



# SONAPUR COLLEGE NEWS BULLETIN

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## From the Principal's Desk

Sonapur College, one of the premier institutes of Assam is the centre of amalgamation of different culture and tribes. This College which is the result of the untiring efforts of a group of socially committed individuals has garnered national acclaim through its NIRF ranking at the 101-150 rank band. Established only in 1991, this young and vibrant institution has emerged as a forerunner in setting standards of academic excellence by being ranked at 89th position among 119 best art colleges of India in India Today – MDRA Survey. The college also had the honour of inviting the hon'ble Education Minister of Assam, Sjt. Siddhartha Bhattacharya for inaugurating a state-of-the-art library building funded by RUSA. I express heartfelt gratitude to RUSA for providing financial support to enhance the college infrastructure.



In its continuous endeavour of upgrading the academic standards and overall quality, the college is gearing up for its 3rd cycle of NAAC Assessment. The College places great importance to the academic and intellectual pursuits of teachers and students while fulfilling its burgeoning societal responsibilities. It gives me great pleasure to announce the release of the 8th edition of News Bulletin. I offer my heartfelt thanks to each and all associated with the publication of the Sonapur College News Bulletin.

Dr. Devabrot Khanikor

\*India Today Best College Survey 2019  
All India Rank: 89 (among Arts Colleges)

\*NAAC Accredited

\*Participated in NIRF ranking for the session 2019-20

## Editorial

Crafting the Sonapur College News Bulletin is like reliving the college memories of the previous academic year at a short glimpse. It has always been a matter of pride and honour to chart the various activities starting from academic, co-curricular to societal –connected to both teachers and students. It not only acts as a reminder of the immense responsibility that an education institute like Sonapur College has to bear but constantly nudges us to strive towards excellence in all spheres. Editing the Sonapur College News Bulletin has been a tasking yet invigorating one. Finally, I would like to express my earnest gratitude to the editorial board of the Bulletin, the hon'ble Principal and Vice-Principal and all the faculties of the college who have constantly guided us with beneficial inputs and suggestions while editing this bulletin.

Dr. Dipjyoti Deka



## COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

Total no. of students : 1354, Strength of the Teaching Staff: 60, Strength of the Non-Teaching Staff : 24, Streams offered : Arts, Commerce and B.Voc.

Total no. of Departments : 16 , P.G. Departments : 02 (Assamese and Geography), President of the Governing Body : Dr. Jitram Dutta, Retd. Academic Registrar, GU



## MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

### ► 29th Sonapur College Foundation Day

The 29th Sonapur College Foundation Day was organised in the college on 2nd August, 2019 in the presence of hon'ble Education Minister, Sjt. Siddhartha Bhattacharyya and MLA of East Guwahati Constituency, Sjt. Atul Bora. The new library building constructed from RUSA grants was also inaugurated by the hon'ble education minister.

### ► Prajnan

Sonapur College collaborated with Star Cement to provide coaching and career guidance class room programme to appear in competitive examination of APSC, UPSC etc. under the initiative 'PRAJNAN' with academic support from Guwahati based premier coaching institute – Civil Services Achievers' Point. An MoU was signed between Sonapur College and Star Cement on 21st September, 2019 at Press club, Guwahati in the presence of distinguished guest, Mr. Samudra Gupta Kashyap, renowned journalist and officials of Sonapur College and Star Cement. A screening examination was conducted to select eligible candidates for the coaching classes on 3rd November, 2019 in the college premises. The coaching classes were formally inaugurated in Sonapur College by esteemed guest, Sjt. Hiren Nath, IPS on 9th November, 2019. Prior to it, a Free Guidance and Orientation Programme was held for four days from 26th June to 29th June, 2019.



### ► Academic and Administrative Audit

An Academic and Administrative Audit was held in the college on 29th June, 2019 to enhance the academic and administrative performance of the college to prepare for the upcoming NAAC assessment. The audit panel included eminent educationists like Dr. Alok Kr. Buragohain, Former VC, Dibrugarh University; Dr. Budhin Gogoi, Principal, Margherita College, Assam and Dr. Ratan Barman, Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Assam University (Diphu Campus).

## OUR REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

- Sonapur College Magazine
- Sonapur College News Bulletin
- Budding Scholars
- Sona Sophia
- Research Monitoring Cell Bulletin

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

1. A two day long **ICSSR sponsored National Seminar** on 'Transformation of Rural India: Challenges towards Sustainability' organised by the Department of Geography,



Sonapur College was held on March 29 & 30, 2019. The seminar was organised in collaboration with the State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD), Assam and supported by Daffodil Nursery Old, Khetri and Assam Branch of Indian Tea Association (ABITA). Luminaries of academia across the region attended the seminar besides students, researchers, scholars and faculty members from different states of the region. The inaugural session on March 29 was presided over by eminent scholar and Professor in the department of Geography, Gauhati University, Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagabati. The key-note address was delivered by Dr. Amiya Kumar Sarma, Executive Director of Rashtriya Gramin Vikash Nidhi (RGVN) Guwahati. The seminar was formally inaugurated by Professor Haren Sarma, Retired Head of the Department of Geography, Gauhati University. The session was also addressed by Sri Pabitra Kalita, Deputy Director of State institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD), Assam and Dr. Nikhil Kumar, Education Officer, UGC, NERO.

2. A two day long **ICSSR sponsored National Seminar** on 'Ethnicity, Identity and Politics: Quest for Peace and Development', was organised by the Dept. of Political Science, Sonapur college on 1st and 2nd Nov, 2019. A total of 85 research papers were presented in 11 technical sessions in the two days. It was formally inaugurated by the VC of Gauhati University, Prof. Pratap Jyoti Handique. The inaugural session was addressed by Prof. Akhil Ranjan Dutta, Dept. of Political Science, Gauhati University and Dr. Dilip Kr. Kalita, Director, Anundoram Barooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture (ABILAC). In the plenary session, Dr. Sanjoy Borbora, Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati on the topic 'How Ethnic are the "Conflict" in North East India?

3. The Department of Geography organized a daylong **Student's Exchange Programme** with Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College, Guwahati on 4th September 2019, where in 24 Geography Major Course students attended in four technical sessions along with the students of host college. At the end of the programme an interactive session was held where in the Dr. Devabrot Khanikor, Principal Sonapur College and Dr. Shikhamoni Knowar, Principal, K.H.S. College attended as Guest of Honour.



4. A Talk on 'Preservation and Making of Manuscript in Sanchipat' was organised by the Dept. of History on 11th February, 2019 with a scholarly deliberation from Shri Hari Narayan Konwar. It was attended by the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college.

5. The Dept. of English in association with ELTAI, Assam chapter organised a [workshop on 'Language Skills for English Classroom'](#) for high school level English teachers of Dimoria on 15th February, 2019. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Barnali Bhuyan, Associate Prof., KRB Girls' College and Dr. Malashi Choudhury, Asst. prof., North Guwahati College.



6. A [student oriented workshop](#) on 'Advanced Writing Skills' for HS final year students was organised by the Department of English for 05 days. It was inaugurated on 10th June, 2019 by the resource person, Dr. Mizu Prova Borah, Deputy Director, SCRT, Assam.

7. A [Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Right \(IPR\)'](#) was organised on 27th June 2019 by the IQAC, Sonapur College. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Siddharth

## TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Dr. Sinam Iboton Singh, Associate Professor of Mathematics has been awarded with [Ph.D. Degree](#) by the Dept. of Mathematics, Gauhati University for his thesis 'A Study of some Magneto Hydro-Dynamics (MHD) Convective Flow Problems'.

2. Dr. Bhanita Nath, Assistant Professor of Assamese has been awarded with [Ph.D. Degree](#) by the Dept. of Assamese, Gauhati University for her thesis 'Mamoni Raisom Goswami aru Nabaneeta Devsenar Upanyasar Nari Charitra: Ek Tulanamulak Adhyayan'.

3. Gitanjali Basumatary, Assistant Professor of Dept. of English has been awarded the [JRF by UGC](#).

4. Suman Roy, Assistant Professor of Commerce, has been awarded with the national award '[Teacher Innovation Award](#)' by Ministry of MHRD, Government of India.

## STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Ms Purabi Koch, a student having major in Geography has secured [First Class third position](#) in the TDC Final examination, 2019 under Gauhati University. Ms. Koch also bagged the Best Graduate of the College Award offered by the Governing Body of the College which contains a cash award of Rs. 3000 and a certificate.



2. The student team of the college was awarded with [1st prize in the cultural procession and champion in the girls kabaddi competition in the sixth N.E. Graduate Congress](#) organised by USTM from 15th to 17th Feb 2019. The team also received award for maintenance of discipline and active participation in the programme.

3. A group of four post graduate third semester students of Geography, namely, Nayan Prasad Bora, Dipankar Debasarma, Saswati Kashyap and Liza Bhuyan were adjudged as [second runners-up in the Seminar Paper Presentation Competition](#) organized by B. Borooah College, Guwahati in connection with the Youth Conclave-2019, held on September 14.

4. The Sonapur College boys and girls teams clinched the titles of first [G.U Intercollege Kho-Kho Championship](#) held at Jagiroad college on 29th and 30th January, 2019. The best player (boys) and the best player (girls) awards were also bagged by the students of the college.

5. The Sonapur College Magazine was awarded the [2nd prize](#) in the G.U Literary Festival.

6. A group of students represented the college in the [model making competition](#) organised at Centre of Plasma Physics Institute for Plasma research and was awarded with 2nd prize.

7. Sonapur college received 1st prize in Drama and College magazine competitions along with 2nd in clay modelling and best team in discipline category at the [G.U Youth Festival \(Central Zone\) 2018-19](#) at Suren Das College, Hajo in April 2019.

8. Shri Dipjyoti Das, a student of the college won 3rd prize in the [All Assam Inter-College Jayanta Sangeet Competition](#) held in Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia college on 3rd October, 2019.

9. The [best college award](#) was bagged by Sonapur college in Inter Dimoria Youth festival held on 9th and 10th November, 2019.

10. The Sonapur college students team was awarded with 2nd prize in college magazine and drama categories in [G.U Inter-college Youth festival](#) held from 1st – 4th Sept, 2019.





## COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

### NAAC Sponsored Workshop

A NAAC Sponsored Workshop was organised by the IQAC of Sonapur College on the 4th June, 2019 in the college on the topic 'Revised Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Framework and Compilation of Self Study Report (SSR)'. The occasion was graced by four distinguished scholars and experts in NAAC affairs from three universities as resource persons-Dr. Jyotiprakash Tamuli, Professor, Department of Linguistics, and former coordinator of IQAC, Gauhati University; Dr. Utpal Sarma, Professor, Department of Instrumentation & USIC and the coordinator of IQAC, Gauhati University; Dr. Dhruva Kr. Bhattacharyya, Dean Academic Affairs and Director, IQAC, Tezpur University and Dr. Kalyan Bhuyan, Prof. Department of Physics and Director, IQAC, Dibrugarh University. There were 103 participants in the workshop which included 2 Principals, 22 Co-ordinators of IQAC, 2 Assistant Co-ordinators and 66 faculty members representing 30 different colleges of the state.



### Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Annual Lecture

Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Annual Lecture was organised on 7th September 2019 on the topic 'Ekobingsa Xatika : Pratyasa aru Upalabdhi'. The occasion was graced by the DGP of Assam Police, Sjt. Kuladhar Saikia as the speaker. The speaker particularly addressed the students in his speech. His lecture was followed by the staging of the play 'Bhumikanya' by the students of B.Voc TSC which won the 2nd prize in G.U Youth festival.

### College Week

The 28th Annual College Week was celebrated from 4th to 8th February, 2019 which was flagged off by a cultural rally and followed by a host of cultural, sports and literary competitions. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Sunita Changkakoti, Principal, ASCPCR, Guwahati, Assam. Smt. Damayanti Boro, an alumni of Sonapur College and Coach, SAI, Assam was felicitated on the occasion.

### Freshers' Social

The Freshers' Social function was held on 6th August, 2019 with a day long programme. The guests of honour for the function was Mr. Dipak Sarma, News editor, Prag News and renowned singer Ms. Subasana Datta.

### Bishnu Rabha Divas

The Dept of Assamese celebrated Bishnu Rabha Divas on 20th June, 2019 at the college premises with a variety of student oriented programmes.

### International Women's Day



The Women's Cell of Sonapur College with SCTU jointly organised the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2019. Ms. Julie Boruah, renowned writer graced the occasion as the chief guest. Ms. Chitra Das, a social worker of Sonapur was felicitated on the occasion.

### Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti

The students of Sonapur College observed the Gandhi Jayanti by planting tree saplings in the college premises in collaboration with a Guwahati based NGO, Samikhya-The Strength.

### Samannay Divas

Samannay Divas – the 93rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was celebrated on 8th September, 2019 with students performing to pay their tribute to the great maestro like the previous years

### Hindi Divas

Hindi Divas was celebrated by the college on 21st September, 2019. The topic of discussion was 'Jai Shankar Prasad: Krita Sahitya ki Vividh Adhyay'. The occasion was graced by Dr. Amulya Chandra Barman, Retd. Professor of Dept. Of Hindi, Cotton University and Gauhati University.

### Mental Health Awareness cum Screening Camp

A Mental Health Awareness cum Screening Camp under District Mental Health Program was organised on 6th May, 2019 by the Dept of Psychiatry, District Hospital, Sonapur in collaboration with the Dept of Education Sonapur College.

### Technical Theatre Workshop

A technical theatre workshop was organised under National School of Drama in collaboration with Asom Natya Sanmilian and Sonapur College on the occasion of World Drama Day on 27th March to 5th April, 2019. It was inaugurated by Sjt. Dulal Roy, recipient of Sangeet Natak Award. The total number of participants in the programme was 30.





## Health Awareness Campaign

A health awareness programme was organised by Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, Assam in collaboration with Sonapur College on 3rd June, 2019 in which the students were addressed with health issues by Dr. Anita Roy Saha, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and Dr. Anil Chaudhuri from JSA, Assam.

## Students Sensitisation Programme

A students sensitisation programme on cleanliness was organised on 12th March, 2019 by the Department of TTM in collaboration with Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), Shillong under Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The resource persons in the programme were Ms. Sabrina Lyngdoh and Mr. Chandan Nath. A Swachhata Pledge was undertaken by all the participants of the programme.

## Awareness Programme on Burn Injuries

An awareness programme on burn injuries was organised on the topic 'Burn Accident: Duties and Responsibilities of Students' on 29th August, 2019 in collaboration with Burn Care Unit of Nemcare Hospital, Guwahati. A talk was delivered by Dr. Bhupendra Prasad Sarmah, MS, Senior Consultant Surgeon, Nemcare, Guwahati.

## Vivekananda Memorial Workshop

A workshop to commemorate the teachings and ideals of Swami Vivekananda was organised on 29th October, 2019 by Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati in Sonapur College in which students from Dimoria and Sonapur College participated.

## Activities of NCC Unit

The Unit has been instrumental in providing a platform to the college students to participate in state and national level camps. Mahendra Boro, and Biswajit Boro, NCC cadets of Sonapur College 50 (Assam) Air Wing H.S 1st year participated in the 70th Republic Day parade in Delhi. The 50 (Assam) Air Wings NCC has won the 2nd prize in the parade organised on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day celebration at Sonapur Mini Stadium.



## Activities of NSS Unit

The NSS Unit of the college has been actively involved in different extensional activities. A Swachhata Bharat Abhiyan was carried out at Dikchak, the adopted village of the college on 22nd November, 2019. The Unit has an active participation in maintaining social responsibilities of the college.

## CAREER COUNSELLING CELL ACTIVITIES

1. A 'Job Fair' was organised in the college by Sonapur College in collaboration with ICA, Panbazar on 24th April, 2019. Around 100 students participated in the job fair where companies like AXIS, Zomato Media Pvt. Ltd, Jana Small Finance Bank, Easy Buy, Eureka Forbes Ltd. etc. came in search of prospective recruits.



2. A recruitment drive was organised by the Career Counselling and Placement Cell in which O2 Spa and Salon, a noted wellness brand participated on 31st May, 2019. A total of 5 candidates were selected out of which Pinki Deka FROM B. Voc. TTM joined the post of Front Office Executive at Kolkata International Airport.

3. A 02 day Championship Programme was held on 25th and 26th October, 2019 in collaboration with D.C Crackers, Gurgaon and IIT, Kanpur. The resource person for the programme was Mr. Niyaz Quraishi.

4. A Free Guidance and Orientation Programme for Civil Services was organised for 04 days from 26th June – 29th June, 2019. It was inaugurated by Ms. Shewali Choudhury, Retd. Director of RBI, North East Zone in the presence of officials of Star Cement and Sonapur College. More than 100 students were present in the programme throughout. This initiative was towards taking an extensive coaching programme for civil service aspirants of the region.



5. The first extensive coaching programmes for 05 months under 'PRAJNAN' started from 9th November, 2019.

## EDUCATIONAL TOURS

A group of students from Sonapur College visited Rajasthan from 6th to 13th January which was funded by Govt. of Assam. A number of educational tours for students were organised to different places in and around Assam as part of the academic curriculum. These trips were partially funded by the state government.



## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1. Department of English conducted extension programme at Sankardev Sishu Vidya Niketan on 24th January, 2019 followed by a [peer teaching programme](#) at Nartap High School on 1st February, 2019. Another extension education programme was organised at Kamarkuchi High School on 3rd December, 2019 for the HSCL appearing students.

2. A [plantation programme](#) was organised by Sonapur college in collaboration with Sankardev Sishu Bidya Niketan, Sonapur to create awareness among students regarding environmental issues.

3. Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Foundation of the college organised [Interschool Prize Money Quiz Competition](#) on 4th April, 2018 at Gyanjyoti High School, Sonapur to commemorate the death anniversary of Dr. Dhanjit Medhi. Dipankar Kashyap was invited to be the Quiz master for the competition where students from classes IX and X participated.



4. An [extension education programme](#) was organised at Hahara Anchalik Junior College, Hahara by the Sonapur College Extension Cell and the Philosophical Society of the college as part of the annual extension programme on 20th June, 2019.

5. An [extension education programme](#) by Dept. of Education on the topic 'Self Awareness and Personal Development' was held at Rewa Maheswari High School, Mitoni on 26th November, 2019. The resource person was Dr. Ritamoni Talukdar, dept. of Psychology, G.U.

6. The Department of B.Voc TTM organised an [environmental awareness programme](#) at Nartap M.E School on 21st September, 2019 in which a quiz competition for the students of the school was conducted. The students of the department also enacted a skit on environmental awareness in the school premises. The students of Nartap M.E School also displayed their skills in singing, poem recitation etc. in the programme.



## NEW CERTIFICATE COURSES



The college has initiated two new certificate courses on 'Yoga' and 'Home Gardening', the first batches of which have successfully completed the courses.



## ALUMNI DIARY

The departments of the college have successfully organised departmental alumni meets with a view to form departmental alumni committees to eventually constitute the new Alumni Association of the college.

Mr. Moon Talukdar, the current General Secretary (G.S) of Post Graduate Students Union of G.U. was awarded with the Mahatma Gandhi National Award for the Best Leader of the year by State Social Justice Commission.

## PARENT - TEACHER MEET

Parent-Teacher meetings were organised by the various departments of the college which were attended by parents, teachers and students, and representatives of the College authorities in order to ensure collaborative effort between all parties for the all round development of the students and also of the college as a whole.



## OUR LOSS

Sonapur College family condoles the death of Late Taburam Taid, noted educationist. He was the former President of Sonapur College Governing Body.





Felicitation of Ms. Damayanti Bodo during College Week



Inauguration of new College Library



Report sharing of Academic & Administrative Audit



MoU signing with CSAP for PRAJNAN



Donation of podium to Sonapur Sahitya Sabha



02 Days Championship Programme



Dr. Mizu Prova Borah addressing students



Dept. of TTM in World Tourism Day at Kalakshetra





Release of Sonapur College News Bulletin 2018



Visit of RUSA official from MHRD, New Delhi



Talk on Preservation and making of Manuscript in Sanchipat



Energy Conservation Workshop-Saksham at the College



Oath Taking of SCSU 2019-2020



Cleanliness drive by NSS unit & students



Farewell to Ms. Dipa Kakoti, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education



Students' Excursion to Rajasthan