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## Blood Donation Camp at GCU: A Heartfelt Initiative for a Noble Cause



GUWAHATI, Mar 18: Girijananda Chowdhury University, in collaboration with Feel Foundation and Guwahati Medical College and Hospital, organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp on 12th March 2025. The Social Welfare Club of GCU spearheaded this campaign in association with the School of Allied Health Sciences, GCU, and NSS UNIT-1, GCU.

An overwhelming response was observed at GCU, where 86 members, including students and staff, enthusiastically registered. However, due to medical conditions such as low hemoglobin, recent anti-rabies vaccination, high blood pressure, thyroid issues, and recent ear piercing, only 34 donors were selected. Donors were awarded certificates and gifts as tokens of appreciation for their participation in this campaign.



*Prof. Jayanta Deka lighting the auspicious lamp.*



*Drops of Hope: Volunteers donating blood for a noble cause.*

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## Entrepreneurial Spirit in Pharma: Pharma Anveshan 2025 @GCU

GUWAHATI, Mar 18: The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) successfully organized Pharma Anveshan 2025 on March 6 in celebration of National Pharmacy Education Day at the Azara and Tezpur campuses respectively. This historic day honours the contributions of Professor Mahadeva Lal Schroff, the pioneer of pharmacy education in India. The theme for this year was "Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice - Encouraging Innovation, Incubation Centres, and Pharmaceutical Startups." The objective of the program was to provide insights into innovation-driven pharmaceutical careers, the importance of incubation centres, and the role of entrepreneurship in advancing the pharmaceutical industry.



Pharma Anveshan being observed by School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at GCU Tezpur (left) and GCU Guwahati.

At the Azara campus, the event was graced by the presence of the Honourable Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, President of Shrimanta Shankar Academy Society, Registrar, and Dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, along with faculty members and students of the university. The event commenced with a welcome address by the President of SSA, who emphasized the need for pharmacy professionals to embrace innovation and entrepreneurship in their careers. This was followed by keynote speeches from two distinguished speakers: Prof. Hemanta Kumar Sharma, Member of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and Professor at Dibrugarh University, who joined the session online, and Dr. Amit Alexander, Associate Professor at NIPER, Guwahati. Both speakers shared valuable insights on fostering entrepreneurship in the pharmaceutical sector, the role of incubation centres, and how startups can revolutionize the industry.



Prof. Hemanta Kumar Sharma delivering his talk through virtual mode.



Dr. Amit Alexander addressing the gathering.



Mr. Ranadeep Borgohain anchoring the event.



Vote of thanks being delivered by Dr. Tapash Chakraborty

The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, delivered by Dr. Tapash Chakraborty (PCI Coordinator), who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, speakers, faculty members, students, and organizing committee for their contributions to the event's success.

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In parallel, the Pharma Anveshan 2025 was also celebrated with great enthusiasm at the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Tezpur campus. The celebration began with a household survey conducted in the nearby localities of the university campus to assess the rational use of medicines and understand the common diseases and ailments affecting the community.

Following the survey, a quiz titled “Brain Stormer Quiz Competition-2025 (BSQC-2025)” was organized by the Quiz and Debate Club of GCU Tezpur where Prof. Abdul Baquee Ahmed, Principal of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU Tezpur campus, shared his insights on the meaning of National Pharmacy Education Day and emphasized its role in shaping the future of pharmaceutical sciences. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across different semesters.



Community Health Initiative: Household Survey on Medicine Use and Common Ailments.



Prof. Ahmed delivering his talk on the theme of the National Pharmacy Education Day 2025.

Ms. Disha Lahon from B. Pharm 6th Semester secured the first prize, followed by Mr. Ujjal Baishya from B. Pharm 4th Semester, who won the second prize, and Mr. Prabal Kashyap from B. Pharm 2nd Semester, who claimed the third prize.

The event was successfully conducted under the leadership of Dr. Asish Bhaumik, Associate Professor, SOPS, GCU-Tezpur, as the Organizing Secretary and Quiz Master, with Ms. Dhunusmita Barman, Assistant Professor, SOPS, GCU-Tezpur, as the Co-organizing Secretary.



Dr. Asish Bhaumik engaging with students during the rounds of the BSQC-2025.



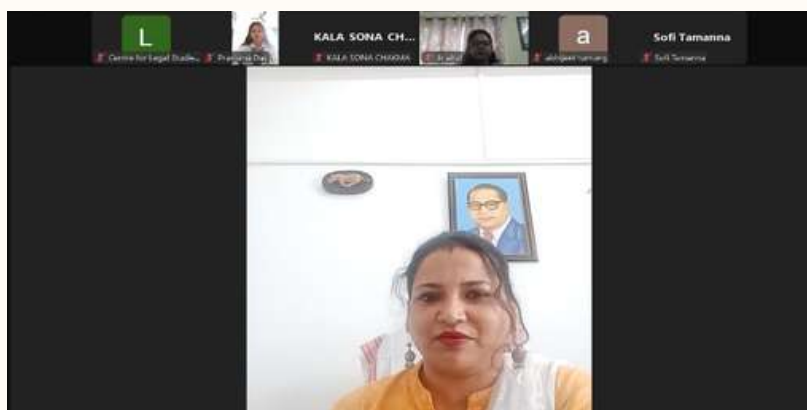
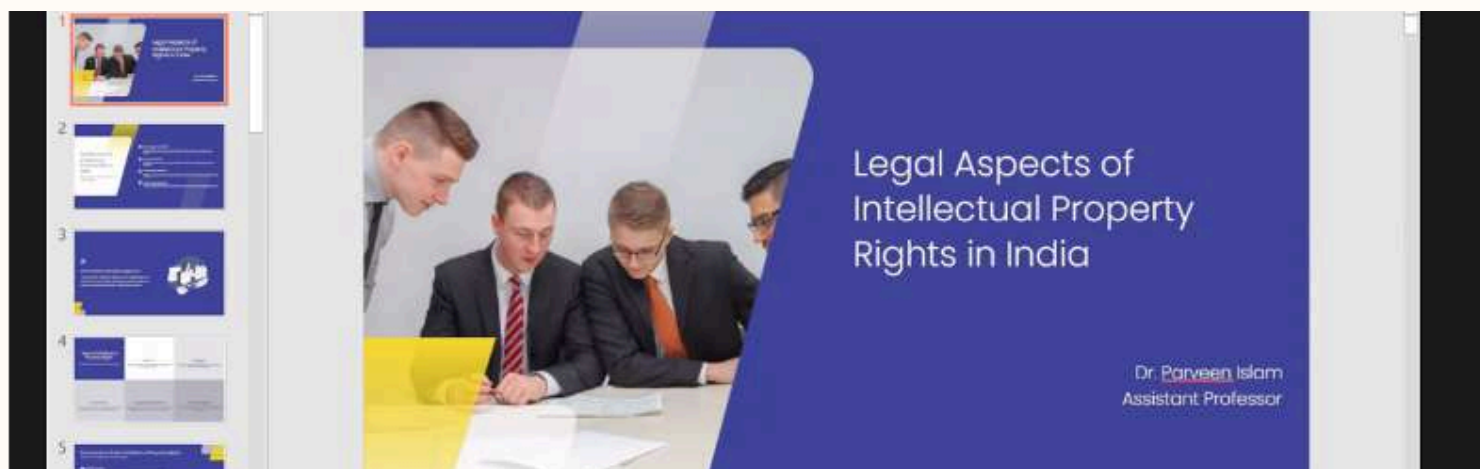
Winners of the BSQC-2025 receiving their awards of appreciation.

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## One-Day Online Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights in India @GCU

GUWAHATI, Mar 18: On March 13th, 2025, Centre for Legal Studies at Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, Assam, in collaboration with the IPR Cell, GCU, organized a one-day workshop on "Legal Aspects on Intellectual Property Rights in India", to provide a comprehensive understanding of IPRs and their legal framework through ZOOM Platform from 2:00 PM onwards. The resource person, Dr. Parveen Islam, Assistant Professor Law, NEF Law College, was invited to share her insights on the topic. The Head of the Department, Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, Dr. Niju Moni Das, welcomed everyone and led the opening remarks. Dr. Parveen led the discussion on the importance of intellectual property rights in the current global landscape, the role of legal protections for innovation, and the awareness needed for economic development. The meeting focused on the legal aspects of intellectual property rights in India, covering patents, copyrights, trademarks, geographical indications, and plant varieties. She explained that patents protect inventions, which are new products or processes with industrial applications. She outlined the criteria for patentability, including novelty, non-obviousness, and industrial applicability. She stated that copyright protects various creative works, including literary, artistic, dramatic, musical, and computer-generated works, giving creators exclusive rights for their lifetime plus 60 years, or 60 years for posthumous publications. She, further, outlined the benefits of copyright registration, including worldwide protection and legal remedies for infringement, while noting exceptions for government works, legislative acts, and court judgments and the concept of trademarks, their importance, and key aspects of the Trade Marks Act 1999. She defined trademarks as symbols or logos that represent specific products or services, making them easily identifiable to consumers. Furthermore, she explained GI and their importance in protecting products unique to specific regions. She provided examples, such as Darjeeling tea and Muga silk of Assam, emphasizing how geographical factors contribute to their distinct qualities. The discussion then shifted to plant varieties and farmers' rights, highlighting the importance of protecting and recognizing farmers and breeders who develop new plant varieties for increased yield and food security. The discussion emphasized the need for awareness about intellectual property laws and their enforcement mechanisms, while also addressing challenges posed by emerging technologies like AI-generated innovations.

Ms. Madhusmita Ronghangpi, Assistant Professor, Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, delivered the vote of thanks. 100 participants joined the workshop. E-certificates were provided to all the participants.



*Glimpses from the online workshop.*