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GCU ECONOMICS PROF. INVITED AS RESOURCE PERSON TO B. BOROOAH COLLEGE



AZARA, December 03: Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration and Head (ic), Department of Economics, GCU was invited as a Resource Person to deliver a talk on 'Data Handling in Social Science Research' by B. Borooah College (Autonomous) on 28th November, 2024. She talked about how to deal with Metric and Non-metric Data along with the importance of the knowledge of econometric technics in shaping a scientific research. She also highlighted about different Multivariate Techniques and available Software to deal with them. The event started with a brief introduction and the importance of data handling in social science research by Dr. Reema Choudhury Chokroborty, Head, Department of Economics, B. Borooah College (Autonomous) followed by Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan's talk. The event was a great success with an overwhelming participation from the students and faculty members of various departments of B. Borooah College (Autonomous).



Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan addressing the students and faculty members at B. Borooah College.



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MBA STUDENT FROM GCU SPEAKS AT PRESTIGIOUS ICSSR SEMINAR



AZARA, December 03: Karishma Choudhury, an MBA final-year student from the Department of Business Administration at Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Assam, has made a significant contribution to the discourse on sports infrastructure by presenting a research paper titled “The Sports Industrial Landscape of Assam” at a national seminar sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on November 29, 2024. The seminar, themed “Development of Sports Infrastructure in Promoting Youth Sports Participation,” provided a platform for Karishma to highlight key challenges and opportunities in Assam's sports sector. Co-authored with Md. Faruk Ahmed, Assistant Professor at GCU, the paper critically examined the state of sports infrastructure in Assam, emphasizing its role in shaping youth participation in sports. Karishma shed light on various issues, including inadequate facilities, inconsistent government policies and the lack of private sector investment, which have hindered the growth of the sports industry in the state. Through a comparative study, she analysed the infrastructure development in Assam vis-à-vis Odisha, Haryana and Gujarat, states that have made significant strides in sports by leveraging strategic policies and public-private partnerships. Karishma noted that while Odisha has emerged as a hub for international sporting events like the Hockey World Cup, Haryana excels in grassroots talent development, particularly in wrestling and boxing and Gujarat has positioned itself as a leader in sports tourism and multi-sport infrastructure. In contrast, Assam still faces critical gaps that need to be addressed to harness its full potential.



Karishma Choudhury, an MBA final-year student, presenting her paper.

In her presentation, Karishma also showcased a compelling case study on the Brahmaputra Volleyball League (BVL), a grassroots initiative aimed at promoting volleyball among rural youth in Assam. The success of BVL in engaging young athletes and fostering community development was highlighted as a model for similar initiatives. Additionally, she discussed Assam's participation in national events such as the Khelo India Youth Games, emphasizing that while these events have brought recognition to the state's athletes, sustained success requires comprehensive infrastructure development and policy support. Karishma concluded her presentation by recommending the formulation of a state-specific sports policy, increased public-private collaborations, and a focus on grassroots programs to nurture talent from rural areas. Her insightful research and practical recommendations were well-received by the audience, who commended her for her thorough analysis and forward-looking approach, positioning her as a promising thought leader in the field of sports management and development in Assam.



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GCU MARKS CONSTITUTION DAY BY PLEDGING TO UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC VALUES



AZARA, December 03: The Centre for Legal Studies and Departments of Political Science and History along with the NSS Cell, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam hosted the observation of "Constitution Day" on 26th November, 2024 to honour the significance of the Constitution. The program started with the welcoming of the Guest of Honor, Hon'ble Justice Mr. Ajit Borthakur, Hon'ble Member of Assam Human Rights Commission and Former Judge of Gauhati High Court, Assam. The Guest was felicitated by Dr. Bhaswati Sarmah, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, GCU. The welcome speech was given by Prof. Shantanu Chakraborty, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, GCU, Assam, who welcomed the Guest of Honor and elucidated the worth and relevance of the Constitution Day.



Hon'ble Justice Mr. Ajit Borthakur being felicitated.



Mr. Borthakur addressing the audience.

Subsequently, the keynote speech was given by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Ajit Borthakur, who spoke on the significance of the Preamble of the Constitution, the Preface of the Constitution. He also emphasized the importance of justice stating that it means "what a person really deserves". He further spoke about the significance of the Right to Equality, Article 14-18, the Right to life and Personal Liberty, Article 21. Alongside, he remarked on the relevance of the Kesavananda Bharati case and highlighted the importance of Fundamental duties enshrined in Article 51A of the Constitution. He ended his speech signifying the importance of the Doctrine of Basic Structure.

After the speech, the pledge-taking ceremony was led by the Chancellor, GCU, Prof. Jayanta Deka. The event concluded with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Niju Moni Das, Head, Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, Assam, who thanked Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Father of the Constitution, and all the members of the Constituent Assembly. She expressed her gratitude toward the Guest of Honor for gracing the program with his presence. She also thanked the Chancellor and all the Deans and faculties for their support and for joining the program to make it a grand success. She further, showed her gratitude towards the students and all the non-teaching staff for their immense support. The program ended with the playing of the National Anthem.



Prof. Shantanu Chakravarty, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences (left) and Dr. Niju Moni Das, Head, Centre for Legal Studies, speaking at the event.



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CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES HOSTS A SERIES OF NATIONAL WEBINARS

AZARA, December 03: The Centre for Legal Studies, Girijananda Chowdhury University organized a series of webinars on a wide range of legal topics in the months of September and October. On 27th September, a National Webinar was held on “The Three New Criminal Laws in India – An Overview” over Zoom. Dr. Naveen Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Law, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, was invited as a Resource Person to raise awareness on the new three criminal laws.



The Head of the Department, Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, Dr. Niju Moni Das, welcomed everyone and delivered the opening remarks. The inaugural session was graced by Vice Chancellor, GCU, followed by a lecture of the Resource Person. Dr. Naveen Kumar discussed the significance on the three new laws - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bhartiya Sakshya Adhiniyam - that came into effect on July 1, 2024. These new laws aim to modernize the outdated colonial legal apparatus by assessing the application of justice via a victim-centric perspective, a renewed emphasis on national security and the incorporation of digital or electronic evidence.

The Centre for Legal Studies hosted a second National Webinar on “Safeguarding Writing Skills and Design under the Domain of Intellectual Property Rights” on 8th October, 2024. The event was held in collaboration with Dept. of Economics, GCU, IPR Centre, GCU, Dept. of Economics, Chhaygaon College and Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, Dharapur. Dr. Nita Nath, Assistant Professor, Presidency School of Law, Presidency University, Bangalore was invited as a Resource Person in the National webinar to raise awareness on Intellectual Property Rights. Ms. Madhusmita Ronghangpi, Assistant Professor, Centre for Legal Studies, GCU welcomed everyone and delivered the opening remarks. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Kandarpa Das, Vice Chancellor GCU, Subsequently, Dr. Nath began his discussion on IPR by defining the term as actions recognized by law that protect creations of the mind, such as written works, designs, and lyrics. She emphasized the relationship between property rights and intellectual rights and discussed various forms of IP protection, the differences between copyright and design rights, and the importance of safeguarding creative rights through legal protection and registration of designs.

A third National Webinar was organized by Centre for Legal Studies, Girijananda Chowdhury University on 22nd October, 2024. Dr. Kuldeep Singh Panwar, HoD & Associate Professor, Department of Law, Nagaland University, Nagaland was invited as a Resource Person to raise awareness on the theme of Technological Advancements and Law. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Kandarpa Das, Vice Chancellor, GCU, who initiated a discussion on the double-edged significance of technological advancements, including the problems of cyber security and cyber-crimes.



Scenes from the national webinars, which were conducted in September and October.



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NCC CADETS CELEBRATE NCC DAY @GCU, RUN HALF MARATHON AT KOKRAJHAR



AZARA, December 03: On November 24, 2024, NCC Cadets of Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam raised slogans and displayed placards for “Nasha Mukht Abhiyan” as part of the NCC Day Celebration 2024. The event was addressed by the Dean of Engineering and Technology, GCU and coordinated by Prof. Alokijwal Das, Care Taker Officer (CTO-NCC) of GCU. Every year, the NCC Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of November across the nation. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets to the cadets.



Previously, eight NCC cadets from Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam participated in the SNIC (Special National Integration Camp) NCC, held on 10 - 19 November 2024. The students completed the 10km category run of the Kokrajhar Half Marathon organized by the 7 Assam Battalion, NCC of NER Directorate. Around 2000 participants ran for different categories. The cadets of GCU got the opportunity to interact with the cadets who came from all parts of the country. In all, there were around 400 cadets from 17 NCC directorates of India other than nearly 500 cadets from the NER Directorate. Apart from NCC cadets, around 2000 athletes from across the nation participated in all three categories of 21km, 10km and 5km fun race. The camp concluded with the cultural exchange program from all states of India. Prof. Alokijwal Das, CTO of GCU, acted as part of the organizing team of this mega-event and helped the cadets of GCU in attending and participating in the event.



Cadets mark NCC Day by displaying anti-addiction placards (above) and the half marathon in progress at Kokrajhar (below).



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MODEL-O-SCIENCE CONTEST HELD @GCU



AZARA, December 03: Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam in association with the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), organized Model - O - Science (Science Model Competition) among school students, primarily from class IX to class XII, on November 23, 2024. Students from a wide range of schools participated in the contest, including St. Jones H. S. School (Barama), Miles Bronson Residential School, Bongaigaon H. S. School, Sudarshan Public School, St. Mary's Sr. Sec. School and St. Vivekananda English Academy. Over 20 students from Green Valley Public School attended the event as well.

The contestants showcased some brilliant models based on the theme of "Innovation and Sustainability". The Model-O-Science competition was won by a team from Bongaigaon H. S. School, while Miles Bronson Residential School and St. Jones H. S. School Barama stood second and third respectively. The winner received a cash prize of ₹5000/-, while the runners-up received ₹3000/- and ₹2000/- respectively. On the request of the judges, a team from St. Vivekananda English Academy also received a consolation prize of ₹1000/-.



The science competition in progress.



The winners of the science competition receiving their awards.



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GCU MARKS INTERNATIONAL WEEK FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



AZARA, December 03: In observance of the International Week for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and the Gender Sensitization Cell (GSC) at GCU organized a three-day program from 22nd November to 25th November, 2024. The events of the program were specifically designed to raise awareness about violence against women and to inspire collective action towards change.



Mr. Ritupon Gogoi being felicitated.

The program began with an engaging expert talk by Executive Director, Foundation for Social Transformation, Mr. Ritupon Gogoi on 22nd November. Mr. Gogoi, a dedicated advocate for gender equity, shared valuable insights on the societal challenges faced by women and the importance of individual and collective responsibility in combating gender-based violence. Mr. Gogoi discussed the various forms of violence regularly experienced by women and marginalized communities and the normalisation of such violence in the public sphere and media. The session was followed by a captivating street play, performed on the university premises, which brought to life the real and emotional struggles of women affected by violence, leaving the audience both moved and inspired.



Students participating in the sensitization activities, such as enacting plays and distributing pamphlets against gender violence.

On 23rd November, a cine show featured a thought-provoking film – Anubhav Sinha's Thappad (2020) - centered on themes of gender abuse and domestic violence was held. The screening prompted rich discussions among participants, who shared their own reflections on the film's themes and their relevance to everyday life. The program concluded on 25th November with a captivating street play 'Azaadi', performed by the North East Network (NEN) at the GCU premises. This impactful performance highlighted grassroots efforts to combat violence against women and underscored the critical role of community engagement in creating safer spaces for all. The NEN collaborated with GCU as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the One Billion Rising campaign, under this year's theme, "Rise for Diversity and Inclusion of All."



The film screening of Thappad (2020).

The concluding event featured inspiring speeches from notable figures, including Anurita Pathak Hazarika, Executive Director (i/c) of NEN; Nilanju Dutta from NEN; and Jayanta Kalita, a student member of the ICC at GCU. The events were met with enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, who expressed their solidarity and commitment to supporting initiatives for gender equity and safety.



At the street play 'Azaadi'.