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SONAPUR COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

Year of Establishment : 2nd August, 1991
Principal : Dr. Devabrot Khanikor
President of the Governing Body : Sjt.Kanak Chandra Haloi
Number of Teaching Faculties:
Sanctioned : 28, Non-Sanctioned :11, Stop-Gap: 09
Number of Non-Teaching Staff : 16
Enrolment :1429', Male-695, Female-734
Total Land : 150 Bighas
Inclusion under Deficit Grant-in-Aid --- 25th March, 1998
Recognised by UGC under 2f -- 24th March, 2006
Recognised by UGC under 12(B) -20 September, 2012

SONAPUR COLLEGE IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was formed in 2003, at the behest of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) under the active initiatives of Late Dr. Dhanjit Medhi, the then Principal of our college. Since the date of its inception the IQAC has been putting a significant effort for the continuous evaluation of functioning of all the stakeholders of the college. In order to augment the mission of its responsibility of community service, the IQAC, in 2003 took the decision to adopt the "Dikchak" village, where the different outreach programme are being organised by the 'Extension Activities and Out Reach Programme Committee' in a regular manner. The first NAAC Peer Team visit to the college in 2004 was successfully completed under the initiatives of IQAC. In such a young age with limited infrastructure, prior to 12(B) recognition, the institute like Sonapur College, endeavored to go for NAAC assessment and managed to secure C" only because of the conviction and consorted effort of its stakeholders. In order to establish linkage with national and international organization for the improvement of the academic spheres of the college the IQAC in November, 2011, organized a four day long workshop on 'Communicative Language Training' with the sponsorship of Regional English Language Office (RELO), US Embassy, New Delhi. Similarly, in May, 2012, a daylong seminar on "Heritage at Risk: A Clarion Call for its Stakeholders" which was sponsored by, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), New Delhi was organized by the IQAC at the college premises. Currently, the IQAC is gearing up for its second phase of NAAC visit, in 2012.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Notwithstanding the myriads of hardship, a farsighted vision, assiduous effort and an uncompromising principle would essentially invite success, whether it is an individual or an educational institute. Sonapur College, a dream come true project of the area, has been thriving significantly with the relentless effort put by all its stakeholders, the management, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and above all the much generous people of the locality. A modest beginning with only a few students of Arts faculty in Higher Secondary class, the college now has attained a position where it has more than 1400 students and started the Commerce faculty as suggested by NAAC, from the academic session of 2005-2006. A remarkable progress is also being made by the college in terms of infrastructure within a period of slightly more than two decades. Every year new buildings are coming up with funds generated from different sources. Last year the ST (P) Girls' Hostel was inaugurated, and today it is a pleasant moment for all of us that the ground floor of the new Administrative cum Academic Block, constructed under Catch-Up Programme of UGC, is going to be inaugurated. The college always fervently looks forward for a better performance from its students, whether it is academic or co-curricular activities, and for which it never hesitates to provide better facilities, inspite of limited resources. The encouraging fact is that the students have always displayed excellence in this regard. Besides, a new computer certificate course, a study center of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University is also being started from this year and from next year the college will initiate the PGDCA course. On the other hand, in order to explore the sports talents, the college is going to provide them with a sports ground very shortly. Hope, the inclusion of the college under 12 (B) of the UGC Act 1956, would be a shot in the arm in our mission.

At a juncture when the college is approaching to celebrate its Silver Jubilee, the launching of the 'Sonapur College News Bulletin' would certainly go a long way in reflecting the college efficiently to the outer world. For this, I can't but express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who are associated with this publication.

From the Desk of the Editor

It gives me immense pleasure to handover the first issue of Sonapur College News Bulletin in your hand. At the very outset I would like to express my gratitude to the Principal of our College Dr. Devabrot Khanikor and my esteemed colleagues for entrusting the great responsibility of editing the News Bulletin. It was a herculean task for me to publish the Bulletin within a short span of time. But it was made possible by the concerted effort of all the members of the Editorial Board. The establishment of the college was a bold and farsighted step towards the dissemination of knowledge in the field of Higher Education in Dimoria. Now the college has completed its 22nd year and will celebrate its Silver Jubilee after three years. So at this juncture we have cherished the golden memories of the past. It is a humble attempt of our College to showcase the various academic, co-curricular, extension and research activities that have taken place from the very beginning. This News Bulletin will surely play a pivotal role in recording and also showcasing the various aspects of the college. But due to paucity of space it is not possible for us to record the details of all the activities that have taken place in the past. Only significant activities and some of the recent activities have been highlighted here. I, on behalf of the editorial board, thank you all.

Our Students' Our Pride

Sonapur College family has the proud privilege to have some brilliant performers in both academic as well as co-curricular activities. Among the significant achievers the most remarkable Sekharjyoti Kalita who brought laurels to the college by securing 4th rank in H.S. Examination in 1999. Similarly, Sameer Sarkar, who graduated from this college with first class, having major in Geography, is now working as the faculty member in the Business Management Department, Gauhati University. Besides, many brilliant students of the college augmented the mission of our academic initiatives by securing first class in the Degree final examination regularly. All of them are now successfully engaged in different fields.

In order to explore the sports talent, the college always looks forward and put all its effort to provide them with the necessary facilities and the dividend always comes on its way. Among all, the most glittering sports person that the college has produced so far is the renowned footballer of the state, Nabajyoti Talukdar. Besides representing the state, as captain, in Santosh Trophy several times, Talukdar also represented India abroad as a member of junior football squad. In the recent past many students of our college represented state team in different games. Among them, the remarkable are, Damayanti Boro (Kabaddi), Aman Hazarika (Kho-Kho), Nitul Das (Kho-Kho), Abhijit Kalit (Kabaddi) and Rahul Dev (Kho-Kho). Meanwhile, Damayanti Boro and Nitul Das have successfully completed Diploma in sports coaching from Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Bangalore. The college also holds a brilliant trend of student's performance in the cultural arena, especially in the field of drama and folk music and folk dance. Among them, many have made us proud by performing in different parts of the country as member of state cultural troupes. It is a matter of pride for the college that it has alumnae like a regular artiste of All India Radio, working as an artiste in Bolywood etc.

SOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Going International

RELO, US EMBASSY Sponsored International Workshop

An **International workshop** was organized at Sonapur College on **CLT Methodology** in the college premises on 14th and 15th of November, 2011. The workshop was graced by Joseph P Dwaalebe, an English Language Fellow from the US and deputed in India by the US Embassy, as Resource Person. 50 participants from different parts of the country attended the workshop and enlightened all the four sessions of the workshop with their active interaction and participation. It was a proud privilege for the college to organize an international workshop at this stage when the college was not entitled to enjoy any financial assistance for seminar/workshop from UGC.



Message to the Society

INTACH Sponsored National Seminar at Sonapur College

IQAC, Sonapur College organized an INTACH (Assam Chapter) sponsored one day National Seminar on the topic "Heritage at Risk: A Clarion Call for Its Stakeholders" on 28th May, 2012. The seminar was inaugurated by Maj. General L. K. Gupta, chairman, Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) and Sentilayangar, Convener, INTACH, Nagaland Chapter graced the occasion as the keynote speaker. Eminent folklorist Sjt. Murulidhar Das was felicitated on the occasion. As many as 66 scholars from across the country presented their papers in six parallel sessions. Six invited speakers deliberated in each session followed by chairing the same. Each research paper presented in the seminar showed originality and raised concern over the danger that heritage at large has been facing and also proposed ways & means to improve the situation.



Our Community Service

Dikhchak Village

In order to achieve the mission of the college to contribute for the betterment of life and livelihood of the people of the neighbouring areas, the college had adopted a village called Dikhchak in 2003, which is only four kilometre away from the campus. The village is predominantly inhabited by the people belong to the Karbi community with a total population of 214 in 41 households at the time of adoption but has gone up to 75 households and 350 population in 2012. The literacy rate of the village was very low at the time of adoption with only one matriculate but the situation has significantly improved as there are 15 matriculates in the village at present, out of which two have already graduated from our college and 13 are pursuing education in different Institutions. The Extension Activities and Outreach Programme Cell of the college have been undertaking various programme in the village regularly for the social, economic and spiritual upliftment of the people. Some of the important activities initiated in the village by the college are: 1. Village road construction with the help of our students and villagers, 2. Imparting training on mushroom cultivation to the women folk, 3. Organizing training on the commercial production of vermicompost organic fertilizer, 4. Animal health check up camp, 5. Awareness camps on health and hygiene, AIDS, life insurance, banking, education etc. Recently, the college organized a programme on medicinal plants and acquaint them about curing diseases with herbal medicine.

SOME OF OUR DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

ASTEC Sponsored Map Learning Workshop

A four day long workshop on 'Map Learning', organized by the Geography Department, was successfully held from May 8 to 11, 2012. The workshop was meant for the secondary level students and teachers responsible for teaching Social Studies in schools, with the support from Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC). The workshop was aimed at developing understanding about map and its uses, capacity building for map observation, reading, analysis and interpretation, introducing map as a decision making tool in day-to-day life and building aptitudes on the use of technology likes RS, GIS and GPS among the participants. A Nagaon based organization, Society for Socio-Economic Awareness and Environment Protection (SSEAP) provided support as resource agency in the workshop which was attended by 45 students and 15 teachers. In the inaugural session held on May 8., Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagawati, Professor in the Department of Geography, Gauhati University, graced as Guest of Honour. In the session, the workshop was formally inaugurated by Professor Suren Talukdar, former Head of the Department of Geography, Cotton College. In the valedictory session held on May 11, Mr. Jaideep Baruah, Head i/c of the Environment Division of ASTEC and Mr. Kanak Chandra Haloi, President, Governing Body attended as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

Summer School on Mathematics

A two week long summer school, specially designed for the students of class IX was organised by the Mathematics Department, from July 6 to 20, 2012 as a part of its continuous effort for the betterment of the academic scenario of its feeder schools in general and to provide a boosting towards the teaching of mathematics in particular. Altogether 67 students of class IX representing Sonapur Girls' High School, St. Patrick English School, Sankardev Sishu Vidya Niketan and Little Angel English School participated in the summer school. Sinam Iboton Singh, Assistant Professor of Mathematics coordinated the programme and handled all the technical sessions as the key resource person who was assisted by Ms. Rita Doloi and Mr. Suman Roy, both alumni of the college. The valedictory function of the summer school was held on July 20 under the chairmanship of Dr. Devabrot Khanikor, Principal, Sonapur College wherein certificates were distributed to the participants.

Workshop on Advanced Writing Skill

The Department of English organized a seven-day workshop for the students of H.S. I year. Dr. Parthasarathi Misra, Director of ELTI, Assam was the Resource person where the faculty members of the Dept. Of English were the co-resource persons. The students were highly benefitted as the workshop stressed on the newly introduced NCERT syllabus.

OUR TRUST

Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Trust

The College has decided to float the Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Trust in the college from the current academic year. The trust will be responsible for organizing various academic events in the college.

Sinam Uriba Singh Memorial Trust

The College has floated the Sinam Uriba Singh Memorial trust from this year which will organize an All Assam Debating Competition at the college premises.

TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENT

The following members of the Teaching Faculty have been awarded Ph D by the different Universities:

Dr. Mani Ram Kalita (1999)
Dr. Prasanta Saikia (2000)
Late Dr. Dhanjit Medhi (2007)
Dr. Ananda Das (2007)
Dr. Biman Patowary (2009)
Dr. Mousumi Bhagowoti (2010)
Dr. Nizara Hazarika (2011)
Dr. Kamal Chandra Pathak (2011)
Dr. Dharma Ram Deka (2012)
Dr. Gitima Kalita (2012)

The following members of the Teaching Faculty have been given Ph D Guideship:

Dr. Mani Ram Kalita : Singhania University, Rajasthan.
Dr. Prasanta Saikia : CMJ University, Assam Down Town University.
Dr. Biman Patowary : CMJ University, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya.
Dr. Ananda Das : CMJ University.

Dr. Dharma Ram Deka, Asstt. Prof. (SG) of Geography attended the "1st EnvironmentAsia International Conference on Environmental Supporting in Food and Energy Security: Crisis and Opportunity" held at the Rama Garden Hotel from March 22-25, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand which was organized by the Thai Society of Higher Education Institutes on Environment of Mahidol University, Bangkok. Dr. Deka presented his Research Paper on "A Study on Wetland Resources and Conservation in a Part of Digaru and Kalong River Basins of Assam, India". Dr. Deka's Research Paper entitled "Changing Wetland Environment Based on Water and Soil Quality Analysis of Selected Wetlands of Assam, India" was published in the International Journal "The Journal of Environmental Science and Engineering A, vol-1, No-2, Feb 2012, published by David Publishing, USA.

Dr. Nizara Hazarika, Asstt. Prof (SG) of English presented her paper entitled "Innovative Ideas and Practices to Enhance Learning Environment in the Primary Level of Education: A Case Study of Jorhat District" in an International Conference on Learning Innovation in Science and Technology 2012 at Phuket, Thailand, organized by King Mongkut's University of Technology of Thonburi, Thailand from Feb 29- March 2, 2012. Dr. Hazarika's article "Writing, Subversion and Ecriture Feminine: Arundhati Roy's The God of Small Things" was published in a book entitled Booker Prize Winning Writers of the World: Estimation and Expression by the German Publisher Lambert Academic Publishing. Dr. Hazarika has been awarded a scholarship by the American Embassy, New Delhi to pursue an Online Course on E-Teacher. After the completion of the course she was awarded the certificate by the University of Oregon, USA.

All the faculty members are involved in various Research works and present their papers in the various National and International Seminars and Conference and also participate in the workshops both National and International.

AIDS AND ASSISTANCE TO OUR STUDENTS

Sonapur College provides free scholarship to the meritorious and needy students. There is also a provision of partial concession to the students. Every year a number of students get the benefit of these scholarships provided by the college. Since 2008, a number of 31 students received free scholarship and 125 students received partial financial assistance from the college. Moreover, the teachers also provide financial benefits to the poor and needy students. There is a practice of providing financial and academic benefits as well as awards to students who excel in academic and extra-curricular activities.

1. College Publications:**Books- 2 Nos.**

- (i) Karbi Alun Kachirli Alo (A Textbook of Karbi Language)
- (ii) Shradhdhanjali (In fond memory of Dr. Dhanjit Medhi)

College Magazines : 5 Issues (Sonapur Mahavidyalay Alochani)

College Faculty Journal-1 Edition (Sona Sophia)

2. Individual Publications:

- ★ Eikhonei Nazirakhat by Dr. Dharma Ram Deka and Dr. Mani Ram Kalita
- ★ Text Book on Geography Practical by Dr. Biman Patowary, Dr. Dharma Ram Deka and Dr. Ananda Das.
- ★ Hridayor Emuthi Anubhuti by Dr. Mani Ram Kalita.
- ★ A Brief Introduction of World Civilization by Prof. Boby Das
- ★ Itihaz Bikritakaran Aru Annyanya Praxanga by Dr. Kamal Chandra Pathak
- ★ Sokolure Babe Bhugolor Sadharon Nyan by Dr. Ananda Das
- ★ Money, Banking and Finance by Prof. Pradeep Kr. Dey.

MANURAM KARKUN TEACHING AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR TRIBAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Manuram Karkun Teaching and Research Centre for Tribal Language and Culture was established in 2003 to promote the teaching of indigenous languages of the different tribes scattered in the neighbourhood localities of the college. The centre owes its name to Late Manuram Karkun, the first writer and publisher of the plains Karbi and silent worker in the field of Tribal Language and Culture. The first step of the research centre was a three months course on Tribal Language Teaching Course on Karbi Language which was inaugurated by the then Tribal Welfare Minister Bharat Narah on 2nd August, 2003. The centre is going to begin the Tiwa Language Teaching Programme very shortly. A book on Karbi Language "Karbi Alun Kachirli Alo" was published by centre.

SONAPUR COLLEGE MUSEUM

With an objective to preserve the antique remains, cultural heritage of the locality, Sonapur College Museum Committee was formed in 2003. From that time onwards, the members of the committee, along with the other faculties, office staff and students made their efforts with enthusiasm to collect such articles that relate to its culture and tradition. The collection related to its historical antiquity and traditional items are associated with the dominant tribes of the area. These include coins, ornaments of the members of royal lineage, utensil, and items of pre-colonial and colonial period, utensils, musical instruments, art, craft and dresses of the tribes of the locality. In the recently organized INTACH sponsored National Seminar the articles and artifacts of Sonapur College Museum were exhibited. The effort was highly praised by all.

The Sonapur College Women Cell was established on 15th February, 2010 with a mission to sensitize and create awareness among the students along with the women of the neighbouring tribal and rural community of Sonapur for their upliftment. The cell is guided by the Women Studies Research Centre of Gauhati University under the clustering programme. Women's Cell celebrates the International Women's Day on 8th March when they organize programmes in the neighbourhood schools. A Legal Awareness Camp was organized on 30th April, 2011 in collaboration with the honourable members of Gauhati High Court Advocate Association among the students, teachers and members of the different Mahila Samitis. A day long programme on Control of Blindness and Free Eye Check-up Camp was organized at the college premises on 4th August, 2012 in collaboration with the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), Kamrup (M). Many eminent ophthalmologists graced the occasion as resource persons and deliberated on the various initiatives of the Govt. of India for the eradication of blindness from our country. During the eye check up several students were diagnosed with some vision related defects like retroactive error, myopia, hypermethopia etc.

SONAPUR COLLEGE LIBRARY

Sonapur College Library provides the facility of a spacious Reading Room and is a storehouse of a large number of Text Books as well as Reference Books and Journals. The library is governed by specific rules and regulations which are directed to the students. The computerization process of the library has already been started. There is also a Book Bank facility for the genuinely needy and deserving students. The Faculty members use the library on a regular basis and are highly benefitted by the Reference books for their Research works. The total number of books in the Library is 11,265; the number of Journals is 18 and that of Newspapers is 08.

SONAPUR COLLEGE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Sonapur College Geographical Society, an extension activity wing of the Department of Geography, formed in 2002, has been putting its effort from the date of its inception towards the popularization of the subject and to propagating the spirit of environmental awareness among the people especially the student community of the greater Dimoria area. Besides the departmental faculties the society also invites the eminent geographers to deliberate on the needs and importance of geography in the programme held in different schools. In similar programmes eminent geographers like Dr. Md. Taher, retired professor of GU and Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagawati, Professor, GU, graced as resource person. The society, since 2002 have been regularly observing the World Environment Day (WED) on June 5, with day long programme, in order to create environmental awareness among the school students of the area. In 2012 the WED was observed at St. Patrick School, Nazirakhat. Dr. Devabrot Khanikor, Principal and Dr. Dharma Ram Deka spoke on the occasion of WED.

WELCOMING THE PRINCIPAL

The college organized a Public Meeting under the presidency of Sjt. Kanak Ch. Halo, President, Sonapur College Governing Body, to welcome the newly appointed Principal of the college Dr. Devabrot Khanikor in a graceful meeting. Dr. Khanikor deliberated on the occasion and made the august gathering aware of his mission of taking the college forward and he sought the help and cooperation of all for the greater benefit of the college. In the meeting Mr. Bipul Borah, the former Principal i/c, presented a detailed report of the various activities that took place during his tenure.



DR. DHANJIT MEDHI MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture is an annually held academic event in memory of Dr. Dhanjit Medhi, the founder Principal i/c of the college. The series started in 2008 after the untimely and sad demise of Dr. Dhanjit Medhi, who had contributed immensely for the growth of the college. In the Memorial Lectures, eminent scholars from different walks of life are invited to deliberate on specific topics for the benefit of the students, faculties and the community as a whole. Different departments are entrusted to organize the lecture every year. In 2011 the Dept of English organized the Lecture where eminent Folklorist and the Retired H.O.D. of the Dept. of Folklore and Research, Dr. Birendranath Datta, delivered his speech on "Some Aspects of the Folk Drama of Assam".



SONAPUR COLLEGE ALUMNI MEET, 2012

Sonapur College witnessed a grand meet of its alumni on 22nd April, 2012 under the president ship of Mr. Pulak Goswami, the vice-president of the Alumni Association. Alumni from the first batch of students till the recent one gathered yielding precious moments of sharing experiences. The office bearers of the Alumni Association greeted the newly joined Principal of the college. While sharing experiences the alumni highlighted the contribution of the college in their career. Among the major discussions in the meeting were the necessity of a constitution of the Alumni Association and the proposal for the Alumni Convention to be organized during the last part of the year.



FELICITATION TO RENOWNED GEOGRAPHERS

The Department of Geography organised a special programme to felicitate two renowned geographers, namely Dr. Phani Deka, former reader of Geography, GU and NEHU, former Chief Personal Manager, Numaligarh Refinery and former Managing Director of NEDFI and Prof. Tirtha Nath Barkataki, Retired Head of Geography, Cotton College, Guwahati. The programme was held along with the valedictory function of the workshop on 'Application of Computer and Open Source GIS in Geography', on May 28, 2011. The participants and those present in the meeting had the opportunity to share experience and interact intimately with the scholars. Besides the participant the other students of Sonapur College and the faculty members also took part in the session. The lively interactive session was also attended by the former students of the two invited scholars who have come from different part of the state.

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

Like previous year, this year also the College Foundation Day was celebrated with a ceremonial programme. The function started with flag hoisting by the Principal Dr. Devabrot Khanikor. Sjt. Bhupen Goswami, the former President of the Sonapur College Governing Body ceremonially paid floral tribute to the departed souls. Then there was a performance of Lalliang by the college students who were participants of the Summer Workshop and certificates of the said Workshop were distributed to them as well as to the Resource persons.



KALABHUMI

Kalabhumi, a platform of performing arts for the promotion of the hidden talents of the students, was formed in 2003. Workshops on drama, dance and music are organized on a regular basis during the summer vacation. The products of the workshops are exhibited after the completion of the workshops. Eminent personalities from the National School of Drama, Badungduppa, and famous theatre personality Evelien Pullens from the Netherlands graced the drama workshops as Resource Persons and trained the young talents. Likewise, eminent experts from the field of Sattriya Dance conducted workshop on Sattriya Dance. It is noteworthy here that the drama "Amarattar Swapon", a product of the Kalabhumi, brought accolades to Assam in general and to the college in particular in a Drama Festival at Saharsha, Bihar. It is a proud moment for us as on 15th June 2012 Badungduppa Theatre Group exhibited the famous play of Rabindranath Tagore "Ratner Rachi" which was presented in the Rabha language. This year Kalabhumi conducted a workshop on 'Lalliang Dance and Music' during the summer vacation where local artists joined in to train the budding talents the form and art of Lalliang which is facing a threat of extinction in the fast progressing modern times. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Muralidhar Das, the eminent folklorist of Dimoria and Dr. Devabrot Khanikor, Principal of the college. About 30 students participated in the workshop.



GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING CELL, SONAPUR COLLEGE

The Guidance and Counselling Cell of Sonapur College has been playing a vital role in imparting guidance to the students as far as their higher education and career are concerned. Since the day of its inception the cell has been organising camps and programmes for the benefits of the students, thus helping them to pave the way to stand on feet. On 23rd April, 2012 a 'Career Awareness and Motivation Camp' was organised by the cell in which 37 students of Degree classes participated. The programme was graced by Dr. Nilima Bhagawati, Ntional Secretary General, Council for Teacher Education, India and Dr. Jogen Kalita, Director, College Development Council, G.U. Ranjan Baruah, a renowned Counsellor of the state, was the Resource Person of the camp. The cell also enjoyed the privilege of selecting and sending 10 students of D.T.C. 3rd year (Outgoing) to participate in the North East Graduate Congress, 2012 organised by USTM (ERD Foundation) on 29th and 30th May, 2012.



NEW AREAS OF HORIZONTAL MOBILITY Taking Education Beyond the Formal Class Room

For the benefit of the students who are unable to go for formal education and yet cherish a desire to go for higher education, Sonapur College has started the Study Centre of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University in the college premises. The B.A Course has already begun from the academic session 2012-2013. The subjects available are English, Assamese, Alternative English, Hindi, History, Political Science, Education, Philosophy, Elective Assamese and Mathematics.

Certificate Course in Information Technology

Sonapur College is going to introduce a Certificate Course in Information Technology for the benefit of the students to introduce them to the ever blooming world of IT. The Department of IT will offer the subject for the current academic year.

Workshop on Computer Application and Open GIS in Geography

A five days long workshop on 'Application of Computer and Open Source GIS in Geography', organized by Department of Geography, Sonapur College successfully concluded on May 28, 2011. The workshop was inaugurated on May 24 by Prof. Madhurima Das, former Head of the Department of Geography, B. Barooah College, Guwahati. The occasion was graced by, Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagabati, Professor of Geography, GU and Prof. Suren Talukdar, former Head of Geography of Cotton College, Guwahati as distinguished guests. The workshop which was attended by 29 participants was organized to impart knowledge about the new techniques that have been incorporated in the study of geography, to the students. Besides, it was also aimed at giving exposure to the students to the different computer software being used by the geographers for various spatio-temporal analyses and to motivate them to explore it as their future career. In accordance to the theme considered, the whole workshop was dedicated to 'computer application for data management' and 'computer application for mapping'. A number of renowned scholars who have the expertise in the field had attended the workshop as Resource Persons.



Sjt. Atul Bora Former P.W.D. Minister laying the foundation stone of our 1st Building on 6th May, 1990



Music maestro Dr. Bhupen Hazarika performing in a Cultural Nite to raise Fund on 27th February, 1993



Dignitaries of 1st Foundation day, August 2nd, 1992



Former Chief Minister Late Hiteswar Saikia being Felicitated in Tai-Ahom International Seminar March, 1994

Administrative and Academic Building



The foundation stone of the Administrative and Academic Building under the scheme of UGC Catch Up Grant XI plan period was laid by Sjt. Akon Bora, Honourable Minister of Social Welfare and Jail on 2nd August, 2011. The ground floor of the building will be used as Administrative Block while the first floor of the building will be specially designed for different departments along with various laboratories.

Girls' Hostel

The college has constructed the Sonapur College ST (P) Girls' Hostel which was constructed with the fund received from the Ministry of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of India through the Directorate of Welfare of Plain Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Govt. of Assam in 2009-2010.

DEKACHANG

Dekachang or Chamati is a traditional concept belonging to the Tiwa Community of Assam. Chamati is originally a recreational place for Lord Shiva and his companions. It is a platform where the youths learn singing and dancing and also it is a prototype of the primitive house where the ancient people had lived. Dekachang is a dream come true project of Sonapur College as it has always endeavoured to preserve and also expose the local culture and heritage to the outer world. Moreover, the Dekachang is on the verge of extinction and so the college felt it to be responsible to preserve this traditional concept of the Tiwa community. The college has built the Dekachang as its Boys Common Room.



Red Ribbon Club(AIDS)

The Sonapur College Red Ribbon Club was formed in 2011 with financial assistance from the AIDS Control Society, Assam. Two Awareness Programmes were arranged by the college viz. a cultural procession in connection with the College Week and an Extension lecture in Satya sai Balika Vidyalaya with Prof. Dipa Kakoti and Prof. Doli Thakuria as the resource person.



FROM OUR ARCHIVE

GOLDEN MOMENTS OF COLLEGE



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