



SONAPUR COLLEGE NEWS BULLETIN

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From the Principal's Desk

The greenery, the hillocks, the wild blossoms and Sonapur College; it is lovely. We feel proud to bring the Sixth volume of the News Bulletin, which is the mouth piece of the college, before you. The year 2017 has seen the culmination of the yearlong colourful Silver Jubilee celebration of Sonapur College. It has been the celebration of the untiring and dedicated efforts of the founders and the entire stakeholders of the college that has brought this relatively young institute to the forefront.

We are proud of our strong academic endeavor to bring this center of higher learning in horizontal dissemination of knowledge to brand a knowledge society. Taking into cognizance the requirements for a skilled youth force, apart from humanities and commerce, the institution is successfully running its highly skilled based degree courses under the initiatives of KAUSHAL.

In addition to being strongly committed to teaching mission, our faculties continue to publish and present scholarly works on a range of diverse topics. They also participate in extra and intramural activities with equal zeal. They constantly encourage and intrinsically motivate students to be resourceful as learners in a compassionate college environment. Keeping in line with progressive academic pursuance, avenues and opportunities are always given to the students so that they can participate in academic and co-curricular activities.

We, at the institute, are always in the process of trying to enable all our stakeholders to embrace, work and live in accordance with our values. Of course, turning theory into action has always been the forte of Sonapur College.

NIRF

(National Institutional Ranking Framework)
Ranking, 2018 to Sonapur College
at Rank - Band : 101-150

Editorial

It is with pride and joy that we bring to you the 6th Edition of the Sonapur College News Bulletin. From its inaugural issue in 2012 to the present issue, we have always tried to bring forth the vibrant spirit of the College which is reflected in its activities that are held throughout the year. The College has always believed that apart from shouldering the responsibility of educating the youth, reaching out to the communities that are very much a part of this premiere educational institution is of prime importance. This news bulletin is a sincere effort on our part to document and review the yearlong activities that encourage us for the times ahead. We sincerely thank the esteemed members of the Editorial Board, the honourable Principal, honourable Vice Principal and other stakeholders whose support made the task of preparing this bulletin a delightful one.

Dr. Dipjyoti Deka

COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

Total students	: 1389
Strength of Teaching Staff	: 55
Strength of Non-Teaching Staff	: 19
Streams	: Arts, Commerce and B.Voc.
Total Departments	: 16
President of Governing Body	: Dr. Jitram Dutta
	Retd. Academic Registrar, GU

Our Regular Publications

- Sonapur College Magazine
- Sonapur College News Bulletin
- Budding Scholars
- Sona Sophia

Academic Activities

► An ICSSR-NERC sponsored national seminar on the topic “Indigenous Communities of N.E. India: Issues and Challenges towards Sustainability” was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the college in collaboration with Assam Don Bosco University on 13th & 14th of October, 2017. The media partner for the event was The News Mill. A total of 63 research papers were presented by teachers of various colleges and universities of the country. The proceeding volume was also published on the first day of the seminar.



- A workshop titled “Employment Scope and Career Opportunities in Tourism Industry” was organised on 12th June, 2017 by the Department of B.Voc. (T.T.M.) of the college with Tour Operators Association of Assam (TOAA).
- A lecture on the topic “Adhunik Assamiya Natarak Gati-Prakriti” was organised by the Department of Assamese and was delivered by Dr Sailen Bharali, Retired Professor of Gauhati University on 10th October, 2017.
- Sonapur College has been granted with fund from UGC for continuation of Certificate Course on Human Rights for the 2nd consecutive year. A students’ seminar in this connection was organised on 23rd June, 2017 at the college premises.
- Interactive sessions were organised for students of Retail Management & IT with resource person Mr. Sankar Jyoti Barman, Planning Officer, BATA India Ltd. and Mr. Ankur Choudhury, City Project Manager (Skills), Tezpur.
- A lecture on the topic “Adolescence, Mental Health and Suicide” was organised by IQAC of the college and delivered by Dr. Suresh Chakraborty, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, F. A. A. Medical College, Barpeta on 10th June, 2017.

► The Department of B.Voc. (T.T.M.) organised a presentation on “Rural Tourism in Dikchak” in which a number of students participated and presented their papers.

► The college has signed MOU with ICA for support to run various computer courses with placement support.

► A few teachers of the college participated in two workshops of MESCC (Media and Entertainment Skill Council) held in New Delhi in January and May 2017.

► An interactive programme in collaboration with North East Adventure Foundation on the occasion of IMF Mountain Film Festival India Tour 2017 was organised by the college on 31st August 2017. The programme was graced by the Mount Everest summiter Mr. Kharsing Terang.

► Teachers’ Day was celebrated on 5th September 2017 in the college premises with an academic discussion on “Bartamanor Samajik Poribesh – Ussa Siksha Anusthanar Saikhik Poribesh Sangrakhyanar Chatra Chatrir Bhumika”. A large number of students and teachers participated to make the event a success.

Teachers’ Academic Achievements

► Dr. Dipjyoti Deka, Associate Professor of English has been awarded with Ph.D. Degree by the Gauhati University for his thesis “Rice-Lore in Lower Assam: An Exploratory Study”.

► Dr. Jashna Borah, Assistant Professor of Hindi has been awarded with Ph.D. Degree by the North-Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya for her thesis “Kabirdas evam Srimant Shankardev ke Kavya mein Abhivyakt Vicharo ka Tulanatmak Adhyayan”.

► Dr. Raujline Siraj Farjina Akhtar, Assistant Professor of English has been awarded with Ph.D. Degree for her thesis “The Bare Noun in Karbi and Its Determination” by Tezpur University.

► Ms. Bhanita Nath, Assistant Professor in Assamese has published an edited book titled ‘Adhunik Asomiya Kabi aru Kabita: Ramdhenur pora Xampratikaloi’.

► Dr. Nizara Hazarika, Associate Professor of English, has been awarded Travel Grant by UGC, India to present her research paper titled “Challenging the Structured Silence: The Vibrant Voice of Urmila in Sita’s Sister” in the 15th International Conference on New Directions of the Humanities in a Knowledge Society at Imperial College, London, U.K. from 5th to 7th July, 2017.

Dr. Nizara Hazarika was also awarded UGC Associateship by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla for her project “Challenging the Structured Silences: Feminist Retellings of Indian Myth” in 2017.

► An anthology of research papers was edited by Dr Mridusmita Mahanta and Dr Dipjyoti Deka and was published as part of the ICSSR (NERO) sponsored National Seminar on the topic “Indigenous Communities of N.E. India: Issues and Challenges Towards Sustainability”.

► Ms. Manimala Das, Assistant Professor in Theatre and Stage Craft (B.Voc.) participated as a Resource Person in a month-long workshop on the traditions of the Satra Culture at Majuli organised by National School of Drama (NSD), Delhi.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

► Sonapur College Girls' Team was adjudged runners up in the Inter College Kabaddi Competition 2017 of Gauhati University held in Salbari College.

► Nitu Das, a student of the Department of Assamese, won 1st prize in Classical Dance category of "Inter College Youth Festival" held at Gauhati University and "Cotton Festival" held at Cotton College State University. She also won 1st Prize in Folk Dance (state level) organised by Nrigosthiya Gabeshana Kendra.

► Students of B.Voc. (Theatre and Stage craft) staged a play called "Retracing the Bond" that reflected cultural aspects of the Karbi Community at the national seminar on "Indigenous Communities of North-East India: Issues and Challenges towards Sustainability" organised by IQAC of the college.

► Students of B.Voc. (Theatre and Stage craft) designed and executed property for a drama organised by ARANYAK, Barpeta and also for the play 'Bhim Charit' organised by Directorate of Cultural Affairs. They also participated in a children play "Problem Box" and developed and installed property for a folk-based musical event "Loka Manthan" organised by IPTA, Guwahati.

► Mr. Amarjyoti Boro, a student of B.Voc. 5th Semester (Retail Management & I.T.), was awarded Silver Medal in the category of 54kg-57kg of Youth (Boys) in the 12th All Assam Amateur Muay Thai Championship, 2017 held at Jorhat.

► Mr. Ajit Das, a student of the college won Gold medal in Inter College Boxing Competition at Darrang College whereas, Kaushik Basumatary and Dhananjay Boro won Silver and Kapil Kathar and Dipjyoti Lungthung won Bronze.

► Rupak Das, a student of B.A. 2nd Sem and Nilakhi Medhi, a student of B.A. 4th Sem were awarded 'Best Leadership Award' by the NSS Unit of the college in male and female categories respectively.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

4th North East India Inter College Debate Competition



Sonapur College takes the pride of hosting the annual North-East India Inter College Debate competition for which Sinam Uribi Singh memorial trophies and cash prizes are awarded. In tune to this, the 4th North East India Inter College Debate Competition was held on 24th August, 2017 on the topic "View that North East India is always being exploited by the Central Government is factually incorrect".



The chair of the speaker was graced by Ms. Monalisa Changkija, Editor, Nagaland Page. The judges for the competition were Mr. Suresh Ranjan Gaduka, a Freelance Journalist; Ms. Sangeeta Kakoti, Associate Professor of History, Arya Vidyapeeth College and Mr. Labanu Konwar, Chief Public Relation Officer, IIT, Guwahati.

Participants from various states of North East India like Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura apart from Assam participated in the competition. Among the 48 participants, the best debater's prize for the year was won by Anwesha Saha and Shabnam Firdausi of Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati. The second and third Best Debater's prizes were won by Abhishek Kabra of J. B. College, Jorhat and Bwenye Kemp of Tetso College, Dimapur respectively. On the other hand, the Best Team and 2nd Best Team awards were won by Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati and North Lakhimpur College, Lakhimpur.

College Foundation Day



27th College Foundation Day was celebrated on 2nd August 2017 at the college premises with a special acknowledgement to the founders of the college for their immense contribution to the cause. On this occasion, the UGC funded Women's hostel and RUSA funded classrooms were inaugurated by Hon'ble Joint Secretary of UGC (NERO) Dr. Md. Arif and Hon'ble MLA of Dispur Constituency Sjt. Atul Bora respectively.

Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Annual Lecture



Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Lecture is convened annually by Sonapur College on 1st September, i.e. the birth anniversary of Late Dr Dhanjit Medhi, the Founder Principal (i/c) of the college. The lecture is organised by inviting distinguished guests from different fields to act as resource person. Like the previous years, this year also the same was organised on 1st September 2017 on the topic "Biodiversity and Conservation Issues of Assam". The occasion was graced by Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury as speaker and Dr. (Hon) Jadav Payeng – The 'Forest Man' of India as the inaugurator. Both the guests deliberated on the occasion followed by interaction with the student and teachers present.

College Week

27th Annual College Week was celebrated from 4th to 8th February, 2017 which was flagged off by a cultural rally and followed by a host of cultural, sports and literary competitions. The celebration came to an end with a prize distribution meeting followed by performance from a renowned artist.



International Women's Day Celebration

The College celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2017 with a talk on the topic "Role of Women's Education in the 21st Century". The Resource person for the event was Dr. Marami Goswami, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, Gauhati College. The event was also attended by Mrs. Lily Kalita and Mrs. Jury Devi, Principal of Sonapur H.S. School.

Principals' Get Together

A 'get-together' of the principals of Kamrup metropolitan colleges was organised on 9th June, 2017 with large scale participation of principals of the colleges. The news Bulletin 2017 of the college was released on the occasion.

Freshers' Social

Freshers' Social function was held on 26th August 2017 with a day long programme. The guests of honour for the function were Dr. Surya Das, former Executive Director of All India Radio and the singer Babu Barua.

Promotion of Assamese Movie 'Ei Matite'

The movie 'Ei Matite' based on witch haunting, was promoted in the college premises on 7th September 2017. The Asstt. Director of the movie was Dipjyoti Deka, a student of Sonapur College. The crew of the movie also included Aman Rahang, a student of B. Voc. (Theatre & Stage Craft), Sonapur College.

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's Birth Anniversary

The 91th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika was celebrated on 8th September 2017 with students performing to pay their tribute to the great maestro.

Hindi Divas

Hindi Divas was celebrated by the college on 14th September 2017 which was graced by Mr. Mohan Koirala, Secretary, Shabda Bharati and also an employee of Brahmaputra Board. He spoke on the importance of Official Hindi.

Brahmaputra Literary Festival

The students and teachers of the college participated in the Brahmaputra Literary Festival held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakheta from 28th January to 30th January, 2017. The students of B.Voc (Theatre and Stage Craft) also exhibited their arts and craft at the event. The college set up a stall that showcased the college publication.

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. The students had the opportunity to participate in All India Vayu Sainik Camp (AIVSC), Republic Day Camp, National Integration Camp etc. A number of cadets of NCC 50 Assam Air Sqn (FLG) have been awarded 'B' and 'C' Certificates during the year.

Guwahati International Film Festival (GIFF)

The students of the college had an exposure to International Movies set in diverse backdrops. It definitely augmented their understanding of different culture and societies.



NSS Activities

The NSS Unit of the college has been actively involved in different extension activities. A Tree Plantation Drive was carried out by the NSS unit of the college in collaboration with Dr Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Foundation, Sonapur College in the month of February at Malaybari. The unit has also been instrumental in the flood relief camp organised by the college at Hatiutha and Bordoloni village of Manaha Mouza under Mayong Revenue Circle, Morigaon District.



Sankraman – A Play by Drame Baaz

A play titled “Sankraman” was staged on 8th September, 2017 in the college premises by Drame BAAZ, a group from Mumbai. The director of the play was Manohar Teli, an NSD alumni.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

► A **Flood Relief Camp** was organised by Sonapur College for the flood-affected people of Hatiutha and Bordoloni village of Manaha Mouza under Mayong Revenue Circle, Morigaon District on 28th August 2017. Relief materials worth more than Rs. 1 lakh were distributed. The camp was made successful with large participation from the NCC Cadets, NSS volunteers, Students’ Union along with teachers and employees of the college .



► A **public meeting for Awareness of Tourism** among the masses was organised by Sonapur College at Dikchak Village on the premises of Dikchak Primary School on 7th June, 2017.

► A group of students from the college participated in the **Graduate Congress organised by the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya** from 17th to 19th February, 2017.

► A group of college students participated in the **Research Conclave organised by IIT, Guwahati** from 16th to 18th March, 2017. The students participated in different events organised on the occasion.

► **World Environment Day** was celebrated by Sonapur College Geographical Society on 5th June 2017 at Nartap High School. The celebration was marked by competitions for the students and a talk on environmental issues was delivered by Sukleswar Medhi, HOD of Geography, Dimoria College.

► A **career counselling programme** by Mr Ranjan K. Barua was organised at Sankardev Sishu Vidya Niketan, Maloibari by Dr Dhanjit Medhi Memorial Foundation on 4th April, 2017 on



► Mr Suman Roy, Assistant Professor in Accountancy, sponsored the **largest painting brush** which was exhibited at Sonapur Higher Secondary School, Sonapur on 29th July, 2017 for entry into Indian Achiever Book of Records.

► Dr. Devabrot Khonikar, Principal of Sonapur College and Babul Garo, UDA of the college attended a **workshop on Public Finance Management System (PFMS)** at New Delhi on 10th – 12th July, 2017.

► A **workshop conducted by MESC** was attended by Dr. Nizara Hazarika and Monimala Das held in Mumbai on 12th and 13th January, 2017.

SONAPUR COLLEGE STUDENTS’ UNION

Sonapur College Students’ Union is the elected body of the students. The students’ body has been representing the students to see their legitimate demands and expectations fulfilled through active participation in all the academic and non-academic programmes of the college. The president and General Secretary of the SCSU for the session 2017-18 are Sri Sunil Tumung and Sri Dipankar Hazarika respectively.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

The various departments of the college organised educational tours to different places in and around Assam as part of their academic curriculum. These trips are partially funded by the state government.

PARENT - TEACHER MEET

The various departments organised Parent-Teacher Meetings where active interaction took place regarding the various aspects related specially to holistic development of the students and education as a whole. In the meetings apart from the parents, teachers and students, the College authority also took part and a collaborative effort was undertaken for all round development of the College through the intervention of the college administration.

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK (NIRF) & SONAPUR COLLEGE

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), a framework to rank institutions across the country, has ranked Sonapur College at the rank band 101 -150 based on the framework outlined for the ranking. Participation in NIRF itself is a bold step for an institution of higher education.

The methodology draws from the overall recommendations and broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by MHRD. The parameters used under the framework to judge an institution has laid equal stress on the multifaceted responsibilities of an institution. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception". Thus the NIRF incorporates

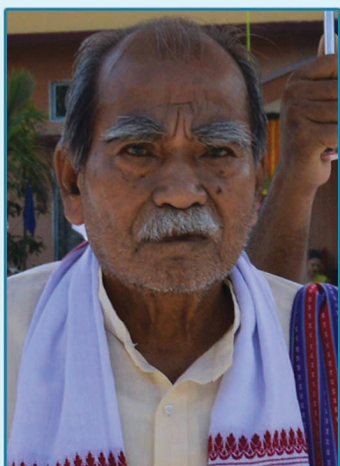


Public meeting as part of NIRF Ranking to Sonapur College

teaching learning practices, research based practices, the benefits accrued to the students after completing graduation in an institution. It also emphasises on the other social practices undertaken for inclusion of the socially and economically backward students into the fold of mainstream education and the perception that the institution has on the mind of peers and public.

Sonapur College participated in this initiative of MHRD and has been able to make a position for itself based on the above parameters. The experience of participating in NIRF ranking has been one of self-analysis of the various practices of the college. And the ranking received has been not only recognition for the enthusiasm of the staff of the college but has bestowed the institution with more responsibility of taking its activities to a higher level.

OUR LOSS



DOD - 09.09.2017
Late Soruram Tumung



DOD - 03.11.2017
Late Ram Naresh Sarma

Sonapur College family mourns the death of Late Soruram Tumung, founder president of Sonapur College Governing Body and Late Ram Naresh Sarma, Former Principal of the college. The bereaved family of the college offers floral tribute to both of them.



PHOTO GALLERY



Mt. Everest summitter Mr. Kharsing Terang at our college



Release of News Bulletin at the Principals' meet



Dr. Jitram Dutta, President, Sonapur College G.B.
on the occasion of College Week celebration



Noted Artist Surya Das as guest of Freshers' Social Function



Student participation at Research Conclave organised by IIT, Guwahati



Drama Extension Programme at Sonapur College by Drame Baaz



Students participating in Brahmaputra Literary Festival 2017



Workshop organised by KAUSHAL KENDRA, Sonapur College



PHOTO GALLERY



Celebration of International Womens Day



Local MLA Sjt. Atul Bora inaugurating New Academic Building



Former Education Commisioner Mr. Ajay Tiwari



Plantation Programme by NSS Unit, Sonapur College



Counselling Programme by ICA



Girls Kabadi team with 1st Runners Up Trophy at G.U Youth Festival



NCC Cadres of Sonapur College



Educational Extension programme by Dr. Dhanjit Medhi Foundation