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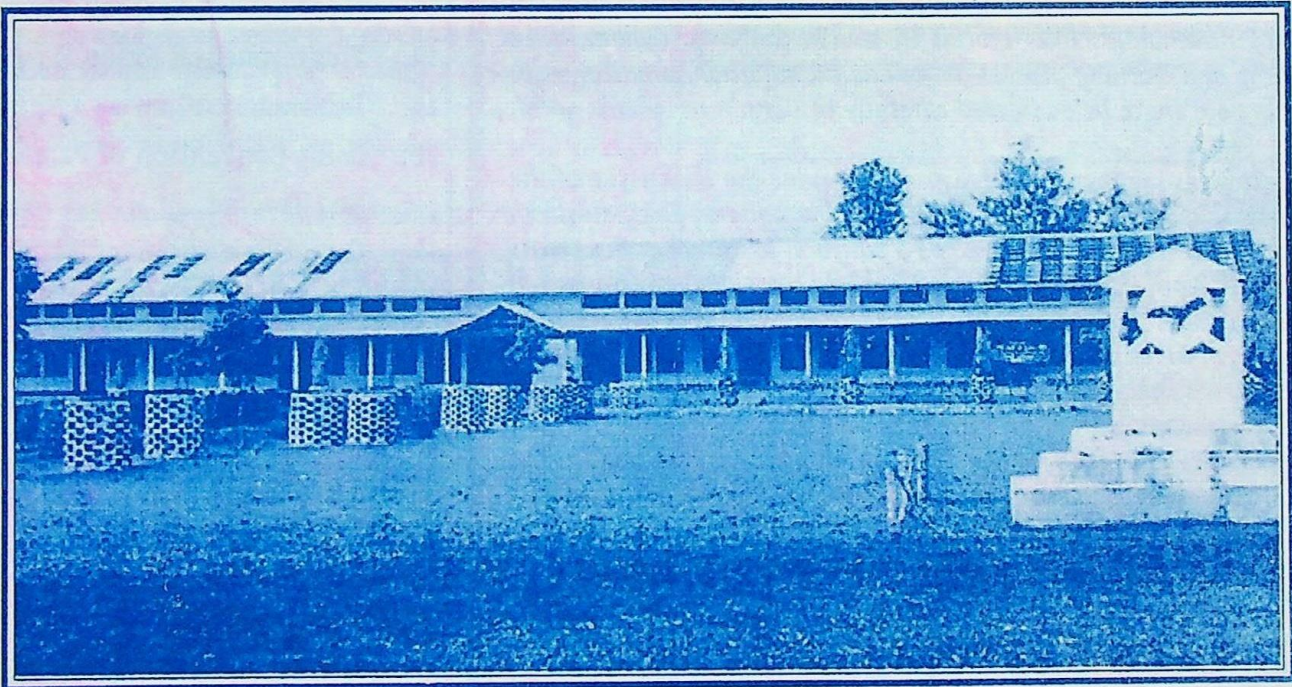
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*Bikali College having both Arts and Commerce stream is situated at Dhupdhara in Goalpara district. It is an affiliated institution of the Guahati University that came into existence in 1982 as a result of selfless services of the rural masses of the locality. It is now a learning centre of around one thousand rural boys and girls. It was accredited C^{**} by NAAC in 2004 and is now preparing for re-accreditation in 2010.*

Editorial

Globalisation has brought about several changes in many spheres of human life. More particularly on education system the impact of globalization is immense as education influences the human life to a great extent. The world, now, is passing through a knowledge revolution and therefore, a country without a high quality education system finds it difficult to benefit from the global knowledge based economy and remains in global isolation. In this perspective, higher education in India has to pass through a crossroad as it is evolved in distinct divergent streams with each stream monitored by an apex body, indirectly controlled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) and funded by the State Governments. Most Universities are administered by the State; however, there are 18 important universities (Central Universities), which are maintained by the Union Government. The increased funding of these universities gives them an advantage over state competitors. Such discrepancies are steeper in technology and professional education, even more prominent in affiliated colleges of rural areas. There is a general consensus with the changing scenario for the rural colleges to cope with. Accordingly, the rural colleges like ours have to face certain challenges to sustain. The challenges like funding from the part of HRD for taking off to the main stream, enriched with required infrastructure, enrolment, and necessary reform measures from the part of stakeholders like reforms in course contents, dynamism in teaching and learning process as well as examination, orientation to teachers etc are to be addressed carefully to sustain in today's world.

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Fifth issue of the Prochesta, a bulletin of Bikali College, Dhupdhara. Ever since its inception the Bulletin has served as a platform to bring out the events and activities of the college. The College has completed twenty-seven years of its existence in imparting excellent education to the students of the area. In doing so, we have followed the educational philosophy that believes in developing a person in body, heart, mind and spirit.

Of late, the college has not only grown in infrastructure but has also been able to improve the student results at state level. We are at present preparing ourselves to face the NAAC this year for re-accreditation and hope to achieve a better grade. For this we should move ahead – believe in ourselves and have the courage and persistence to follow our dreams.

Besides, both the teacher and student fraternity should now be prepared to handle the semester system that may be introduced from the next session. It will certainly increase the pass percentage of the students in the examination but not without proper dedication and commitment.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the efforts they have put in, in order to bring out this issue of the Prochesta. Lastly, I pray to almighty God to guide us and help us take the right decision so that we can take our institution to the pinnacle.

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From the Principal's desk



It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Fifth volume of "Prochesta" – the news bulletin of Bikali College Teachers Unit is going to be brought out with a view to highlight the academic and other associated activities of this growing higher educational institution which lies in a comparatively backward rural-tribal area. The name of the bulletin itself signifies its inherent motto.

In the changing socio-economic and educational scenario world over, this institution should also try to adapt itself without which the very existence and sustainability is a big question. The stereotype and traditional education system is no longer a supportive education for the present and coming generations. Here the aspect of quality education is an emerging need, without which we are facing natural death.

So far the quality education is concerned the students hold the highest stake in enhancing the quality of teaching and learning process. Students are the national assets that have the capability of generating national wealth and serving as instruments of social change.

The faculty-student relationship is supposed to strengthen the quality education. In the process, there are academic advice on course options, counselling on academic as well as personal life, career guidance, guidance for further studies have contributed a wide range in promoting the emotional bond between faculty and students.

The different stake holders of this institution are trying their best to bring forth the all round development so far as practicable. In fine, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my colleague friends those who have actively involved revitalizing this small but valuable volume.

Dr. Malina Rabha
Principal

NSS Camp Held

*From S. Ali Ahmed,
Programme Officer, NSS*

To expedite the NSS motto and objectives among the volunteers, a three-day long special camp was held in the college premises. The Principal inaugurated the camp and Mr. A. H. Ahmed declared the camp open. He delivered a lecture on moral issues on the first day of the camp. The consecutive days were attended by different experts in the same field such as Mr. U. Kar, Programme Officer, J. N. College (Boko), Mr. N. C. Kalita, Programme Officer, B. P. Chaliha College (Nagarbera) and officials of the Forest Department etc. Besides the normal activities, the volunteers conducted a socio-economic survey in the adopted village, Adarshapara. The feedback received from the villagers on the survey and services provided by the students were quite encouraging.

Workshop

Workshop on English Teaching

A workshop on English Teaching was organised by the Department of English on January 25, 2006. Dr. Anita Tamuly, Professor, English Language Teaching Dept., G.U. participated as the resource person of the workshop. The students actively participated in the programme. The problem of teaching English especially in the rural area was focused upon and interesting interaction took place among the various participants. The students were divided into groups and made to write some assignments related to the subject that were later discussed in the workshop. Two PG students of the ELT Dept., G.U, assisted Dr. Tamuly in making the workshop a success. Around 200 students attended the same.

UGC Sponsored Workshop on Human Rights

*From: Dr.Prasanta Chakraborty
Mrs.Monalisha Roychaudhry
(Co-ordinators of the workshop)*

A UGC sponsored workshop on Human Rights was organised by the Department of Political Science on August 19, 2008. The inaugural session was presided over by Mr.Pranoy Rabha, President, Governing Body, Bikali College while the welcome address was given by Dr.Malina Devi Rabha, Principal, Bikali College. Retired Judge, Gauhati High Court, Justice Dhiresh Narayan Choudhury delivered the keynote address. Justice Choudhury stressed on the importance of holding such workshop.

There were two technical sessions. Dr.Ramesh Chandra Barpatra Gohain chaired the first session on "Human Rights Education". Dr.Bhaskar Kumar Chakraborty, Head and Dean P.G. Dept. of Law, Guahati University was the resource person. His deliverance of speech was on the origin, development and spread of knowledge about Human Rights. He explained the meaning of Human Rights and opined that they are universal in nature. Dr.Manirul Hussain, Professor, Dept. of political science, Gauhati University, chaired the second session on "Right to Clean Environment". Dr.R.C.Barpatra Gohain, Reader, PG Dept. of Law, Gauhati University was the resource person. He stressed on the sustainable development but not at the cost of destroying our natural environment. The session concluded with the message that a pollution free environment is our right and we should not destroy it in the name of development.

Besides the teachers and students of the college, people representing different socio-cultural organizations of the locality like Bikali Mouza Unnayan Samity, Dhupdhara Tinidolia Raiz, Bikali Lekhika Samaroh Samity, Dhupdhara Mahila Samity etc. participated in the workshop.

ACTA Zonal Seminar

A Seminar on "Students' Enrolment: Problems in Public Funded Education" was organised by Bikali College Teachers' Unit on January 20, 2009. The seminar was inaugurated by the Principal, Bikali College, Dhupdhara. Nine lecturers of different colleges under the Goalpara Zone presented their papers. Prof.Ratan Bhatta, Senior lecturer, Goalpara College, chaired the sessions. Two faculty members of our college, Mr.M.G.Singha and Mr.A.H.Ahmed presented papers in the seminar.

Seminar

*From: Dr.Prasanta Chakraborty
Mr.Dhananjay Rabha
(Guidance Officers, CCGC)*

A seminar on "Issues on Learning English at the Higher Secondary and Undergraduate Levels" was organised jointly by the Career Counselling and Guidance Cell in collaboration with the Dept. of English, Bikali College, Dhupdhara in the college premises on December 8, 2009. Mr.Sawpon Dowerah, former Academic Officer, SEBA and an expert in English language teaching participated as Resource Person. Dr.M.D.Rabha, Principal, Bikali College inaugurated the seminar. Dr.Prasanta Chakraborty, Guidance Officer, Career Counselling Cell explained the objectives of the seminar. Mr.Dowerah in his speech mentioned about the importance of communication skill especially in English language and how it would help students to expand and explore the world beyond their own area. He cited examples from his own experiences. His delivery of speech was encouraging and invigorating that it inspired the students to ask questions on various aspects of learning English and on choosing the right career. About four hundred students participated in the seminar.

Seminar on The Future of Rabha Language and Literature

A seminar on "The future of Rabha Language and Literature" was organized by Rabha Literary Society, Bikali College, Dhupdhara on December 5, 2009. The college flag was hoisted, respect was offered to martyrs, the wall magazine was inaugurated followed by plantation programme by the Principal, Dr.M.Rabha, Mr.Sunil Rabha, President, Dudhnoi Purbanchal Rabha Samaj, Mr.Bapuram Rabha, President, Luki Mouza Rabha Jatiya Parishad, Mr.Bisheswar Patgiri, Member, Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council respectively before the main session.

The session of the main seminar was inaugurated by Mr.Dhaneshwas Rabha, President, Bikali Anchalik Rabha Literary Society and was chaired by Mr.Listi Rabha Rankho, Principaql, Baida College. Mr.Mukul Rabha, In charge, Cultural Centre, Dudhnoi, Mr.Duryadhan Rabha, President, Goalpara District Rabha Literary Society, Mrs.Hemlata Roy, Lecturer, Baida College presented papers on the topic. Various aspects of the Rabha language and literature were discussed and a lively interaction took place among the resource persons and the participants. The seminar concluded with a positive note.

Career Counselling

A one-day seminar on "Career Counselling and Personality Development" was organised by the Bodo Literary Society, Bikali College, Dhupdhara in collaboration with ABSU Central Committee on October 16, 2009. The Principal hoisted the flag and homage to the martyrs was offered by Mr. Jaygeswar Basumatary, Literary Secretary, GDBSS. Mr. Janak Khakhlary, President, GDC / ABSU chaired the session. Mr. Josho Manik Brahma, Education Secretary, ABSU in his deliverance highlighted various options for career advancement especially after 12th standard. A Wall magazine "Agor" was inaugurated by Mr. Manik Hazowary, President, Goalpara District Boro Barodol.

Vasundhara Nature Club

Vasundhara Nature Club, a unit of the student and teacher body in association with NSS Unit organized a Tree Plantation Programme on June 5, 2009 to mark the occasion of World Environment Day. A number of medicinal plants and saplings of valuable trees like were planted in the college campus. The participation of the students was quite encouraging.

Book Fair

To encourage and increase the number of readers in the area, a three-day long book fair was organized in 2007 by the college in collaboration with Anwesa, a local publisher and bookseller. Many people from the area and students from neighbouring schools and colleges visited the fair. The officials of Anwesa were very happy to see the response of the people of the locality. A large number of books were sold during the period.

Bodo Literary Day Observed

The Bodo Literary Society of Bikali College, Dhupdhara observed a day long programme on November 16, 2009 on occasion of Bodo Literary Day. The Principal of the college unfurled the flag of Bodo Sahitya Sabha while Dr. P. Chakraborty, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of political science of the said college, hoisted the Martyrs Flag. Different cultural activities were organized to mark the occasion. The college wore a festive look.

Wall Magazine

Every year Wall Magazine of different departments are displayed in various occasions. The following are the names of the magazines.

- Saswat - Dept. of Assamese
- Pioneer - Dept. of Economics
- Siksha Jyoti - Dept. of Education
- Musing - Dept. of English
- Agor - Bodo Literary Society
- Chankia - Rabha Literary Society

Departmental Publication

Two issues (II and III) of Gyandeeep, a departmental magazine of the Dept. of Assamese were published in 2007. Mr. Khirode Khakhlary, Ex-Principal In charge, Dudhnoi College and Dr. Brajendra Nath Roychaudhury, Registrar, IIT, Guwahati, inaugurated the II and III issues respectively.

Correspondence course

The college has a centre for correspondence course, which offers P.G. courses in Arts and Commerce streams. The students of the centre are able to enrol at the centre that is a part of Institute of Distant and Open Learning (IDOL), G.U. A number of students have been benefited from this contact centre.

Inter-college Football Tournament

The Gauhati University Inter-college Football Tournament, 2006 - 07 was organised by Bikali College, Dhupdhara from December 20 to 24, 2006. Fourteen colleges of Assam participated in the tournament. The participant colleges were namely J.N. College (Boko), Bongaigaon College, Nagaon College, Janata College (Cherfanguri), K.C. Das Commerce College (Guwahati), Dudhnoi College, Odalguri College, Dispur College, D.K. College (Mirza), Kokrajhar College, Rangapara College, Bikali College (Dhupdhara), Bijni College and Lakhipur College. In the tournament Dudhnoi College and Bikali College reached the finals and after a long and exciting game Bikali College won the championship.

A souvenir, "Sambhabana" was published on the occasion. Dr. Ramananda Das, Registrar, Gauhati University and Mr. R.C. Rabha, Director, Students Welfare, G.U. graced the prize distribution ceremony.

Environmental Study Programme

As a part of the academic activity environmental study tours are organised every year. Likewise, the students of TDC II Year undertook field study to survey the environment of the area selected. Mrs. Bonti Bordoloi, Lecturer Deptt. of Geography is the nodal person of the programme.

- In 2007 the study was carried out in the neighbouring villages of Adokgri.
- In 2008 the students visited the villages and forest areas in and around the river Deusila.
- In 2009 the selected area of study was marketing and market places of Dhupdhara.

Every student submitted project reports on the survey conducted.

Career Enhancement Activities

The following lectures are undergoing PhD programme under GU.

- Mr. G.H.A. Ahmed, Hod, Dept. of Political Science
- Mr. Bibhuti Kalita, HoD, Dept. of History
- Mrs. Aplana Sarkar, HoD, Dept. of Assamese
- Mr. A.H. Ahmed, Selection Grade Lecturer, Dept. of Economics
- Mrs. Abala Bhuyan, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Assamese
- Mrs. Bonti Bordoloi, Lecturer, Dept. of Geography
- Mr. Kulendu Nath, Lecturer, Dept. of Assamese

Infrastructure

In regards to the infrastructure of the college different construction work are under process. As reported by the construction committee the Library building, boundary wall and the auditorium have been completed and the Girls' hostel is under construction.

The Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council has contributed towards the infrastructure development of the library of the college. Apart from hundreds of valuable books, it donated several book shelves, reading tables, chairs etc. The main motto of this benevolent programme was to help the rural poor students of this college. Besides, a mini stadium has also been constructed in the college campus with financial assistance from RHAC. The teachers unit of Bikali College expressed gratefulness to the Council for its kind assistance.

On going Research Projects

A Major Research Project of UGC is undergoing in the Dept. of Geography on "Changing Ecological System and Problems of Sustainability of Land Resources in Goalpara District, Assam". The principal investigator is Dr. M. Gopal Singha. Mr. Jayanta Nath, project fellow, is assisting him.

Joint Convention of Parents and Teachers

*From Mr. Bibhuti Kalita
Mr. Dashanan Rabha
Joint Secretary.*

An association of Parents and Teachers that started in 2003, prior to the first NAAC accreditation has been playing a grave role in improving the academic atmosphere of the college. Accordingly under the initiative of Internal Quality Assessment Cell, a joint meeting of parents and teachers was held on December 27, 2009. The Principal chaired the meeting and a committee was formed to take necessary initiatives to improve and develop academic atmosphere of the college. Some parents and guardians appreciated the roles of the teachers.

Research Projects completed

The following lecturers completed their minor research projects:

- Dr. Ananya Baruah, HoD, Dept. of Education: "A study on Folk Beliefs and Customs Associated with Child Rearing Practices Among the Bodos of Bikali Area in Goalpara District"
- Dr. M.G. Singha, HoD, Dept. of Geography: "Sustainable Development: A Case Study of Naitara-Chautara Wetland and Fringing Schedule Caste Villages in Goalpara District of Assam."
- Mr. A.H. Ahmed, HoD, Dept. of Economics: "Production and Marketing of Banana: A case study of East Garo Hills and Goalpara District"
- Mrs. Abala Bhuyan, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Assamese: "The Cultural Heritage of place names of Bikali Region."

M.Phil awarded

Ms. Seemashree Daimary, Lecturer, Dept. of Bodo, Bikali College, Dhupdhara was awarded M.Phil degree by Gauhati University.

Students' Achievement



Mr. Rukunuddin Ahmed

Academic

- *Ms. Mamani Basumatary secured First Class in Geography Major with distinction in TDC Final year, 2008.*
- *Ms. Annie Daimary secured First Class 8th position in Geography Major with distinction.*
- *Mr. Rukunuddin Ahmed secured the 10th State Rank in the Higher Secondary Final Examination, 2009.*

Extra Curricular Activities

- *Ms. Kashmiri Singha of TDC III year won the First Prize in the Debating Competition held in Dudhnoi College organized by the Zonal Committee of ACTA in 2009.*
- *In the same event Ms. Karabi Das won the Second Prize and the college team was adjudged the Best Debating Team.*
- *Ms. Kashmiri Singha of TDC III year won the First Prize in the essay competition organized by ACTA Zonal Committee, Goalpara.*

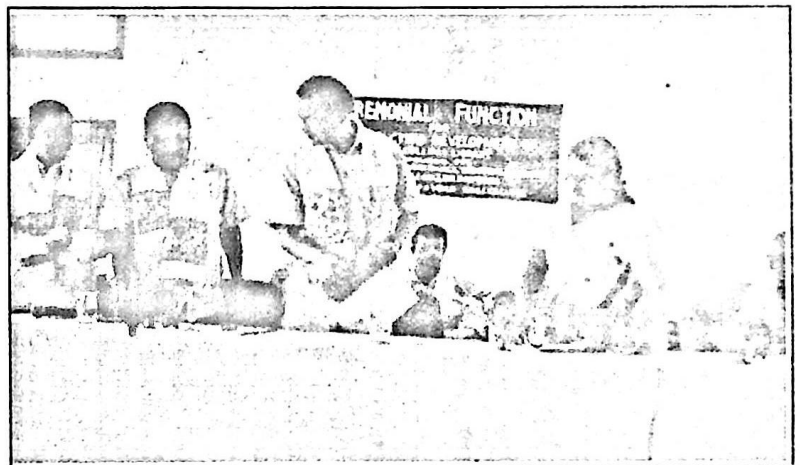
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NAAC Peer Team inspecting college, way laid by co-ordinators in the first NAAC assessment



Cermonial Function organised for infrastructural Development of Bikali College Library by R.H.A.C. Dudhnoi.

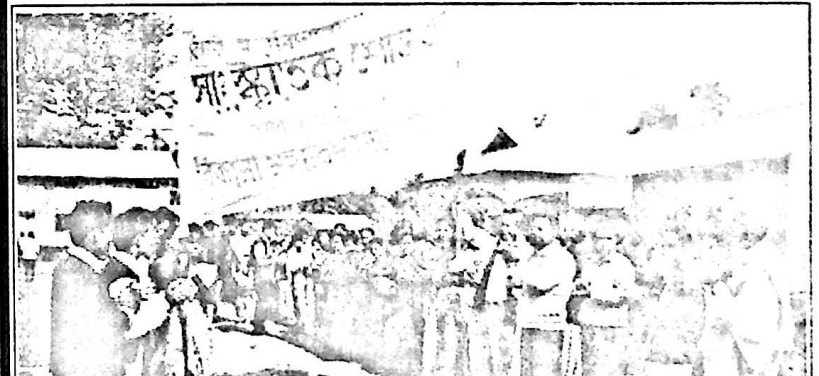


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