

Ph. D. obtained

Mr. Prashanta Puzari, Assistant Professor, Department of English, AWU was awarded Ph.D. on November 1, 2021 by Dibrugarh University for his thesis titled "Voices, Silences Polemics: A Reading of Select Adivasi Literature from Assam". He carried out his research under the supervision of Dr. Meena Sharma, Faculty, Department of English, Dibrugarh University.

Mrs. Kuki Boruah, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Assam Women's University was awarded Ph.D. on February 1, 2022 by Dibrugarh University for her thesis titled 'Health Care Practices: A Sociological Study among the Tai Khamyang Community of Sivasagar and Jorhat District, Assam'. She carried out her research under the supervision of Professor Aswhini Kumar Borah, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University.

**Faculty Highlights:****Danish Pegu, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management**

- Delivered lecture as Resource Person on the topic 'Start and Set up of Tour Operation / Travel Company' for National workshop (online) on Tourism Entrepreneurship and Start – up Opportunities organized by Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Jawaharlal Nehru School of Management Studies, Assam University, Silchar on 06. 12.2021.
- Delivered lecture as Resource Person on *Value Added Course on Travel & Tourism Management* organized by Department of Business Administration, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya from 31st August '2021 to 16th September 2021.

Sahidur Alom, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management acted as a Resource person in national webinar on *Heritage Tourism with Special Reference to Jorhat Assam* on 26th October '2021.

Sudorsona Lahon, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism & Travel Management acted as a Resource person in national webinar on 'Heritage Tourism with Special Reference to Jorhat Assam' on 26th October '2021

Himakshi Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology was a resource person in the workshop on 'Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable tomorrow' on International Women's Day at Assam Women's University.

Dr. Minakshi Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies

- Published an article titled *A Critical Trajectory of Urban Life-world in Dr. Bhabendra Nath Saikia's Assamese Films* in E-Cine India, July-September, 2021.
- Published an article titled *Bharatiya kalatmak Cinemar Prekshapatat Bhabendra Nath Saikiar Cinema* in the edited volume Sanaskriti Bikhyan, (pp. 179-190 J.B.College (Autonomous) Publication Cell, Jorhat, Assam, 2021.
- Acted as Resource Person in the National Webinar on Prospects and Challenges of Cultural Studies in Assam organized by the Department of Cultural Studies, Assam Women's University on 12th November '2021.
- Acted as Invited Speaker in the District Level Consultative Workshop on Activism against Gendered Based Violence organized by District Social Welfare and Jorhat District Administration on 6th December '2021.
- Acted as Jury Member at the International Film Festival of Thrissur, 2022

Prasenjit Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiotherapy

- Delivered a lecture titled 'Injury Management' for the online Refresher Course on Yoga: Health, Wellness, Fitness & First Aid, organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh on 17th Jan, 2022.
- Acted as a resource person for a talk on "Sports Injury Prevention" on 21st Feb, 2022 for Departmental Invited Lecture organised by the Department of Botany, Silapathar College.

Dr. Surya Kumar Chetia, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

- Acted as a Resource Person in the National Seminar on 'Contemporary Gender Issues: Prospects and Challenges' on 26th and 27th Oct, 2021 organised by the Department(s) of Economics, English and Education, H.C.D.G. College, Nitaipukhuri, Sivasagar, Assam.

Ankan Rajkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

- Acted as a Discussant at the two day Samabhav International Film Festival on Gender Diversity and Inclusion, organised by the UGC Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with the MAVA, Mumbai on 24-25th March, 2022.
- Published a translated story titled *The Marmalade Town* in A Solitary Place: An Anthology of Short Stories in the Backdrop of Arunachal Pradesh, Bedakantha Books & Publications, March, 2022.

Mohsina Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

- Presented a paper on 'Digital Media and Women Empowerment: The Northeast India Context' in the National Media Conclave (NMC), Institute of Media Studies, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar held from November 21 to 23, 2021.

Departmental Activities**Cultural Studies:**

- Organized the National Webinar on Prospects and Challenges of Cultural Studies on 12th November '2021.
- Initiated a collaboration project with Ohio Arts Council on Indigenous Organology of North East India: Classification, Documentation and Preservation.
- Initiated an MOU with the Federation of International Film Critics (FIPRESCI), India Chapter.

Physiotherapy:

Faculties and students of the department Participated in 'Aditya Neurorehab Symposium (ANS) & Workshop' organized by Aditya Diagnostics & Hospitals, Dibrugarh on 17th, 18th & 19th December 2021

English:

Organized a national webinar on 'Beyond Stereotypes: Exploring the Possibilities of Reading N.E. Literatures' on 5th November, 2021.

Department of Information and Computer Science

Organized a lecture on 'Search Engine Optimization and e-Commerce', delivered by Mr. Anubhav Bhattacharyya, Co-Founder of Chevaun Pvt. Ltd.

Tourism & Travel Management: Organized a national webinar on 'Heritage Tourism with Special Reference to Jorhat Assam' on 26th October '2021.

Economics: Organized a webinar on 'A Review of the Union Budget in the post-reform period' in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Gargaon College and Department of Economics, Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Vishwavidyalaya on 18th February, 2022. The Resource Person in the Webinar was Dr. Joydeep Baruah, Professor, KKHSOU.

Fashion Design and Technology: Industrial visit of the students to ICARD on 21st December.

Psychology: Tondra Sarmah, Prerona Dutta and Annunita Baruah, students of the department participated in the one week National Workshop on 'Statistical Analysis Using SPSS' organised by Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University, 21st March to 25th March, 2022.



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International Women's Day observed

Padmashri Lakhimi Baruah addressing AWU fraternity on Women's Day, 2022 at the university auditorium

Assam Women's University (AWU), Jorhat observed the International Women's Day on March 8, 2022. The day was celebrated by the university with a series of talks and a workshop in collaboration with the international NGO 'Save the Children'.

Keeping in mind this year's theme for women's day, 'Gender Equality Today

for Sustainable Tomorrow', Vice Chancellor of Assam Women's University Professor Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar spoke on the various facets of women empowerment in the current socio-economic milieu and the challenges in the sphere of women's rights and gender equality.

Padmashri Lakhimi Baruah, the founder of Kanaklata Mahila Urban Co-operative Bank in her speech talked about the empowerment of women through financial inclusion.

Ranjan Bora, Senior manager of the NGO Save the Children, Assam, Dr. Vasavvi Acharjya, Founder Chairperson of Early Child Development Forum, Dr Shantana Saikia, Vice Principal of Bahona College and Nabanita Das, an award winning farmer shared their views and thoughts with the students on the occasion.

Land allotted to AWU

Consequent upon the approval in the SDLAC meeting held on 21st January 2022, two plots of land under Teok Revenue Circle measuring 25B-0K-0L and 32B-0K-0L covered by Daag No. 43, 49 (Pt), 56(Pt) and 336 (Pt) of village Changmai Gaon and Dag No. 983, 984, 985 and 1248 (Pt) of Senchowa Gaon in Lahing Mouza have been allotted to Assam Women's University by the order No. JRS.78/2014/89 from the Jorhat Deputy Commissioner on February 02, 2022. Another plot of land measuring 10B-1K-12L covered by Dag No. 648, 649, 650 and 647 (Pt). of village Senchowa Gaon of Charaibahi Mouza under Jorhat West Revenue Circle has been allotted to the university vide order No.- JRS.78/2014/90, dated 2nd February, 2022.

Talk on Rain Water Harvesting

A talk was organised at Assam Women's University on Rain Water Harvesting and Its implementation possibilities in Assam Women's University on 14 February, 2022. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Olympa Baro, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, NIT, Silchar.

First Statutes of AWU

The Higher Education Department, Government of Assam notified the First Statutes of the Assam Women's University Act 2013 in the Assam Gazette (the 6th April, 2022 issue) vide notification No. ATE.109/2017/154 dated 6th April, 2022.

Observation of 8th**Foundation Day of AWU**

Assam Women's University observed its 8th foundation day on September 11, 2021. Professor Streamlet Dkhar, Department of Khasi, North Eastern Hills University, Meghalaya participated as the Guest of Honour via online mode on the occasion and deliberated on the topic entitled 'Importance of Education and its Value'.

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Our University has a dynamic ecosystem with multiple stakeholders with diverse interests and objectives. In spite of the diversity of interest, there is a common stake in teaching research integrity based on a set of shared values that include ethics, rigour, relevance, transparency, respect, impartiality and accountability which has taken the university to the path of development.

The maiden visit of the Honble Chief Minister to our university has given new wings to the long standing aspirations of the institution in the form of the amendment of the AWU Act in September 2021, Gazette notification of the First Statutes of the University on 6th April 2022 and land allotment with funds for construction of new campus at Teok Revenue Circle. We are committed to build up this University as an Institute of Excellence.

I would like to congratulate the members of the newsletter committee for bringing out the publication on time while encapsulating all the important developments of the university of the last six months.

Abkonwar

(Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar)
Vice Chancellor, AWU, Jorhat

Message from the Registrar



It brings me immense pleasure as the Assam Women's University is publishing the third volume of the AWU Newsletter. The university is poised to grow and develop as the state government is taking steady steps to envisage the university into a leading multi-disciplinary center for advanced learning. Our prime focus is on creating responsible citizens with moral and ethical values who can provide quality service to society. An ample scope exists for the university to turn itself into a centre of excellence in the region.

I thank each and every employee of the university, for without them it would not have been possible to bring the university to its current state.

29/12/2021

(Tapan Kr. Gohain) A.C.S.
Registrar, AWU, Jorhat

From the desk of the Editors

Assam Women's University, being the first women's university in the entire North-East India has persevered through eight challenging years since its inception till date without deviating from its goal to create a favourable atmosphere for higher education and research in multiple disciplines. During the course of its journey so far, it has been able to create a niche for itself in the firmament of higher education of this region by broadening the horizon of choices and perspectives. The feminist movement in Assam in the twentieth century is an important chapter in the social history of the region, and Assam Women's University in many ways takes forward this legacy with fervour. It is a great pleasure for us to witness the growth of the university and to remain involved in this process throughout these years. We look forward to behold the institute develop into a centre of excellence.

We also hope, this newsletter reflects the earnest endeavour of the university to attain its desired goal by including all the relevant information of the last six months.

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav



Assam Women's University has started the organization of a series of talks and seminars as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative undertaken by the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independent India. On December 15, 2021 the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism organized the first Seminar on the theme *The Legend of Lukinath Senchua Baruah: The exiled Freedom Fighter of 1857*. Dr. Suryya Kumar Chetia, Assistant Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Mass Communication and Journalism was the Resource Person in the seminar.

The next seminar was organised on December 22, 2021 by the Department of Cultural Studies on *Contributions of Kanaklata Barua in the Freedom struggle of India*. Dr. Parismita Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, AWU was the Resource Person in the seminar.

Webinar on Heritage Tourism

The Department of tourism organized a National Webinar on 'Heritage Tourism with Special Reference to Jorhat Assam' on 26th October, 2021. It was coordinated by Denish Pegu and Ajay Das Boro, Assistant Professors, Dept. of Tourism and Travel Management. The Key-note speaker was Gayatri Ryan Gogoi, Entrepreneur, one of the first officially trained female tourist guides of Kaziranga National Park. The other speakers were Sudorsona Lahon and Sahidur Alom both faculty members of Dept. of Tourism and Travel Management.

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One Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

A one week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was organized from September 24 to September 29, 2021 at Assam Women's University, Jorhat. Dr. Anil Mehta, Professor of Management, Department of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidyapeeth joined virtually as the Resource Person in the programme. During the programme Dr. Mehta deliberated upon the themes like time management of university teachers, professional excellence, simple ways to overcome stress, power of positive thinking and rainbow life and winning personality.

Xojaag Voter Competition



Assam Women's University organized a sensitization programme *Xojaag Voter Competition* on January 4, 2022 as part of the mass outreach program aiming at electoral awareness and voter engagement in the light of the 'National Voters' Day' held on 25th January, 2022.

Employability Skill Training Development Programme

A week long Employability Skill Development Training Programme from 25th Feb 2022 to 4th March 2022 was organized by the Training and Placement Cell of Assam Women's University in association with Nandi Foundation and Mahindra Pride Classroom for the students of Assam Women's University. It was coordinated by Dr. Partha Protim Borah, Asstt. Prof., Deptt. of Business Management.

Street Play Performed to Create Awareness on COVID-19



A streetplay was performed to create awareness regarding COVID-19 virus by the students of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Assam Women's University on 28th December, 2021 at Baruah Chariali, Jorhat. It was coordinated by Dr. Mohsina Rahman, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of the university.

Webinar on Branding for Micro Enterprises

A national webinar on "Branding for Micro Enterprises" was organized on October 7, 2021 by the Department of Business Management of Assam Women's University, Jorhat. The key note speaker of the webinar was entrepreneur Mr Shyamkanu Mahanta. In his speech Mahanta encouraged the youth, and particularly women to get involved in entrepreneurship. Other resource persons at the webinar were Mr Aditya Man Borborah and Mr Kaushik Handique, both Assistant Professors of the Department of Business Management, AWU.

Republic Day Celebrated



Vice Chancellor Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar and Registrar Tapan Kr. Gohain with faculties and staff observing the Republic Day, 2022

British Council holds Study in UK session

Assam Women's University held an information and interactive session with British Council on 29th October, 2021 on the prospects and opportunities for studying in UK for the students and teachers of the university. It was coordinated by Himakshi Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology.



Members of the team NOVICE were felicitated for qualifying as Global Nominee of NASA Space App Challenge, 2021 on December 1, 2021. The team was consisted of Mr. Nikhilesh Dutta, Dr. Hasin A Ahmed, Mr. Biswajyoti Sarmah, Miss Darathi Phukan, Miss Nikumoni Mili and Miss Nupur Dutta.

Webinar on Artificial Intelligence

In connection with the World Space Week, Assam Women's University organised a webinar on October 9, 2021. The Resource Persons were Dr. Surajit Borkotokey, Professor of the Department of Mathematics, Dibrugarh University and Dr. Hrishikesh Dewan, co-founder and CEO at Ziroh Labs.

Faculty Sensitization Programme on 'CBCS in view of NEP'

A faculty sensitization programme on 'Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in view of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020' was organized by Assam Women's University, Jorhat on October 4, 2021. Dr. Binod Ch. Borah, Joint Registrar (Academic), Dibrugarh University was the Resource Person in the programme which was organized in online mode. Dr. Bora during his deliberation said that the CBCS has broadened the scope for gathering knowledge by the students. At the same time National Education Policy 2020 has encouraged them for multidisciplinary approaches to gather knowledge.