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Editorial

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It is a matter of great pleasure for us to present before you the third volume of SONAPUR COLLEGE NEWS BULLETIN prior to the second cycle of assessment of the college by NAAC from 27th to 29th October, 2014. When phenomenal changes have occurred in the higher education scenario, Sonapur College-the premier institute of higher education-has been shouldering its responsibilities not only for the betterment of its students but also for the society. The present students have to bear the brunt of social unrest, corrupt system and cut-throat competition and in this cross road, the college has left no stone unturned to enfold the necessary changes pertaining to teaching, research and extension from a global perspective. An all-encompassing and comprehensive approach has been made by the college in its attempt to reward the expectations of its stake holders as well as the local people. This news bulletin is a humble effort to showcase some of the very significant activities that mark the glorious journey of the college. Thanks and gratitude are due to all the members of the editorial board, the honourable principal and vice principal of the college and also the other stake-holders for their support and co-operation in this regard.

**Dr. Nizara Hazarika
Mr. Dipjyoti Deka**

From the Principal's Desk



Sonapur College, being an institute of higher education, has been playing a pioneering role since the day of its inception to provide its students a good learning environment and opportunities to develop quality to be a human resource. On the eve of the glorious 25 years of journey, we feel that we have lived up to its dreams. The teachers of the college have constantly encouraged the students to prove their excellence in both academic and extra-curricular domains. The authority, teachers and other stake-holders of the college have joined hands to create a good academic and research ambience in the college. Publication of books and journals has become a regular feature of the college's annual agenda. It is worth mentioning here that apart from the teachers, a few students have also brought out their publications in the fields of their interest. The community participation programmes initiated by this college have helped a lot to realize the dreams the stakeholders have cherished. Remarkable progress in terms of infrastructural facilities will certainly help the college to achieve its desire goal. The news bulletin of the college has proved instrumental in reflecting a true image of the institution to the outer world. My heartfelt thanks go to each and everyone associated with the release of the 3rd volume of the Sonapur College News Bulletin.

Dr Devabrot Khanikor

HS & TDC Final Results

HS

	ARTS	COMMERCE
Pass %	57.3 %	85.5 %
1st Division	19	09
Letter Marks	25	17
Distinction	04	

TDC

	ARTS	COMMERCE
Pass %	96.6 % (Major) 90 % (General)	90.4 % (Major) 94.3 % (General)
CGPA 6 & More	19	6



88th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika:

Sonapur College, in collaboration with Bhupen Hazarika Memorial Trust, had the proud privilege of hosting the 88th birth anniversary of the music maestro Dr Bhupen Hazarika as 'Samannay Divas' in its premises on 7th & 8th September, 2014. Among many dignitaries and artists, the two days celebration was marked by the presence of the Hon'ble Governor of Assam His Excellency Janaki Ballabh Patnaik, litterateur and dramatist Sri Arun Sarma, Pro-VC of Tezpur University Dr Amarjyoti Chowdhury and many more in different events and occasions. In this connection, an All Assam Bhumendra Sangeet Competition was also organized. Participation of a large number of cultural troupes representing various ethno-cultural communities of the entire North-Eastern region in the colourful cultural procession was the major attraction of the celebration. Renowned folklorist of Dimoria Sri Murulidhar Das and noted musk-making artist of Marigaon Sri Khargeswar Bardoloi were felicitated and accorded with citation and cash reward. Presence of noted musician of Meghalaya Lau Majaw added feather to the success of the celebration. Colourful cultural function at the end of each day's programme was another remarkable feature of the celebration.

Activities of IQAC:

NAAC Peer Team Visit

The IQAC of the college submitted its 'Letter of Intention' (LOI) to NAAC leading to the proposed visit of NAAC peer team visit to the college from 27th to 29th October, 2014. Elaborate arrangements are being made to make the visit a success.

Proceeding Volume of National Seminar Published

The proceeding volume titled '*Interpreting Heritage: A Discourse on Heritage at Risk*' of the national seminar organized in collaboration with the Assam Chapter of INTACH has been published by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college. The volume is a collection of research papers by teachers and scholars of various parts of the country.

RELO Workshop in the College

The IQAC, in collaboration with the Department of English, was privileged enough to organize a RELO workshop on 'Reflecting on Learning Styles' in the college premises on 30th September, 2013 and it was graced by Michelle Stabler Havener from US Embassy.

Community Service Programmes

Community service programmes are always a priority for the college and in this connection, IQAC has responded positively to the organization of different programmes in the nearby areas, particularly in its adopted village Dikchak.

Our Publications

- Sona Sophia: Faculty Research Journal
- Budding Scholars: Student Research Journal
- Sonapur College Magazine
- Sonapur College News Bulletin
- Research Monitoring Cell Bulletin
- Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture Series
- Interpreting Heritage: A Discourse on Heritage at Risk (ABook)

Teachers' achievements:

- Dr Kamal Ch. Pathak, Associate Prof. of History, has published two books with ISBN namely "Peasantry Their Problem and Protest in Assam (1858-1894)" and 'Itihash Bikritakaran aru Anyanya Prasanga' during the current academic year.
- Dr Gitima Kalita, Assistant Prof. of Philosophy, has taken out her ISBN publication "Saivism in the Brahmaputra Valley" in this academic year.
- Dr Bobby Das, Associate Prof. of History has been awarded with PhD degree by the North East Hill University (NEHU) for her thesis entitled "Buddhism in Assam from Earliest Times to 13th Century AD."
- Dr Gitanjalee Bora, Assistant Prof. of Philosophy, has been awarded PhD by the Gauhati University for her thesis "Pragmatism: A Study with Reference to Contemporary Socio-Cultural Issues."
- Dr Nizara Hazarika, Associate Prof. of English, has received scholarship from US Embassy to pursue an Online Certificate Course from the University of Oregon, USA.
- Rumi Doloi, Asstt. Professor of Assamese, has been granted a Minor Research Project by the UGC.
- Archana Sarma, Librarian of the college, has also been granted a Minor Research Project by the UGC.
- A research paper titled 'An Analysis of Wetland Degradation in the Dimoria Region of Assam, India' of Dr. Dharma Ram Deka, Associate Professor, Dept. of Geography of the College has been published in "Journal of Life Sciences" (ISSN1934-7391) USA.

Students' achievements:

- Sonapur College was adjudged the Best Team in the All Assam Inter College Debating Competition organised by Sonapur College on 21st January, 2014.
- Usha Das and Dharitri Teron, students of B.A.-6thSem, were sponsored by The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), Assam Chapter for participation in YUVA MEET, 2014 held in New Delhi on 3rd and 4th Feb, 2014.

- In the recently concluded Youth Festival of Gauhati University, Sonapur College won two prizes in 'Loka Badya' and 'Loka Nritya' competitions.
- Ms Nitu Das, a HS Final year student, begged first prize in satriya dance, 2nd in odissi and 3rd in semi-classical dance competitions in Mohanram Mohotsav (International Multi-lingual Play, Dance, Music Contest and Festival) held in Mathura, UP.
- Ms Sumi Barman, a HS First year student of the college, has published her poetry collection "Mor Jeevan Lagari".
- A book titled "Bharat Biswar Sadharan Gyan" has been published by Moon Talukdar, a student of the college.
- Sanjib Rahang (BA 5th Sem) & Suraj Tanti (HS-1) participated in the Dusserah Utsav held in Mysore on Oct 2014.

Beyond Class Room Teaching

- In collaboration with Pahari Atma Sahayak Got, the Women's Cell celebrated International Women's Day at Arabari ME School on 8th March, 2014 with a day long programme.
- The Career Counselling and Guidance Cell has been instrumental in providing students platform to receive guidance from professional experts through organization of career camps and also by ensuring participation of students in different Youth Camps organised by different academic institutions. Under its banner, two students got sponsorship from The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), Assam Chapter for participation in YUVA MEET, 2014 held in New Delhi on 3rd and 4th Feb, 2014. A group of students also participated in the North East Graduate Congress organised by USTM in February, 2014.
- The Extension Cell of the college has organised several extension programmes in the neighbouring villages. As a part of these programmes, teaching classes by its faculty members were organised at Bornihat ME School and Markang school in the current academic year. Apart from these, an animal health camp and a plantation programme were also organised in Dikchak, the adopted village of the college. The cell has also initiated a water supply scheme and mushroom cultivation in the village.
- The Annual Meet of Sonapur College Alumni Association was held on 10th December 2013 in the college premises. The new executive body was formed in the same.

- The NSS Unit of the college has carried out a number of social welfare programmes such as repairing of road at Milanpur village, distribution of plants at Dikchak village, flower plantation programmes at Sonapur College etc. Members of the unit participated in Youth Affairs Camps in Imphal and Guwahati College.
- The NCC Unit of the college has been providing a platform to its cadets to participate in different state and national level camps. A list of the camps attended by the cadets has been given below:
 - Screening camp in Imphal (Manipur) for selection of cadets to represent NE Region in football in Oct 2013.
 - Pre-Vayu Sainik camp and Pre-Republic Day camp held in Guwahati in Sept-Oct 2013. (Ms Birina Lahkar qualified for the Pre-Vayu Sainik Camp, Bangalore and Beauty Kalita for the second round of the Republic Day Camp)
 - NCC National Games, New Delhi in Oct 2013.
 - Second round of republic day camp was attended by Ms Beauty Kalita in Nov-Dec 2013.
 - National Integration Camp cum Prime Minister's Rally, New Delhi in Jan 2014.
 - Adjacent Camp, Borjhar in July 2014.
 - Common Annual Training Camp, Imphal in Aug 2014
 - National Integration Camp, Meerut (UP) in Sept 2014.
 - All India Vayu Sainik Camp, Bangalore in Oct 2014.
 - NCC National Games, New Delhi in October, 2014.
 - Basic Leadership Camp, Dhemaji in Oct 2014.

The cadet participants of different camps brought glory to the college by winning prizes in different competitions. The cadets of Pre-Vayu Sainik Camp won prizes in Group Dance and also in Health & Hygiene category. Moreover, the participants of National Integration Camp (Meerut) won third prize in Bihu Dance and Ms Pampi Sarkar won Senior Cadet's Medal.

College Activities

Inauguration of Water Supply Scheme

The water supply scheme sponsored by Guwahati Refinery, Noonmati was inaugurated on 27th March, 2014 in the presence of refinery officials and members of Sonapur College family.

Computer Facilities to Individual Departments

Individual computer facility with N- computing and Internet has been made available to all the departments through LAN.

Summer workshop on Bhupendra Sangeet



In connection with the celebration of 88th Birth Anniversary of Music Maestro Dr Bhupen Hazarika, a summer workshop on 'Bhupendra Sangeet' was organised in the college premise on 26th & 27th august, 2014 in collaboration with Dr Bhupen Hazarika Cultural Trust to provide platform to the budding talents of the locality.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signed

In pursuance of B.Voc Degree Programmes in "Entertainment (Theatre and Stagecraft)" and "Retail Management and IT", the college has signed MOU with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Govt. of India ; Xavier Institute of Management and Information Technology (XIMIT), Guwahati and BA, Guwahati.

All Assam Inter College Debating Competition



An All Assam Inter College Debating Competition, which was held in Sonapur College for the first time on 21st January, 2014 on the topic 'The Proposed Upper House is not a Quality Addition to the Political System of Assam', was a great success with participation of 16 students from different colleges of the state. The prize money for the competition was sponsored by the family of Sinam Iboton Singh in memory of Late Sinam Uriba Singh. The chair of the speaker was graced by Dr Sunil Pawan Baruah, Rtd. Professor of B. Barooah College.

Formation of Dr Dhanjit Medhi Foundation

A public meeting was held in the college premises on 4th April, 2014 in connection with formation of Dr Dhanjit Medhi Foundation in the college.

State Level Workshop by Geography Department

The Geography department of the college, in collaboration with NEIGS, organised a state level workshop on GIS, GPRS and RS from 28th to 30th April, 2014.

Foundation Stone Laying of Women's Hostel

Taking into consideration the growing demand of accommodation of the girl students, the college laid the foundation stone of its second Women's Hostel on 20th February, 2014.

Student Research Journal Published

The college has published the first volume of the Student Research Journal "Budding Scholars: A Journal of Student Research" to provide platform to the students to carry out research in their field of interest. The first volume of the journal has published 21 research papers of its degree students.

Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture

The Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture, 2014 was held in the college premises on 1st September, 2014. Dr Nabinch Sarma, a renowned folklorist of Assam, deliberated on "Bharatar Uttar Purbanchalar Manuh aru Sanskriti: Boro Sakalar Barnadhya Sanskritik Jeevanar Bisesh Ullikhan Saha". The lecture was attended by the students, teachers, employees and also the well wishers of the college.



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

In response to the notification of UGC and Govt. of Assam, the college organised 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' on 16th October, 2014 in its college campus. The programme was a great success with participation of its students, teachers and employees.



Seminar-cum-Cultural Workshop in the College

A seminar-cum-cultural workshop, funded by Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) Kolkata entitled "River Culture (Tribal) of Brahmaputra Valley", was organised by Sonapur College on 29th March, 2014. A number of cultural troupes (tribal) gave their performances highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Digital Library (E-Shelf)

A Digital Library has been installed in the existing library campus for the benefits of the faculty members & students.

Our Loss

We deeply mourn the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Kumar Dudul Baishya, Lab. Bearer of the Dept. of Education, who left for his heavenly abode on 3rd January, 2014. Late Baishya was a sincere, honest and dedicated employee of the college.

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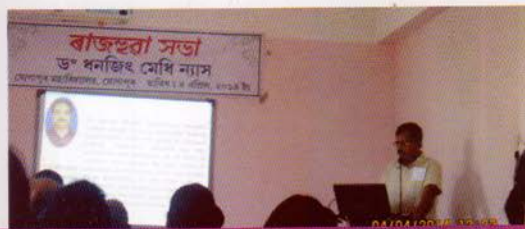
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Lau Majaw performing in Samannay Divas



Public Meeting for formation of Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Foundation



Guests of Foundation Day celebration



Road Safety Day



RELO Workshops in the College



Our NCC Cadets



A scene from Seminar cum Cultural Workshop



Community Service



College Week Celebration