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I am pleased to bring you the 2023-24 edition of our annual departmental newsletter. It is with great enthusiasm and efforts, we have prepared this issue which presents an oversight and information of the series of activities taken up by the department.

In the newsletter, we present a variety of events and initiatives that showcase the vibrancy and creativity of our department. We also encourage our students to explore new fields and take up academic and social works. The department is also coming up with more plans and programmes that promise to bring history to life beyond the classroom. I hope, this issue of newsletter would also inspire our students in future.

I am very much thankful to our Principal Dr. Dharmendra Nath for his constant support and guidance in bringing out this issue. I also express my sincere gratitude to my departmental colleagues and students for their enormous contribution in releasing this newsletter.

(Md. Magrul Hussain)  
Editor

## Academic Visit

### Visit to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies

On 17th October, 2023 a visit to the Department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies under Govt. of Assam was organized. The visit to the library of the Department successfully fulfilled the objective of providing exposure to the systematized resources available and obtain insights on course topics. The intensive collection of resources, access to digital materials, supportive staffs and study environment all contributed to a positive and enriching experience of the students.



### Model Y20 Summit 2023

The students of the department had the opportunity to participate in the Model Y20 summit held from 6th to 8th February, 2024 at IIT Guwahati. The summit provided an opportunity to the students to voice up their opinions for the audience. The Y20 is the official forum for youth engagement for the G20 that brings together young leaders to discuss and debate global challenges.



### Visit to Assam State Legislative Assembly



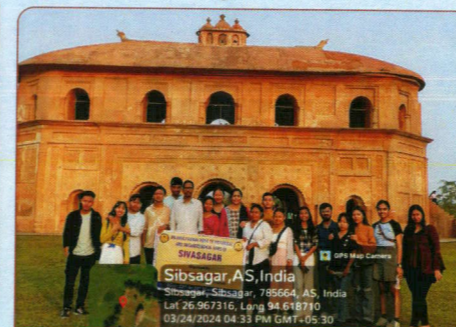
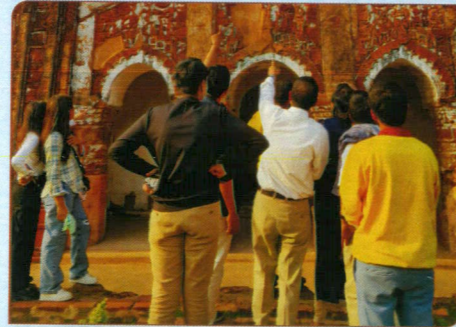
A group of students from the Departments of History and Political Science of the college jointly visited the Assam State Legislative Assembly on 8th February 2024. The students gained practical experience to witness legislative session, debates and discussions on bills.

### Educational Tour to Sivasagar



The Department arranged an educational tour to Sivasagar from 22nd March, 2024 to 24th March, 2024. The students, who visited historical sites of the Ahom Royal

dynasty, were accompanied by faculty members Md. Magrul Hussain, HoD and Dr. Anjali Patowary, a senior faculty of the department. The students were enlightened on the significance of the sites and their historical relevance.

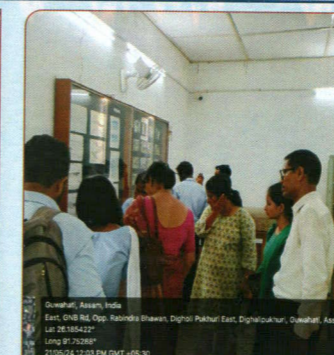


### Visit to Ambari Excavation Site

As per MoU signed between Departments of History of S.B. Deorah College and Beltola College, a joint field visit programme was organised on 21st May 2024, in collaboration with the Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of Assam. The students of both the colleges visited the Ambari Excavation Site under the supervision of the faculties of both the colleges. Ms. Simiran Sambhi,

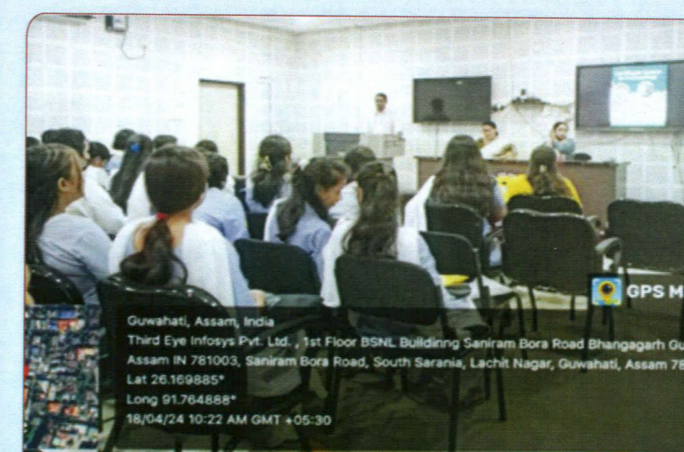


Exploration Officer, guided the students and provided a detail information regarding the site. For a deeper understanding, the students also visited the sculpture gallery of the Assam State Museum which displays the numerous sculptures discovered from Ambari excavation site.



### Certificate Course on Archaeology

A 30 hours Certificate Course on Basics of Archaeology was conducted by the Department of History from 22nd March, 2024 to 18th April, 2024. Jutimala Misra, a faculty from the department of Archaeology, Cotton University was the resource person for the course. After completion of the course, the students were awarded with certificates in the valedictory programme held on 30th April, 2024.



## Lecture Programmes

### Talk on World Tourism Day

On 27 September 2023, World Tourism Day was observed by Yuva Tourism Club of S.B. Deorah college in collaboration with Department of History. On the occasion, a talk was held. The programme started with a welcome address delivered by Md. Magrul Husasain, HoD, History. Miss Debahuti Borpujari from Amity University, Guwahati centre, graced the event as the resource person. She highlighted on the importance of tourism sector and how the growth of tourism industry will boost the economy of the State. The programme was moderated by Shaktiman Pegu, Student Co-ordinator of Yuva Tourism Club and vote of thanks was delivered by L.Changsan, a faculty of Dept. of History and Teacher Co-ordinator of Yuva Tourism Club.



### Asom Divas

On 1st December, 2023 the Department of History organised a lecture programme to observe Asom Divas in commemoration of Sukapha, the founder of the Ahom Kingdom. The session started with a welcome address delivered by Ms. L. Changan, Asstt. Prof. of the Department. On the occasion Md. Magrul Hussain, Head of the Department delivered a lecture on various contributions made by Sukapha in the establishment of Ahom Kingdom and formation of Bor Asom.



### Alumni Lecture



On 27th February 2024, the Department organized a talk on how to prepare, plan and strategize for PG Entrance Test in History. The talk was delivered by Miss Pooja Borah, alumna of the department who is currently pursuing PG in history under Gauhati University. The talk inspired and motivated the students by providing essential guidance for the said exam.

faculty of the department delivered a lecture highlighting the significant role played by Bir Chilarai in safeguarding the kingdom from neighbouring enemies. The programme was highly effective and educative.

### Lecture programme at Kamarupa Anushandhana Samiti

On the occasion of 113th Foundation Day of Kamarupa Anusandhana Samiti (Assam Reserch Society), a lecture programme was held on 7th April, 2024 in its premises. As per the Mou signed between S.B. Deorah College and Kamrupa Anusandhana Samiti, a group of students from our department attended the lecture programme. Dr. Sikhamoni Konwar, Principal, Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College delivered a lecture on the topic "Heritage site of Charaideo". The talk was followed by a lively interactive session. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks offered by Prof. Gajendra Adhikary, Secretary of Kamarupa Anusandhana Samiti.

### Bir Chilarai Divas



The Department organized a lecture programme belatedly on 1st March, 2024 to commemorate the Bir Chilarai Divas. on the occasion, Dr. Anjali Patowary a senior



## Workshops

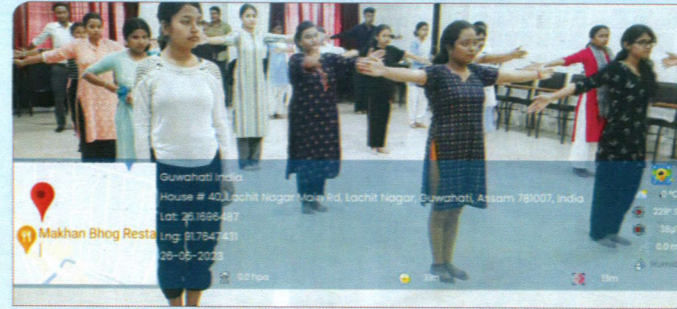
### One Day Workshop on Art and Skill of Reading Manuscripts

On 6th April, 2023, a workshop on art and skill of reading manuscript on Sanchibark was jointly organized by the Dept. of History of our College and Kamarupa Anushandhana Samiti held in the library of the K.A.S., which was inaugurated by Chief Guest Srijuta Seema Rekha Das, IAS, Secretary, Department of Indigenous Faith and Culture, Govt. Of Assam. The workshop was attended by research scholars from different Universities such as Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University, Cotton University and Srimanta Sankardev University. The students of history department of S.B.Deorah College also attended the program. On this occasion, three eminent personalities namely, Prof. S.N. Goswami, a renowned linguist, Dr. G.N. Goswami, acclaimed Sanskrit scholar and Prof. N.P. Devchaudhury, eminent Archaeologist were felicitated for their significant contributions towards history and culture of Assam.

The resource person, Dhanjit Talukdar, Script Specialist, delivered classes on art and skill of reading manuscript on sanchibark and enlightened the participants about importance, preservation and promotion of manuscripts. The workshop was productive and enriching. Dr. D Nath, Principal of our college also addressed the august gathering.



### Three day yoga workshop



A three day yoga workshop was organized by the department from 25th May 2023 to 27th May 2023 in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, Assam Prant. The focus of the session was on Suryanamaskar and its benefits on the mind and body. The session proved to be very helpful for the students.

## Events

### Book Release

The department of History published two edited books-'Heritage Volume II' and 'life and Culture of North East India' which were released on 31st, May, 2023. Dr. Sagar Sharma, Co-ordinator, IQAC and the faculty members and students of the department were present in the meeting. Heritage volume II is edited by Md. Magrul Hussain, HoD and 'life and Culture of North East India' is jointly edited by Dr. Anjali Patowary, Associate Professor of the Department and Arpita Saikia, an ex guest faculty of the department.



## Cultural Rally, 2023-2024

The annual college week for the session 2023--24 was celebrated from 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 which started off with a colorful procession. A number of students from the department participated enthusiastically with a theme '*juge juge itihias nirmata*' (*history through the ages*) and showcased their creativity and talents.



## Inauguration of Wall Magazine

The students of the Department of History prepared a wall magazine for the session 2023-2024 which was inaugurated by, Dr.D. Nath, Hon'ble Principal of the college on 29th April, 2024. In his inaugural address, he appreciated the department for bringing out the Wall Magazine with a relevant theme "Heritage Guwahati" which highlights about various aspects of local history of Guwahati. The inauguration program started with a welcome address delivered by Md. Magrul Hussain, Head of the Department. Dr. Anjali Patowary, a senior faculty of the department also spoke on the occasion.



## Departmental Farewell 2024

The Department also arranged a Farewell for the Batch 2021-2024 on 14th May, 2024. The students shared their experience and gave valuable and memorable insights about their experience. The students showcased their admiration towards their teachers which was indeed overwhelming. A cultural programme was also organised by the students.



## Extension Activities

### Extension Activity at Kalyani Niwas

The Department of History organized an extension activity on 23rd May, 2023 at Kalyani Niwas - a Girls shelter home located at Rupnagar, Guwahati. An awareness talk on 'values in life' was delivered by Dr. Anjali Patowary, a senior faculty of the department. She highlighted on different aspects of values of life. The program was attended by 41 residents and students of the history department as well. Md. Magrul Hussain, HoD, also shared a few words on values in life and motivated the participants. The program ended by handing over food and stationary items to the in-charge of the shelter house. The program was very productive and the in-charge expressed their gratitude for organising the programme.



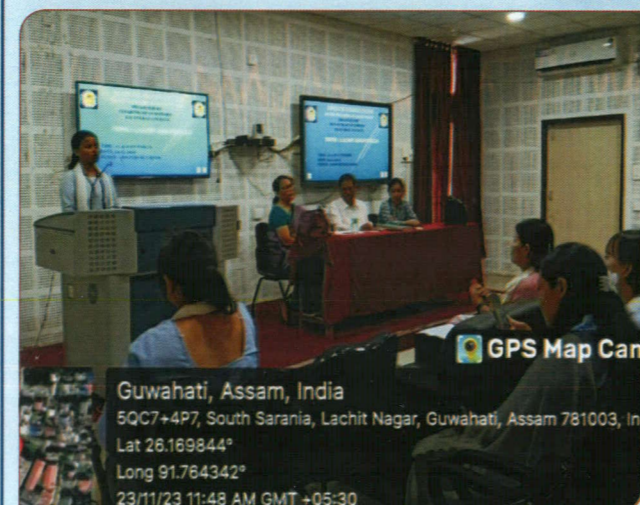
### Extension programme at Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust

The Department of History organized an extension activity on 10th May, 2024 at Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Assam Centre, Guwahati. The Department made arrangements for teaching of art and dance to the school children which is run by the trust in its premises. A plantation drive was also organised as a part of extension activity.



## Competitions

### Speech Competition



A Speech competition was organized by the Department to commemorate the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan on 23rd Nov 2023. The main objective of the event was to encourage and educate the new generation about history of Assam and its heritage through the heroic deeds and sacrifices of Lachit Borphukan. Md. Magrul Hussain, HoD, and Dr. Anjali Patowary a senior faculty of the department enlightened the students on the contributions of Lachit Borphukan. The program was concluded with distribution of prizes and vote of thanks offered by Pranami Borgohain.

## Quiz Competition

A departmental quiz competition was organised on 6th April, 2024, and the competition was conducted by alumnae members Pooja bora and Alisha Girisha. The quiz competition ignited inquisitiveness among the students and imbibed a sense of healthy competition. The quiz competition eventually turned out to be a fun and exciting learning experience for both students and the audience present.



## Students Achievements

The following students have secured First Class in B.A Final (History, honours) Examination, 2023



**Pooja Borah**



**Martina Choudhury**



**Mrigen Barman**



**Alisha Girisa**



**Jalalnieng L Khawbung**



**Subham Singh**



**Purbali Singh**, a student of History (honours), 6th Sem 2024 participated in many Modelling Competitions and has received awards.



**Dharitri Sarania**, a student of Hisotry (honours), 6th Sem., 2024 represented the State of Assam in the 3rd 3×3 Senior National Basketball Championship held in Chennai, 2023.



**Ajay Gupta**, a student of Hisotry (honours), 2024 participated in the Inter-College Marathan Competition, organised by NSS unit of the College on 29th August, 2023 on the occasion of National Sports Day.



**Niraz Sharma**, a student of Hisotry (honours), 2nd Sem., 2023, participated in National Integration Camp, heald from 9th to 15th June, 2023 at Jorhat, organised by the Regional Directorate, NER, Guwahati