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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to present the second edition of our University Newsletter, a reflection of the progress, creativity, and collective spirit that define our academic community. Each page captures moments of learning, innovation, and collaboration—reminding us that a university's true strength lies in the shared passion of its people.

Since the release of our inaugural edition, our University has taken significant strides in teaching, research, and community engagement.

Faculty members have expanded the frontiers of knowledge through impactful research, our students continue to excel in academics, research, sports, and cultural pursuits and our outreach activities are strengthening our role as a partner in community development.

The newsletter stands as a record of these milestones, inspiring us to aim higher. As we move forward, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering an environment where creativity, inclusivity, and scholarship flourish. Let this platform continue to celebrate our successes, share our aspirations, and encourage meaningful dialogue.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team for their dedication in bringing out this edition with such thought and care. I also thank our contributors—faculty, staff, students, and alumni—whose voices make this newsletter truly representative of our university's spirit.

Let us continue to work together to make Bhattadev Uni-versity an institution of repute.

With best wishes,

Prof. Dhanapati Deka

Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University

EDITORIAL

An academic institution is not confined to classroom learning alone, it also serves as a platform for the holistic growth of the students. We are happy to publish the Newsletter Vol. 2 Issue 1, showcasing the University's diverse activities beyond the formal curriculum for the period January– June 2025. This issue highlights the significant milestone of hosting the First Convocation of Bhattadev University, in which a total of 1,920 graduates received their degrees. Another remarkable achievement was the maiden participation of a student team at the AIU-North-East Zone Inter University Youth Festival- Tarang held at IFAI University, Tripura. The University made its mark at the 77th Asam Sahitya Sabha, Pathsala session, with participation in Vigyan Mela. It is a matter of pride that During this period itself Bhattadev University has signed five MoUs with the prestigious institutions of the state. The readers will also have glimpses of all the community engagement programs of the University in this issue. The editorial team appreciates all the members of Bhattadev University for their continuous support.

Editorial Team

Bhattadev University hosts its First Convocation

Confers *Phd (Honoris Causa)* on cultural luminary of Assam, Shri Krishna Roy



Bhattadev University celebrated a momentous occasion with its First Convocation, a landmark event marking a significant milestone in the University's journey of academic excellence on March 29, 2025. The First Convocation was graced by Hon'ble Governor of Assam and Chancellor of Bhattadev University, Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya. Former Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University and former Pro-Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University, Professor Amarjyoti Choudhury was invited as Special Guest. Shri

Ranjeet Kumar Dass, Cabinet Minister, Panchayat and Rural Development, Judicial, Tourism and General Administration Department of Government of Assam also graced the occasion as Guest of Honor.

On this occasion, the University conferred prestigious Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (*Honoris Causa*) on cultural luminary of Assam, Shri Krishna Roy. Shri Roy is a recipient of the Rajat Kamal Award in Regional Language (Assamese Category) in the year 2004 and the Asom Saurav Award by the Government of Assam in 2022. His visionary leadership in establishing Awahan Theatre, coupled with his role as a film producer, lighting artist, and active socio-cultural participant, has helped shape the future of mobile theatre in the region.

A total of 1,920 awardees, including 2 PhD, 496 postgraduate, and 1422 undergraduate students received their degrees. Among them, 66 graduates were awarded with Gold Medals.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chancellor of Bhattadev University congratulated the graduating students and said, "I am confident that the students receiving degrees at the convocation will make the best use of knowledge, skills, experience acquired at Bhattadev University and will strive to find solutions to various problems and challenges of the society." He further said, "the vision of investing in people is based on three pillars, education, skills and health. The vision is not only to provide theoretical knowledge but also to equip students with skills that they can apply in the practical field". He also added that the Bajali region has a unique identity in the field of education in Assam and it has also been making significant contributions in the preservation and promotion of language, literature, art, and culture.

Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University, in his speech apprised the august gathering of the overall achievements and road map for future of the University. The convocation ended after signing of the convocation register by Hon'ble Governor of Assam cum Chancellor of Bhattadev University.

Two-day MTTS Overture Programme organised by the Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics at Bhattadev University hosted a two-day MTTS Overture Programme on January 8th and 9th, 2025. This training programme was organized in association with the Mathematical Training and Talent Search (MTTS) Trust for undergraduate students. Prof. Bhaba Kumar Sarma, Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT Guwahati, and Dr. Shouvik Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Tripura University, were resource persons for this program, who focused on training the students in developing a foundation in mathematics and building their confidence in solving mathematical problems. Around 40 undergraduate-level students from 8 different colleges and universities of Assam participated in this programme.

This two-day-long programme was coordinated by Prof. Gautam Kalita, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Bhattadev University, and Prof. Bhaba Kumar Sarma, IIT Guwahati.



Department of Political Science organises Lecture Programme on Challenges of Nation Building



The Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University, organised a special lecture programme on the theme "Challenges of Nation Building: The Indian Experience" on January 23, 2025, to commemorate the 76th Republic Day celebrations of India. Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, graced the occasion as the

Guest of Honour. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the various challenges that India has faced since Independence and how the nation has managed to overcome them. Prof. R. K. Satapathy, Former Professor in the Department of Political Science, NEHU, Shillong, and Prof. Dhruba Pratim Sharma, Professor in the Department of Political Science, Gauhati University, were the invited resource persons in the programme. Prof. Satapathy, in his lecture, highlighted how India has travelled the path of democracy and the challenges that confront the country today. Prof. Sharma, in his lecture, mentioned how nation-building is a continuous process highlighting the various impediments to nation-building in both Western and non-Western nations. The meeting was presided over by Monoj Kumar Das, Head of the Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University.

Celebration of National Girl Child Day

The Women's Cell, Bhattadev University, observed National Girl Child Day on January 24, 2025. Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. In his inaugural speech, he discussed the status of Indian women in the past and at present, issues of women's empowerment, and cited several examples of women who managed to overcome challenges and set examples in society. The Secretary of the Women Cell, Bhattadev University, Dr. Nabanita Baruah, highlighted the objectives of the awareness programme towards the need to create a safe environment for girl child through the empowering mechanisms. The programme was graced by the invited resource persons, Princhi Baruah, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nalbari District, and Dr. Lipika Barman, District Child Protection Officer, Baksa District. Princhi Baruah in her lecture highlighted several factors of gender differences, the need for economic independence of girls and their decision making, awareness on financial and political matters to achieve the set goals. Dr. Lipika Barman, in her speech, discussed the challenges faced by girl child in India, government schemes for girl child, legal provisions on juvenile justice in India, the POCSO Act 2012, Child marriage, and the preventive measures available for the same. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Dulumani Deka, Associate Professor and President of Women Cell, Bhattadev University. Dr. Deka, in her presidential remarks, highlighted the importance of female education and the consequences of early marriage for girls.



Department of Political Science organises Lecture Programme on Nationalism and Film-making

Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University organised a special lecture programme on January 24, 2025, on the theme "Nationalism as a theme in Film making". Mr. Rajen Chandra Das, Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy, N. H. College, Patacharkuchi, and an acclaimed filmmaker, was the resource person in the programme. Mr. Das delved into the portrayal of nationalism in films, tracing its journey from early cinema to contemporary works. His works, in which he has depicted the folk culture of Assam, inspired the students. Dr. Madhusmita Boruah from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Bhattadev University, also graced the occasion. Her presence enriched the discussion as she shared her perspective on the interplay between media and nation-building, emphasizing the role of films in shaping public opinion. The programme concluded with an interactive session, where students, faculty members, and attendees engaged in a lively exchange of ideas with the resource person. Questions ranged from the ethical implications of depicting nationalism in films to the challenges filmmakers face in balancing artistic integrity with societal expectations. The programme was presided over by Monoj Kumar Das, Head, Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University.

Union Minister Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani visits the ongoing construction site of Bhattadev University campus

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Hon'ble Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Government of India, visited the under-construction campus of Bhattadev University at Medhikuchi on January 24, 2025. Upon his arrival at the site, Dr. Pemmasani was warmly welcomed by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University. The Minister was given a comprehensive tour of the upcoming campus of the University, where he observed the progress of various ongoing construction projects.

The Hon'ble Minister was accompanied by a delegation of prominent dignitaries, including Sri Phanidhar Talukdar, the Hon'ble MLA of Bhabanipur, and Sri Mridul Kumar Das, ACS, District Commissioner, Bajali, along with other senior officials. Their presence underscored the inspection of this extensive project that promises to provide high infrastructural facilities for the youth of Assam in pursuing their higher education.



76th Republic Day celebration at Bhattadev University



Bhattadev University celebrated the 76th Republic Day on January 26, 2025, reinforcing the spirit of national pride among its fraternity. The celebration commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University. A highlight of this year's Republic Day celebration was the achievement of the First Prize in the drill competition by the 7 Assam Boys Bn NCC and 60 Assam Girls Bn NCC of Bhattadev University, organized by the Bajali District Administration. This victory is a testament to the dedication and rigorous training of the NCC cadets and brings immense pride to the university. The ceremony was attended by a large gathering of faculty members, staff, students, and other members of the university community.

Bhattadev University participates in the North-East Zone Inter-University Youth Festival for the first time



Bhattadev University marked a major milestone as a team of students from the University participated in the Tarang Festival-AIU North-East Zone Inter University Youth Festival (UNIFEST) which was held at ICFAI University, Tripura during 27 – 31 January, 2025. This was the first ever participation of the University in the UNIFEST after becoming a member of the

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in 2024. The University's maiden appearance at UNIFEST brought pride to the entire university fraternity by securing the 4th position in the Quiz competition and 5th position in Mimicry and on-the-spot painting competition.

Prof. (Emeritus) William Jones, University of Cambridge, visits Bhattadev University

Professor (Emeritus) William Jones, “Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry”, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, visited Bhattadev University on January 29, 2025. Prof. Jones, popularly known as Bill Jones among his peers, delivered a special lecture on the topic ‘The Searching and Finding of New Polymorphic Forms of Organic Molecules Only to Lose Them.’ The session, organized by the Department of Chemistry, Bhattadev University, was inaugurated with a welcome address by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University. Dr. Ranjit Thakuria, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University, also graced the occasion. Prof. Jones’ lecture primarily focused on his research journey in the field of pharmaceutical cocrystals and polymorphs of organic molecules. The lecture was tailored towards the understanding of the undergraduate and postgraduate students present at the event. He began with his early career discovery of the ‘mechanochemical preparation’ method of pharmaceutical cocrystals, eventually proceeding to the phenomena of disappearing polymorphs’. He also discussed some unanswered questions in the field of pharmaceutical cocrystal formulation and the stability of their polymorphic structures, followed by an interactive session with the students of Bhattadev University.



Bhattadev University Shines at 77th Asam Sahitya Sabha with Participation in Vigyan Mela

Bhattadev University made a significant contribution to the 77th Biennial Pathsala Session of Asam Sahitya Sabha, Bajali, 2025, which was held from 31st January to 4th February 2025. The University played a pivotal role by involving its various science departments in the Vigyan Mela (Science Exhibition), an initiative that drew enthusiastic responses from visitors of all age groups. The Vigyan Mela was organized under an 81-member sub-committee, of which an impressive 75% of the members holding various key portfolios were from Bhattadev University demonstrating the university's leadership and active engagement in promoting scientific temper among the public. The sub-committee was led by Dr. Hiranya Kumar Sarma as President, with Dr. Rupam Patgiri from the Department of Chemistry serving as Working President, and Dr. Upakul Mahanta from the Department of Physics and Dr. Kaustabhmani Patowary as Secretaries. In addition to the Vigyan Mela, the NCC and NSS units of Bhattadev University also actively participated as volunteers in the prestigious 77th Asam Sahitya Sabha, further demonstrating the university's commitment to community engagement and service.



Entrepreneurship Awareness Program at Bhattadev University



The School of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Guwahati, in association with Bhattadev University, organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program on February 08, 2025. The program was funded by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Vice-Chancellor, Bhattadev

University, and emphasized on the importance of entrepreneurial skills amongst the youth. During the session, the Convener cum Chief Speaker, Professor V. V. Goud, the Head of the School of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Guwahati, highlighted the various facilities provided by the IIT Guwahati Technology and Incubation Centre. He also discussed different entrepreneurial opportunities available for the economic empowerment of the youth. The event was also graced by Dr. Parag Barman, the Head of the Department of Economics, and Dr. Sabita Bhagabati, the Head (In-Charge) of the Department of Commerce cum Co-Convener of the Program, Bhattadev University. They elaborated on various MSME-related schemes introduced by the Government of Assam and the Government of India, providing

insights into funding opportunities and support for entrepreneurs. Students from different departments participated in the workshop and engaged in an interactive session with the resource persons.

Department of Mathematics hosts one-day lecture program

Department of Mathematics, Bhattadev University, organized a one-day lecture program on February 13, 2025. In this programme, two eminent mathematicians, Prof. Prasanna Kumara B. C. from Davangere University, Karnataka, and Prof. S. R. Misra from Siksha O Anusandhan, Odisha, delivered their lectures highlighting the contemporary trends in the field of mathematics. The talk by Prof. Prasanna Kumara B. C. elaborated on the application of a polynomial-based collaboration method to solve ODE using MAPLE. On the other hand, Prof. S. R. Misra in his talk entitled "Machine learning and Mathematics" focused on the connection between computer-oriented machine learning and mathematics. Around 60 students and teachers of the University participated in the lecture series. This lecture program was coordinated by Dr. Satyananda Mohapatra, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Bhattadev University.

Bhattadev University inks four MoUs on National Science Day



Bhattadev University forged strategic partnerships with four leading central and state government institutions on the occasion of National Science Day celebration on February 28, 2025. To foster innovation and academic excellence, the university inked MoUs with Central Institute of Petrochemical and Engineering Technology (CIPET), Guwahati; North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach

(NECTAR), Amingaon; National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NEILIT), Guwahati and Pollution Control Board (PCB), Assam. The MoUs were officially signed during a ceremony held at the University campus, marking a significant milestone in the institution's pursuit of collaborative growth. The meeting, presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, saw the MoUs signed by Dr. Subhash Chandra Das, Registrar i/c, on behalf of the University. On this significant step towards strengthening collaborations, Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma, Director, NECTAR, Dr. Harakrishna Deka, Centre -in-charge (CIPET), Sh. L. Lanuwabang, Director, NEILIT, and Mr. Kanteswar Kalita, Research Consultant, PCB, Assam, signed the MoUs on behalf of the respective organisations. "These collaborations will be the gateway to empower the youth, facilitating students and researchers of the University in education, skill development, and research and

innovation,” Professor Dhanapati Deka said. These newly established partnerships are poised to facilitate joint research projects, faculty and student exchange programs, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, thereby contributing to the advancement of education and innovation in the Northeast region. The signing ceremony was coordinated by the MoU signing committee, comprising Dr. Upakul Mahanta, convenor and IQAC coordinator, Dr. Dipjyoti Kalita, and Dr. Rinkumoni Kalita. The event was graced by the presence of the Deans of Faculties, the Heads of the Departments, underscoring the university’s collective dedication to these collaborative ventures.

Two-Day Awareness cum Extension Programme on International Women’s Day



The Women Cell, Bhattadev University, organized a “Two-day Awareness cum Extension Programme” on 7th and 8th March, 2025, on the occasion of International Women's Day. On 7th March, a gender sensitization and awareness programme was organized within the university campus. Prof.

Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, inaugurated these two-day initiatives of awareness cum extension programme. Dr. Dulumani Deka, President, Women Cell cum Associate Professor, Department of Assamese, delivered a speech on the significance of the celebration of Women's Day. Secretary of the Women Cell cum Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Dr. Nabanita Baruah, addressed the objectives of the two-day awareness cum extension programme highlighting the theme ‘Accelerating Action’. The event was followed by distribution of leaflets on various women's issues and mechanisms for women's help inside and outside the campus.

On 8th March, an extension activity focusing on a Free Health Check-up Camp was organized at the Bhotanta Mohitara Village, Sadari, Bajali. The event began with a plantation programme in the Padmasri Chandraprabha High School with the cooperation of the Headmaster of the school, Mr. Ganesh Roy. It was followed by a Free Health Check-up from the Nityananda BPHE team, where doctors and paramedical staff undertook a free health check-up for the women of the village with the support of the Village Head, Mrs. Parul Medhi. Free medicines for blood pressure, calcium deficiency, eye issues, gastric problems, and other related problems, were provided as prescribed by the doctors to the women. Dr. Urmi Devi Choudhury, a consultant Gynaecologist from Nalbari district, was also present in the camp.

Department of Zoology organises a One-day capacity –building workshop

A one-day capacity-building workshop was conducted on March 10, 2025, for Community Health Officers on Vector-Borne Diseases (VBD) by the Department of Zoology, Bhattadev University, in collaboration with the National Centre for Vector

Borne Disease Control (NCVBDC), Baksa district. The workshop was chaired by Prof Dhanapati Deka, Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University. Dr Manoj Kr Das, Joint Director of Health Services, Baksa, and R. N. Talukdar, Retired Assistant DHS, NCVBDC Assam, were present in the workshop. Dr. Dipika Kalita, Associate Professor & HoD, Dept of Zoology, Dr Kumarendra Nath, Assistant DHS (Filaria) Assam, and Mr. Manoj Kr Rajbongshi, Assistant Professor, Dept of Zoology, Bhattadev University, graced the occasion as resource persons. The District Malaria Officer (DMO) and District Vector-Borne Disease Consultant (DVBDC) led the technical sessions. All CHOs from Baksa district and research scholars and PG students of Bhattadev University actively participated in the program, making it a crucial event for strengthening their skills and knowledge in tackling vector-borne diseases effectively.

Bhattadev University Vice Chancellor attends the AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference

The Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, participated in the prestigious Association of Indian Universities (AIU) East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2024-25 held at JIS University, Agrapara, Kolkata, during March 18-19, 2025. The conference was centered on the theme 'Equity, Diversity and Sustainability' with deliberations on incorporating IKS in curriculum and pedagogy of the higher education institutions, developing effective strategies to cater to equity and diversity on campuses, and creating green and sustainable campuses.



Department of Statistics Hosts Lecture on Career Prospects in Statistics



The Department of Statistics at Bhattadev University organized the inaugural talk of its lecture series as part of its academic enrichment programme on April 25, 2025. The event featured a compelling presentation entitled "Unlock your Potential with Statistics - A student interaction," delivered by the invited speaker, Dr. Shubhankar Sharma, a Postdoctoral Research Scientist from Max Planck

University of Helsinki, Finland.

Dr. Sharma's insightful session focused on highlighting the diverse and promising career prospects available through the study of Statistics. His presentation was highly beneficial for all undergraduate and postgraduate students providing them with valuable guidance and inspiration regarding their academic and professional futures in the field of statistics.

Bhattadev University signs a MoU with Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College, Barpeta

Bhattadev University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College, Barpeta on April 28, 2025. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was officially signed during a ceremony held at the university campus, marking a pivotal step towards fostering academic and research cooperation between the two institutions. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University, and saw the MoU signed by Dr. Ramen Talukdar, Principal, FAAMCH, Barpeta and Prof. Manjit Das, Registrar, Bhattadev University on behalf of respective organizations. This collaboration is a testament to Bhattadev University's continuous efforts to strengthen the holistic teaching-learning practices for the students.



Fit India Sundays on Cycle at Bhattadev University



Bhattadev University participated in 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' on May 4, 2025, as per UGC Directives, a nationwide fitness movement launched in December 2024 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The rally was flagged off by Prof. Manjit Das, Registrar, and Dr. Parag Barman, Director of Student Welfare, Bhattadev University. Students from different departments participated in the rally thereby promoting a sustainable, inclusive, and eco-friendly lifestyle.

Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav: Celebrating 75 years of Constitution

The Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University, organised a seminar on the theme "Making of the Indian Constitution: Philosophy and Spirit" to commemorate Samvidhan Ka Amrit Mahotsav: Celebrating 75 years of Constitution on May 09, 2025. Prof. Manjit Das, the Registrar of Bhattadev University, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Prof. Das highlighted various provisions in the Indian Constitution that have managed to tackle the challenges that the nation has faced since Independence. Prof. Jyotiraj Pathak, a Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Academic Registrar (i/c) of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, was the invited resource person in the seminar. Prof. Pathak delivered his lecture discussing the process of framing the Indian Constitution, the significant provisions in the Constitution, and the philosophy and spirit that are reflected in the Indian Constitution. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Monoj Kumar Das, Head, Department of Political Science, Bhattadev University.

Department of Assamese organises one day workshop on "Study of Pre-Modern Assamese Scripts and inscription on Palmyra Leaves"

The Department of Assamese, Bhattadev University organised a one-day workshop on "Study of pre-modern Assamese Scripts and inscription on Palmyra Leaves" on May 09, 2025, in collaboration with the Krishnakanta Handique Library, Gauhati University. Professor Kanak Ch. Saharia, former HoD, Assamese Department, Gauhati University was invited as the resource person who delivered speech on significance of studying pre-modern Assamese scripts and the ancient method of inscription of texts on Palmyra Leaves. The program was coordinated by Dr. Prasanta kr. Deka, Librarian, Krishnakanta Handique Library, Gauhati University. The faculty members and PG fourth semester students, Department of Assamese, Bhattadev University attended the event.



Department of Sanskrit in collaboration with the Department of Assamese organizes Special Lecture Program

The Department of Sanskrit, in collaboration with the Department of Assamese, Bhattadev University, organized a One Day Special Lecture Program on May 14, 2025. The program commenced with a welcome address delivered by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University. The event was also graced by the presence of Prof. Manjit Das, the Registrar of Bhattadev University. Invited resource person, Prof. Dipak Kumar Sharma,



Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Gauhati University, Sahitya Akademi Awardee, 2024 and Founder Vice-Chancellor, Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University delivered a compelling and thought-provoking lecture on the Indian Knowledge Systems, highlighting their multifaceted aspects. He emphasized their continued relevance and importance in today's world, especially concerning employment and intellectual enrichment. The program was also graced by the presence of Mr. Anjan Sarma, a renowned Historian of Assam and Sahitya Akademi Awardee (Translation Section) 2024, who delivered a lecture offering a pen-picture of Ancient Kamrup, underscoring its historical richness and its significance in the present-day context.

Bhattadev University Hosts Special Lecture Programme on "Climate Crisis and Its Solutions"

Bhattadev University organized a special lecture programme titled "Climate Crisis and Its Solutions" on May 16, 2025. The event aimed to significantly raise awareness and foster crucial discussions on actionable strategies to combat climate change, engaging a diverse audience of students and faculty members.

The programme was inaugurated and chaired by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University, who underscored the critical responsibility of academic institutions in proactively addressing climate-related challenges.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Rituraj Phukan, noted climate activist and Climate Editor of Mahabahu. Mr. Phukan shared his extensive experience in climate advocacy, detailing both the global and local ramifications of climate change. His compelling lecture emphasized practical, sustainable solutions and highlighted the pivotal role of youth and academic institutions in building climate resilience.

The event was also graced by Mr. Anjan Sarma, Sahitya Akademi Awardee (Translation Section) 2024, who attended as a Special Invitee and offered valuable insights during the interactive session.

The programme saw an overwhelming response, with over 120 participants, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D. students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff of the University.

Special talk on Wildlife Conservation Genetics at Bhattadev University

The Outreach Cell and the Department of Zoology, Bhattadev University, Bajali, organized a one-day Lecture cum Interactive Programme on "Conservation Genetics- Concepts, Prospects and Management Applications in Wildlife" on May 19, 2025. In the inaugural speech, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University, highlighted the rich variety of Biodiversity and its conservation strategies for



natural sustainability in terms of rapid environmental changes. Shri Udayan Borthakur, Senior Scientist and Organising Secretary of Aaranyak, was the invited resource person in the programme who discussed the role of genetics in wildlife conservation, especially focusing on molecular genetics study and rhino population genetics, highlighting cutting-edge techniques and their real-world applications in biodiversity management. Dr. Akshay Kumar Haloi, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Convenor, Outreach Cell, Bhattadev University emphasized on the importance of a holistic approach to wildlife conservation in Assam. The interactive session fostered enthusiastic participation from researchers, students, and faculty members, encouraging deeper engagement with conservation science.

Blood Donation Camp cum Awareness Programme on Menstrual Hygiene Day



The Women Cell, Bhattadev University, in collaboration with Bhattadev University Students' Union and in association with Fakhrudin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital (FAAMCH), Barpeta, organized a Blood Donation Camp and Awareness Programme on Healthy Lifestyle in the university campus on the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28, 2025. The program was inaugurated by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, and he delivered an inspiring message emphasizing the role of such initiatives in fostering equality. The event was also graced by Prof. Manjit Das, the Registrar of Bhattadev University. Welcoming the medical staff from FAAMCH and all other teaching/non-teaching and student participants, Dr. Dulumani Deka, the President of the Women Cell cum Associate Professor, Bhattadev University, discussed the social stigma associated with menstruation and the importance of public awareness on menstrual hygiene. The Secretary of the Women Cell cum Assistant Professor of Bhattadev University, Dr. Nabanita Baruah, addressed the need to break the silence on certain societal taboos and encouraged the participants to donate blood. Prof. Ramen Talukder, Principal, FAAMCH, and Dr. Gabyanjali Devi, Medical Officer, graced the occasion and shared their insights on different aspects of menstrual hygiene. In the Blood Donation Camp, out of 62 participants, a total of 38 persons donated blood, out of which 6 donors were female participants.

Department of Geography organises One-Day Workshop on “Methods and Techniques in Geographic Research”

The Department of Geography at Bhattadev University hosted a one-day workshop titled “Methods and Techniques in Geographic Research” on May 29, 2025. The event, held at the Department of Geography, aimed to strengthen participants’ skills in crucial research methodologies and techniques pertinent to geographical studies.

The workshop commenced with an insightful inaugural speech by Prof. Manjit Das, Registrar, Bhattadev University, who underscored the paramount importance of methodological rigor in all forms of geographic inquiry. In his welcome address, Dr. Jyotishmoy Bora, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Geography, said, “this workshop marks a significant stride towards enhancing the research capabilities of participants and further advancing geographic knowledge within the region”.

The event featured an impressive lineup of renowned resource persons from leading academic institutions, including Prof. Dhruvajyoti Saharia, Head, Department of Geography, Gauhati University, Dr. Nityananda Deka, Associate Professor, Gauhati University, and Dr. Pankaj Roy, Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, Central University of Karnataka.

A day-long anti-drug awareness program

A day-long anti-drug awareness program was held on May 26, 2025, at Bhattadev University, Bajali. Attending the program, Ajagwaran Basumatary, Superintendent of Police, Bajali District, as a special guest, raised the concern about drug possession, attraction, and attitude of people, especially the young generation, towards drug use and International and Interstate drug trafficking. He also spoke on the challenges and hardships faced by the police administration in combating and controlling the incidents of drug smuggling. Neeta Khanduri Sharma, Counsellor of a Pathsala-based Drug rehabilitation center, attended the program as a resource person and highlighted how drugs ruin our health, break apart families, create mental instability, and lead many people down a path of crime and hopelessness. Sharma further discussed that mental pressure, curiosity, stress, depression, to have fun, and lack of awareness are the major causes for drug attraction and usage. Inaugurating the program, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University, urged the participants to create mass awareness and to promote healthy and drug-free lifestyles. He also discussed the global issue of drug abuse affecting the youth, families, and communities, heart problems in drug addicted persons, weakened immune systems, anxiety, mental depression, psychosis, crime, and loss of memory. Another resource person, Babita Talukdar, Program Co-Ordinator of the District Social Welfare Department of Bajali, spoke on the need of youth engagement in meaningful activities like music, sports, art, volunteering, keeping them busy with goals and passions, open communications with their parents at home to keep them away from a bad attitude and thinking.

Bhattadev University observes World Environment Day



Bhattadev University organized a Tree Plantation Drive at its newly constructed Medhikuchi campus on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 05, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, who planted the first sapling and highlighted the importance of ecological responsibility in his address. A total of 100 saplings of various tree species were planted by NSS volunteers, students, and faculty members, promoting biodiversity and environmental awareness. "Bhattadev University commits to environmental conservation and sustainable development", Prof. Deka said.

Bhattadev University Vice Chancellor Participates in the 2nd AI Masterclass organised by AIU and CEMCA

The Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, attended the 2nd AI Masterclass for Vice-Chancellors, jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) on 11th June, 2025, at the India International Centre, New Delhi.

The 2nd edition of the AI Masterclass for Vice Chancellors was an advanced-level, face-to-face workshop aimed at equipping higher education leaders with the knowledge, tools, and strategic insights needed to lead in an AI-enabled future. This one-day masterclass focused on emerging AI tools for academic management, ethical considerations in AI adoption, AI-powered learning platforms, applications of AI in curriculum assessment, and strategies for integrating AI into various disciplines, while exploring its transformative impact on the future of higher education in India.

Barpeta Lok Sabha Constituency MP Shri Phani Bhushan Choudhury announces sanction of Rs. 50 lakhs for Bhattadev University

Shri Phani Bhushan Choudhury, Member of Parliament representing the Barpeta Lok Sabha Constituency, visited Bhattadev University on June 13, 2025, engaging in a comprehensive discussion with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dhanapati Deka, along with the Deans and all Heads of the Departments. During his visit, Shri Choudhury made a significant announcement of sanctioning an amount of Rs. 50 Lakh for the construction of the University's auditorium. The interaction served as a platform to discuss various aspects concerning the university's growth and its role in regional development. The occasion was also graced by Shri Krishna Roy, a distinguished Asom Saurav Awardee and recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy conferred by Bhattadev University.



Bhattadev University organises five-day Yoga Workshop on International Yoga Day

Bhattadev University organised a five-day yoga workshop from 17th June to 21st June in commemoration of International Yoga Day 2025. The closing ceremony on 21st June was graced by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, who emphasized on the significance of yoga in fostering a balanced and healthy lifestyle in his speech. The invited resource person, Dr. Subodh Kumar Mishra Bhagwati, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Kamrup College, Chamta, delivered an insightful speech on the theme "One Earth, One Health". In his speech, Dr. Bhagwati underscored the interconnectedness of yogic spirituality, human health, and world peace. The intensive five-day yoga training program was expertly led by Shri Pranab Sharma, a popular and highly regarded fitness trainer from Pathsala. Shri Sharma guided the participants from Bhattadev University fraternity with practical skills in various yoga asanas, breathing techniques, and meditation practices. This entire program was coordinated by Dr. Bishwajit Changamai, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Bhattadev University.



Bhattadev University opens Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre



Bhattadev University marked a significant stride with the grand inauguration of its Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Centre on June 26, 2025. This dedicated centre is poised to become a vital hub for exploring, preserving, and promoting the rich heritage of India's ancient wisdom, with a particular emphasis on the indigenous knowledge systems unique to the region. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Dhanapati Deka, the Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University, who formally declared the centre open. In his inaugural address, Prof. Deka underscored the importance of integrating traditional Indian knowledge with contemporary education and research. The highlight of the event was a special talk delivered by the Chief Guest, Prof. Uday S. Dixit, the Head of the Centre of the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati. Prof. Dixit captivated the audience with his insightful discourse on the "Relevance of IKS in NEP 2020". He eloquently highlighted the vast scope for multidisciplinary research within the Indian Knowledge System, shedding light on its current research trends and the immense innovation potential rooted in ancient practices.

Bhattadev University Students' Union (BUSU):

One-day workshop on "Realistic Pencil Portrait"



A one-day workshop on 'Realistic Pencil Portrait' was organised by Bhattadev University Students' Union 2024-25, coordinated by the literary secretary, on February 8, 2025. This engaging session was conducted by the invited resource person, Mr. Nayan Choudhury, a renowned sketch artist and a former student of Bhattadev University. Students from different departments participated and experienced an artistic endeavour.

University Week 2025 held at Bhattadev University

Bhattadev University Students' Union 2024-25 organised the University Week 2025 from 22nd February to 1st March, 2025. Shri Mridul Kumar Das, District Commissioner, Bajali District graced the inaugural ceremony as the Guest of Honour. Prof. Dhanpati Deka, Vice Chancellor of Bhattadev University hoisted the Varsity Week flag. The



Olympic torch of the event was lit by Shri Mahadev Deka, a renowned bodybuilder of Assam. Academic Registrar, Faculty Members, Officers and Employees of the University graced the occasion with their presence, adding to the grandeur of the event. More than 25 competitions categorised under Sports, Culture and Literature were held in which students of the university participated. These competitions highlighted the vibrant spirit and talents of students. Shri Bharat Bhushan Devchoudhury, Former Chairman, Assam Public Service Commission was invited as the special guest of the prize distribution ceremony. Shri Utpal Sarma, President, All Assam Students' Union graced the ceremony as the speaker. Shri Sunil Chettri, President of All Gorkha Students' Union and Shri Kaushik Nandan Baruah, prominent writer were also invited to the prize distribution ceremony. The University week concluded with a cultural evening inaugurated by Krishna Roy, renowned cultural luminary of Assam. Folk dance and musical performances by students highlighted the cultural heritage and diversity of Assam.

Free Coaching Program for APSC and UPSC aspirants

A free coaching program for APSC and UPSC aspirants was organized by Bhattadev University Students' Union (2024-25) coordinated by the Assistant General Secretary, in association with ADVAIT IAS on April 27, 2025. This program was formally inaugurated by Prof. Gautam Kalita, the Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Bhattadev University. Mr. Biswajit Sarma and Mr. Jyotiprashad Das, the invited resource persons from Advait IAS, conducted the technical sessions and guided the students throughout the coaching sessions. This initiative aimed to empower students and provide them with valuable insights and strategies for their civil services examination preparation.

National Service Scheme Unit (NSS), Bhattadev University, Bajali:

Participation in the NSS Integration Camp

A team of 10 NSS volunteers, led by Programme Officer Dr. Lonkham Baruah, represented the North East region at the prestigious National Integration Camp (NIC) organized by the Regional Directorate of NSS, Bangalore, in collaboration with Seshadripuram First Grade College, Yelahanka, Bangalore from 11th of February to 17th of February, 2025. Throughout the camp, the team made a remarkable impression through their active and energetic participation in various activities,

including cultural performances, debates, and street plays. Their vibrant and dynamic involvement was highly appreciated not only by their peers but also by the NSS Regional Director, who personally commended their outstanding contribution.

A special highlight of the camp was the success of Mr. Johnmoni Sarania, who secured the 1st Prize in the debate competition – the only competitive event held during the integration camp. His achievement stands as a testament to the talent and hard work of our volunteers and has brought great pride to our institution and the North East region.

The participation in the NIC provided our volunteers with an invaluable opportunity to foster national integration, showcase their cultural heritage, and develop leadership skills.



National Cadet Corps Units of Bhattadev University, Bajali

1. The cadets of 60 Assam Girls' BN NCC participated in the firing camp held on January 07, 2025 at Narengi Military Station, Guwahati. The camp activities included range of drills and firing practices etc.

2. Bhattadev University's 7 Assam Boys BN NCC and 60 Assam Girls' BN NCC organized a program on "Career in Armed Forces" under the "Rashtriya Krityagata evam Jagrookta Yojna" on February 19, 2025. The invited resource person, Retd. Colonel Nibir Gogoi delivered an insightful and motivating speech on the prospects and various avenues for youths interested in joining the armed forces. He shared his experiences and provided valuable guidance on the dedication, discipline and leadership qualities required for a successful career to serve the nation. Following his address, Colonel Gogoi engaged in an interactive session with the enthusiastic NCC cadets.



3. The cadets of 60 Assam Girls' BN NCC and 7 Assam Boys of Bhattadev University successfully organised a Career Guidance Talk on May 05, 2025. The talk was graced by two eminent speakers, Ms. Bhaswati Das, Academic officer and Mr. Amritesh Tiwari from Super 30 NGO team, Tamulpur. The speakers enlighten the students about various employment

opportunities in the defence sector.

4. The cadets of 60 Assam Girls' BN NCC of Bhattadev University organised an impactful Awareness rally around Pathsala on May 28, 2025. All the cadets participated with great enthusiasm displaying play cards and post cards and dress codes to communicate powerful messages to the public like Beti Bachao-beti padhao, women safety, anti-rape advocacy etc.



Achievements of Bhattadev University Fraternity

1. In a significant milestone in the rising stature of Bhattadev University, Bajali, the Deputy Registrar of the University, Dr. Upakul Sarmah, was nominated as a Jury Member for the 38th Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Inter Zone Youth Festival 2025 held at Ganpat University, Gujarat, during 04-08 January 2025. The festival, christened as 'Satrang 2025', was held amongst 153 member universities of the West Zone comprising the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Goa. In the recently concluded AIU West Zone Youth Festival, Dr. Sarmah performed his duties as a Jury Member for the literary events of Elocution, Debate, and Quiz. Notably, he is the only member of the jury representing the whole of Assam and Northeast India.

2. Dr. Nibedita Mahanta, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Bhattadev University received the best presentation award for delivering an exceptional presentation on "Application of Time Series Model for Forecasting of Electricity Demand in Arunachal Pradesh, India" at the International Conference on Mathematical Sciences and Computing- Innovations & Applications (ICMSC-2025) held during June 26- 28, 2025, at North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Arunachal Pradesh, India.

3. Jnanesh Roy Choudhury, an Assistant Professor in the Department of English was awarded the PhD degree by Gauhati University on 30th May, 2025. He carried out his research in the Department of English, Gauhati University on the topic "Riot Narratives of Contemporary India".

4. Himankar Das, a student of MA in English, has successfully qualified the GATE 2025 examination in English.

5. Pubali Deka from the Department of Geography have qualified UGC-NET, 2025.

6. Harshajit Sarma, a M.Com. 4th semester student from the Department of Commerce, Bhattadev University, represented Team Assam in the prestigious Disha National Blind Cricket Tournament 2025, held from 12th to 14th April, 2025 in Rajasthan. In the match between Assam and Uttar Pradesh, Team Assam chased down a competitive target of 162 runs, scoring 165, securing a thrilling victory. The highlight of the match was an outstanding performance by Harshajit Sarma, who was declared the Man of the Match for his brilliant knock of 89 runs off 56 balls, leading his team to victory.

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