bikash Bora showed the synthesis lab of nano-physics and gave a short introduction to nano-physics.

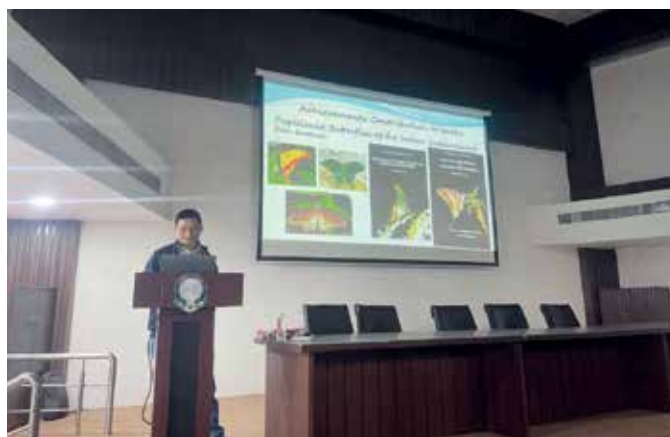


Dr. Sumita Kumari Sharma also gave a short career counseling session to all the school students. In the session, she explained various career prospects that one can choose after completing B.Sc and M.Sc in Physics discipline. Dr. Satyananda Chabungbam also gave a short presentation on International Year on Quantum Science and Technology 2025. He explained why we celebrate quantum year and gave a short introduction to quantum physics.

Lecture on Butterflies

The Department of Zoology in collaboration with Eco Club organized Lecture Series 18 on the topic Butterflies. The Resource person for the event was Dr. Ngangom Aomoa Scientist D, Centre for Plasma Physics, Institute of Plasma Research, Sonapur, Assam. Mr. Stallone a student of MSc 4th Semester welcomed the gathering and gave a brief introduction about the Resource Person.

Dr. Aomoa introduced the students to the diversity of butterfly species around the world. Dr. Aomoa shared insights on how different species adapt to their environment, with unique colorations and patterns used for camouflage, predator deterrence, and mating. Dr. Aomoa shared his childhood fascination with butterflies and nature, which inspired him to photograph butterflies. The presentation by Dr. Aomoa was an enriching experience for all involved. Participants left with not only new skills in wildlife photography but also a greater appreciation for butterflies and their delicate beauty. The event successfully combined the art of photography with the message of conservation, highlighting how photography can be used as a tool for environmental awareness. The session concluded with a vote of thanks. A total of 104 participants attended the session



Lecture on Border Communities Across India-Myanmar Border



On 20th March 2025, the Department of Public Administration organized an online distinguished lecture titled 'Border Communities and Ethnic Belonging Across India-Myanmar Border' delivered by esteemed Professor V. Bijukumar, Chairperson, Center for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi. Dr. Santhosh Juvvaka, the programme Co-ordinator, delivered the welcome note and also provided a brief introduction to the theme of the lecture and the speaker. Professor V. Bijukumar discussed how political borders often divide communities that have lived together for centuries. The India-Myanmar border, stretching 1,643 km, cuts across states like Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, and Nagaland, separating families

and ethnic groups who share a deep cultural bond.

A key example is the Chins in Myanmar and the Mizos in Mizoram, who speak similar languages and follow the same traditions but find themselves on opposite sides of the border. To help them stay connected, India introduced the Free Movement Regime (FMR) in 2018, allowing people to cross up to 16 km without a visa. This made it easier for families to visit each other and also encouraged trade. However, the Indian government is now planning to fence the border and end FMR, citing security concerns. This has raised worries, especially in Mizoram and Nagaland, where people fear it will break historical ties between communities. The professor emphasized that while borders are necessary for governance, people's identities and relationships don't always fit neatly into political lines. Finding a balance between security and cultural connections remains a major challenge. The lecture ended with a Q&A from the participants, bringing up important questions about how border policies affect security and the lives of local communities. The session ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. Pankaj Kumar Kalita, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration.

Skill Enhancement Programme

The Department of Mathematics organized a one-day workshop on 'Skill Enhancement Programme: Training for NET, GATE, SLET' on 8th March 2025. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Pritam Dahal, Department of Mathematics, Sonapur College. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sanjoy Kalita, Assistant Professor of the Department, who briefly introduced the resource person. After this, Mr. Dahal delivered two hours lecture on how to prepare for various competitive exams such as NET, GATE, and SLET. It was an interactive session where students and faculty members of the Department actively participated. Almost all the students of M.Sc. Mathematics were present in the workshop.



International Women's Day 2025 Lecture

The department of Public Administration organised International Women's Day 2025 Special Lecture on 8th March 2025 in an online mode. The Speaker was Dr. Ruchi Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Modern European Language, University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, the topic of her lecture was "When Gender, Caste Oppress, Whose Rights Are Left Behind?"

Dr. Ruchi Singh delivered a compelling lecture on the intersection of caste and gender oppression in India. She emphasized the compounded system of discrimination faced by Dalit women, who experience marginalization in both caste-based and gender-based contexts. The lecture provided critical insights into how mainstream feminism often overlooks caste-based issues, while Dalit political movements frequently fail to account for gender inequality.



Dr. Singh introduced the concept of Dalit Feminism, which addresses the unique challenges faced by Dalit women and critiques both caste-blind feminism and gender-blind Dalit politics. She explained how caste and gender are interconnected systems of power that reinforce social exclusion and economic deprivation. The speaker called for a more inclusive feminist framework that acknowledges the dual burden of caste and gender discrimination. Emphasis was placed on collective movements that challenge systemic oppression and promote intersectional justice.

Dr. Singh's lecture concluded with a powerful call for intersectional perspectives in both academic discourse and social activism. She advocated for structural transformation that moves beyond tokenistic inclusion, urging for meaningful policy reforms and grassroots movements. The discussion fostered an engaging dialogue among participants, encouraging further reflection on how to create equitable spaces for marginalized voices.

Taste of Emotion

The Department of Psychology organized Taste of Emotion 2.0 on 14th February 2025. The event aimed to explore the connection between food, emotions, mood, and psychological processes. It provided an engaging platform for students to showcase how different food items can evoke specific emotional and cognitive responses. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Fr.) James Chacko, Director of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, and commenced at 10 a.m. Psychology students actively participated by setting up creatively named food stalls such as Crave Cortex, The Snacks Instinct, Sub-Lime Mind, and many more, each representing unique emotional and psychological themes linked to food.



Workshop on Thematic Apperception Test

A workshop on Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) was conducted for the final year post-graduation students at Assam Don Bosco University on 8th March 2025. The session began at 11:30 a.m. and was facilitated by Ms. Stella Yahtzee Sherpa, a Clinical Psychologist and a well-regarded expert in psychological assessment. The primary aim of the workshop was to equip students with theoretical knowledge and practical insights into the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the Thematic Apperception Test, a widely used projective psychological test. The workshop was specially tailored for students specializing in psychology to enhance their assessment skills in clinical and counseling settings.

Workshop on APA Referencing Style

A workshop on APA Referencing Style was conducted on 30 January 2025 for the 4th semester Master's in Psychology students. The primary objective of the session was to equip students with essential skills in citation and referencing to support their master's dissertation work. The workshop was conducted by Asst Prof. Afrin Majid.

NET Coaching Programme

The Department of Economics, Assam Don Bosco University, successfully organized a NET Coaching Programme aimed at preparing postgraduate students for the UGC-NET examination. Classes commenced from 8th February 2025 onwards. A total of 100 students from various departments—including English, Mass Communication, Psychology, Social Work, and Economics—actively participated in the programme. General NET coaching classes, covering Paper I topics such as Teaching Aptitude, Research Aptitude, Logical Reasoning, Communication, and Comprehension, were conducted on every working Saturday.



Additionally, subject-specific coaching for Economics (Paper II) was held every Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m exclusively for Economics students. Expert faculty members from different departments contributed to the programme, including Dr. Sanjoy Kalita from the Mathematics Department for Mathematical Reasoning, Dr. Fabian from the English Department for English Comprehension, and other in-house faculty from the Economics Department for subject-specific sessions. The coaching sessions were highly interactive, and students found them extremely useful in building conceptual clarity and understanding the NET exam pattern. The programme received positive feedback for its systematic approach, relevance, and effectiveness, and it stands as a commendable initiative by the Department of Economics to support students in their academic and professional growth.

Career Growth in Banking Sector



On 12th February 2025, the Department of Economics organized a special career counselling session on 'Essential Skills for Career Growth in Banking Sector' for the final year students of the department along with few interested faculty members. More than 40 students participated in the event. The event was conducted in collaboration with TimesPro and Bajaj Finserv, aiming to provide valuable insights into the essential skills required for career advancement in the banking sector. The resource person for the session was Mr. Rahul Bosak, Trainer, TimesPro, who delivered an engaging and informative and upskilling talk on key competencies, industry expectations, and career opportunities in banking and financial services. Mr. Bosak covered various topics necessary for

the banking sector such as communication skills, analytical abilities, and financial literacy, and adaptability providing critical attributes for aspiring professionals in the field.

The interactive nature of the discussion allowed students to ask queries related to job prospects, skill development, and industry trends. Mr. Bosak also shared real-world insights and practical guidance on how students can prepare for a successful career in banking. In conclusion, Dr. Abdur Rashid Ahmed, Head, Department of Economics extended a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Mr. Rahul Bosak, TimesPro and Bajaj Finserv for their valuable contributions. The career counselling session was highly appreciated by the student participants and faculty members, who found it beneficial in understanding the evolving demands of the banking sector and the necessary steps to enhance their employability. Overall, the session was a great success, aligning with the university's efforts to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry expectations.

Alumnus Talk

The Department of Computer Applications organized an Alumnus Talk on January 24, 2025. The session featured Ms. Arpita Dey, an MCA graduate from the Class of 2024, who shared valuable insights on the significance of coding and project work in academic life. She emphasized how hands-on projects and strong coding skills contribute to career growth and better opportunities in the tech industry. The session was interactive, allowing students to seek guidance on project development, coding best practices, and industry expectations. It was an inspiring session for students, encouraging them to enhance their technical skills and actively engage in project-based learning. Students gained a deeper understanding of how coding skills play a crucial role in academic success and career opportunities in the tech industry. The session provided valuable insights on selecting, planning, and executing academic projects effectively, helping students improve their hands-on learning experience. Students were encouraged to actively work on coding and real-world projects, fostering a problem-solving mindset and better preparation for industry challenges.

Recreational Trip to Scholar School, Ambari

On 8th March 2025, the Department of Economics organized a recreational trip to The Scholar School, Guwahati for students of MA Economics with Asst. Prof. Mr. Seilienthang Baite as the Coordinator. The primary objective of the trip was to foster teamwork, interpersonal communication, discipline, and to strengthen the bond among students outside the formal classroom setting. This initiative aimed to provide students with a holistic learning experience that complements their academic journey.



A variety of interactive games, icebreakers, and group activities were conducted, all designed to promote collaboration, creativity, and mutual respect. Students participated with enthusiasm, displayed excellent team spirit, and thoroughly enjoyed the day. This joint engagement with The Scholar School laid the foundation for future collaborations. The school staff warmly welcomed the department, making the event both impactful and memorable.

Field Trip to Chanaka

Chanaka is a remote village in Assam, known for its agrarian economy and traditional lifestyle. The village is home to a close-knit community that primarily depends on agriculture and small-scale businesses for livelihood. Despite its rich cultural heritage, Chanaka faces challenges related to digital literacy, skill development and access to sustainable economic opportunities. To understand and address some of these issues, a field trip was organized on 29th March 2025, where 60 students from II MA and IV MA Economics participated in various community engagement activities.



The students were divided into four groups, each tasked with a specific activity aimed at community development. One group engaged with students of Gamariguri Chanaka LP School under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) initiative. The school students actively participated in games and interactive learning sessions designed to make education more engaging and practical while one group focused on skill development for women in the village.

Around 20-25 women attended a hands-on session on flower making and garland making, which provided them with an opportunity to learn new income-generating skills. This initiative aimed to promote self-sustainability by enabling them to sell handmade products in the local market. The third group conducted a digital literacy and cyber security awareness campaign, walking through the village with placards and interacting with residents. They explained key aspects of online safety, preventing cyber fraud, and accessing digital services. Villagers were encouraged to ask questions, and their doubts regarding safe internet practices and government digital schemes were clarified. The final group carried out a socio-economic survey to assess the village's standard of living, sources of income, livelihood conditions, and major needs. The collected data will be analyzed to suggest targeted interventions for improving the overall well-being of the community. Villagers responded positively to the survey, sharing valuable insights about their challenges and aspirations.

The field trip revealed several important insights. The school students showed enthusiasm for interactive learning, indicating the potential for improving education through hands-on methods. The women's skill development session demonstrated a strong interest in acquiring new livelihood opportunities, highlighting the need for structured vocational training programmes. The digital awareness campaign revealed that many villagers lack basic digital literacy, making them vulnerable to cyber threats. The socio-economic survey indicated that agriculture remains the primary source of income, but villagers expressed the need for better market access and financial support for small businesses.

The field trip was an enriching experience for both students and the local community. It underscored the importance of sustained engagement in education, skill development, digital literacy, and economic empowerment.

Seminar on Power System Substations, Driving Sustainable Energy Goals

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) successfully organized a seminar on 'Power System Substations: Fundamentals, Protection, and Future Trends' on 5th February 2025. The event was in alignment with the United Nations' SDG-7 (ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all) and the Indian Government's Viksit Bharat@2047 mission and was aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of power system substation technology in support of sustainable energy infrastructure.



The seminar featured Mr. Narayan Sarma, former General Manager of Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL), as the resource person. Mr. Sarma, a leading expert in substation technology, shared his extensive knowledge and practical experience in the installation, testing, and commissioning of 220 KV and 132 KV grid substations.

Mr. Sarma's presentation covered a wide range of critical topics, including the fundamental components of substations such as busbars, transformers, isolators, circuit breakers, CTs, and PTs. He also discussed various substation types, from step-up substations at generating stations to distribution substations for customer supply. The session delved into the critical functions of substations, including system protection, energy control, stability maintenance, and fault analysis.

The seminar drew the participation of 63 students, faculty, and staff from the department, eager to learn about the critical role of substations in the power system. The seminar successfully provided a platform for knowledge sharing and discussion, contributing to the development of future engineers and professionals in the power sector. It emphasized the importance of substations in ensuring a reliable and sustainable energy future, directly supporting the goals of SDG-7 and the Viksit Bharat@2047 mission.

Machine Learning for Sustainable Energy



The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) organized a seminar 'Machine Learning in EEE for Sustainability: Basics to Current Trends' on 8 January 2025. The event was a cornerstone initiative supporting the Viksit Bharat @2047 Mission and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG-7), which advocates for affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

The distinguished resource person, Prof. Tirumala Krishna Battula, from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at University College of Engineering Kakinada, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada

(JNTUK), Andhra Pradesh, captivated the audience with his expertise and shared his deep insights into how machine learning (ML) can revolutionize energy systems and contribute to sustainability.

The session provided an overview of machine learning (ML) basics, workflows, and its applications in Electrical and Electronics Engineering for sustainability. Key areas included supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning, highlighting their role in energy optimization, predictive maintenance, and efficiency improvements. The session emphasized tools like Python libraries (e.g., TensorFlow, Scikit-learn) and MaTLab toolboxes for ML implementation. Challenges such as data preprocessing and algorithm selection were discussed, along with trends like deep learning for sustainable energy solutions. The content aligned with SDG-7 goals, showcasing ML's potential to revolutionize energy systems for a sustainable future.

The event was attended by 30 students along with faculty and staff members from the department. Participants appreciated the detailed insights into machine learning and its transformative potential in achieving sustainability goals.

IAU Clean Energy Initiatives SDG-7 Cluster Meeting

On 12th February 2025 at 2:30 pm IST, the International Association of Universities (IAU) in association with Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) convened a dynamic and high-impact meeting, focused on advancing Sustainable Development Goal-7 (SDG-7: Affordable and Clean Energy) among the members of the IAU's SDG-7 Global Cluster on Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development (HESD). Held virtually, the session served as a platform for sharing pioneering research, fostering collaborations, and charting the next steps in sustainable energy initiatives.



The meeting brought together the member universities and organizations of the SDG-7 Cluster, including ADBU (India) - the global leader of the cluster, Klaipeda University (Lithuania), and Qatar University, with additional invitations extended to Strathmore University (Kenya), Vaasa University (Finland), University of Rwanda, Murdoch University (Australia), and University of Saint Joseph (Lebanon). Assam Don Bosco University was represented by Fr. Joseph Nellanatt, Ms. Juhi Baruah, Dr. Hironmay Deb, Dr. Bikramjit Goswami, Dr. Pushpanjalee Konwar, Mr. Jesif Ahmed, Dr. Sunil Deka, Dr. Papul Changmai, Dr. Jyoti Kumar Barman, and Dr. Pori Das. Klaipeda University joined the cluster as a new member, represented by Dr. Rima Mickeviciene, while Qatar University participated with Dr. Abdelaziz Bouras. Additionally, IAU officials Ms. Isabel Toman and Ms. Phong Anh Duong not only coordinated the meeting but also actively contributed to the discussions, highlighting the significance of global academic collaboration.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Isabel Toman, Programme Officer for Sustainable Development at IAU, provided a comprehensive update on several new initiatives. Notably, the IAU has introduced an observer status for non-member universities, broadening participation within the SDG-7 Cluster. Dr. Hironmay Deb from Don Bosco University, Dr. Rima Mickeviciene of Klaipeda University and Dr. Abdelaziz Bouras of Qatar University presented the initiatives of their institutions.

The meeting concluded with an engaging discussion on future directions for the IAU HESD SDG-7 Cluster. Participants exchanged ideas on further collaborative opportunities, with a particular emphasis on organizing online seminars. The IAU HESD SDG-7 Cluster meeting exemplifies a robust, collaborative effort to address global sustainability challenges. With institutions from diverse regions coming together, the meeting set the stage for meaningful partnerships and innovative projects that will drive progress in clean energy and sustainable development.

Field Visit to CARI

The Institute of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Central Ayurvedic Research Institute (CARI), Bhetapara, Guwahati, organized a field visit for Diploma in Pharmacy students on 25th January 2025. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Raja Chakraborty and Mr. Peter De Roux Sumer, aiming to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical exposure to ayurvedic pharmaceutical practices.

The visit began with a warm welcome from the institute staff. Students were given an introductory session about the institute's mission and its role in promoting research in traditional medicine systems, particularly Ayurveda. The session highlighted how ancient knowledge is being preserved and advanced using modern scientific methodologies.



Participants were then taken on a guided tour of the laboratories, where ongoing research projects and quality control measures were explained. The interaction with researchers provided valuable insights into the standardization processes of ayurvedic medicines.

Students also explored the herbarium, where they observed preserved plant specimens and learned about their identification and medicinal significance. The visit to the pharmacy section further enriched their experience as they examined various classical ayurvedic formulations such as Triphala Churna, Swarna Bhasma, Dashmoolarishta, Brahmi Ghrita, and Chandraprabha Vati. The field visit provided a holistic view of ayurvedic pharmaceuticals and helped students appreciate the integration of traditional and modern sciences. It concluded with an interactive Q&A session. A total of 22 participants (2 faculty and 20 students) benefited from this insightful experience.

Field Visit to Fresh Air Waste Management Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati

The Institute of Pharmacy organized a field visit to Fresh Air Waste Management Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, for Diploma in Pharmacy students on 9th May 2025. The visit was coordinated by Mr. Peter De Roux Sumer and Kmensiful Binan, Assistant Professor, and aimed to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical exposure to biomedical waste management practices.

The visit began with a warm welcome from the facility staff. Students were given an introductory session by Mr. Niren Kalita, Manager – Factory Administration, who highlighted the importance of understanding biomedical waste handling in the healthcare sector.



Participants were then taken on a guided orientation by Mr. Koushik Das, Chief Engineer – Factory Operations. He provided a detailed briefing on the types of biomedical waste, color-coded segregation as per CPCB guidelines, and the collection and transportation processes. The session also covered key treatment technologies such as autoclaving, incineration, shredding, and the functioning of the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The session offered valuable insights into the environmental and regulatory compliance in managing hazardous waste.

The field visit provided students with a practical understanding of waste management in healthcare and its relevance to public health. It concluded with a group photo and a vote of thanks. A total of 33 participants (2 faculty members and 31 students) benefited from this educational experience.

Field Visit to Sonapur District Hospital

The Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, organized a field visit to Sonapur District Hospital for 1st Year Diploma in Pharmacy students on 9th May 2025 as part of the Social Pharmacy curriculum. The visit was coordinated by Mr. Peter De Roux Sumer and Kmensiful Binan, Assistant Professor, with the aim of providing students practical exposure to hospital pharmacy services and the pharmacist's role in a community healthcare setting.

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by the hospital administration. The Medical Superintendent introduced the hospital's services and permitted the educational visit. Mr. Dibyajyoti Das, Pharmacist at Sonapur District Hospital, conducted the session and guided the students through the pharmacy operations and associated departments.



During the visit, students observed prescription handling for both outpatient and inpatient departments, as well as the dispensing process, including labelling and patient counselling. Mr. Das explained drug storage conditions, the importance of temperature control, and practices such as FIFO and stock tracking through manual and electronic systems. He emphasized the pharmacist's role in patient safety, medication management, and collaboration with other healthcare professionals. The visit also highlighted the pharmacist's involvement in public health initiatives, including vaccination drives and awareness programmes. Students gained a broader perspective on the role of pharmacists within the healthcare system.

The visit concluded with a brief reflection session. A total of 33 participants (2 faculty and 31 students) benefited from this field visit, gaining practical insights into community pharmacy operations and their impact on public health.

Industrial Visit to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd

The Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, organized an industrial visit to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Sikkim, on the 6th January 2025 for the 6th semester Bachelor of Pharmacy students. The visit was coordinated by Mr. Akash Sharma and Ms. Clarynda Sari, Assistant Professor, to provide practical exposure to pharmaceutical production processes aligned with their academic curriculum.

Upon arrival, the students and faculty were warmly welcomed by the Glenmark staff. The visit started with an introductory session covering the company overview and Environment, Health, and Safety (EHS) protocols.



Students took a tour of the manufacturing facility, including the warehouse, production, and packaging units. Senior industry officers explained various manufacturing methodologies, emphasizing the significance of quality control, standardization, and packaging of tablets. In the warehouse, students observed raw materials being received and quarantined for 7–10 days, during which the quality control team conducts thorough checks. They learned about appropriate storage conditions and specialized containers essential for tablet formulation.

At the production unit, students gained firsthand exposure to the manufacturing workflow, including formulation, mixing, granulation, compression, coating, and packaging stages. They also understood the stringent quality control measures ensuring product safety and efficacy. Advanced machinery and innovative technologies were showcased, broadening students' knowledge of pharmaceutical manufacturing. Interactive sessions enabled students to engage with industry professionals, clarifying doubts and deepening their understanding of drug production complexities. The visit concluded with reflections on the learning experience. A total of 27 participants (2 faculty members and 25 students) benefited from this valuable industrial exposure, bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application in the pharmaceutical industry.

Industrial Visit to Mankind Pharma Ltd

The Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, organized an industrial visit to Mankind Pharma Ltd., Namchi, Sikkim, on 6th January 2025 for the 6th semester, Bachelor of Pharmacy students. The visit, coordinated by Mr. Akash Sharma and Ms. Clarynda Sari, Assistant Professor, aimed to provide firsthand exposure to pharmaceutical manufacturing processes, focusing on tablet and capsule production, quality control, and packaging operations.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from the industry staff, followed by a review of safety procedures, including the donning of protective gear. Students were then taken on a guided tour of the production unit where they learned about critical steps such as granulation, compression, coating, and drying. The guide elaborated on the use of specialized equipment like high-shear mixers, fluid bed granulators, tablet presses, and coating machines, highlighting their roles in ensuring product quality and consistency.



Subsequently, students explored the packaging area, gaining insights into primary, secondary, and tertiary packaging methods, including blister and strip packaging techniques. By connecting theoretical knowledge with real-world industry procedures, this industrial visit enhanced students' comprehension. Exposure to advanced machinery and quality assurance practices enhanced their appreciation of pharmaceutical production standards. The interaction with industry professionals motivated students to pursue careers in industrial pharmacy and innovation within the pharmaceutical sector.

The visit concluded successfully with reflective discussions on the overall learning experience. A total of 26 participants, including 2 faculty members and 24 students, benefited from this valuable industrial exposure. The experience significantly strengthened students' technical skills and professional aspirations by effectively bridging theoretical knowledge with practical applications in the pharmaceutical industry.

Training on the Rotary Vacuum Evaporator

The Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, organized a hands-on training and demonstration session on the Rotary Vacuum Evaporator on 21st April 2025. The session was coordinated by Dr. Raja Chakraborty, Principal & Professor, in collaboration with Innovative Technologies. The resource person for the event was Shri Shantanu Kar, Proprietor of Innovative Technologies.

The training aimed to enhance students' technical understanding and practical skills related to the use of the Rotary Vacuum Evaporator, an essential piece of equipment in pharmaceutical manufacturing. The event began with an introductory explanation of the equipment's principles, components, and mechanisms. Shri Shantanu Kar emphasized its application in solvent recovery, extract concentration, and other critical pharmaceutical processes.



A live demonstration followed, during which students observed the correct setup, operation, and safety protocols. Under expert supervision, students were also allowed to operate the equipment, helping bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world laboratory practice. The interactive format encouraged students to ask questions and clarify their doubts, which enriched their learning experience. The session concluded with a short discussion on troubleshooting and maintenance practices for ensuring the longevity and efficiency of the equipment. The training successfully provided both faculty and students with valuable hands-on experience, enhancing their confidence and competence in handling key pharmaceutical lab equipment.

Survey Camp

As part of the academic curriculum for the 6th semester Civil Engineering students at Assam Don Bosco University, a Survey Camp was organized to provide practical exposure to essential surveying techniques. The camp was held from 6th to 11th January 2025, near the STD Brick Factory, Azara, Assam. The primary objective of the camp was to equip students with hands-on experience in various surveying methods and instruments, reinforcing their theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

The objectives of the Camp included: 1) To provide practical training in modern and traditional surveying techniques. 2) To develop students' skills in field data collection and error analysis. 3) To familiarize students with different surveying instruments and 4) To enhance teamwork, problem-solving, and analytical skills.

On the final day of the camp, Mr. Rupam Jyoti Nath, Assistant Professor from Assam Engineering College, Guwahati, Assam, conducted a viva-voce examination for each student. The viva focused on the practical aspects of the survey experiments, assessing students' understanding, data interpretation skills, and problem-solving abilities.

The Survey Camp was a highly educational and enriching experience for all students. It provided a valuable opportunity to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. The active participation of students and faculty ensured the camp's success. The experience gained will significantly benefit students in their future academic and professional endeavors.

Workshop on Design Thinking



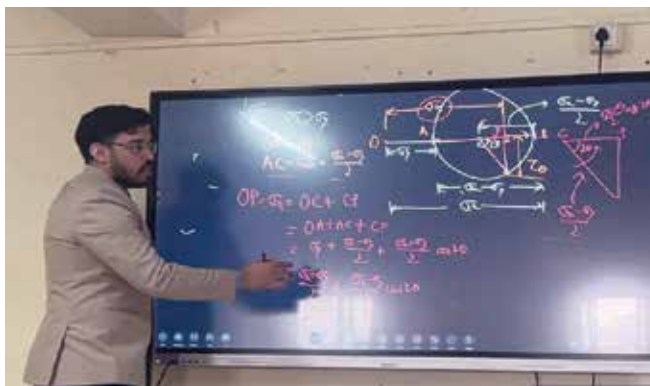
The Department of Civil Engineering organised a workshop titled – 'Design Thinking' on 24th January 2025. The workshop aimed to prepare, nurture, and empower people who design, build, and preserve a more equitable and sustainable environment. It offers a comprehensive understanding of a sustainably-built environment through a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary curriculum along with a rigorous experimental component. The resource person Dr. Anunaya Chaubey, Provost Anant National University, focussed on Anant fellowship which brings together kind, committed and passionate critical thinkers from diverse backgrounds to solve built-up environment challenges. The session began

with an introductory speech by Mr. Ankur Goswami, Assistant Professor who welcomed the participants and outlined the objectives of the workshop. Topics covered during the workshop included - understanding the built-up environment and sustainability, approaches to sustainability, different perspectives of sustainability, understanding the sustainability through different approaches. Participants were given opportunities to ask questions, share experiences and prioritise sustainability in the built environment, adopting holistic approaches that integrate social, economic, and environmental considerations related to the topic. It was attended by around 80 participants including students of department of civil engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, faculty members, Director School of Technology and Pro Vice Chancellor.

Strategizing the Path to Success

A Career Counselling Session: Strategising the Path to Success was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering on 28th & 29th January 2025 to provide students with valuable insights and guidance on career planning, competitive exam preparation, and skill development. The session began with an introductory speech by Mr. Supran Chakravarty, Assistant Professor who welcomed the Resource person and the participants and outlined the objectives of the session.

The resource person Mr. Shashank Shekhar Singh, an esteemed academician and mentor, focused on equipping students with strategies for excelling in exams like GATE, IAS, and UPSC, as well as preparing for placements and higher studies. The session was attended by 59 students and faculty members of the Department of Civil Engineering. The 10-hour session was designed to help students develop technical, analytical, and professional skills essential for their future careers. Several interactive activities were conducted to enhance problem-solving abilities, communication skills, and industry readiness. Mr Singh guided students through problem-solving techniques for previous years' GATE, UPSC, and placement papers. Emphasis was placed on conceptual understanding, time management, and strategic approaches to answering exam questions. Students actively participated in solving numerical and theoretical questions relevant to their fields. A series of aptitude and logical reasoning tests were conducted to help students assess their problem-solving skills. The test included quantitative aptitude, verbal reasoning, and logical puzzles to simulate placement exam patterns.



The Career Counselling Session successfully provided students with actionable strategies for competitive exams, placements, and career growth. The interactive workshops and expert guidance enabled students to develop technical, analytical, and professional skills crucial for their future endeavours. The session was well-received by students, and future editions will aim to include more industry expert interactions, live projects, and additional hands-on training to further enrich the career development process.

Celebration of World Radio Day

In alignment with UNESCO's global observance of World Radio Day, the Department of Mass Communication celebrated the occasion with an engaging student-led initiative on 13th February 2025. The event aimed to recognize the enduring relevance of radio as a powerful medium for communication, education, entertainment, and community engagement. As a part of the celebration, students from BA 4th Semester and BA 6th Semester were assigned a special project to create short video clips centered around the theme of radio.

The videos featured a mix of creative approaches—some focused on personal stories and nostalgia associated with listening to radio during childhood. These vox populi-style clips captured candid opinions about the role of radio in students' lives, their listening habits, and whether they still consider radio a relevant medium. The diversity of responses demonstrated both a generational shift in media consumption and a continued appreciation for radio's accessibility and intimacy. The finished videos were screened informally within the department among the students and the faculty members. The celebration of World Radio Day 2025 by the Department of Mass Communication successfully blended creativity, education, and media practice. By revisiting the importance of radio in the digital age, the students not only deepened their understanding of the medium but also showcased their ability to communicate effectively through audiovisual storytelling.



Skill Development Workshop on 'Screenplay Writing Using Final Draft'

The Department of Mass Communication organized a one-day skill development workshop titled 'Screenplay Writing Using Final Draft: Professional Screenwriting Software' on 8th March 2025. The event aimed to equip BA 4th Semester Mass Communication students with industry-relevant skills in screenplay writing. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Kaushik Bhuyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, ADBU.

The primary objectives of the workshop were: 1) To introduce students to Final Draft, the industry-standard screenwriting software 2) To impart foundational knowledge of screenplay structure, formatting, and collaboration tools 3) To enable students to apply these skills for professional and creative projects. The workshop was structured into four key modules, combining theoretical explanations and hands-on practice - Interface Navigation, Standard Formatting, Templates and Styles, and Collaboration Features.

The workshop successfully bridged theoretical knowledge with practical application, empowering students to harness Final Draft's capabilities for professional screenwriting. Such initiatives reaffirm the university's commitment to nurturing industry-ready professionals in media and communication.

Movie Time - 'Mrs.' on International Women's Day



In observance of International Women's Day, the Film Club of the Department of Mass Communication at Assam Don Bosco University organized a movie time, showing the critically acclaimed movie Mrs. on 8th March 2025. The event was hosted at the Photography Studio, Academic Block 2, Tapeasia Campus. The primary objective was to celebrate International Women's Day by acknowledging the contributions, struggles, and triumphs of women and use the medium of cinema to engage students in conversations about women's empowerment, societal expectations, and self-discovery.

The featured film, Mrs., directed by Arati Kadav, tells the compelling story of a homemaker who reclaims her identity

and aspirations in the face of societal norms and domestic expectations. The film captures subtle yet powerful themes such as autonomy, gendered labor, and the evolving dynamics of Indian households. With nuanced performances and poignant storytelling, Mrs. aligns perfectly with the spirit of International Women's Day.

Artist Talk: 'Snežana Golubović: My Private Alphabet'

The Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with the International Office, Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) hosted an inspiring artist talk titled 'My Private Alphabet' by Prof. Snežana Golubović from the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (FUAS), Germany. The event, held on 10th March 2025, aimed to delve into the intersection of performance art, personal narrative, and cultural identity. Distinguished attendees included Prof. Riju Sharma (Director, International Affairs & CDSI, ADBU), Prof. Philipp Senft (Social Responsibility & Service Learning, FUAS), along with students and faculty members. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Kaushik Bhuyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, ADBU.

Prof. Golubović opened her talk by introducing "My Private Alphabet," a conceptual framework exploring how personal symbols and experiences shape artistic expression. Through a multimedia presentation, she showcased her body of performance art, spanning themes of identity, memory, and linguistic abstraction. Key highlights included: Case Studies - Analysis of her works, such as Love & Love Steps, and Dear Egon... emphasizing the use of physicality, audience participation, and multimedia integration. Artistic Process - Insights into her methodology, blending improvisation with structured narratives to create immersive experiences. Cultural Dialogue - Discussions on how her Serbian-German heritage and global collaborations influence her art, particularly in addressing transnational identity.

She underscored the role of performance art as a "living language," capable of transcending verbal communication to evoke universal emotions. The talk was followed by a Q&A session. Participants raised questions on the challenges of balancing personal vulnerability with public performance, the impact of digital media on live art forms, and strategies for young artists to navigate interdisciplinary projects. Prof. Golubović emphasized "embracing imperfection as authenticity" and encouraged students to experiment fearlessly while staying rooted in their cultural contexts.

Workshop on Self Portrait through Performance & Photography

The Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with the International Office, Assam Don Bosco University successfully organized a Two-day workshop on Self-Portrait through Performance and Photography on March 11-12, 2025. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Snezana Golubović, a distinguished performing artist and academic from Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany. The event aimed to explore self-expression and identity construction through the creative synergy of performance and photography.



The workshop was designed to encourage participants to explore their personal narratives through visual and performative art, develop an understanding of self-portraiture as a means of storytelling and identity formation, and, integrate performance art techniques with photography to enhance creative expression.

The first day of the workshop began with an introductory session by Prof. Golubović, where she provided a conceptual overview of self-portraiture in performance and photography. She discussed the history and evolution of self-portraiture as a powerful medium for self-exploration. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their personal identities and conceptualize themes for their self-portraits. The second day was entirely practical, allowing participants to engage in self-directed projects. Key activities included: 1) Performance-based exercises to enhance body awareness and emotional expression. 2) Collaborative discussions on framing, lighting, and perspective in self-portrait photography. 3) Individual and group feedback sessions where students presented their work and received constructive critique. The workshop concluded with an interactive discussion on the significance of self-portraiture in contemporary digital culture. Prof. Golubović emphasized the importance of personal storytelling in media and encouraged students to continue exploring their artistic voices.

Mirchi Halla Bol Contest

The Department of Mass Communication, Assam Don Bosco University, in collaboration with Radio Mirchi, hosted the MIRCHI HALLA BOL CONTEST on March 18, 2025 at the Photography Studio, Academic Block 2, Tapesia Campus. This exciting event was organized in the lead-up to the IPL 2025 season, providing students with a unique opportunity to engage in anthem-making—a creative format that required both conceptual innovation and performance skills. The highlight of the day was the enthusiastic participation of RJ Sushmita, who energized the atmosphere with her engaging hosting style and interactive presence.



Participants, were asked to create original IPL-themed anthems within a limited time frame. The challenge was to capture the electrifying essence of cricket—its rhythm, excitement, team spirit, and cultural fervor—through lyrics, sound, and performance. After a spirited competition, the top three contestants were announced and prizes were awarded by the Radio Mirchi team. The winners received exclusive Rajasthan Royal Team jersey and merchandise. The event successfully combined the thrill of cricket with the power of media expression, offering students an engaging platform to explore their creativity.

Workshop on NET/SLET/JRF

The Department of English organized a one-day awareness workshop on UGC NET/SLET/JRF in collaboration with Boost-a-Brain Classes, Guwahati, for MA English students on 22 March 2025. Ms. Shabana Hussain, UGC NET mentor and Director, Boost-A-Brain was the resource person. Students were oriented on the fundamentals of these competitive examinations, their academic imperativeness and importance in getting jobs including the techniques in writing these examinations. Participants were also given hands-on-experience in attempting some sample questions. Seventy-six students and ten teachers participated in it. The workshop organisers included Ms Dimpy Bania, Ms Aditi Ghosh and Ms Anjelika Borah, an alumnus of the department.

Shakespeare Day Celebration 2025

The Department of English celebrated Shakespeare Day with great enthusiasm on 28th April 2025 at Block II Atrium. The event, which commenced at 12:00 p.m., paid tribute to the timeless legacy of William Shakespeare through a series of engaging performances and activities.

The occasion was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Fr (Dr) Jose Palely, Vice Chancellor; Fr (Dr) Zacharias George, Registrar; and other dignitaries of the University along with faculty members from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The programme began with a warm welcome speech, followed by a melodious welcome song. A soulful instrumental performance captivated the audience, followed by a heartfelt poetry recitation of Shakespearean verses. The highlight of the event was the introductory act, which seamlessly transitioned into a vibrant costume parade, where participants dressed as iconic Shakespearean characters. The play, *Romeo & Juliet* enthralled the audience with powerful performances, bringing the classic tragedy to life. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and gratitude to all the participants and organizers.



International Conference on 'Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration: A Shared Future in Higher Education'

The Department of English, Assam Don Bosco University and the Department of Language Education, Kathmandu University jointly organized a two-day international conference on "Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration: A Shared Future in Higher Education" on 9 - 10 April 2025. The venue was Seminar Hall, Bhadraman Tuladhar Building, School of Education, Kathmandu University, Lalitpur, Nepal.

The inaugural session was graced by the Dean of the School of Education Professor Bal Chandra Luitel, Associate Dean Professor Hemraj Kafle, Prof. Dr. Laxman Gnawali, Asst. Prof. Dr. Rajiv Ranjit, Asst. Prof. Dr. Bharat Prasad Neupane and Mr. Surendra Prasad Bhatt from the Kathmandu University and Fr.(Dr.) James Chacko, Dy Registrar and Director School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Ramesh Sharma, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Dr. Abdur Rashid, Head, Department of Economics from the Assam Don Bosco University. A total of eighteen students and staffs from Don Bosco University participated in it. Fifteen presented papers, two delivered key notes and one attended the conference as a reporter.

Educational Tour 2025



An Educational Tour to Himachal Pradesh was organized from 14 - 21 April 202 by the Department of English. 22 students from BA and MA programmes accompanied by two faculty members - Ms. Dimpny Bania and Ms. Mousana Nightingale Chowdhury took part in this tour. The purpose of the trip was to provide students the exposure to the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and natural beauty of the region.

The tour covered various locations including Manali, Kullu, Koksar, Spiti Valley, and the Atal Tunnel. Each destination offered a unique learning experience. Manali and Kullu, with their vibrant local life and scenic landscapes, served as ideal spots for understanding Himalayan traditions and customs.

Visits to the Hidimba Devi and Ghatotkacha Temple in Manali were particularly enriching, giving students an insight into the mythological and historical roots of the region. Interacting with the local population and observing traditional dress, food, and handicrafts helped students understand the deep cultural roots and lifestyles that are still preserved in these high-altitude areas.

Alumnus Talk- Commerce Department

The Department of Commerce organized an insightful Alumnus Talk on 25th January 2025. The session, held at the Conference Hall of the Azara Campus, was aimed at providing students with a real-world perspective on the transition from academic to professional life. Ms Nayanika Dutta, an alumnus of M.Com 2020 batch, Regional Executive of the North East region, Medline Healthcare Industries Pvt. Ltd. Interacted with the 4th semester students of both the M.Com and B.Com programmes. Ms. Dutta began her talk by introducing herself and reflecting on her journey from academia to the professional world. Drawing from her personal experiences, Ms. Dutta spoke about the challenges she encountered and the strategies she adopted to overcome them. Ms. Dutta stressed the importance of strategic planning for encountering the uncertainties in a professional life. The Talk proved to be an enriching experience for all attendees, offering valuable insights into the challenges and strategies for navigating professional life.



Parent-Teacher Meet

The Parent-Teacher Meet was organised by the Department of Commerce on 22 March 2025, at the university premises. The event commenced with the registration of all attending parents and proceeded with a beautiful choir performance by the students of M.Com 4th Semester, setting an engaging and positive tone for the gathering. After the performance, Fr. T. Lakra delivered a speech about the university campus, highlighting its facilities and environment. Subsequently, Mr. Anupam Gohain, Training and Placement Officer (TPO), provided insights into the university's training and placement initiatives. Dr. Bikramjit Goswami, Director of IQAC, addressed the role of parents as vital stakeholders in the university's academic ecosystem. Dr. Vijay Prasad, Assistant Professor, ADBU followed with a detailed presentation on Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and its role in the university's academic management. Ms. Sushmita Chowdhury shared insights on the Best Practices of the university, emphasizing initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall learning experience.



The session continued with brief addresses by the mentors of both B.Com and M.Com programmes, who shared their experiences and perspectives. Parents were then invited to share their feedback and experiences regarding the meeting, fostering an interactive and collaborative discussion. The event ended with lunch where personal interactions took place between parents and mentors, allowing for individual discussions and feedback. The parents-teachers meet served as an effective platform for strengthening the relationship between parents and the university, ensuring better communication and collaboration for the holistic development of the students.

One-Week Drug-Free Awareness Campaign

The Department of Commerce organized a one-week Drug-Free Awareness Campaign from 17 - 21 March 2025 at the university quadrangle. The basic objectives of the Campaign was to educate university students about the dangers of drug abuse, empower them with strategies to resist peer pressure and promote a drug-free campus environment. The campaign aimed to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote a drug-free lifestyle. Each day featured impactful speeches by students on various topics including effects of drug abuse on mental and physical health, peer pressure, and preventive strategies. Highlights included a campus procession on Day 1 under the "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan" and a skit titled "Crossroads" on the final day, emphasizing the role of positive influence in overcoming addiction. The campaign concluded with a combined assembly, leaving students with a strong message of awareness, responsibility, and commitment to a healthier, drug-free campus.

Research Scholar's Meet cum Workshop

The Department of Commerce, Assam Don Bosco University, organized a Research Scholar Meet cum Workshop on 4th April 2025 to foster academic enrichment and strengthen research capabilities among scholars. Dr. Bikramjit Goswami, Director, IQAC, delivered the lecture in first technical session on Publication Ethics and Selection of Quality Journals, emphasizing the importance of ethical academic practices.

In the second session, Dr. Abhijit Bora, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, spoke on Heuristic Approaches in Data Analytics and the growing role of Artificial Intelligence in research. This was followed by an address from Prof. Bikramjit Kakati, Director, Research and Development Cell, who provided insights into institutional research support.

Dr. Vijay Prasad, Assistant Professor, Computer Applications, discussed Referencing Techniques, the use of Mendeley, and Google Forms for data collection. Dr. Jewel Mayur Phukon, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, provided practical training on Data Analysis using SPSS and AMOS. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. John, Assistant Professor, Commerce, on Designing a Roadmap for Research, guiding scholars through the structured development of research work. Ms. Puja Jalan, a Research Scholar from the Department of Commerce, conducted her session on Bibliometric Analysis using VOS viewer in online mode. The session was well-received and added depth to the day's discussions. The event concluded with an open discussion and feedback session, where research scholars reflected on their learning and experiences.

Workshop on Project Cycle Management



A three-day Workshop on Project Cycle Management was organized by the Department of Social Work on 11th to 13th March 2025 for Master of Social Work (MSW) 4th Semester students. The resource person was Professor Lukose PJ, Former Head of the Department, Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University.

The Workshop comprised of theory classes along with hands on sessions on the diverse topics covered in Project Cycle Management including Stages involved in Project Cycle Management; Project Planning and its importance, Capacity Assessment; Logical Framework Approach; Project Proposal Development. Below is the detailed three-day (day wise) re-

port on Workshop on Project Cycle Management (PCM).

The Workshop began with a fundamental discussion on Project Cycle Management, where in the professor engaged students with a thought-provoking question: "Who is a Manager?" The concept of Logical Framework Analysis (LFA) was introduced and its significance in project management was explained. A detailed explanation was provided on different types of organizational structures including explaining the concepts of Hierarchical Structure, Flat Structure, and Circular Structure.

The Workshop was divided equally into theory as well as hands on session. Formulation of Project Proposal was instructed based on geographical area, socio-economic background (baseline study), major problems, selecting a problem for the project, and identifying the target group. Stakeholder Analysis, including defining Stakeholder, categories of stakeholders and how to conduct stakeholder analysis using a table was explained to the students. Post delivery of theory, students were then asked to work in groups to practice how to do Stakeholder Analysis. Post hands on session on how to do Stakeholder Analysis, Prof. Lukose elaborated on Stakeholder participation, emphasizing its importance and explaining different levels of participation, including coercion, informing, consultation, cooperation, partnership, and control, collective action, or co-learning.

The workshop provided a comprehensive understanding of Project Cycle Management, emphasizing the importance of strategic planning, organizational structures, and systematic project execution, Stakeholder Analysis, Capacity Assessment and Project Proposal Formulation. The interactive nature of the session, combined with practical insights, made it a valuable learning experience for all the participants.

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp

On 10th March 2025, the Department of Social Work organized a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Tapesia Campus in Kamarkuchi, Sonapur, Assam, in collaboration with the Blood Centre of the District Hospital Sonapur and the Red Ribbon Club.



The event was organised to commemorate World Social Work Day and embraced the theme “Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Well-Being.” The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Fr. Dr. Jose Palely, who lauded the initiative and motivated students to donate blood in the spirit of community service. The team from the District Hospital Sonapur included professionals such as Dr. Gitanjali Das, Pathologist, Punam Chhetri, Counsellor, and Chandan Thakuria and Pranab Kr Sarma, Lab Technicians, whose efforts were critical in ensuring the event’s success.

The camp witnessed remarkable participation, with a total of 85 students and faculty members stepping forward to donate blood, demonstrating their commitment to saving lives and contributing to the greater good. Each donor and volunteer received a certificate of appreciation as recognition for their noble act of service. The event also provided a platform to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and fostered a sense of unity and solidarity among participants. The enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by the students and organisers made the camp a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on those involved and reaffirming the university’s commitment to promoting societal well-being and humanitarian values. This initiative served not only as a celebration of World Social Work Day but also as a testament to the power of collective action in strengthening intergenerational solidarity for a healthier and more compassionate society.

World Social Work Day 2025

On 18th March 2025, the Department of Social Work celebrated World Social Work Day with a theme “Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Wellbeing”. Students presented about the values of social work to the different departments of School of Humanities and Social Sciences through a warming song and slide presentation, followed by the inauguration of the wall magazine by Rev Fr. Dr. Joy Mathew Ullattil. Manab Das, a student of MSW-II, spoke on the theme and the meaning behind the wall magazine.



A panel discussion was held where Prof. Dinesh Baishya, Professor & Head, Centre for Indian Indigenous Knowledge System (CIIKS), Assam Don Bosco University, Mr. Romen Ningthoujam, Regional Coordinator, GOONJ Assam, and Dr. Ramesh Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of English, Assam Don Bosco University were the panelists.

Prof. Dinesh Baishya emphasized the integration of indigenous knowledge into social work education, highlighting the importance of local knowledge for sustainable development. Mr. Romen Ningthoujam stressed the role of social work professionals in empowering communities by addressing their needs while enhancing their capacity. He discussed disaster management efforts in the northeastern region and the initiatives of GOONJ to support disaster-affected populations. He concluded by encouraging collaborations to address regional needs and nurture young minds for sustainable growth. During the discussion, Dr. Ramesh Sharma emphasized the challenges and gaps in fostering solidarity. He elaborated on the conflicts and issues sur-

rounding solidarity in both ancient and modern contexts. The words of gratitude for the panel discussion were given by Dr. Kheyali Roy for the session leaving a note to bridge the intergenerational gap.

The Department also conducted an extempore speech competition and cultural programmes based on the theme, with active participation from students across various departments. The various cultural performances from Bodo and Khasi showcased the heritage of traditional culture and the touch of new generations. This enhanced awareness and emphasized the importance of intergenerational solidarity. Interactive question-and-answer sessions further enriched students' understanding of the concept. To foster enthusiasm and encourage growth, awards were presented to the winners of the competitions.

The celebration of World Social Work Day was a resounding success, fostering a deeper understanding of the theme "Strengthening Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Wellbeing." Through enriching discussions, creative presentations, and engaging competitions, the event effectively highlighted the importance of intergenerational solidarity, empowered students with valuable insights, and inspired collaboration to address societal challenges sustainably. The diverse participation and meaningful interactions left a lasting impact on the participants.

Workshop on Social Work Intervention on Substance and Behavioural Addiction



The Department of Social Work organized a two-day Workshop on Social Work Intervention on Substance and Behavioural Addiction on 9-10 January 2025 with Mr. Bhaswab Jyoti Goswami, Dr. Lavinia A.M. Lyngdoh and Ms. Salomi Baxla as the resource persons.

The workshop began with Dr. Lavinia giving information on the structure of the sessions, its importance (referring to the ongoing SUD crisis in India especially in NE). In this session a brief introduction is made on different substances and how it is legalised and abused in certain areas. During the session interesting facts are mentioned like quitting substances, such as alcohol or drugs, "cold turkey" which is an informal

way of saying that you want to stop using the substance abruptly rather than slowly tapering off the substance under medical supervision.

The participants were informed about the prevalence of drugs and the classification of drugs which are classified as Legal Drugs and Illegal Drugs. Followed by learning the different types of drugs; 1) stimulants: These drugs make you feel more awake and energetic. 2) Depressants: These drugs slow down your brain and body functions. 3) Hallucinogens: These drugs can make you see or hear things that are not real. 4) Opiate drugs: These drugs can use for pain relief and it can be addictive. It can give a person a euphoria look. 5) Chemical drugs: These drugs are made in pharmacy and 6) Artificial Drugs: example – ecstasy, Molly, which are usually served in parties.

The Second Session by Ms Baxla covered the '5 Cs' of Addiction, which are; chronic, loss of control, compulsion, use despite negative consequences and cravings, followed by the criteria of alcohol dependence which are; 1) Tolerance: It refers to a condition where the user needs increasing amount of dose of the drugs to experience the same effect. 2) Withdrawal Syndrome: This happens when you stop using the substance and experience uncomfortable symptoms like anxiety or shaking, because the body is reacting to the absence of drugs. And 3) Behavioural Syndrome: This refers to changes in behaviour like spending a lot of time using substance or neglecting important activities or responsibilities because of it. This session aimed to disseminate information on SUD and provide a platform to break the stereotype against persons using substances.

Mr. Bhaswab took the third session and started with Bio-Psychosocial factors of Substances. In this session, the participants were oriented with the factors responsible for initiation of Substance use and its continuity. The biological aspects the facilitator includes the role of genetics and brain chemistry while Psychological factors can include Motivation, Stress tolerance and other issues. In the last session Individual Interventions for Substance Use Disorders was held where individual interventions which are practiced widely in the field of De-Addiction medicine was discussed. This included SBI (Screening And Brief Intervention), MET, RPT, Application of CBT, Mindfulness based techniques.

Workshop on Tools for Community Mobilization

On 26th March 2025, the Department of Social Work conducted a workshop on 'Tools for Community Mobilization.' The primary aim of this workshop was to prepare MSW Second Semester students for the upcoming Rural Practicum and to enhance their professional skills in community mobilization.

The workshop began with a theoretical introduction to Grassroot Comics, Puppetry, and Street Play and demonstration of the use of the tools in mobilization of the community. This session involved active participation from all the students, allowing them to familiarize themselves with the tools and their relevance in addressing social issues.



After a brief break, the students were divided into groups based on their respective rural camp teams. Each group engaged in hands-on activities, creating their own puppets, practicing street plays, and designing grassroot comics. The students brought their own materials to craft the puppets, which added a personalized touch to the activity. Through street plays and puppets, the students were able to portray societal challenges while exploring innovative ways to advocate for change.

Prizes were distributed to the best performing team based on the theme, presentation, dialogues, coordination, and impact. The workshop was a highly engaging and practical event that empowered the students to creatively address community concerns. By providing both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience, it successfully prepared them for mobilizing communities during their Rural Practicum and future professional endeavors. The experience served as a crucial stepping stone towards impactful community engagement. This event underscored the significance of combining creativity with professional skills to drive social change effectively.

Palate Parade

The Department of Hospitality & Hotel Administration conducted a Food Fest called 'Palate Parade' on 12 February 2025, leaving food lovers delighted! The festival featured an array of grilled delights, creamy pasta, aromatic biryani, crispy snacks, and refreshing mocktails, creating a feast for the senses. Live cooking demonstrations, food tastings, and interactive sessions added excitement, showcasing culinary creativity and expertise. The event brought together students, chefs, and food enthusiasts, making it a resounding success. With an incredible turnout and rave reviews, Palate Parade 2025 was a terrific food fest and possibly the beginning of a new tradition of the Department of Hospitality and Hotel Administration.



Inter-University Competition

The students of the 2nd semester, Department of Hospitality & Hotel Administration showcased their talent and creativity on the occasion of National Tourism Day. Participating in a vibrant inter-university competition at Royal Global University, they excelled in poster-making, photography, and declamation competitions.

Their efforts paid off remarkably, with the team securing the 1st position in the Poster Making competition, highlighting innovative ideas to promote tourism. Additionally, their eloquence and compelling performance earned them the 2nd position in the Declamation competition, showcasing their ability to inspire through words.



This achievement reflects the dedication, teamwork, and passion of these budding professionals in the field of hospitality and tourism. The event served as a platform for them to shine while contributing to the celebration of India's rich cultural and tourism heritage.

Commerce Fair 2.0

The Department of Commerce organized Commerce Fair 2.0 as a part of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra at Azara Campus on February 28th, March 1st, and March 3rd, 2025. The event provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase their entrepreneurial skills, innovative products, and business ideas, promoting self-reliance and creativity.

The fair was inaugurated on 28th February 2025. The Chief Guest Journalist, Ramesh Baishya, Ripon Saikia and Mr Bhaskar Dutta, Content Creator praised the initiative, highlighting its role in boosting students' confidence in business and entrepreneurship. A total of 16 student-managed stalls featured a variety of self-made products and services, attracting a large audience. On the second day, i.e. on 1st March, 2025, the students of the department efficiently set up their stalls, welcoming a fresh wave of visitors, including students and faculty members from various universities who were attending NERICT. The visiting students from other institutions experienced ADBU's Commerce Fair, making it an inter-university event. The final day i.e. March 3rd, saw students implementing marketing strategies such as clearance sales and discounts, further enhancing their business acumen. The Commerce Fair 2025 concluded as a transformative learning experience, offering students hands-on exposure to marketing, sales, and business operations. Its success has set a precedent for future editions, reinforcing ADBU's commitment to entrepreneurial development and innovation.

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