

KAJAL SAIKIA NOMINATED AS PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE AT AWU

Assam Women's University (AWU) has nominated Dr. Kajal Saikia, Chief General Manager (HRD) of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), as a Professor of Practice in the university. This step, as the university authorities informed, is being aimed at bridging the gap between theoretical learning and industry requirements which will enable students of the only women's university of the region in developing their knowledge and skills. Dr. Kajal Saikia's nomination is expected to contribute to the development and refinement of industry-relevant curricula, inspire and guide students in innovation and entrepreneurship projects, and lead collaborative research initiatives between AWU and NRL. His vast experience in corporate leadership and human resource management is expected to enhance the academic environment, and will provide opportunities for experiential learning. The nomination was processed as per the latest UGC Guidelines for Engaging Professor of Practice in Universities and Colleges.

Examinations Dr. Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya, respectively. A major highlight of the inaugural session was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the NSS Unit and Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA) to strengthen collaborative efforts in community development initiatives. Throughout the week, a series of engaging activities were conducted. On the second day, a Zumba session was conducted by professional trainer Nandini Sonowal, along with orientation and personality development programmes for volunteers. The third day featured a workshop conducted by SeSTA resource persons Arup Bhuyan and Hirok Jyoti Nath, followed by interactive sessions with villagers. On the fourth day, volunteers carried out a socio-economic and health survey at the neighbouring Changmai Gaon. The fifth day included a school outreach programme under the "Gyan Bandhu" initiative, where volunteers mentored students. A session on "Waste to Wealth: Role of NSS Volunteers in Waste Management" was delivered by Dr. Rituraj Boruah, Programme Officer, College of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University, highlighting sustainable waste management practices for the adopted village. The sixth day witnessed a free physiotherapy camp in collaboration with Physiotherapy department of university where nearly 200 patients benefited from the services provided. The closing ceremony was held at Changmai Gaon, whereby the village was declared as the adopted village of the university. The camp concluded on the seventh day with the official adoption of the village. The closing ceremony was graced by Rupjyoti Kurmi, MLA of Mariani Constituency, along with the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and Controller of Examinations of the university. Mayurima Mohan, Block Development Officer of East Jorhat Development Block, and Madhab Gogoi also attended the programme and appreciated the efforts of the NSS unit. Certificates were distributed to volunteers in recognition of their active participation and service. Students from Kaliyapani Prathamik Vidyalaya and Kaliyapani Banua Prathamik Vidyalaya jointly performed a cultural programme, mentored by NSS volunteers. The entire programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Ananya Saikia, Programme Officer of the NSS Unit. The camp concluded on a positive note, marking the beginning of a meaningful journey towards community engagement, social awareness, and sustainable development.

SEVEN-DAY NSS SPECIAL CAMP ORGANIZED

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Assam Women's University successfully organized a seven-day NSS Special Camp from 30th April 2026 to 6th May 2026 with great enthusiasm, focusing on community development and social responsibility. The camp commenced with the opening ceremony held at the Assam Women's University (AWU) campus at Kaliapani at Teok. The camp marked by the active participation of NSS volunteers and faculty members. The event was attended by the Chief Guest, Prof. Jyoti Prasad Saikia, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat. The honourable Vice-Chancellor of AWU, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, addressed the gathering and encouraged volunteers to actively engage in community service with dedication and responsibility. The inaugural ceremony was also attended by the Registrar of AWU Dr. Binud Chandra Borah and Controller of

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON NEWS WRITING

A One-Day Workshop titled "Mastering Language Skills for News Writing in Media," was held on 5th May 2026 from 10:30 AM onwards at Assam Women's University campus at Kaliapani, Teok. The workshop was jointly organized by the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, the Department of Assamese, and the Media Cell with the aim of strengthening language proficiency and journalistic writing skills among aspiring media professionals and students. Jogesh Ojha, a senior journalist with the leading Assamese daily Dainik Agradoot attended the programme as the chief guest and principal resource person.

AWU CADETS ATTEND FLYING CAMP IN MANIPUR

Three NCC cadets from Assam Women's University successfully participated in the NCC Flying Camp held at Imphal, Manipur, from 11th to 20th May, 2026. The cadets representing Assam Women's University at the camp were Nargis Sultana, Kabyashree Bharali and Aprajita Buragohain. During the camp, the cadets underwent intensive training programmes focused on leadership, discipline, teamwork, and aviation awareness. Flying Officer and Faculty in charge of NCC, Ms. Goldee Borah lauded the rookie cadets for completing the course amid a difficult logistical return journey.



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ASSAM CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES PERMANENT CAMPUS OF AWU

In a landmark development for women's higher education in Northeast India, Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the permanent campus and state-of-the-art academic block of Assam Women's University at Kaliapani, Teok, in Jorhat district on 25th February, 2026. The inauguration marked a historic transition for the university which had been functioning from its premises at Rowrah since its establishment in 2013. The new campus, spread across approximately 58 bighas of land, has been developed at a cost of Rs 28.50 crore and is expected to significantly strengthen access to quality higher education for women across Assam and the Northeast region. Addressing the gathering at the inauguration function, Chief Minister Sarma described the occasion as a significant step toward strengthening educational opportunities for women and reaffirmed the state government's commitment to creating world-class academic infrastructure. It is to be noted that the newly inaugurated academic block has been designed to provide a modern learning environment equipped with smart and digitally enabled classrooms, advanced laboratories, faculty rooms, departmental offices, administrative facilities, and overall student-centric academic infrastructure. The new facility is expected to cater to the growing academic needs of more than 1,200 students currently enrolled at the

university. In a major boost to the university's future growth, Chief Minister Sarma announced an additional allocation of Rs.75 crore for infrastructure expansion. The proposed investment will support the construction of student hostels, a central administrative building, faculty and staff residential quarters. The announcement reflects the government's long-term vision of transforming Assam Women's University into a premier educational hub for women in the Northeast. Highlighting the institution's progress, the Chief Minister noted that the university has undergone remarkable transformation in recent years under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar. During his address, the Chief Minister stressed that higher education institutions must evolve in line with emerging economic opportunities and global employment trends. He emphasized that Assam's industrial expansion and economic growth will require a highly skilled workforce, making quality higher education and skill development critical priorities for the state. The inaugural ceremony was attended by several prominent leaders and government officials, including Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Ranoj Pegu, Assam Education Minister, Bimal Borah, Assam Minister for Cultural Affairs, and senior government officials.



In the pic : Chief Minister of Assam Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurating the new permanent campus of Assam Women's University as Education Minister Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Vice Chancellor Dr. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar and Mariani MLA Rupjyoti Kurmi looks on. (right): View of academic building at new AWU campus.



5TH CONVOCATION OF ASSAM WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

The 5th Convocation of Assam Women's University (AWU) was held on 10th March 2026 in the afternoon from 4:00 PM in its newly constructed university campus at Kaliapani, Teok in Jorhat district. The convocation ceremony was graced by the Governor of Assam and Chancellor of AWU, Sriji Laxman Prasad Acharya, who conferred the degrees upon the graduating students. A total of 360 students received their degrees and diplomas during the ceremony. Among them, 303 students were awarded Postgraduate degrees while 55 students received their Undergraduate degrees, and 2 students received their Diploma certificates. On the occasion, noted women entrepreneur of the state Mrs. Riniki Bhuyan Sharma was conferred the Honoris Causa Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) in recognition of her distinguished contributions in the field of media and entrepreneurship. The convocation began with the arrival of the academic procession which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem, State Anthem and the University Anthem. The Hon'ble Chancellor formally declared the Convocation open, after which the Vice-Chancellor delivered the welcome address. Writer and Professor Streamlet Dkhar from North Eastern Hill University was the special guest on the occasion.



Entrepreneur Riniki Bhuyan Sharma being conferred with honorary D.Litt Degree at the 5th AWU Convocation.

Message from the Vice Chancellor



Dear Students, Faculty and Staff, it gives me immense pleasure as a new issue of the AWU Newsletter has come out. As it chronicles the events and activities of the last year or so, it will remain a record of our institution's growth trajectory.

True empowerment for women lies not just in acquiring knowledge, but in translating it into meaningful action. Education opens the door, but real strength comes when we turn that learning into quality employment, successful entrepreneurship, and confident decision-making. At Assam Women's University, our goal is to nurture women who are not only well-educated but also economically independent, innovative, and capable of taking charge of their own lives and communities. Let us commit ourselves to this vision — where every student emerges as a strong, self-reliant, and decisive leader. Together, let us build a future where women are truly empowered in every sense.

A. Borgohain

Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar
Vice Chancellor
Assam Women's University

AWU SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISES WEEK-LONG NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



Assam Women's University successfully organised a one-week national level Research Methodology Workshop from May 18 to May 22, 2026 under the joint initiative of the IQAC and the Department of English. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Assam Women's University, who highlighted the importance of using technology in research with due ethical considerations. Dr. Surajit Sharma, Dean, Academic Affairs, Jagannath Barooah University and Guest of Honour of the programme, spoke on the immense possibilities of research on local and regional issues. Academic sessions during the workshop were conducted by Prof. Bijay K. Danta, Former Head of the Department of English, Tezpur University, on the new directions of research in off-metro universities, Prof. Nasmeem Farhin Akhtar, Professor and Head of the Department of English, Dibrugarh University and Director(i/c) of the UGC Centre for Women's Studies, on Feminist Research Methodology, Mr. Parthiva Nandan Saikia, Head of the Department of English, Assam Women's University, on imagination in qualitative research and Ms. Mompi Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Assam Women's University, on feminism and research. Dr. Prashanta Puzari, Director, IQAC, Associate Professor and Dean, School of Language and Literature Studies, Assam Women's University and Coordinator of the workshop delivered the final session on research and publication ethics. The entire workshop witnessed the participation of 60 research scholars, academicians, and students from various colleges and universities.

MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR



It is a real pleasure to share this latest edition of the AWU Newsletter. Looking through these pages, I am incredibly proud of the vibrant academic, cultural, and community activities that make Assam Women's University so special. Our main goal has always been to empower women through quality education and real-world skills. The milestones and achievements you'll read about here are proof of the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff. Over the last few months, we have made wonderful progress in our research, hands-on training programs, and community outreach. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in our university family for your amazing contributions, and a special shout-out to the editorial team for putting this beautiful issue together. As we look ahead, let's keep working together with integrity, creativity, and excellence. I hope this newsletter inspires all of us to keep pushing boundaries and supporting women's education.

Warm regards,

B. Borah
29/7/2026

Dr. Binud Ch. Borah
Registrar

Webinar on Design Thinking

As part of the UGC's Viksit Bharat Initiative, Assam Women's University organized a webinar on "Design Thinking" on 14 June 2026 via online mode. The webinar featured a talk by Mr. Anmol Xaxa, Faculty Member of the National Institute of Design (NID), Jorhat. The session focussed on the role of Design Thinking in fostering innovation, creativity, problem-solving, and entrepreneurship in higher education. All the faculty and staff of Assam Women's University participated in the webinar.

AWU HOSTS AI & IOT BOOTCAMP IN COLLABORATION WITH IIT MANDI IHUB & NIELIT GUWAHATI

Assam Women's University successfully conducted a week-long Bootcamp on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) from March 17 to March 21, 2025, in association with IIT Mandi iHub & HCI Foundation and NIELIT Guwahati. The programme, aimed at equipping students with cutting-edge technological skills, saw the participation of 50 students, with 60% of the seats reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) students to promote inclusivity and empowerment. The initiative received immense support from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Assam Women's University Dr. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar who emphasized the importance of bridging the digital divide and creating equal opportunities in emerging technologies for underprivileged

communities. The boot camp provided hands-on training in AI-driven applications, IoT system development, and real-world problem-solving techniques, ensuring participants gained practical knowledge essential for future careers in technology. Experts from IIT Mandi iHub & HCI Foundation and NIELIT Guwahati delivered intensive training sessions, equipping students with industry-relevant skills. Participants lauded the programme for its engaging curriculum and real-world applications, expressing enthusiasm for further research and development in AI and IoT. With such initiatives, AWU continues to pioneer skill-based education, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive learning and technological empowerment.

ONE DAY TALK PROGRAMME ON CINEMA AND SOCIETY

The Department of Cultural Studies, AWU in collaboration with FIPRESCI (India Chapter), organized a one-day talk on the topic "Cinema and Society" on 17th March, 2025 at its Rowrah campus. The event featured lectures by FIPRESCI Secretary Premendra Mazumdar from West Bengal, National Award Winning filmmaker Ashok Rane from Maharashtra, and National Award winning film critic and writer Manoj Borpujari from Assam. They discussed the deep influence of cinema on society and how social narratives and themes are reflected in films. During the talk, seasoned film society activist Mazumdar emphasized FIPRESCI's activities and the significance of film appreciation among students in academic institutions. Four-time National Award-winning film critic Rane explored the intricate relationship between cinema and society, while FIPRESCI member Borpujari shed light on Jyoti Prasad Agarwala's contributions to the Assamese film industry. Dr. Minakshi Dutta, faculty of the Department of Cultural Studies, AWU coordinated the programme.



ASSAM WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY RECEIVES NATIONAL LEVEL AWARD

Assam Women's University was honoured with the award of "Outstanding Institute in Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices 2026" on 6th February 2026 at the Education Leadership Summit & Awards 2026 which was organized by AddComs Media Group in Jorhat. The award recognizes the university's commitment to academic excellence, innovative pedagogy, student-centric learning, and the effective implementation of educational reforms. It reflects the institution's continuous efforts to promote quality education through curriculum innovation, skill development, experiential learning, and technology-enabled teaching. The recognition is a matter of pride for Assam Women's University and stands as a testament to the collective efforts of its faculty, officers, staff, and students in advancing the cause of higher education leading to women's empowerment.



AWU ORGANIZES ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Department of English of Assam Women's University and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the university organized a capacity building workshop in English language for students of the Pratap Gyanmarg Vidyalaya, Teok. Addressing the needs of the students of the 5th, 6th and 7th standard, the weeklong English language capacity development workshop was held from 4th May to 8th May, 2026. All total around 10 language specialists and faculty from the university held sessions with the young students in the school on spoken English, pronunciation, vocabulary and communication skills. The workshop was part of the AWU's plan to engage and educate young minds from near-by schools in various educational matters.



VERSITY WEEK SPRIHA 2026 CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY

The Versity Week ‘SPRIHA 2026’ of Assam Women’s University concluded on 27th March, 2026 with a vibrant valedictory ceremony, marking the culmination of a series of cultural, academic, and sports activities. The programme commenced on March 24 with the hoisting of the university flag by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar. The inaugural ceremony also featured an impressive Guard of Honour presented to the Vice-Chancellor through a march past by students from various departments. Delivering the inaugural address as Chief Guest, Dr. Rebajyoti Stafford, former Associate Professor of Sibsagar University, encouraged students to actively participate in co-curricular activities while maintaining academic excellence. The week-long celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from students in a wide range of competitions and events, showcasing their talents, creativity, and team spirit. A cultural rally highlighting the rich artistic and scientific heritage of Assam was among the major attractions of the event. The valedictory session, held on March 27, was graced by Prof. Subrata Borgohain Gogoi, Dean, Earth Science and Energy and Head of the Department of Petroleum Technology, as the Chief Guest. Addressing the students, she emphasized the importance of preserving cultural heritage and said, “You should carry forward the legacy of the arts and scientific culture of Assam as showcased in the cultural rally today at the university.” She also recited a poem composed by her, appreciating the enthusiasm and vibrant participation of the students. In her address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar lauded the spirit of the students, stating, “You have ignited the flame of Versity Week, and this fire must continue to inspire your academic journey throughout your life.” Earlier, Dr. Binud Kumar Borah, Registrar of the university, in his welcome address commended the active participation and performances of the students. He also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of the teaching and non-teaching staff in successfully organizing the event. The programme concluded with the distribution of prizes among winners of various competitions, bringing an energetic and memorable Versity Week to a close.



SEMINAR ON FASHION INDUSTRY

The Department of Fashion Technology, Assam Women’s University successfully organized a seminar on “Fashion Industry Insights: Careers, Trends, and Professional Engagement” on 18 May 2026. The programme brought together academicians, faculty members, and students to discuss contemporary developments and career prospects in the fashion industry. The event commenced at 2:30 PM with the registration of participants and the seating of dignitaries. F/O Goldee Borah, Head of the Department of Fashion Technology and ANO, AWU, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the importance of industry-oriented learning and professional engagement in shaping successful careers in the fashion sector. This was followed by the felicitation of the distinguished guests. Dr. Binod Chandra Borah, Registrar, Assam Women’s University, in his address emphasized the significance of skill development, innovation, and industry-academia collaboration in preparing students for the evolving demands of the global fashion and textile sector. He encouraged students to continuously upgrade their knowledge and professional competencies to remain competitive in the dynamic employment landscape. The highlight of the seminar was the keynote presentation by Dr. Sumita Choudhury, Senior Faculty (Associate Professor) and Discipline Lead, Textile and Apparel Design Department, NID Jorhat. Her comprehensive presentation on “Fashion Industry Insights: Careers, Trends, and Professional Engagement” provided students with valuable perspectives on emerging fashion trends, sustainable design practices, technological advancements, entrepreneurship opportunities, and the diverse career pathways available in the fashion and apparel industry. Drawing from her extensive professional experience, she emphasized the need for creativity, adaptability, innovation, and lifelong learning in achieving success in the industry.

INTERACTION PROGRAMME ON PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY IN FASHION INDUSTRY

The Department of Fashion Technology in collaboration with the Training and Placement Cell of Assam Women’s University (AWU) successfully organized an interaction programme titled “Exploring Placement Opportunities for Fashion Students” on 29 May 2026 at the University Conference Hall in its Teok campus. The programme aimed to provide students with valuable insights into career prospects, industry expectations, entrepreneurship, and emerging opportunities in the fashion and textile sector.

The interaction session featured an eminent panel of experts from academia and industry. Ms. Usha Amanna, HR Head of



Bharat Silks, Bengaluru, shared her valuable insights into recruitment practices, workplace expectations, and career advancement opportunities in the textile and fashion industry. Dr. Nabaneeta Gogoi, Head of the Department of Textiles and Apparel Designing, College of Community Science, Assam Agricultural University, highlighted the expanding scope of textile and apparel education and research. Dr. Smita Bhuyan, Assistant Professor of the same department, discussed current industry trends and skill requirements. Shri Bidyut Bikash Rajkonwar, CEO (I/C) and COO, Innovation and entrepreneurship Programme Foundation of AIC-AAU Incubator, enlightened participants on entrepreneurship, innovation, and start-up opportunities for young graduates.

Students actively engaged in the interactive session by seeking guidance on placements, internships, higher studies etc.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME AT KALIAPANI

The Department of Political Science organized an Outreach Programme at Kaliapani, Teok, on 8 May 2026. The programme focused on creating awareness about domestic violence, women’s rights, and related social issues. Approximately 60 students participated in the initiative and actively engaged in sensitizing members of the local community on these important concerns. The programme aimed to promote awareness, encourage dialogue, and foster a better understanding of women’s rights and gender-related issues among the participants and local residents.

12TH FOUNDATION DAY OF ASSAM WOMEN’S UNIVERSITY OBSERVED

The 12th Foundation Day of Assam Women’s University, Jorhat was observed at its premises on September 11, 2025. The foundation day celebrations started with the hoisting of the university flag by Professor Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, Vice Chancellor of Assam Women’s University. Subsequently, a meeting was organized in connection with the foundation day of the institution in the university auditorium. Rubi Bhuyan, Assistant Executive Engineer of the PWD, Titabar and Mariani Territorial Building Subdivision was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. In her speech, she shared her experiences as a woman engineer engaged in government and public infrastructure work and the challenges inherent for women in such jobs. Dwelling on the need for self-sufficiency and financial independence, she urged and inspired the students of the university to take up jobs in different areas. The Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar in her address discussed about the recent developments in multiple aspects of the university. She also recalled the contributions of the people who were involved in the process of the university’s inception and growth since 2014. Dr Santana Saikia, educationist and formerly Vice Principal of Bahona College, Jorhat was the Chief Guest in the meeting. Saikia, in her address to the students, highlighted the myriad challenges faced by women in society and the need for more women in higher education as a means to empowerment and progress. She also lauded the role of Professor Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar’s role as the Vice Chancellor of Assam Women’s University in leading the institution from the front. Earlier, Tapan Kumar Gohain, ACS and Registrar of Assam Women’s University delivered the welcome address in the meeting. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Shayista Baruah and Afrin Zaman, Assistant Professors in the Departments of Political Science and Physiotherapy respectively. The programme was moderated by Mampi Chowdhury, who is an Assistant Professor of the Department of English in the university. All the students, research scholars, faculty members and the staff of the university were present in the meeting on the occasion of 12th Foundation Day of the only women’s university of the region. The meeting also featured cultural performances by students. The meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr Kaushik Handique, Assistant Professor from the Department of Business Management of the university.

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“RANGOLI BOHAG” a pre Bohag Bihu cultural programme was celebrated at AWU on 8th April 2026.



Governor of Assam and Chancellor of AWU Lakshman Prasad Acharya (centre) at the inauguration of Teok campus as Vice Chancellor, AWU, Registrar of AWU, and DC, Jorhat looks on.

WORKSHOP ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOFT SKILL

The Department of Business Management and Training and Placement Cell of Assam Women’s University organized a one day workshop on Personality Development and Soft Skill Enhancement programme for the students of the institution. An expert team from the organization “BILEX” acted as knowledge partners to conduct the training sessions on 21st May, 2026 at the university premises. The workshop saw active participation from the students of the School of Management Sciences, AWU.

AWU STARTS COMMERCE PROGRAMME

Assam Women’s University has announced the commencement of admissions for the newly established Department of Commerce under the School of Management Sciences for the academic session 2026–27. The Department offers the Five-Year Integrated Postgraduate Programme (FYIPGP) in Commerce for 10+2 Commerce students and M.Com admission for graduates of B.Com/BBA programmes. The Department aims to provide dual specialization in Accounting & Finance and Marketing & Human Resource Management. The curriculum focuses on skill-based and industry-oriented learning with courses such as GST Filing, Tally, GeM Portal & E-Procurement, and NISM-certification courses to enhance employability and entrepreneurship skills. Interested candidates can apply through the official website www.awu.ac.in or drop a mail at commerce@awu.ac.in.

AWU CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Department of Commerce, AWU launched an innovative project titled “Sustainable Assam Lemon Plantation for Income Generation and Experiential Learning” at the university campus. The project was formally inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar in the presence of the Registrar of AWU Dr Binud Chandra Bora and a team from Krishi Vigyan Kendra Jorhat, Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, university officials, staff, and students. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Naba Kumar Das, Dean, School of Management Sciences and Head, Department of Commerce, highlighted the objectives and significance of the project. He informed that, under Phase I, a total of 101 Assam lemon saplings were planted along the boundary wall of the university campus. The initiative aims to promote value creation of Assam Lemon, provide experiential learning opportunities, foster entrepreneurial thinking among students, and contribute to the development of a sustainable entrepreneurship ecosystem within the university. In addition, in compliance with the Government of Assam’s directive, all stakeholders of the university actively participated in the plantation drive under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” initiative, reaffirming their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Phd. Awarded

◆ Mr. Biswajyoti Sarmah, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, AWU was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree on 1st January 2026. His doctoral thesis titled “A Study on Economic Efficiency of Small Tea Growers of Assam,” was completed under the supervision of Prof. Gayatree Goswami, Department of Economics, Gauhati University, Guwahati.



◆ Ms. Debakshi Bora, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, AWU was awarded the Ph.D Degree on 1st April, 2026. Her doctoral thesis titled “Livelihood Diversification among the Plains and Hill Tribes of Assam: A Case Study,” was completed under the supervision of Prof. Amarjyoti Mahanta, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh.



◆ Mr. Naba Kumar Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Management, AWU was awarded the Ph.D Degree on May 23, 2025. His doctoral thesis titled ‘Value Chain Analysis of Selected Organic Crops in Assam’ was completed under the supervision of Professor Arup Roy, Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University, Tezpur.



◆ Mr. Kaushik Handique, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Management, AWU was awarded the Ph.D Degree on 30th May, 2025. His doctoral thesis titled ‘A Study on Various Aspects of Brand Love among Urban Consumers in Assam and Its Significance for Marketers with Special Reference to High Involvement and Low Involvement Consumer Products’ was completed under the supervision of Dr. Samir Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, Gauhati University, Guwahati.



◆ Mr. Bijoy Gogoi, Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, AWU was awarded the Ph.D Degree on 1st July, 2025. His doctoral thesis titled ‘Labour Movement in Assam since Independence: A Study of the Organized Sectors’ was completed under the supervision of Professor Bhupen Sarmah (Retired), OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati.



Select Publications:

Begum Affrin Zaman, Assistant Professor, Physiotherapy, AWU, published (co-author) an article titled ‘Cognitive Behavioral Therapy vs. Medication in Treating Major Depressive Disorder’ in the Journal of Neonatal Surgery, Vol. 14, Issue 31s(2025) 389-396. ISSN(Online):2226-0439, 2025, <https://www.jneonatsurg.com>

Begum Affrin Zaman, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiotherapy, AWU developed a patent on AI-Based Ultrasound Therapy Machine (Indian design Patent Title) <https://search.ipindia.gov.in/IPOJournal/Journal/Patent>, Design Accepted and Published at Patent and Design Journal (No 40/2025, Date of Publication, 03/10/2025).

Santosh Kr. Rajak, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Physiotherapy, AWU and Prasenjit Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Physiotherapy, AWU jointly published an article titled “Conventional in Flexible“Pes Planus” in the Journal of Neonatal Surgery Vol 14 issue“30 ISSN :22260439, 2025.

Invited Talks:

Parthiva Nandan Saikia, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of English, AWU acted as a resource person and delivered a lecture on ‘Soft Skills for Career advancement in the Digital Age’ at Assam Agricultural University on 6th June, 2026.

Dr. Moshina Rahman, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, AWU delivered a talk at CKB College, Teok on the occasion of World Radio Day on 13th February, 2026.

AWU CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Assam Women’s University celebrated the International Women’s Day 2025 on 8th March, 2025 highlighting the official international theme of ‘Accelerate Action’. Held in collaboration with the Indian Federation of UN Associations (IFUNA), the event took place at the university auditorium which brought together students, faculty, and distinguished guests to honour the achievements of women and advocate for gender equality. The programme commenced with the singing of the university anthem, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dignitaries including AWU Vice Chancellor Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, Guest of Honour Prof. Bidyut Kumar Sarmah (Assam Agricultural University), Special Guest Dr. Aswini Kumar Sarma (IFUNA), Chief Guest Prof. Dipsikha Bora (Dibrugarh University), Mrs. Marami Goswami, Academic officer of Resource Centre for UN -NER and Mrs. Purabi Devi, Programme Coordinator of UNESCO Association Guwahati graced the occasion with their presence. In her address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajkonwar extended her warm wishes on the occasion and emphasized the importance of accelerating efforts toward gender equality. She highlighted the need for education, economic independence, decision-making participation, and technological advancement as key pillars for women’s empowerment. “True empowerment can only be achieved when women are given equal opportunities in all spheres of life,” she stated. One of the highlights of the event was the inauguration of ‘Soudamini’, a handwritten magazine published by the Department of Assamese and edited by Dr. Gitimani Hatimuria, a faculty of the same department. The magazine was formally released by the Vice Chancellor, symbolizing the university’s commitment to promoting creativity and literary expression among women. The ceremony also included a certificate distribution programme to students who delivered speeches on United Nation’s Day. Distinguished speakers, including Prof. Bidyut Kumar Sarmah and Dr. Aswini Kumar Sarma, underscored the need for collective action to address gender disparities. Prof. Sarmah spoke on key aspects of women’s empowerment, while Dr. Sarma emphasized that gender equality in education, culture, and all spheres of life is essential for women’s overall progress. Chief Guest Prof. Dipsikha Bora, from the Department of Life Sciences at Dibrugarh University delivered an inspiring speech, urging women to adopt scientific thinking and education. She noted that ensuring equal rights in all fields fosters innovation and societal advancement. “Women must embrace education and scientific thinking to break barriers and contribute to societal progress,” she said. The celebration also featured cultural performances by university students. Ananya Bharadwaj recited a poem, while Acharya Taiyung shared her thoughts on the importance of women’s mental strength. The event was anchored by Dr. Shaistha Baruah, faculty in the AWU Political Science Department, and concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Nayan Kamal Bhattacharya, the Controller of Examinations of the university.

SPECIAL LECTURE ON WOMEN CENTRIC ECONOMICS

The Department of Political Science conducted a Special Lecture Session titled ‘Women-Centric Economics and Gender Budgeting: An Indian Perspective’ on 15 May 2026. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Susmita Priyadarshini, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Economics at DCB Girls’ College, Jorhat. Dr. Priyadarshini provided valuable insights into the concepts of women-centric economics and gender budgeting, highlighting their significance in promoting gender equality and inclusive development in India.

AWU STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN LOK SABHA PROGRAMME

Nabanita Bhuyan, a 4th Semester PG Political Science student of the year 2025 batch, was selected to participate in the “Know Your Leader” programme organized by the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), Lok Sabha Secretariat. She earned this opportunity by excelling in a national-level online MCQ test on the life and contributions of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, held on 1st May 2025, exclusively for university-nominated students. The event took place at the Lok Sabha Central Samvidhan Sadan on 9th May 2025, commemorating Tagore’s birth anniversary. Notably, she was the only student selected from Assam.

PROGRAMME ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIAN AIR FORCE

Assam Women’s University organised a One-on-One Orientation Programme in association with the Indian Air Force, Jorhat Station on 27th March, 2025. The event was on various career prospects in the Indian Airforce for the students. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of, AWU, Prof. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, while Dr. Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya, Controller of Examinations, AWU also addressed the students on the occasion.. Further the session was carried forwarded by Flight Lieutenant Aakanksha Singh and Flight Lieutenant Naseeb Singh who gave presentations on various career opportunities in the Indian Airforce. All the NCC cadets, NSS and other students of the university attended the programme and had an interactive session with the officials of Indian Air Force. The event was hosted by Ms Mompi Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of English, AWU and coordinated by Mr. Denish Pegu, HoD& Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Travel Management, AWU along with Flying Officer Ankeyt Singh, Senior Education Officer, Air Force Station, Jorhat. The programme ended with distribution of brochures & pamphlets of Indian Air Force. The vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Angshuman Phukan, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, AWU.

AWU MBA STUDENTS COMPETE AT NATIONAL LEVEL QUIZ

Trishna Goswami and Kh. Anita Singha, both PG third semester students of the Department of Business Management, AWU of academic session of the year 2025 secured a position among the top ten in the National Financial Literacy Quiz (North East Regional Round) organized by NISM and SEBI which was held at Assam Don Bosco University on August 30, 2025. Subsequently, they qualified for the Grand Finale which was held from November 7 to 9, 2025, at NISM’s main campus in Pune, Maharashtra.

AWU RECEIVES EDUCATION EMINENCE 2026 JURY EDITION AWARD

Assam Women’s University has been conferred with the prestigious Education Eminence 2026 – Jury Edition Award by the media network News 18 North East in recognition of the university’s outstanding contribution in the field of education. The award was received by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of AWU on 28th June, 2026 in a function in Guwahati.