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EDITORIAL

With the new year just having turned the corner this is the time of retrospection and new beginnings. It is a time to look back on what has gone by and look forward to what is to come.

Post July, the college has seen the change of stewardship with Dr. Indira Bordoloi taking over the charge of Principal from the able hands of Principal-in-charge Prof. Geeta Barua. The ambiance is one of new expectations for we are sure that what Dr. Bordoloi lacks in experience, she will make up for amply by her youthful vigour and enthusiasm.

The flur of activity, which was referred to in the last editorial has gone on unabated with each of the departments holding lectures and interactive session for the benefit of the students. The department of English has began a new dramatic society which has staged its first play during the annual 'College Week 2004'. The department of Physics has begun a laudable project of holding inter department talks which will provide the lecturers of the college with an opportunity to hone their skill as speakers. The Handique Herald family wishes success to both these ventures A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

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PRINCIPALS PROFILES

Prof. Geeta Barua

Ex. Principal-in-charge

Prof Geeta Barua served Handique Girls' College as Principal-in-charge for the period February 2004 to July 2004. She is an alumnus of Handique Girls' College and has served the college as lecturer in the department of English from 1967 and from 1999 as Head of the Department of English. Subsequently she took over charge as Principal-in-Charge at the retirement of Dr. Mridula Majumdar.



During her tenure as Principal-in-Charge Prof. Barua shown exemplary dynamism and involvement in both the academic and administrative fronts of the college. Her sincere efforts were visible in the smooth running of the admission process as well as the conduct of the final examinations. The same was also discernible in the charged working atmosphere among the faculty and office staff, with regular classes being held even during the slack season in May. She also took active interest in the process of selecting a permanent Principal for the college and it is due to her initiation of the process that the college today has a permanent Principal. She handed over charge to Dr. Indira Bordoloi in July 2004.

Dr. Indira Bordoloi

Present Principal

Dr. Indira Bordoloi of the Department of Physics, Handique Girls' College, took over as Principal of the college from the Principal-in-Charge Prof. Geeta Barua, on 30-07-2004. Dr. Bordoloi has a brilliant academic career. She did her Schooling & H.S. from Govt. Girls H.S. & M.P. School, Dibrugarh. She graduated from Cotton College, Guwahati and did her Post-Graduation from Gauhati University. She did her Ph.D. from Gauhati University in 1990. Dr. Bordoloi has had a long span of service as lecturer beginning from 1979 to 2004, till her appointment as Principal. Dr. Bordoloi has also presented numerous papers in research journals both in India and Abroad, she has also participated in various seminars and conferences at the state as well as National level. She has also contributed towards Educational Extension works and is also a research supervisor of Ph. D. students. The Handique Herald family welcomes her and wishes her a successful tenure as Principal.



LECTURE ON DR. NIRMAL PROBHA BORDOLOI – By the Deptt. of ASSAMESE

The annual lecture of the dept. of Assamese of the College was held this year on 12th October, 2004 at the 'Students' Day Home'. This year the lecture was consecrated to the fond memory of reknowned Poetess, Lyricist, Scholar, Educationist, Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Ex-President of Assam Sahitya Sabha and an alumni of Handique Girls' College Late Dr. Nirmal Probha Bordoloi. The lecture was delivered by reknowned poet, lyricist, Sahitya Akademi Awardee Sri Keshav Mahanta. He



spoke on 'Modern Assamese lyric literature with special reference to the lyrics of Dr. Nirmal Probha Bordoloi'.

The lecture was inaugurated by the Vice-Principal of the college Mrs. Pranita Barua and conducted by the head of the Assamese Dept. Mrs. Mahashweta Acharya. Dr. Kanak Ch. Saharia introduced the guests. Before the lecture, Dr. Manjumala Das, ex. head of the Assamese Dept. of the college inaugurated the departmental yearly journal 'Uttaran', 2nd year, 2004, edited by Mr. Lakshi Hazarika. At the same gathering Dr. Anjali Sarma, ex. head of the Assamese dept. of the college distributed three departmental prizes to three brilliant students of the dept. i.e. - *Late Rajabala Das Memorial Award* (highest mark

obtainer in Assamese in T.D.C. Part II exam. in the dept.) to *Miss Luish Gogoi*, *Late Dr. Harichandra Bhattacharyya Award* (highest mark obtainer in Assamese in T.D.C. Part I (2+1) exam. in the dept.) to *Miss Lalita Goswami* and *Encouraging Prize* (highest mark obtainer in Assamese in T.D.C. Part I (1+1+1) exam in the dept.) to *Miss Manisha Talukdar*.

All the Assamese major students of the college, all the faculty members of the Assamese dept. and several faculty members of the college, several invitees, office bearers etc. were present in the whole meeting. Mrs. Monimaya Bordoloi offered the vote of thanks.

DRAMA SOCIETY

LAUNCHED by English Department

The dramatic society of Handique Girls' College, Dept. of English was formally launched on Sept. 11, 2004. Christened as the "*Bohemian Souls*", the society fulfilled a long-felt need of the dept.

The drama society will bridge the gap between the course study materials of the students and its actual practice, said Prof. Geeta Baruah, Head of the Dept. of English, at the inaugural function of the society. The society has already chalked out various activities to be held at the college, which includes theatre-workshops, lecture - demonstrations quiz and extempore speech related to drama etc.

The member - students of the society have already participated in a play-reading session, where they read out excerpts from plays by Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe etc. They will also stage a play during the Cultural Night College Week of Handique Girls' College.

TALK ON PLAY

As a part of series of lectures organised by the English Dept. Handique Girls' College, a talk was held on "**How to put up a Play**" on September 11, 2004. It was delivered by the young theatre personality, Sattyaki D'Com Bhuyan, who dealt in detail on the various aspects and technicalities of drama. He enthused the students to enhance their creative faculties by writing original scripts for plays. "Young writers writing in English should be encouraged in order to project new ideas through plays, which is lacking in this strife - torn region of active session with the students.

LECTURE ON POETRY

Dr. Bibhas Choudhury, lecturer in the Deptt. of English, Gauhati University, delivered an illuminative talk on "Appreciating Poetry" on 8/12/04 at Handique Girls' College. The talk was held under the aegis of the Dept. of English as part of a series of academic lectures organized by the Dept.

The talk proved to be extremely beneficial for the students, as Dr. Choudhury highlighted several problems faced by the students while appreciating poetry. He also provided a brief outline of a few approaches to poetry which are also guidelines to understand literary concerns.

The talk was followed by a lively interaction with the students in which Dr. Choudhury clarified a few aspects of poetry.

Dr. Choudhury was introduced to the students by Prof. Geeta Barua HOD English, Handique Girls' College.

EDUCATIONAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Under the banner of the Educational and Psychological Society, the students and teachers of the Department went on a Field Trip to 'Shanti Dan' – a Charitable organisation run by Missionaries for orphans and destitutes on 20-12-2004.

TWO LECTURERS AT THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION

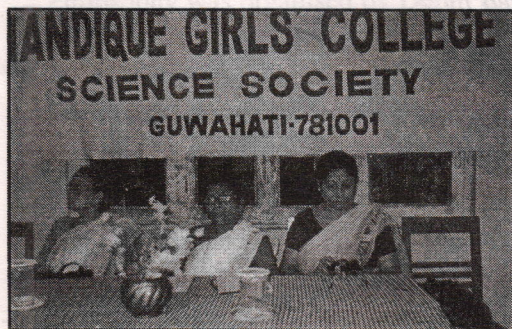
The Department of Education arranged two guest lectures with interactive sessions, with Dr. Renu Goswami as speaker.

The first lecture was held on 13th September, 2004 and the topic discussed was 'DEVELOPING MOTIVATION IN STUDENTS'. The second lecture on 'CREATIVITY' was delivered on 4th September, 2004. Both the lectures were followed by active interaction between the students and the guest lecturer.

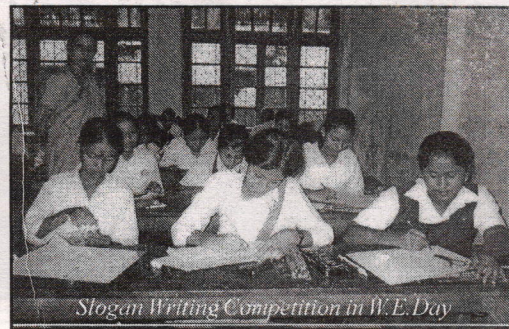
Activities of Handique Girls' College Science Society

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5TH JUNE, 2004

The Handique Girls' College Science Society observed 'World Environment Day' on 05-06-04 in Panbazar Girls' H.S. School premises with a day long programme in collaboration with the Institution of Engineers India, Assam chapter. In this



connection a drawing competition was organised amongst the students of Class V to Class VII and a slogan writing competition was organised amongst the students of Class VIII to X. In both the competitions 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Consolation Prizes were given. The prizes were sponsored by the Institution of Engineers. However,



the first prizes for slogan writing competition was offered by the then Principal Prof. (Mrs.) Geeta Barua.

A general meeting was held after the competition with the teachers and students of Panbazar Girls' School. The meeting was presided over by the Principal of the School. The teachers of both Handique Girls' College and Panbazar Girls' School spoke on environment.

TALK ON SCIENCE AND HUMANISM

The Handique Girls' College Science Society intends to hold a series of lectures by eminent personalities, the writeup of which will be published as a book. The first lecture was delivered on 01-09-04 by Dr. Dipak Kumar Chakraborty. In this connection a meeting was organised which was presided over by the Vice-Principal Mrs. Pranita Barua. Prof. Lekha Dutta, convenor of the Science Society spoke about the aim of the meeting. Dr. H. K. Choudhury introduced the speaker to the audience. The speaker was felicitated by the students on behalf of the society.

Prof. J. K. Manta offered vote of thanks.

PROJECT ON DRINKING WATER CONDUCTED AT GURIAGHULI VILLAGE

The Handique Girls' College Science Society recently completed a short-term project on 'Quality status of potable water' at Guriaghuli village under the Dimoria block of Kamrup District, inhabited by about 60 families of Karbi people.

The project was financed by the National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC), 2003-04, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.

In this connection, a public meeting was arranged in the premises of Guriaghuli L.P. School. A large number of students and other local people were present in by the head master of the school Karuna welcomed the gathering.

Dr. Lekha Dutta, convenor of the project, explained the objective of NEAC was "Water, Elixir of Life". Prof. the water analysis of the area in detail.

Professors of Handique Girls' Dr. M M Bora, Dr. S Choudhury, Dr. M took active part in the interaction with



the meeting which was presided over Kanta Das, Prof. Nirmali Medhi

Science Society and contact person of the project. This year the theme of the Kunja Dekha reported the findings of

College namely Alaka Chakraborty, Kalita, Dr. A Bhuyan and DJ Haloi the people.

Reboti Marme, Dipak Marme, and Dipali Das from the village took active part in the discussion. They expressed their concern over the nonavailability of supply of drinking water from government side. Remedial measures were also given to them for purification of water. A water filter was donated to the L P School by the Science Society.

In his presidential address, K K Das appreciated the project and expressed his desire to undertake such work by the Society in future as well.

OBSERVATION OF W.L. WEEK ON 04/10/04

H.G.C.S.S. observed wild life week with a day long programme. Prof. P. C. Bhattacharjee Deptt. of Zoology G. U. delivered a talk on "Role of Women in wild life

Conservation" He also displayed different slides of wild life. An interaction session was held after the talk. A large number of students and teachers were present in the meeting.

QUIZ COMPETITION

Handique Girls' College Science Society Organised Quiz Competition amongst the students of the College on November 2004.



The First Prize was obtained by

☐ Miss Rashmi Rekha Hazarika and Pallavi Chetia
(TDC 2nd Year Botany Major)

The Second Prize was obtained by

☐ Anusuya Dutta Barua and Merina Das (TDC 2nd Year Zoology Major)

The Third Prize was obtained by

☐ Sadhna Nayak and Preeti Tiwari (TDC 2nd Year Botany Major)

The Quiz was conducted by Prof. Nabajit Dutta of the Deptt of Physics.

DEPARTMENTAL WORKS IN MATHEMATICS DEPTT.

(a) Dr. Ranjana Choudhury, Retd. Head of the deptt. Mathematics, delivered a lecture on "Recreation in Mathematics" for the students of the Deptt.

(b) Prof. Jeshim Hazarika visited Haflong in connection with an educative mathe-magical programme in accordance with the invitation of Deputy Commissioner, N. C. Hills on 08-09-04.

LECTURE IN STATISTICS DEPTT.

The Department of Statistics organized a lecture on December 7, 2004. The topic of the lecture was 'Some Concept in Statistics'. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Biswajit Chakarvarty, retired professor of Statistics, Cotton College. The lecture was attended by the students of TDC first year and 2nd year and there was a lively interaction between the resource person and the students.

PRIDE OF ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Miss Kamalika Deka of T.D.C. 3rd Year, Zoology (Major) is a brilliant student & a good debator. She has brought many awards on various debate competitions at National & State levels. Some of her achievements are.

1. Best Debator at 24th Manik Chandra Baruah National Level Debating Competition and also Best Team, held at Cotton College on 7th September 2004.
2. Best Team at All Assam Sarat Chandra Goswami Memorial Debating Competition, held at Handique Girls College on 11th October 2004.
3. Second Best Team at 11th Nanda Talukdar Memorial North-East Level Debating Competition held at Pandu College on 2nd December 2004.
4. Second Best Team at All Assam Inter College Debating Competition held at Assam Engineering College on 24th January 2004.



A STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

A Student Exchange Programme was held between Handique Girls' College and Shillong College on 10th and 11th December 2004, in reciprocation to the earlier Students Exchange Programme held at Shillong College in the month of October 2003.

A team comprising of 13 students accompanied by Prof. B. Siem and Prof. Eva Kharkhongkor, Deptt. of Economics of Shillong College visited Handique Girls' College. The convenor of the students Exchange Programme was Prof. Nirmali Medhi of the Deptt. of Zoology.

In the inaugural function conducted by Dr. Srutimala Duara, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Indira Bordoloi, Principal, Handique Girls' College. Prof. Geeta Barua, former Principal of Handique Girls' College and presently the Head of the Deptt. of English gave a comprehensive idea of Assam and its people. Prof. B. Siem and Prof. (Mrs.) Eva Kharkongar addressed the gathering and spoke about the hospitality of the host college and the need to know the land and its people for better understanding of each other.

STUDY GROUP PROGRAMME ON INDIA 2020 – A VISIBLE REALITY

The 'study Group of Developed India Mission', running under the mentorship of President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, organised a dynamic class on "India 2020 and health care" in Handique Girls' College, where trustees (Dr. Kuntal Goswami Memorial Charitable Trust, Guwahati), doctors, invited guests and teachers and students of Handique Girls' College took part.

Chairperson Dr. Indira Bordoloi, Principal of the Collge inagurated the Programme. She also introduced Dr. Debi Prasad Goswami, Chairperson of the Dr. K. G. M. C. Trust.

Dr. Ram Dayal Yadav, group leader of the 'Study Group of Developed Indian Mission' and Dr. Jayanta Madhav, reknowed economist also took part in the programme.

TEACHERS' ACTIVITIES

Papers Presented :

The 4th conference of International Congress of Social Philosophy was organised by Deptt. of Philosophy, Gauhati University from 9th to 11th December '04.

Dr. Ranjita Bhattacharjya, Dr. Archana Sharma and Dr. Nirupama Mahanta, lecturers of Political Science and Philosophy respectively presented research paper in the conference. The titles of the papers are 'Indian Values in Morass Need for value Education', 'Women's Movement Vis-a-Vis Women Empowerment in India, and 'Terrorism and its impact in India' respectively.

Book Published :

Dr. Ranjita Bhattacharjya and Madhurima Hazarika co-authored a text book on International Relations in Assamese based on the new syllabus. The book is published by I. M. S. A. R., Guwahati.

Paper Presented :

Mrs. Alaka Chakravarty, Deptt. of Zoology presented a paper entitled 'Medicinal Plants in N. E. Region' in the National Seminar, held in Govt. Ayurvedic College, Guwahati from 7 to 10 th Oct. 04.

Resource Person :

Mrs. Mitali Goswami was invited as a resource person at a Refresher Course for Higher Secondary Teachers' held in Cotton College, Guwahati in the Month of July. She lectured on the topic 'Exploring Prose-some perspectives'.

Book Released :

A book titled, "Calculus and Differential Equations" written by **Prof. Dipu Nath Sharma** in collaboration with **Dr. Upendra Nath Misra** of Gauhati University has been released. The book published by Assam Book Depot and priced at Rs. 200 is a text book for Degree Course (1+1+1). It is written in accordance with the new syllabi of degree course of Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University and Assam University. Each chapter contains a fairly large number of solved examples for better understanding of mathematical skills. Prof. Dipu Nath Sharma has already to his credit "Introduction to General Mathamatics", a text book for class IX (SEBA) published by Kamakhya Mandir Publishing Guwahati.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH ALUMNI

On the 7th of December 2004 an interactive session with two of Handique Girls' College alumni, Namita Bhattacharya, a renowned playback singer and Meghna Rai Medhi, fashion designer, was held in the college with Dr. Indira Bordoloi, Principal of Handique Girls' College as the chairperson.

Geeta Barua former principal of the college and present head of the department of English spoke on the necessity of keeping up the glorious tradition of the college and understanding its past activities such interactive sessions.

Namita Bhattacharya spoke on her past association with the teachers of the college, how she had participated in the college functions and how she pursued her career with determination in spite of all odds. She asked the students to take active part in the college activities.

Meghna Rai Medhi, a successful fashion designer who has staged many shows and has a boutique 'Lifestyle' in Baruwari, spoke on the difficult path of a fashion designer and how she had achieved her success. She said that she was ready to guide any student interested in pursuing this career.

The students actively participated with their questions put forward to both Namita and Meghna. The session was conducted by Dr. Srutimala Duara, Convener of Alumni Association, Handique Girls' College.

HEALTH AWARENESS CELL' OF HANDIQUE GIRLS' COLLEGE

Handique Girls' College, Health awareness cell organised a popular talk on "SOME COMMON GYNECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND PRECAUTIONS OF ADOLESCENT CHILD HEALTH" on 27/08/04.

The talk was delivered by **Dr. Nilima Thakuria Haque**. She nicely represented and explained few common Gynecological problems and their precautions;

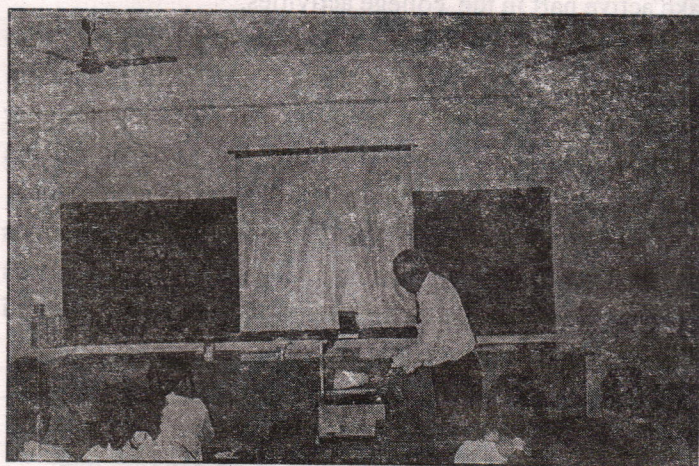
Dr. Gitanjali Deka discussed about the precautions of common problems with students. Students were very interested about the precautions of some of their problems.

The meeting was presided over by vice principal Mrs. Pranita Baruah, Dr. (Mrs.) Aditi Medhi (Convener) explained the aims and object of Health awareness cell. Dr. Jayshree Goswami cited the action plan of the year 2004-05. Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Dhiru Kumar. Mrs. Santana Kakati and Mr. Anupam Deka took active part in the talk.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF PHYSICS DEPTT.

(a) Dr. Mrs. A. D. Purkayastha, Ms. Rupjyoti Gogoi and Mr. Mrinal Kr. Das presented research papers in the conference organised by Physics Academy of North-East at Silchar on Nov 5 and 6 of 2004. Heartening to note that Ms. Rupjyoti Gogoi was selected for the *Young Scientist Award* of the Academy. Ms Gogoi presented another research paper in the symposium on High Energy Physics organised by DAE-BRNS at Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, on Nov 29-Dec 03 of 2004. They also presented the papers in a seminar held in the department on Dec 09, 2004 for the benefit of the departmental colleagues and the Major students.

(b) Professor B. K. Sarma of Physics Department of GU delivered an invited talk on 'Nanomaterials' on Dec 01, 2004.



(c) Sri B. Deka represented the college in the conference on 'Post-Accreditation Activities of Higher Education Institutions-NE Region', organised by NAAC, Bangalore on 28/11/04 at Administrative Staff College, Khanapara. The conference was addressed by both the Chairman and the Director of NAAC. All the accredited colleges attended the conference. Sri Deka suggested that more elements of objectivity should be injected into the assessment procedure of NAAC. Sri Deka also appealed for more fund for the assessed colleges to improve their academic and physical infrastructure.

(d) As an interdepartmental activity the department organised a talk on "why **Jibonar Batot** by Birinchi Kumar Barua is perhaps the best Assamese novel." The talk was delivered by Mr. Lakshi Hazarika, Lecturer, Department of Assamese, on Dec 20, 2004. The lecture was very well received and the interaction was quite stimulating.

THE REPORT OF ELECTION 2004

The last general election of the Students Union of the College was held on 20th November '04. Prior to this the open debate of the contestants was held on 19th Novembers. The students of the College democratically elected their representatives in a healthy atmosphere. The elected members of the Union took their responsibilities after the oath taking ceremony on the 4/12/04.



Date of Election	: 20/11/04 (Open debate : 19/11/04)
Election Commissioner	: Mrs P. Barua
Presiding officers	: Mrs Geeta Barua, Mrs S Barua
1. Vice-President	: Mrs. Pranita Barua
2. General Secretary	: Sonia Naznin
3. Asstt. General Secretary	: Munmi Rajkhowa
4. Debate & Symposium Secy	: Jumir Ete
5. Magazine Secretary	: Saraju Bhuyan
6. Major Games Secretary	: Nilusmita Deka
7. Minor Games Secretary	: Nisha Kalita
8. Music Secretary	: Manika Kalita
9. Fine Arts Secretary	: Nilanjana Deka
10. Social Services Secretary	: Anarima Brahma
11. Common Room Secretary	: Ruprekha Deka

OBTAINED GOLD MEDAL

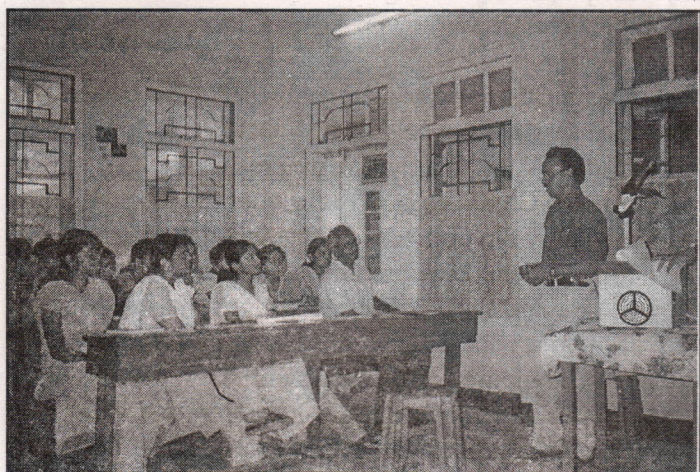
Miss. Umi Deka, a student of B.A. 2nd Yr. obtained Gold Medal in Inter College Youth Festival in 2004 in Debating Competition organised by Gauhati University Post Graduate Students' Union. She also obtained Gold Medals in same festivals in the year of 2002 and 2003 in the same competition.



She was the General Secretary of Handique Girls' College for the session 2003-04. She also got more than 200 awards in various competitions – like Debate, Recitation, Extempore Speech etc.

TALK IN ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

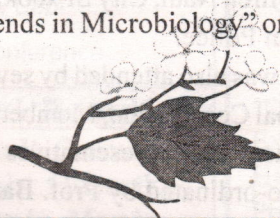
TALK (i) : 'Estrogen'- A magnificent steroidal hormone, Its role in central nervous system : A departmental talk for the B. Sc. students of Zoology Department was held on 29/7/04 on Estrogen hormone. The Lecture was delivered by Mr. Kanhaya Sarma a Ph. d. student of All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Students interacted with the speaker and asked relevant questions.



TALK (ii) : Environmental Influence on Physiology and Reproduction : A lecture for all the B. Sc. major students was arranged on 9/8/04 and was delivered by Dr. Jogen Ch. Kalita, Reader Dept. of Zoology Gauhati University. In his speech he focused on the various man made or naturally occurring hormone mimics & which may have many negative effects on our physiology with the students.

SEMINAR LECTURE IN BOTANY DEPTT.

Department of Botany, Handique Girls' College organised two seminar lectures in 2004. **Prof. S.K. Borthakur**, Eminent Taxonomist and Professor of Department of Botany, Gauhati University delivered a talk on "Philosophy of Plant Classification and related aspects of Taxonomy" on 30th November, 2004 and **Dr. D. K. Jha** of department of Botany, Gauhati University delivered a talk on "Modern Trends in Microbiology" on 11th December, 04.



PARTICIPATED IN SEMINAR

Home Science students of second and third year major, participated in a day long seminar on 'Health Benefits of Soy food and its application in food industries' organised by 'NERAMAC' in association with American Soybean Association (ASA), Asia subcontinent. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. S. Kabilan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam. Mr. J L Darkim, Managing Director NERAMAC delivered the welcome address.

Following topics were covered during the technical session :

1. Applications for Soy in Indian food Industry - by Dr. Suresh Itapu, Technical Director (Human Nutrition), American Soybean Association.
2. Health benefits of Soy food by Dr. Kbitha Reddy, Consultant American Soybean Association.
3. Health benefits of Soy food in Indian context - by Dr. Ratan Sharma, consultant, ASA. The technical session was concluded by question answer session.

Various Soy products such as Soy milk, Soy paneer, wheat Soy flour, gram Soy flour, Soynuts, nuggets, Soy granules, Soy papad, Soy dil etc. were introduced & displayed. The staff members of Home Science Department, Dr. Mrs. Malaya Madhuri Bora, Dr. Mrs. Jayashree Sarmah Goswami and Mrs. Meenakshi Dutta Mazumdar attended the seminar besides a large gathering of Doctors, Dieticians Nutritionists & Food entrepreneurs.

Resource Person :

Mrs. Alaka Bhattacharyya has been selected as a resource person for the training programmes for Assam Police Personnel on 'Community Oriented and Child Friendly Policing' under project Aashwas.

Participated in National Workshop :

Dr. Mrs. Jayshree Sarmah Goswami is deputed by the college to participate in National workshop on Methodologies for Assessment of Vitamin A deficiency, Iron deficiency Anaemia and Iodine deficiency disorders from 13th to 15th September, 2004, at All Indian Institute of Medical Science (Department of Human Nutrition), New Delhi.

Resource Persons :

Dr. Mrs. Jayshree Sarmah Goswami and Mrs. Meenakshi Dutta Mazumdar of Department of Home Science have been invited by Nestle Company as resource persons to generate awareness regarding 'Preschool Nutrition' among the parents of preschool children already five such Nutrition awareness programmes have been successfully conducted in various preschool centres located in greater Guwahati, in 2004.

52ND ACTA CONFERENCE

The 52nd ACTA Conference was held successfully with a three day programme on 29th, 30th and 31st October, 2004 at Handique Girls' College. The conference was organized at the joint initiative of 14 colleges of Kamrup zone-A under the leadership of the Teachers Unit of Handique Girls' College. Several organizations including Donbosco Youth Mission and Educational Services (DBYES), Centre for National Integration and Youth Development (CENIYD), Anannya Socio Economic & Cultural Development Society etc. offered their valuable co-operation and assistance for the success of the programme.

Several new and innovative programmes were included in this Conference. A get together programme of past and present Office bearers and Executive members of the organization was held on the Conference on 28th October evening at the college premises. Several ex officials and members of the Executive Committee participated in the programme. It was successfully co-ordinated by Prof. Basanta Deka and Prof. Nirmali Choudhury.

The main programme of Conference started with the hoisting of the ACTA flag by Prof. Tosheswar Chetia, President, ACTA on 29th October at 9.30 am. The flags of the member colleges of the organizing committee was hoisted by the respective Principals. It was followed by Smriti Tarpan and inauguration of Exhibition. For the first time in the history of ACTA, a book exhibition was organised where various publications of the teachers of the affiliated colleges of ACTA were displayed. A Prospectus and Magazine Competition was also organised on the occasion.

The Conference was formally inaugurated by Mr. P. V. Sumant, IPS, Director General of Police, Govt. of Assam. The programme was attended by Mr. Kula Saikia, IPS, DIG (MPC) as a Guest of Honour.

An academic session on the theme "Textbook, Curriculum and Examination system" was organized after the inaugural function, where several crucial issues were thoroughly discussed.

A Seminar on the theme "Vocationalisation of Higher Education" was organized during the post lunch session which was chaired by Prof. Dinesh Baroowa, President of the Reception Committee. It was addressed by Prof. A. C. Bhagawati, Former V. C. Arunachal University, Dr. G. Srinivas, Deputy Secretary, UGC (NER) and Mr. R. C. Gupta, Chief Consultant, Assam Carbon.

After the Seminar, the ACTA Journal was released by Dr. Govinda Prasad Sarma, Former Dean, Gauhati University. The Souvenir of the Reception Committee was released by Sri Dharendra Nath Chakraborty, Editor, Dainik Asom and Secretary, Senior Citizens Association.

The Annual Lecture on the theme "Higher Education in the 21st Century: Problems and Prospects" was delivered by Dr. Hiren Gohain, Former Dean, Gauhati University.

In the evening, the delegate meet was inaugurated by Prof. Vijay Kumar, General Secretary, AIFUCTO.

Next day, the programme started with the delegate meet. A Debating Competition was held during the post lunch session on the topic:

"The present system of assessment and accreditation by NAAC will be successful in bringing about a qualitative change in the system of Higher Education in India".

The competition was inaugurated by Prof. Udayaditya Bharali, Principal, Cotton College.

Speaker : Prof. Dewan Joynal Abedin, Former President, ACTA.

In the evening the delegate meet continued till late at night.

The open session was held on 31st October at 3pm. Dr. G. N. Talukdar, V. C. Gauhati University attended the programme as the Chief Guest. A website of the association was inaugurated by Dr. Talukdar on the occasion. Dr. H. K. Sahoo, DHE, attended the programme as a Guest of Honours. Prof. Joynal Abedin, Former President of ACTA, who had retired from his service after a successful and chequered service life, was honoured on the occasion.

The Conference concluded with a lively Cultural Programme presented by students of Guwahati College, Cotton College and Handique Girls' College.

SEMINAR ON CITIZENS ROLE

A Seminar on "Role and responsibilities of Citizens in building a Crime free society in Guwahati City" was held on 15th October, 2004 at the Seminar Hall of Handique Girls' College. The Seminar was organized by Assam College Teachers' Association in collaboration with Guwahati City Police, Centre for National Integration & Youth Development and Anannya Socio Economic & Cultural Development Society. Mrs. Pranita Baruah, Vice-Principal of Handique Girls' College and Mr. Nabajit Dutta, General Secretary of the 52nd ACTA Conference welcome the guests and participants. The Seminar was inaugurated by Sri Dhiren Chakraborty, Editor, Dainik Asom. It was attended by several leading citizens including Dr. Phani Sarma, Former Chief Administrator, GMC, Prof. Dinesh Baroowa, Former Chirman, AHSEC, Sri Dhiren Baruah, President, Save Guwahati Build Guwahati, Prof. Jyotiprasad Gogoi, General Secretary, ACTA.

Mr. Kuladhar Saikia, DIG (MPC), Mr. Mukesh Agrawal, DIG (CWR), Mr. Hiren Nath, City SP took part in the Seminar on behalf of Assam Police.

The Seminar was also attended by several Councillors of Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Members of Senior Citizens Association, teachers and representatives of NGO's etc. The programme was co-ordinated by Prof. Bandana Nabis Das.