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Message from the Principal

The world will remember 2019-20 as the year that was plagued by the severe COVID-19 pandemic. The year 2019 started normally and suddenly towards the end (Nov-Dec) Corona virus engulfed almost the entire world. By March 2020, the whole world came to a grinding halt with imposition of lockdowns by almost all the countries. Economic consequences of the imposition of strict lockdown measures have been unimaginable. Migration of millions of people within the country, loss of jobs, close down of small and unorganised sectors, lack of social security measures, have brought severe miseries and sufferings to the people. In the sphere of education, the

offline or in campus activities of the institutions were either discontinued or severely restricted as a result of lockdowns. Many Colleges and Universities were converted into Covid Care centres or quarantine centres. However, till March all the in-campus activities were carried out as scheduled. We organised National Science Day, Annual College week, International Women's Day etc. In December, 2019, the first two floors of our New Academic Building were completed. Just before the first lockdown was announced in March, 2020, due to severe scarcity of hand sanitizers in the market, our Chemistry department produced sanitizers and we distributed those freely in our Covid awareness campaigns. After imposition of full lockdowns, we gradually adopted to the new normal. As the courses of the ongoing semesters were to be completed, our teachers quickly learned the techniques of taking classes online. We all learned the nuances and nitty gritty of the online systems. Our online portal (www.sbdeorahcollege.in) was upgraded to facilitate our teachers to upload their Study materials and class videos and audios. All these are freely available not only to our students but to all those interested. Class videos and audios are also available in our YouTube channel. In the month of June, 2020, we conducted many webinars on diverse topics. Towards the end of June, 2020, the Govt. opened a COVID Screening centre in the College. We offered our Auditorium and several classrooms for the same. Our teachers volunteered in the centre and worked shift wise in contract tracing of the COVID positive patients. Our non-teaching staff also volunteered in distribution of food packets to the families of the patients. We contributed our little bit in these ways in the fight against this deadly virus.

The 'Chronicler' of 2019-20 tried to capture all the events and activities we conducted during the year. I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Jayati Das and Dr. Pallabi Baruah, Editors, for doing all the hard works of collecting all the information and related photographs and presenting them beautifully in the Chronicler.

Dr. Dharmendra Nath
S. B. Deorah College

Editspeak

Greetings !

With immense joy we place the 13th volume of the college newsletter, *The Chronicler* before its readers: *The Chronicler* once again records and highlights with pride the commendable milestones attained by S. B. Deorah College. It documents and showcases the various events, academic activities, infrastructural developments and community services carried out during the scholastic year from July 2019 to June 2020. The zeal and energy of the students, faculty members and the administration remained high and could not be suppressed by the phobia or restrictions imposed for the COVID 19 pandemic. Online classes, home assignments, webinars as well as celebrations of International Women's Day, Environment Day, Yoga Day etc were carried out devotedly, from within the confinements of the four walls. In the infrastructural aspects too, new developments and additions have been made for the smooth conduct of the teaching-learning process. Philanthropic activities, out-reach programmes and cleanliness drives were also a necessary part of the college agenda during the session.

The Chronicler attempts to inspire and encourage each member of the college to work, learn and create with renewed determination and enthusiasm in order to earn the mark of excellence. We hope this issue of *The Chronicler* will serve as a valuable document of the activities and achievements of our institution of learning and inspire future batches of students to move ahead with a sense of purpose and pride.

We offer our gratitude to our Principal, Dr. Dharmendra Nath for his support and guidance in bringing out this newsletter. We also thank our colleagues and students for their help in giving shape to *The Chronicler*. Dr. Anjali Patowary, HoD History and Co-ordinator, IQAC deserves special thanks for supplying us with the relevant data for this newsletter.

Jayati Das
Pallabi Baruah

A New Session Begins

The new scholastic year of 2019-2020 started after the summer vacations on 1st August 2019, with yet another batch of students enrolling for B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. and Higher Secondary courses. With new hope and rejuvenated energy, the members of the teaching faculty started to teach, guide and encourage the aspiring students, to groom them to be educated and worthwhile individuals and play meaningful roles in society.

EVENTS

Independence Day

On 13-8-19 a cleanliness drive was carried out as part of the Independence Day celebration, by the students of the college, in the college Campus and in the Chandmari area of the city. Students and teachers, equipped with brooms and dustbins swept the streets to spread the message of a clean country.



College Foundation Day

On 8-9-19, the 36th Foundation Day of S.B. Deorah College was celebrated with the hoisting of the college flag and the lighting of the lamp. The Annual Foundation Day Lecture was delivered by Dr. Dilip Kalita, Director, Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, on the topic, *Nabaprajnanmar Pandit Prabar: Anundoram Borooah*. On this occasion meritorious students from various departments were awarded scholarships.



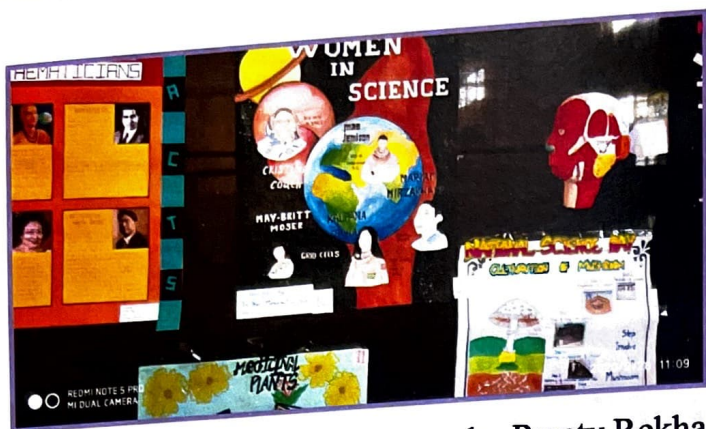
Vigilance Awareness Week

On 21-10-19 Allahabad Bank organized an extempore speech competition among the students to observe the Vigilance Awareness Week. Many students participated with enthusiasm and had an exhilarating experience.

Science Day

On 28-2-20 Science Day was celebrated with a day-long programme. An exhibition was held where students displayed their scientific projects.





The best project award was won by Preety Rekha Dakua, Sumpi Kalita and Rani Yasmin from Physics department. A Poster competition was also held and the winner was Sajit Karki.

Annual College Week

The Annual College Week was celebrated from the 02-03-2020 which started off with the hoisting



of the college flag and a colourful procession being taken out by the different Departments on various themes. The chief guest for the open session was Dr. Rajani Kanta Das, former Principal, S.B.Deorah College.



International Women's Day

On 7-3-20 the college celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a Talk on women empowerment. Mrs. Julie Baruah was the guest speaker and the topic was: *Samatar Prajannama Hathat Narir Bhumika*. The challenges and threats faced by women were dwelt upon and ways of overcoming them were discussed. The Talk was both inspiring and encouraging for the female students.

International Yoga Day

On 21-6-20 International Yoga Day was celebrated online by organizing a talk on *Yoga a Way of Life* by Mr, Subhabrata Mukherjee, Senior Karmakarta of Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati.



The necessity and benefits of Yoga were discussed and the importance of meditation and pranayama for students' performance were focused on.



SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



On 28-8-19 Shri Inanendra Kalita, Associate Professor, Dept of Assamese, delivered a talk on *Shiva: From Heaven to Earth*. The talk was a part of the Lecture Series organized by the **Research Cell** of the college.



On 28-9-19 the **Department of History** organized a talk on *Assamese Culture, A Peep Through the Satras*, which was delivered by Dr. Rahul Majumdar, Dean, K.K. Handique State Open University, Guwahati. It was informative and interesting for the students of History Major.



On 30-9-19 the **Department of English** held a workshop on *Creative Writing: Skills and Prospects*. The Resource Person was Rashmi Narzary, Sahitya Academy Awardee. The skills, the problems as well as prospects of creative writing were discussed which was followed by a lively interactive session.



On 1-11-19 the **Dept of Economics** held a seminar on *Goods and Service Tax* for the Major students. The Resource Persons were Mr. A.K. Singh and Mr. A. K. Dhar. They spoke about the significance of GST in the Indian economy, which was well received by the students.

On 6-11-19, the **Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC)** of the college organized a programme on Value Education, as part of personality development project. Resource Person Mr. Diganta Biswa Sarma briefed the students about the necessity of values for a sound personality and a successful career.

On 9-11-19 the **Research Cell** of the college organized a talk by Dr. Nabanita Bhuyan, HoD, Political Science, on *Working of Parliamentary Democracy in India*. A lively interactive session followed the lecture.

On 11-11-19 the **Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC)** held an Awareness Programme on *Solid Waste and Plastic Management with Special Reference to Air Pollution*, the guest speaker was Prof. K.G. Bhattacharya, who gave a detailed and comprehensive explanation of the adverse effects of air pollution, its causes and prevention.



On 13-11-19 an **Interdisciplinary Seminar** was held on *Indian Classical Literature* by the **Dept of English**, in collaboration with The Dept of Assamese. The Resource Person was Dr. Sudeshna Bhattacharya, Professor, Gauhati University, who spoke about the relevance of Indian Classical literature for students of English Literature.

On 14-11-19 the **IQAC** of the college had invited Dr. Mythili Hazarika, to brief the faculty members about the psychological problems of today's youth and the necessity and methods of counselling. The teachers received first hand knowledge on observing students' behaviour, how to counsel them and when to advice medical help for the concerned students.



On 25-2-20 the **Dept of Education** organized a talk on *Inculcating Values among the Youth*. The Resource Person was Ms. Sunita Agarwala, Associate Professor, Dispur College. The talk was largely attended by students from other departments as well.



On 26-2-20 the **Dept of Political Science**, in collaboration with ISKCON Guwahati, held a Talk on *Values of Indian Culture and Role of Youth*. The Talk which was delivered by His Grace Madhab Das, ISKCON, Belgam, Karnataka, was informative and inspiring besides being relevant for the modern youth.



On 12-3-20 the **Dept of Assamese** held a Talk on *Adhunik Asamiya Natya Charcha*. The Resource person was Shri Naren Patgiri, who kept the students enthralled with his speech on modern Assamese drama.

WEBINARS

The restrictions and lockdowns imposed due to the COVID 19 pandemic, kept the teachers and students busy with webinars and virtual events. The first webinar held was on 31-5-20 on **Online E-Resources**. The Resource Person was Dr. Dhrubajit Das, Librarian of S.B. Deorah College. The talk enlightened the teachers and students about the availability and procedures to access E-Resources.

On 5-6-20 **World Environmental Day** was observed virtually. A talk was delivered by Dr. Partha Baruah, Professor, Gauhati University. The topic was *Time for Nature*. Without stepping out of the four walls the participants of the webinar could get glimpses of the world of Nature and the alarming threat it is facing, in the reckless hands of humanity.



A webinar on **Renaissance Literature** was held by the Department of English on 5-6-20. Resource Person Prof. Asha Kuthari, Gauhati University, gave an enlightening and interesting account on Renaissance Literature which was immensely beneficial for the students of English Major.

The Department of Economics and the Department of Commerce jointly organized a webinar on **Circular Economy and the Economic Dimension of Sustainability in the Covid Era**, on 7-6-20. The talk was delivered by Dr. Pranjal Phukan, Director, International Council for Technology, Management and Applied Sciences. A lively interactive session followed the speech.

The Department of Education organized a webinar on **Emotional Regulations During Covid 19**, on 17-6-20. The talk was delivered by Dr. Rita Rani Talukdar, Asso. Prof. Gauhati University. The Resource Person dwelt at length on the mental

states of students during the imposed Lockdown for the pandemic and how to seek solutions for them.

On 24-6-20 the Department of Political Science organized a webinar on **How Shall the Pandemic End?** The Resource Person was Dr. Prasenjit Biswas, Asso. Prof. Department of Philosophy, NEHU. The adverse effects of the Covid situation were discussed and speculations of its remedies were made.

On 26-6-20, the Department of History held a webinar on **Role of History in Contemporary Society**. The Resource Person was Dr. Rajib Handique, Prof. Dept. of History, GU, who spoke on the relevance of History in various fields of knowledge, especially in the contemporary modern society.

On 28-6-20 the college organized a webinar where a series of lectures were delivered. The first lecture was on **Emerging Modes of Economic Transactions at Global, National and Local levels: Challenges and Opportunities**. It was delivered by Prof. Ajitav Roy Choudhury, Former HoD, Jadavpur University.

The second lecture was on **Economic Way Forward, Post COVID19**, which was delivered by Dr. R. B. Barman, Former Executive Director, RBI and former Chairperson of National Statistical Commission; Member, STA, Assam.

The third lecture was on **Social Implications of the Contagion**, which was delivered by Prof. M.P. Bezbarua, Former HoD, Dept of Economics, GU.

The fourth lecture was on **COVID 19 and the North East Economy**, which was delivered by Prof. Mrinal Kanti Dutta, HoD, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati.

On 29-6-20 the Department of Political Science held a webinar on **India Latin American Partnership: A Paradigm for 21st Century**. The Resource Person was Prof (Retd) Abdul Nafey, former Chairperson CCUS and LAS, School Of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

CERTIFICATE COURSES

For the all round development of the students and to train them for jobs some Certificate Courses were arranged in the colleges premises. The students enthusiastically enrolled themselves in these courses.

1. Basic Beauty Care course was conducted by Mrs. Mala Mahanta from 30-10-19 to 9-11-19. This course was meant to offer job opportunities for the female students.
2. A course on Value Education was conducted in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra, Guwahati. Instructions in Yoga and Meditation were also imparted during this course.
3. A course on Taekwondo was organized from 10-11—19 to 25-11-19. This course was especially meant for the female students as a means of self-defense.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The NSS unit of the college under the guidance of Dr. Niranjana Kalita, Asso Prof, Dept. of Assamese, organized a special camp at Namgaon, the adopted village of the college. The students carried out surveys in the village on the purity and source of water, sanitation, hygiene etc. The camp was held for four days from 4-7-19 to 8-7-19.

On 27-10-19 the Extension Cell and the Health Cell jointly organized a free health check up programme at Basistha ME School. Doctors and medical personnel from NRHM carried out medical tests and counselled the assembled masses. Free medicines were also distributed.

On the same day, which was the eve of Diwali, garments were also distributed among the downtrodden people of the locality.



On 23-2-20 a Health Awareness Programme on breast cancer was organized in Namgaon, the adopted village of the college. 'Rodali' a centre for Cancer Awareness and Counselling collaborated in this programme, where the women folk of the village were given first hand information about how to detect and report symptoms of breast cancer.



On the same day a socio-economic survey was conducted by the students of the college to identify the problems of sustenance, living conditions, schooling for the children etc. Possible remedies were discussed and sorted among the teachers and students and it was decided that a well should be dug as a source of water for the village.

On 25-2-20 a Swachh Bharat Abhijan programme was undertaken at the Railway Colony. Sri Sri Dakhineswar Kali Mandir Committee also contributed their services in the cleanliness drive.



On 8-3-20 as part of the Women's Day celebration, two students of the college—Hina and Tamana offered handicraft training to the children of Kalyani Niwas, a shelter home for girls.



On 21-3-20 and on 24-3-20 awareness programmes on COVID19 were held at Rupnagar and Bakrapara area of the city, by the NSS unit, S.B. Deorah College, where masks and leaflets on COVID 19 were distributed.

On 19-3-20 an Awareness Progame on Covid-19 was organized at Namgaon, the adopted village of the College by the NSS unit, S.B. Deorah College. Soaps, Sanitizers and food item were also distributed among the people.



On 20-03-20 due to the acute shortage of hand sanitizers amidst the increasing threat of the pandemic, under the initiative of the Principal, hand sanitizers were produced in the college Chemistry laboratory by Ms. Bhagyasmeeta Sharma and Dr. Pallabi Baruah, which were distributed among a section of the masses free of cost.

During the Lockdown for the COVID pandemic, the Principal of the college, some Faculty members, Office staff and students were engaged in philanthropic activities like donating money, food items, clothes and medicines among the downtrodden sections of the people of the state.



A large section of the teaching faculty, librarian as well as the office staff offered their services at the COVID Screening Centre which was located in the college premises. People from neighbouring areas as well as distant localities came to the centre to be tested and directed to hospitals, if necessary.

HEALTH PROGRAMMES

On 11-9-19 a symposium on the importance of blood donation was organized in collaboration with Manik Chandra Memorial Society. A large number of students and teachers attended the programme in which doctors from various branches spoke on the issue.



On 14-9-19 a free health check-up camp including dental check up was conducted by the college in collaboration with Apollo Hospital Ltd. As a part of Word Health Day, Apollo hospitals distributed vouchers for free physiotherapy and ECG to the staff of the college and to the people of the neighbourhood.



The Health Cell of the college conducted Yoga classes for 10 days for the students of the college. Many students participated with enthusiasm and learnt the various asanas for common ailments and for better concentration in studies.

CAMPUS ROUND UP



RETIREMENT

Dr. Purabi Chakraborty, HoD, English retired on 31-7-19, after a laudable service of thirty one years. A farewell function was held on the same day in recognition of Dr. Chakraborty's dedicated service. The college wished her a healthy, active and happy retired life.



RUN FOR UNITY

On 31-10-19, the Political Science Department of the college observed the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel by organizing a road run called 'Run For Unity', in order to inculcate the spirit of unity and patriotism among the students.

FRESHERS' SOCIAL

To welcome the new batch of Higher Secondary and Degree students Freshers' Social was celebrated on 7-9-19. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Rajani Kanta Das, Former Principal, S.B. Deorah College. The meeting was followed by an entertaining cultural function, performed by the students.



Exhibition of Students' Skills



Cultural Procession winners



An ICT Class in Progress



Community Service



The session 2019-20 saw the completion of the **New Academic Building**, which houses the College Library, Girls' Common Room and three Classrooms.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Best Graduate, 2020

Students who secured First Class in the end semester examinations in the different departments in the session 2019--20 are as follows:

Dept of Assamese

Dikshita Sarma
Junu Mani Kalita
Lalita Thakuria
Meghashree Kalita
Pompy Deka
Rupamoni Kalita
Rumki Ghosh

Dept of Economics

Bijita Devi

Dept of Education

Himashree Deka
Martin Vaipher

Puja Chetri
Sushmita Acharya
Dept of English
Dhanjita Kalita
Mriganka Sarma
Letty R. Isbwen
Dept of History
Verona Chindeilhin Hadai
Dept of Political Science
Sudha Choudhury
Manjit Sing Boro
Fungkha Iswary
Lakmina Partim
Tashi Dondpi
Francis Pame
Deorath Singh
Thangunin
Commerce Stream
Pauheiyibi



Fungkha Iswary

The Best Graduate for the session 2019-20 was Fungkha Iswary.

The students were felicitated on the college Foundation Day and applauded for their academic performance.

Research Scholars working under the supervision of the Principal, Dr. Dharmendra Nath were awarded PhD degrees by Gauhati University. Dr Ranjit Kr Gam, Assistant Professor of Economics, Sibsagar College and Dr Saurabh Pran Sharma, Assistant Professor of Economics, A.V. College were awarded doctorate degrees in January 2020 and March 2020 respectively.

Dr. Dharmendra Nath, Principal was re-elected to the Executive Council of Gauhati University for another term of 3 years and was also elected to the Academic Council of Gauhati University for a term of 3 years

Students' Union

The student representatives for the session 2019—2020, who were in charge of the various portfolios are as follows:

President	Jonom Chakma
Vice president	Prarthana Bora
General Secretary	Pronesh Nunisa
Asst. General Secretary	Namdibe Newme
Cultural Secretary	Siddhartha Bezbaruah
Outdoor Games Secy	James Moriju
Indoor Games Secretary	Biki boro
Boys' Com.Room Secy	Debashish Ghosh

Social Service Secretary	Deb Narzary
Debate Secy	Manoj Kalita
Magazine Secretary	Trisha Deka
Girls' Com.Room Secy	Silvia Ramhlunmawii

Teachers' Unit

The office bearers of the College Teachers' Unit, during the session comprised of:

President	Mrs Gitali Das
Secretary	Mrs Tripti Rekha Baruah
Treasurer	Dr. Mamun Kalita

Tailpiece: Pain makes man think. Thought makes man wise. Wisdom makes life endurable.

John Patrick