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AHOY DIGBOI! AN EXCURSION INTO THE GREAT OIL FIELDS OF ASSAM



AZARA, April 10: The Department of Electrical Engineering, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, organized an educational excursion from 26th to 29th March to Digboi for eighth-semester students of electrical engineering. The visit was coordinated by Ms. Pallavi Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of EE, and accompanied by Mr. Rupam Sarmah, laboratory instructor, Dept. of EE, along with nine students.

The first day began with a visit to the Digboi Oil Museum, followed by short trips to the Digboi Cemetery, Centenary Park, and Gangotri Udyan. On the second day, the journey led them towards Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, to visit the majestic Golden Pagoda, also known as Kongmu Kham. The day ended with a visit to India's longest river bridge, Dhola Sadiya Bridge, which spans the Lohit River and connects Assam with Arunachal Pradesh.



Students touring the Digboi Oil Refinery.



Namsai, AR, India
The majestic Golden Pagoda of Namsai.

On the third day, the students went on a guided tour of the desolate Margherita coalfields, where they witnessed first-hand the elaborate process of coal extraction. This was followed by a colourful visit to Powai Tea Factory, where students were given a broad overview of the tea production process, right from plucking tea leaves to the final step of packaging the tea.

The fourth day was marked by a day-long tour of the massive Digboi refinery. The refinery personnel helpfully described the technical and logistical challenges of operating a refinery of this scale. In all, the excursion to Digboi provided the students an immersive experience of the history, culture, and infrastructure of the North-East.



The excursion team at the Dhola-Sadiya Bridge,
India's longest river bridge.



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WORLD HEALTH DAY: GCU ARRANGES CAMP IN VILLAGE AFFLICTED BY MALNUTRITION, ASTHMA



AZARA, April 10: The Girijananda Chowdhury University organized a health camp on April 5, 2024 at Shikahati village, located around 25km from Guwahati, on the occasion of World Health Day. The health camp began with a speech by our Chancellor Prof. Jayanta Deka on the theme of World Health Day, “My Health, My Right”, and its importance.

Villagers at Shikahati suffer from numerous health issues related to dietary problems, increasing workload and a technology-focused life which has reduced their physical activity over the years. In addition, environmental pollutants and rapid construction work in the city have caused a rise in asthma cases in the village. The group from GCU found that among older adults, a reduction in physical activity because of the prolonged use of cellphones and other technology has increased joint inflammation in several cases, while children still suffer from the scourge of malnutrition that weakens their immune systems.



Students offering free health services to villagers.



The initiative was aimed at providing accessible healthcare services and promoting health awareness among residents of Shikahati village and surrounding areas. The health camp offered free medical consultations and screenings to individuals. Health camp services include checkups of blood pressure, blood glucose, blood groups, hemoglobin measurements and distribution of medicines. Over 160 individuals from diverse backgrounds attended the health camp, including families, seniors, school-going students and individuals with chronic health conditions such as joint inflammation and asthma.

The health camp was the combined effort of the School of Allied health Sciences, School of Pharmaceutical sciences, NSS GCU, GCU Wellness centre and School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The GCU stands firmly committed towards continuing such initiatives to support the healthcare needs of the community in the future.



The Chancellor, Prof. Jayanta Deka (bottom right), speaking on “My Health, My Right” on World Health Day.