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INDIA'S 'ACT EAST' POLICY: CAN NORTHEAST BECOME AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE?



AZARA, March 27: The Department of Commerce, Girijananda Chowdhury University, has taken an initiative to organise a talk on "India's Act East Policy: Promoting Value Chain Linkages with ASEAN Countries" on 22nd March, 2024 in the GCU Campus.

The Act East policy was announced in 2014 as a continuation and upgrade of India's Look East policy. It is a diplomatic initiative which aims to promote extensive economic, cultural and strategic engagement with South-East Asia and the wider Indo-Pacific region (including Japan, South Korea and Australia). Since India's north-eastern states are a crucial gateway to this vast and varied region of opportunities, the Act East policy is also aimed at contributing to the economic development of India's North Eastern states.



Dr. L. Bishwanjit Singh speaking at the event.



Prof. H. P. Goenka felicitating Dr. Singh.



Mr. Angkesh Sarma Bordoloi anchoring the event.

Dr. L. Bishwanjit Singh, Visiting Guest from Department of South East Asian Studies, Manipur University provided key insights about the geographical and economic dynamics of the Asia - Pacific region, offering a deeper understanding of India's strategic engagement with ASEAN countries. He emphasized that the development of border zones could quickly turn our industrially backward North-Eastern Region (NER) into a rich periphery of India.

In addition, Dr. Singh has written extensively about the need for greater trade liberalization and regional economic integration to turn the North East into an economic powerhouse, which in turn would help India reach the status of economic superpower sooner than expected.

The programme was coordinated by Prof. H. P. Goenka, Mr. Angkesh Sarma Bordoloi, Research Scholar with a Vote of thanks by Banasmita Kakati, Student M.Com 2nd Semester, along with the Department of Management. Almost 80 attendees took active participation in the programme including various faculty members and students from Commerce, Management and other departments of GCU.





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TRIP TO NARANGI ANCHALIK MAHAVIDYALAYA



AZARA, March 27: A workshop on the relevance and implementation of National Education Policy, 2020 was conducted by the Departments of History and Political Science on behalf of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, at Narangi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya on 14th March, 2024.

Dr. Anisha Bordoloi, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Dr. Bhaswati Sarmah, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science conducted the programme among the sixth semester students and faculty members of various departments of the college. Dr. Juthika Barman Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Narangi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya, coordinated the event with Dr. Anisha Bordoloi.



Dr. Juthika Barman Choudhury being felicitated.



Students presenting on the benefits of NEP.



Dr. Anisha Bordoloi and Dr. Bhaswati Sarmah speaking at the event.

Dr. Bordoloi and Dr. Sarmah were accompanied by students Nikita Talukdar, BA 2nd Semester, Department of History, Shiva Kalita, BA 2nd Semester, Department of Political Science and Alisha Begum, MA 2nd Semester, Department of Political Science. Nikita Talukdar and Shiva Kalita gave presentations on the benefits of NEP at the UG level and shared their thoughts and experiences as the first batch under the new policy at Girijananda Chowdhury University.

This was followed by an interactive session between the students and faculty members of both GCU and Narangi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya. A survey was also conducted through the sharing of a Google form seeking feedback from the faculty members and students of the college on the implementation of NEP, 2020.



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LEARNING & DEEPENING THE BASICS OF ECONOMICS: A SCHOLARLY MASTERCLASS



AZARA, March 27: The noted economist Prof. Madhurija Bezbaruah delivered a stirring lecture on the fundamental importance of economics in our everyday lives. He stressed the need to relearn the basics of economics for anyone who has even a minimal interest in knowing how his or her life is structured by the imperceptible laws of economics. The Workshop cum Seminar talk, titled 'Deepening and Learning Basics of Economics', was organized by the Department of Economics, Girijananda Chowdhury University, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Rangia College, Guwahati on 22nd March, 2024.



Prof. Madhurija Bezbaruah teaching the basics of economics at GCU.



Prof. Bezbaruah spoke in great detail about the basic axioms of economics - the price mechanism, the law of supply and demand as well as the principle of diminishing marginal utility. What distinguished his speech from other such introductions was his elucidation of a few elementary mistakes that teachers often make while discussing economics in class.

For instance, he noted that the most common example given for the law of diminishing marginal utility is the example of food items such as chocolates or chips. Yet, the example of food (which caters to a limited human need, namely hunger) does not quite fit in with the basic question of economics - how to balance unlimited wants with limited resources, since hunger is ultimately a limited (and not unlimited) desire. Prof Bezbaruah combined his remarkable erudition with a deeply personal approach towards the students, constantly joking with them and on one occasion placing his hand on the forehead of an ailing student to check if he has fever.



The workshop cum seminar was aimed to give an exposure to the students and faculty members of Rangia College about the numerous facilities available at GCU. Students of various departments of Girijananda Chowdhury University and students of Rangia College actively participated in the event and interacted as well. This event marks one of the important programmes jointly organized by both institutions after they signed an MOU with each other for academic-related matters.



Students of Rangia College exploring the facilities at GCU.