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From the Principal's Desk

The untiring journey of glorious 25 years of Sonapur College has inspired its students to prove their excellence in both academic and extra-curricular domains. The college no doubt has instilled in its stake-holders the feeling that we have lived up to our cherished dreams. A good academic and research ambience has always been a priority for the college. The annual agenda of the college includes regular publication of books and journals. Organization of seminars, workshops, talks etc has proved extremely helpful for the students of the college. The community participation programmes have helped the college to realize the dreams the founders of the college had seen. Remarkable progress in terms of infrastructural facilities will certainly help the college to achieve its desired goal. The newly introduced UGC sponsored B.Voc. programmes have added feathers to the academic progress of the college. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centre for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood (DDU KAUSHAL) is a step towards expansion of the scope for vocational education.

The accreditation of NAAC with 'B' grade (CGPA of 2.58) for the 2nd Cycle of Assessment is one of the commendable efforts and dedication of the stake holders of the college.

The news bulletin of the college is, therefore, a serious effort to display the true image of the institution to the outer world. My heartfelt thanks go to each and everyone associated with the release of the 4th volume of the Sonapur College News Bulletin.

Editorial

Sonapur College News Bulletin has stepped into its fourth edition during the silver jubilee celebration year 2015-16. The college has been assessed and accredited by NAAC with 'B' grade (CGPA of 2.58), an indicator of incessant success in achieving the goals and objectives of the college. This has brought laurel to this premier institute of higher education. The college, in its 25 years of glorious journey, has shouldered the responsibilities of enfolded the necessary changes pertaining to teaching, research and extension from a global perspective. Betterment of students as well as the society has always been a priority for the institution. This news bulletin is a serious effort to showcase the year-long activities that stand a testimony to the teaching-learning environment of the college. Thanks and gratitude is 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.

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Highlights of Programmes Organised as Part of Silver Jubilee Celebration

- August 2nd and 3rd, 2015: Silver Jubilee Inaugural Programme.
- August 27th & 28th, 2015: UGC sponsored national seminar on "English Language Teaching in India: Problems and Prospects" organised by Department of English in collaboration with XIMIT, Guwahati.
- September 15th & 16th, 2015: UGC sponsored national seminar on "Environment and Development" organised by Department of Geography in collaboration with NEIGS, GU, Guwahati.
- Academic and other activities

HS & TDC Final Results

Course	Total Appeared	Total Pass	Pass %	First Dvn./First Class
H.S. Final (Arts)	258	143	56%	09
H.S. Final (Commerce)	42	34	81%	09
B.A. Major	82	77	93.9%	23
B.A. General	15	10	66.7%	-
B. Com. Major	20	20	100%	02
B. Com. General	13	10	76.9%	-

Silver Jubilee Celebration of the College

The inaugural function of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the college was held on 2nd and 3rd August, 2015 with a variety of programmes organised on the occasion. The function marked the beginning of the year-long celebration to commemorate the glorious journey of the college. The Inaugural Ceremony began with the hoisting of 25 Silver Jubilee Flags by the noted founders and well-wishers of the college. The newly constructed college gate, donated by the founder Vice President of the Governing Body Sjt. Sambar Rongpi, was inaugurated on the first day of the inaugural function by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bora, the honourable President of Asom Sahitya Sabha. The function was also graced by Sjt. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare & Sports, Govt. of India. The Indoor Stadium of the college was inaugurated by Sjt. Sarbananda Sonowal. In the open session that followed, the guests of honour addressed the students, teachers, employees and well-wishers of the college. A colourful cultural programme was also organised in the evening. A number of noted artists of the state gave their performances on the occasion. The congregation of the founders and the Alumni of the college made the occasion more meaningful. The second day of the function marked the inauguration of 'Mini Theatre Hall' and 'Computer Lab' constructed in tune with the newly started B. Voc programmes in the college. Dr. Mridul Hazarika and Dr. Dhrubajyoti Saikia, Vice-Chancellors of Gauhati University and Cotton College State University respectively graced as the inaugurators. Two books authored by Dr. Bipul Borah, Vice-Principal and Dr. Nizara Hazarika, Associate Professor of English and one Proceeding Volume of a National Seminar were also released on this occasion. The two days' inauguration function came to an end with a colourful cultural evening performed by a galaxy of artists including the local ones.



NAAC Peer Team Visit to the College



The NAAC peer team comprising of Chairman Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University; Member Co-ordinator Prof. Naresh Kumar, Professor, Dept. of Management Studies, Kurukshetra University and Member Dr. M. Naga Raju, Former Principal, Silver Jubilee Govt. College, Kurnool, visited the college during 27-29 October, 2014 in response to the invitation for Assessment and Accreditation of the institution. After assessment of the available facilities, services, programmes and performances of the college, the members of the team were all praise of the pioneering role the college has been playing since the day of its inception to provide its students a good learning environment and opportunities to develop quality to be a human resource. The team also had interaction with the alumni and other stake-holders of the college. During their visit to Dikchak, the adopted village of the college, the members of the Peer team praised the support extended by the college. The college has been awarded with 'B' grade (CGPA of 2.58), an indicator of constant improvement from its previous 'C++' grade. The college family is greatly elated to have been awarded with this grade in its 2nd cycle of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation.

Teachers' achievements

- » Dr. Runu Kalita, Associate Prof. of Assamese has been awarded with Ph.D. degree by the Gauhati University for her thesis entitled "Nabakanta Baruar Rasanat Loka-Sanskritik Upadan".
- » Dr. Pallavi Deka, Assistant Prof. of Political Science against Lien vacancy has been awarded with Ph.D. degree by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for her thesis entitled "Floods in Bangladesh and Indian state Assam: a systemic study on politics of relief".
- » Dr. Nizara Hazarika was awarded a scholarship by the United Nations-India Education Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi to conduct a workshop on "Active, Autonomous and Lifelong English Learning" in the 20th NELTA International Conference at Kathmandu, Nepal from February 17-19, 2015.
- » Doli Thakuria, Asstt. Professor of Education, has been granted a Minor Research Project by the UGC on the topic "Self-concept of Hearing Impaired Children in Greater Guwahati, Assam".
- » Rumi Doloi and Bhanita Nath, Assistant Professors of Assamese, have edited a book entitled "Asomiya Bhasha Sahityat Alokpat"- a collection of articles reflecting Assamese language and literature written by faculty members of the Department of Assamese of the college.

- » Dr. Nizara Hazarika published a book "Colonial Assam and Women's Writing" published by Authors press, New Delhi, May, 2015.
- » A book titled "English Language Teaching in India: Problems and Prospects", edited by Dr. Nizara Hazarika and published by the National Seminar Organising Committee, Dept. of English and Olympia Prakashan Guwahati was released in August, 2015.
- » An edited anthology "Social Equity and Sustainable Development" edited by Dr. Nizara Hazarika and Dr. Biman Patowary was published by the Publication Sub-Committee of Sonapur College Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee and Olympia Prakashan, Guwahati in August, 2015.
- » Dr. Bipul Borah published a book entitled "Economic Appraisal of Orange Cultivation: Application of Agricultural and Financial Economics" published by Tech Ed, Guwahati in August 2015.

Students' Achievements

- » The Girls' Kabaddi Team of Sonapur College was adjudged the Runners Up in the Gauhati University Youth Festival organised by Nalbari College.



- » Moon Talukdar, a student of TDC III Semester of the College, has brought laurels to the College. Some of the awards that he received during the year are:

- * Best Debater in the Sanskriti 2015 organised by Asian Institute of Management and Technology, Guwahati.
- * Best Debater in Inter Dimoria Debating Competition 2015 organised by Dimoria College.
- * Best Debater in the Gauhati University Inter College Youth Festival 2015.
- * Best Team in the 41st Naren Sarma Memorial All Assam Inter College Debating Competition organised by DKD College, Dergaon.

College Activities

All Assam Inter College Debating Competition

The second All Assam Inter College Debating Competition was held on 28th January, 2015 on the topic "In the opinion of the house: Lack of positive thinking towards nation building process is solely responsible for ethnic clashes in Assam". It was a great success with



participation of different colleges of the state. The prize money for the competition was sponsored by the family of Sinamlboton Singh, Associate Professor in Mathematics of the college in memory of his father Late Sinam Uribha Singh. Sjt. Udayaditya Bharali, Former Principal of Cotton College, graced the chair of the speaker. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of the competition were won by Samujjal Dutta of DKD College, Jintu Gohain of Assam School of Journalism and Rajib Bhagawati of Gauhati University respectively. The best and second best team awards went to Cotton College and Hojai College respectively.

Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture



The Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Annual Lecture, 2015 was held in the college premises on 1st September, 2015. Dr. Arup Kr. Misra, Director, Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC) and Ms. Birubala Rabha, a crusader against witch hunting, graced the occasion as guests of honour. Dr. Misra deliberated on the topic "Bigyan Manasikata aru Aamar Samaj". The memorial lecture was inaugurated by Ms. Birubala Rabha. The lecture was attended by the students, teachers, employees and also the well wishers of the college.

Students' Workshop by Department of Education

The Department of Education organised a students' workshop on the topic "Methods on Project Writing" on 13th October, 2015 at the college premises. The chair of the resource person was graced by Dr. Seema Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Gauhati University. The workshop was greatly beneficial for the students as writing of project papers is an important component of the semester syllabus. Dr. Kalita's deliberation was followed by an interactive session in which the students participated in large number.

DDU Kaushal Kendra

With a view to expand the scope of vocational education on a larger scale and to a newer level by offering courses beyond B.Voc degree, the UGC has introduced the DeenDayalUpadhyay Centre for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood (DDU KAUSHAL) in universities and colleges recently. The University Grants Commission has granted the status of the DDU KAUSHAL Kendra to Sonapur College, the only college under Gauhati University amongst the 48 HE institutions across the country. Under the scheme the UGC has approved the B.Voc Degree Programmes on 'Theatre & Stagecraft', 'Retail Management & IT' and 'Travel & Tourism Management' with facilities for multiple exits in one year with Diploma, two years with Advanced Diploma and three years with B.Voc. Degree.

UGC Funded B. Voc. Degree Programmes

The college has introduced new courses namely B. Voc. Degree programmes in 'Theatre & Stagecraft' and 'Retail Management & IT' under financial assistance from UGC. A theatre hall and a computer laboratory with state of the art facility have been set-up for the purpose.

Beyond Classroom

Professional Development Programme on Cultural Diversity



The College organised a Professional Development Programme on "Youth Development in the Context of a Global and Diverse Society" on 24th February, 2015 in collaboration with Pathan Hazarika Charitable Trust, Guwahati. Dr.Keith G. Diem, Professor & Assistant Director, Special Initiatives, University of Florida/IFAS Extension participated as the resource person and the programme was attended by the invited teachers from the neighbouring Colleges and the students.

College Week

The 24th Annual College Week was celebrated from January 30-February 4, 2015. The students participated in large numbers and showcased their extracurricular potentialities.

Girls' National Child-Week Celebration

The College organised a programme to commemorate the Girls' National Child-week Celebration on 31st January, 2015 in association with SMILE, UNICEF.

Book Fair by National Book Trust

The National Book Trust had organised a Book fair in the College premises from February 2-4, 2015. The Book fair proved to be very helpful for students, teachers as well as the local people.

Financial Aid to Mission Birubala



On the occasion of Dr Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture held on 1st September, 2015, an amount of Rs 15,000/ (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) was donated to Ms Birubala Rabha, the founder of Mission Birubala, a crusade against witch hunting.

Fresher's Social

To welcome the newcomers to the College, the college organised the Fresher's Social on 8th August, 2015. Like the previous years, this year also renowned personalities from different fields were also invited to provide the students of the college a platform to interact with the guests on different issues.

Other activities of the college at a Glance

Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5th September, 2015 with students participating in large number and felicitating the teachers of the college. The students' union of the college took the initiative to make the programme a success.



SCSU Election

The general election of the Sonapur College Students' Union was held on 11th September, 2015 with students contesting in all the portfolios including that of the President for which election was held for the first time.

Activities of NCC Unit



The NCC Unit, since the day of its inception in the college, has provided a platform to the students to participate in state and national level camps and get exposure to the outer world. The NCC 1st Assam Battalion of the college has started functioning from the session 2015-16. NCC cadets of Sonapur College participated in the prestigious Republic Day Parade at Jan Path, New Delhi on 26th January, 2015. Our Cadets of 50 Air Wings were also successful in receiving prizes in cultural event for North East Directorate in the All India Vayu Sainik Camp(AIVSC) at Bangalore, Oct. 2015.

Celebration of Hindi Divas

The Department of Hindi celebrated the Hindi Divas on 14th September, 2015. As a part of the celebration, a seminar paper was presented by Jimi Kathar, a student of 5th Semester on the topic "Bartaman Bharat mein Hindi ki Sthiti". A drama titled "Beti Bachao Beti Parhao" was staged by the Hindi major students. An Extempore Speech competition was held on the occasion.

Community Development Programme by NSS Unit

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. The Unit also organised a



Community Development Program at Dikchak village. In this occasion, Dr.DevabrotKhanikor, Principal of the college, addressed the gathering on issues related to health, education, mushroom cultivation, vermiculture etc. Dr. Biman Patowary, Co-ordinator of IQAC, also deliberated on the occasion. Members of the unit had an active participation in the inaugural function of Silver Jubilee Celebration.

UGC Sponsored National Seminars Organised



- » Seminar on English Language Teaching in India: Problems and prospects: The Department of English organised a National Seminar on 'English Language Teaching in India: Problems and Prospects' on August 27&28, 2015 in collaboration with Xavier Institute of management and Technology (XIMIT). Academicians and Scholars from all over the country participated in the seminar. The proceeding volume of the Seminar was also released in the Inaugural Session of the Seminar.



- » Seminar on Environment and Development: The Department of Geography organised a National Seminar on "Environment and Development" on September 15& 16, 2015 in collaboration with North East India Geographical Society (NEIGS). Renowned geographers from all over the Country participated and deliberated on the specific topics.

Educational Tours by the Departments

- » The department of History of Sonapur College organised a field trip on 2nd March, 2015 to study various religious sites of Dimoria area. All the Faculty members of the department of History and the students of VI Semester participated in the field trip.
- » The department of English of Sonapur College organised an exposure tour for its Major students. As a part of the educational trip, the students were taken to the North East Hill University (NEHU) and were taken to the Library where the students were made to skim through the books and journals. Then they were taken to the Don Bosco Museum.
- » The department of Assamese organised an educational tour to Sivasagar for its major students. As a part of the tour, they visited the various sites of historical importance.
- » The department of Geography organised an educational tour to Kolkata and Digha for its 3rd Semester major students. As a part of the tour the students were made to make an extensive household sample survey and based on which they prepared a report on "Socio Economic Field Study of Fishing Communities near the Coastal areas of Digha."

Our Regular Publications

- » Sona Sophia: Faculty Research Journal
- » Budding Scholars: Student Research Journal
- » Sonapur College Magazine
- » Sonapur College News Bulletin
- » Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture Series
- » RMC Bulletin

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Photo Gallery



NAAC Peer Team visiting Dikchak, the adopted village of the college



Mushroom cultivation initiated by the college at Dikchak



Dr. Mridul Hazarika, VC, Gauhati University inaugurating the mini theatre hall in the college



"Social Equity and Sustainable Development" released during inaugural function of silver jubilee celebration



Sjt. Dhrubajyoti Bora, President of Asom Sahitya Sabha inaugurating the College Gate donated by Sjt. Sambar Rongpi



Our NCC cadets with fellow cadets during the prestigious Republic Day Parade at Jan path, New Delhi on 26 January 2015



Faculty members of ELTI of Symbiosis, Pune conducting workshop during National Seminar organised by Dept. of English



Giving Farewell to Sjt. Kanak Ch. Haloi, Former President of Sonapur College Governing Body

Photo Gallery



Samannay Divas observed at the College



Our Cadets receiving prize in cultural event for North East Directorate in the All India Vayu Sainik Camp(AIVSC) at Bangalore, Oct. 2015



Newly inaugurated Mini Theatre Hall of the College



Dr. Dhruvajyoti Saikia, VC, Cotton College State University inaugurating the Computer Laboratory



"English Language Teaching in India: Problems and Prospects" released on the occasion of inaugural function of silver jubilee celebration



Sjt. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Welfare & Sports, Govt. of India, inaugurating the indoor stadium of the college



"Economic Appraisal of Orange Cultivation: Application of Agricultural and Financial Economics" released during the inaugural function of silver jubilee celebration



Faculty members of the college performing in the cultural evening of the inaugural function of silver jubilee celebration