



SONAPUR COLLEGE NEWS BULLETIN

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From the Principal's Desk

Sonapur College which is a pioneer institute of the state has celebrated its Silver Jubilee in the academic year 2015-16. The glorious journey of the college started with the admission of its first batch of a few students only in the stream of Arts in 1991. The college is currently offering not only the Arts and Commerce courses at H.S. and Degree levels, but also B.Voc course in Retail & IT; Theatre and Stage Craft and Travel and Tourism Management under the newly introduced DDU KAUSHAL Kendra. In the changing contemporary context, Sonapur College needs a shared vision for creating ecologically literate, professionally competent and socially responsible citizens. The manifold activities performed as part of the college's annual agenda serve to realize the goals of the college. The college has made an untiring effort to see its dreams come true.

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 5th volume of the Sonapur College News Bulletin.

Editorial

Sonapur College News Bulletin has completed 5 years of its journey in line with the celebration of silver jubilee by the college. The colourful closing ceremony that lasted for three days, i.e. 17th, 18th and 19th November, 2017 reminded us of the ever-increasing responsibility of documenting the manifold academic and allied activities of the college in different forms. The news bulletin has always served this purpose in an effective way. The year-long activities of the college find a meaningful documentation in the pages of the bulletin. This present issue of the news bulletin encompasses the most eventful year of the college history as it is going to reflect the activities that culminate the 25 years of the glorious journey of the college. A sincere effort has therefore been made to record the teaching-learning environment of the college along with research and extension works from a global perspective. We acknowledge the support and co-operation received from all the esteem members of the Editorial Board, the honourable Principal and Vice-Principal of the college in this regard.

Dr Mani Ram Kalita
 Dr Nizara Hazarika
 Mr Dipjyoti Deka



Our Publications

- » **Identity: Critical Perspectives:** A publication edited by Dr. Nizara Hazarika to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Sonapur College was inaugurated on 18th November, 2016 by Patricia Mukhim, Editor, Shillong Times.
- » **Natyalochna:** A collection of articles on Assamese, English and Hindi drama edited by Dr. Mani Ram Kalita on the occasion of Sonapur College Silver Jubilee Celebration 2015-16 was inaugurated by Samudra Gupta Kashyap, Bureau Chief of North East India, The Indian Express.
- » **Prajnya Alok:** A Souvenir published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Closing Ceremony edited by Dr. Mani Ram Kalita and Dr. Nizara Hazarika and inaugurated by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Honourable Education Minister of Assam.
- » **Culture and Social Values: Quest for Sustainability in a Market Driven Society:** An anthology of research papers edited by Dr. Mridusmita Mahanta and published on the occasion of UGC sponsored National Seminar held on 23rd and 24th September, 2016. It was inaugurated by Dr. Annada Charan Bhagawati, Former VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.
- » **Challenges of Environment and Development in North East India:** A proceeding volume of the National Seminar organised by the Department of Geography and edited by Dr. Biman Patowary was published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee closing ceremony.
- » **Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in India: Problems and Prospects:** A proceeding volume of the National Seminar organised by the Department of Economics and edited by Dr. Bipul Borah and Dr. Prasanta Saikia was published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee closing ceremony.
- » **Lokasanskriti Bichitra: Kiso Tatwa Kiso Tathya:** A book by Dr. Birendranath Datta was published by the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee on the occasion of Silver Jubilee closing ceremony.
- » **Lokasanskriti Subash:** A book by Mrulidhar Das was published by the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee on the occasion of Silver Jubilee closing ceremony.
- » **Budding Scholars:** A regular journal of Student Research edited by Dr. Nizara Hazarika and Dr. Gitima Kalita.
- » **Sona Sophia:** A faculty research Journal is a regular publication of the college published by Sonapur College Teachers' Unit. The present volume was edited by Doli Thakuria, Assistant Professor of Education of the college and was inaugurated by Tuaram Khanikor, retired Professor of Swahid Maniram Dewan Mahavidyalay, Charing.
- » **Sonapur College News Bulletin** is a regular publication where annual activities of the college get published.
- » **Sonapur College Magazine** is published annually by the college. The magazine serves a platform to the students as well as the teachers to express their literary bent of mind.
- » **Teachers' Directory** was published on the occasion of Silver Jubilee closing ceremony by Sonapur College Teachers' Unit.

Silver Jubilee Closing Ceremony At a Glance

The closing Ceremony of the Silver Jubilee Celebration began on 17th November, 2017 with a three day long programme with hoisting of the college flag by Dr Devabrot Khanikor and the Silver Jubilee Flag by Sjt. Sambar Rongpee, working President of the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee. At the same time to mark the twenty five years of the college twenty five flags were hoisted by twenty five veteran personalities who were associated with the college from its inception. To show reverence and gratitude towards the helmsmen of the college, the lamping of light was conducted by the veteran social worker Sjt Rakhal Kalita of Sonapur. The most attractive event of the celebration was the colourful procession taken out by the students, faculty of the college, students from neighbouring schools, different ethnic groups of the locality and huge gathering of well wishers of the college. The procession was inaugurated by Sjt Atul Bora, local MLA and one of the helmsmen of the college. A felicitation function was organised to confer gratitude to some of the founders of the college. A total no of 41 renowned personalities were felicitated in the function. The cultural function in the evening was sponsored by ICCR along with Sand Animation by Mr Diganta Madhur Goswami. The second day's major event was the inauguration of the Teacher's Corner by Dr Ramesh Chandra Deka, VC of Down Town University. The public meeting was honoured by the Education Minister of Govt of Assam Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Local MLA Sjt Atul Bora, Honorable Journalist of Shillong Times Padmashree Patricia Mukhim, Journalist from Indian Express Sjt Samudra Gupta Kashyap. Five books published by the college were inaugurated in the meeting. The evening was enlightened by the cultural function of the Alumni and the present students and the performance of Band of Brothers by the internationally acclaimed flute player Dipak Sarma. The celebration of the concluding day was honoured by the Honourable Chief Minister of Assam Sjt Sarbananda Sonowal, VC of Srimanta Sankardev University, Dr Kandarpa Kumar Deka; Honorable PWD Minister of Assam Sjt. Parimal Suklabaidya; Local MLA Sjt Atul Bora; Dr. Hariprasad Sarma, Rector, GU; Honourable Nrityachariya Padmashree Jatin Goswami; Dr. Biswajit Basumatary, Director, LNIPE and many other dignitaries. The attraction of the Cultural Evening was the Performance of Zubeen Garg and other renowned artists.



Toppers from Our College

COURSE	NAME	PERCENTAGE
1. H.S. Arts	Nikita Dey	91.2%
2. H.S. Commerce	Parimita Rongpi	88.2%
3. B A. Arts	Sikhajyoti Das (Geography Major)	79.58% (8.5 CGPA)
4. B. Com.	Pranab Sutradhar (Accountancy Major)	67.42% (6.9 CGPA)

Academic Activities

1. National Seminar on Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in India: Problems and Prospects: The Department of Economics organised a national Seminar on "Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in India: Problems and Prospects" on November 13 & 14, 2015 in collaboration with Sonapur College Geographical Society. 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.



2. National Seminar on Culture and Social Values: Quest for Sustainability in a Market Driven Society: The IQAC, Sonapur College organised a National Seminar on "Culture and Social Values: Quest for Sustainability in a Market Driven Society" on September 23-24, 2016 in collaboration with INTACH, Assam Chapter. Renowned scholars and academicians from all over the Country participated and presented their research papers in the Seminar. The Proceeding volume of the Seminar was also released in the Inaugural Session of the Seminar.

3. National Conference on Reading Teaching and Performing Shakespeare in Contemporary Times: The Sonapur College DDU KAUSHAL Kendra and ELTAI, Assam Chapter organised a National Conference on Reading, Teaching and Performing Shakespeare in Contemporary Times in collaboration with the Department of English, Sonapur College. The conference was organized around plenary sessions and presentations by participants from various parts of India. In addition, a quiz competition for students on Shakespeare Lives 2016 and a Workshop on Dynamics of Classroom Teaching: Changing Gears (Virtual Learning) were organized on the Last day of the conference. The students of B. Voc. Theatre and Stagecraft students were highly praised for their performance of a couple of scenes from Shakespearean play "Midsummer Night's Dream" on the occasion.



4. Awareness Programme on Human Rights: Sonapur College organised an Awareness Programme on Human Rights on August 27, 2016 in collaboration with Assam Human Rights Commission. Eminent Human Right Activists from the Commission deliberated on the occasion which was followed by an active interaction.

5. UGC funded Certificate Course on Human Rights: Sonapur College was granted a fund for a Certificate Course on Human Rights. As a part of it a Committee was formed and the first batch of students has successfully completed the Certificate Course on Human Rights in 2016.

Teachers' Academic Achievement

- » **Dr. Mridusmita Mahanta**, Associate Professor of English has been awarded with PhD Degree by the Gauhati University for her thesis "Expression of Assamese Selfhood and the Brahmaputra".
- » **Dr. Minakshi Choudhury**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy has been awarded with PhD Degree by the Gauhati University for her thesis "Radhanath Phukan as an Interpreter of Indian Philosophy: A Critical Study".
- » **Dr. Bobby Das**, Associate Professor of History has published her book titled Buddhism in Assam from Earliest Times to 13th Century AD published by Arya Publishers, Delhi.
- » **Dr. Nizara Hazarika**, Associate Professor of English had presented her Research Paper titled "A Crusade against Violence of Women's Human Rights: Witch- Hunting in Assam and the Role of Mission Birubala" in the 2nd International Conference of Women's Studies at Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- » One of the Research Scholars of **Dr. Mani Ram Kalita**, Associate Professor of Assamese, has been awarded Ph.D. from Singhania University.
- » **Dr. Gitima Kalita**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy has been granted a Minor Research Project on "Religion of the Bodo-Kachari people of Assam: A Study of its Impact on Society and Environment" by the UGC.
- » **Dr. Asraf Ali**, Assistant Professor (Sr.) of Geography has been granted a Minor Research Project on "Impact of Geo-Environmental Problem on Socio-Economic Profile in Lower Jinari River Basin of Goalpara District, Assam" by the UGC.
- » **Apart from these**, many of the faculty members have participated and presented their research papers in various National and International Seminars and Conferences.

Students' Achievements

- » Moon Talukdar, a student of TDC Vth 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 All Assam Inter College Prize Money Debate Competition organised by Sibsagar Anchalik College in October 2016.
 - Second Best Debater in the All Assam Debate Competition organised by the Book Fair Committee of 83rd Nalbari Raax Mahotsav in November, 2016.
 - Third Best Debater in the All Assam Debate Competition organised by Mangaldoi College on September. The Sonapur College Team was adjudged the Best Team.
 - Third Prize in the Extempore Speech Competition organised by the Central Zonal Committee of GU Youth Festival in R G Barua College. As a part of Sonapur College team, they won Best Team in the All Assam Inter College Debating Competition held at Mariani College in October, 2016; Second Best Team in The River 2016 held at Royal Group of Institutes; Third Best Team in 46th Banikanta Kakati Memorial All Assam Inter College Debating Competition held at Arya Mahavidyalay in November, 2016;
- » The Sonapur College team comprising of Kankita Sarma, Bhargav Kumar Garg, Diksha Atrie and Disha Bora won the 2nd Prize in the Space Kids India sponsored State Level Quiz on SHAKESPEARE LIVES 2016, ORGANISED BY Springdale International School, Guwahati and ELTAI, Assam Chapter on 27th September, 2016.
- » In the Gauhati University Youth Festival 2016 held at GU, the Sonapur College Team won the Second Prize in Folk Dance Category. Nitu Das, a student of Sonapur College won Second Prize in Sattriya Dance Category.
- » It is a matter of pride for the College that Nayanjyoti Deka and Hemanta Deka of Sonapur College NCC had participated in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on 26th January, 2016.
- » Rajib Doloi of Sonapur College has brought accolades in the various National as well as State Level Body Building Championships.

College Activities

Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Talk



Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial annual lecture 2016 was held in the college premises on 1st September 2016. Tuaram Khanikar, retired Professor of Swahid Maniram Dewan College and inaugurator of the memorial lecture, addressed the gathering and spoke at length on imparting value education to youth. Sri Sri Pitambar Dev Goswami, Satradhikar of Auniati Satra, Majuli was the chief guest who gave a lecture on "Bortomanor Samajik Poribekhor Prekhapotot Noitik aru Adhyatmik Sikkhar Proyujoniyota aru Sikha Onusthanor Koroniyo". Late Dr.Dhanjit Medhi's book entitled "Axomor Magh Bihu: Eti Samiksha" was inaugurated by Sri Sri Pitambar DevGoswami. The lecture was attended by students, teachers, employees and also the well wishers of the college

First North East-India Debate



The North East India Debate Competition was held on 28th January 2016 on the topic "Cultural Pluralism is more important than Cultural Nationalism for a strong India". The prize money for the competition was sponsored by the family of Sinam Iboton Singh, Associate Professor in Mathematics of the college in memory of his father Late Sinam Uriba Singh. Late P A Sangma, Honourable MP, graced the chair of the speaker. The First, Second and Third Prizes of the debate competition were won by Samujal Dutta, Assam Academy of Media Studies; Bhanu Poudel, Tezpur Universit and Bijit Kalita, Chaigaon College respectively. Meanwhile, students of Cotton College State University Mriganka Sekhar Konwar and David Hazarika were adjudged first best team and Dimple Sarma and Bungkiu Kisswquirker of Kohima Science College as the second best team.

Freshers' Social

On 2nd September, 2016, Sonapur College Freshers' social was organized to welcome the newcomers. Apart from the various ethnic and cultural performances by the students, renowned Assamese singer Bhitali Das also performed and thrilled the audience with her songs. Sankar Prasad Kakati Bora, Director of ICSSR, graced the function as the chief guest.

College Week



The 25th College week was celebrated from 1st to 5th February, 2016. The students participated enthusiastically in a number of cultural, literary and sports events and displayed their potential talents and skills. The winners of different competitions were awarded with prizes in the open meeting held on 5th February, 2017.

Students' Seminar in collaboration with Kaziranga University

A students' seminar was organised on 17th November 2016 in the college premises in collaboration with Kaziranga University, Jorhat. Issues such as career counselling, personality development were addressed by the resource persons.

NSS Activities

The unit of National Service Scheme of the college has been rendering community service since the day of its inception. As part of its annual agenda, a number of activities were carried out at Mitoni from 20th to 22nd February, 2016. Members of the unit put up fencing at Dhanjit Medhi Foundation campus on 20th February. In collaboration with Mitoni High School, a Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was carried out at Jagannath Temple, Mitoni on 21st February. This was followed by extension classes at Mitoni High School on 22nd February.

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. Different annual activities of the unit helped the students to get exposure to the outer world.

Alumni Meet

An alumni meet was organised in the college premises on 11th November, 2016 and was participated in large number by its members. Various organisational issues related to the college were discussed in the meeting.

Hindi Divas

The Department of Hindi, Like the previous years, celebrated 'Hindi Divas' in the college on 14th September, 2016. Teachers and students of the college made the programme a success by their active participation.

Land Donated to Dhanjit Medhi Foundation

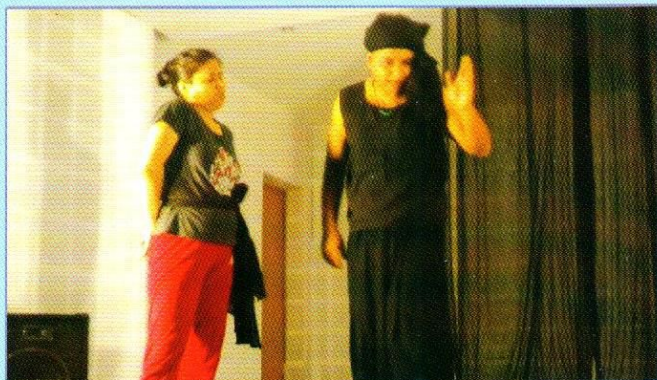
The family of Late Dhanjit Medhi has ceremonially donated a piece of land to Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Foundation, a registered society of the college at Mitani on 1st March, 2016 as a mark of their love and respect for him and also to add dimension to the foundation's manifold activities.

First Vote in collaboration with DY 365

A beautiful programme entitled "First Vote" was organised in the college by DY 365 on 2nd March, 2016 to create awareness among students regarding exercising the power of voting in elections.

A Soul of Saga – An NSD Performance

Vibhanshu Vaibhav's play "A Soul of Saga" was performed at Sonapur College on 17th June, 2016 by Nidhi Mishra and Danish Iqbal, both alumnus of National School of Drama, New Delhi. The audience were enthralled by the fantastic performance of the duo. The college acknowledges the opportunity provided by Sada Art Society of NSD.



DDU KAUSHAL Kendra

B. Voc. Diaries



- » The DDU KAUSHAL Kendra of Sonapur College organised a two day long Workshop on Development of Soft Skills for B Voc students of Assam on June 24-25, 2016. Students from the eleven colleges offering B. Voc. participated in the workshop. Ms. Harini Madhavan, Bijit Deb Barma and Ranjan Kuman Barua acted as Resource Persons in the workshop.
- » The students of Theatre and Stagecraft trade under The DDU KAUSHAL Kendra were highly appreciated for their performance on the occasion of the National Conference on Reading, Teaching and Performing Shakespeare in Contemporary Times organised by ELTAI, Assam Chapter and DDU KAUSHAL Kendra in collaboration with the Dept. of English, Sonapur College on 26th September, 2016. The students enacted a couple of scenes from the famous Shakespearean play "Midsummer's Nights Dream".
- » The B. Voc. students (Theatre and Stagecraft) of Sonapur College enacted a series of Street plays in and around Sonapur to make people aware of exercising the Voting rights in the Election. The performance evoked excellent response from the people.
- » On the occasion of Police Day on June 28, 2016, The B. Voc. students of Sonapur College enacted a street play on Drug Awareness. They showed the ill effects of Drug addiction which has destroyed the society and the people in the present day scenario.
- » Three students from B Voc (Theatre and Stagecraft), Pallab Medhi, Kiran Deka and Bishal Kiran Das, were invited to take part in the construction of a Kargil War Memorial at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi from 7th to 22nd May, 2016. Their work on Property making was highly appreciated by everybody present there.



Parent-Teacher Meet

The various Departments organised Parent-Teacher Meetings where active interaction took place regarding the various aspects of education. In the meetings apart from parents, teachers and students, the College authority also took part in the interactions and a collaborative effort was made for the all round development of the College through the intervention of the college administration.

Educational Tours

The Department of Geography organised an educational trip for its Major students to Darjeeling during October. As a part of the tour the students were made to make an extensive household Sample survey in a Village near Mirik, based on which they prepared a report.

The Department of Assamese organised an educational trip to Sivasagar for its Major students. As a part of the tour, they visited the various sites of Historical importance.

The Department of Education organised an educational trip to Borduwa where they visited the places of historical as well as cultural importance.

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we mourn...



LATE NANDESWAR BASUMATARY

Date of Birth : 13/12/1975

Date of Death : 22/5/2016

15 Glorious Years of Village Adoption



Sonapur College has adopted Dikchak fifteen years back with the vision for the socio-economic development of the village within Dimoria Development Block. The College has been taking the responsibility of motivating and sensitizing the village folk about the importance and necessity of education and particularly higher education. This is a matter of contentment that the number of youth pursuing higher education has been statistically enhanced. From a single matriculate, today the village has a number of Graduates and they are now motivated to pursue higher education. The College is imparting free education to the Girl students of the village and distributing educational materials to the students starting from primary level since adoption. Apart from that, various community development programs, like general health checkup camps, camps on animal husbandry, etc. have been organised by the college from time to time. The College has been organising different training programs like, vermicomposting, mushroom culture, pickles, Jams and Jelly preparation for the village folks. As a result of the various awareness programs the women have started Self-Help Groups, poultry farming, Orange cultivation, etc. The college also looks after the sanitation process, made the provision of purified drinking water, NSS volunteers are always involved in maintaining the internal roads and cultural uplift by organizing week long camping. Of late the College has taken up a project with various concerned organisations to bring the name of Dikchak into the map of Tourism Sector by developing an Ethno-Tourist Hub in Dikchak. The Preliminary research has been conducted by the Faculty members and the students of B. Voc Tourism and Travel Management trade.

We, Sonapur College have a dream project to bring our adopted village, Dikchak to the lime light of tourism through disseminating the light of education and good public health.

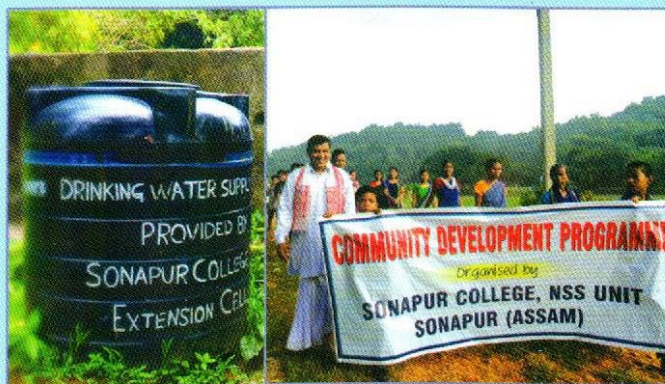




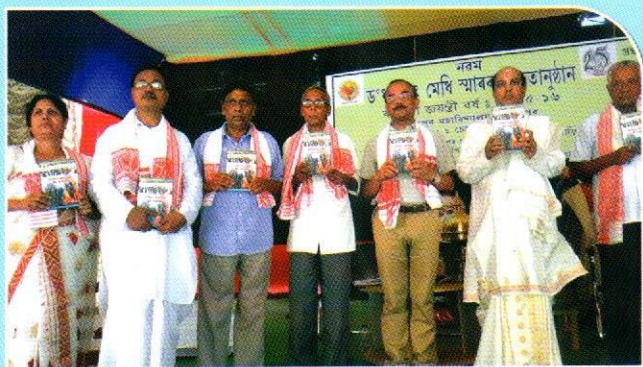
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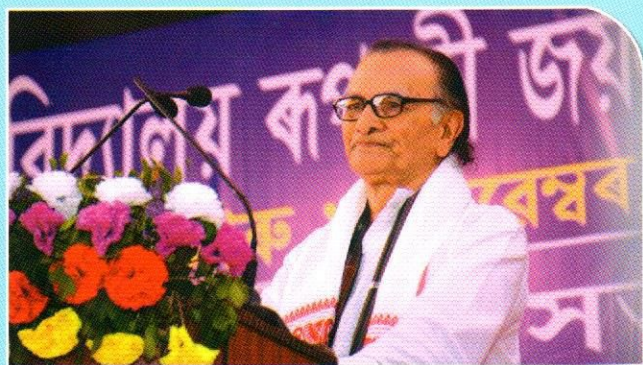
Awareness Programme on Human Rights



Release of "ASOMOR MAGH BIHU : ETI SAMIKSHA"



Release of B. Voc Student Aman Rahangs' Poetry Collection



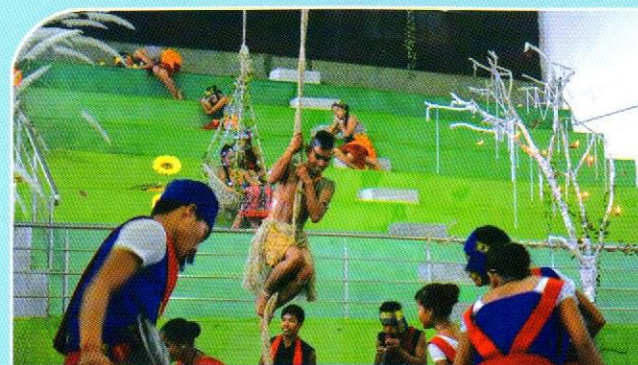
Padmashree Jatin Goswami on the occasion of silver Jubilee closing Ceremony



Inauguration of Teachers' Book Corner at Sonapur Collesge Library



Students Performance on the Occasion of Silver Jubilee Closing Ceremony



Drama Performance by B.Voc Students



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GLIMPSES OF SILVER JUBILEE CLOSING CEREMONY



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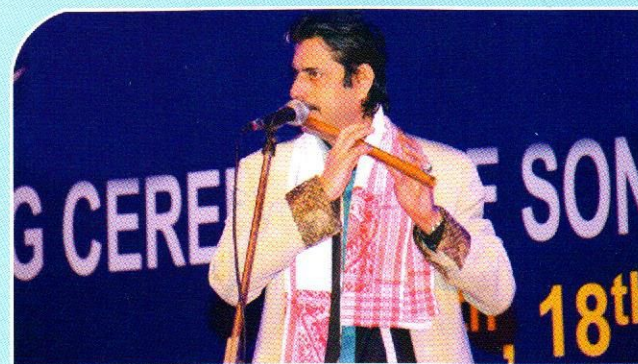
Colourful Cultural Procession



Students' Cultural Function



Dipannita Jaiswal, M.D. DY365



Flute Artist Dipak Sarma



Release of Silver Jubilee Souvenir
By Honourable Education Minister of Assam



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