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## GCU ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES PROF. JOINS TOP NATIONAL-LEVEL COUNCIL

GUWAHATI, April 2: The Government of India has recently nominated Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan, a professor in the School of Allied Health Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University as one of the five members of the National Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council. The Council has been formed by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) on 26 March, 2025. The honour for the highest level of achievement for allied and healthcare professionals in India is bestowed on practitioners of rare talent and eminence in appreciation of their contribution to the field.

The NCAHP is the apex regulatory body for allied and healthcare professionals across the country and functions under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Established in 2021, the NCAHP works to regulate education and practice in allied and healthcare professions, maintain a central register, and set standards for courses, curriculum, and examinations. The newly formed Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council is one of ten such professional councils set up by the NCAHP.



Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions



Notification

New Delhi, the 26th March, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section (10) and sub-section (2) of section 11 of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 (14 of 2021) read with Rule 10 of the NCAHP Rules, 2021, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions as decided in its meeting held on 20th March, 2025, hereby makes the following notification number 43/12/2025-NCAHP-DEPT-PMW, dated 26.03.2025 with effect from the date of notification: -

Ten Professional Council of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

1. Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council	
Sl. No.	Members
1.	Dr Rashmi Shukla (PhD) Scientist II, Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics, AIIMS, New Delhi
2.	Dr Vidhya Srinivasan (PhD) Professor & Head, School of Allied Health Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati.
3.	Prof. Dr Gagan Dhawan (PhD) Registrar and Dean Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences and Healthcare Skills Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University, New Delhi.
4.	Dr Geetha M (PhD) Scientific Officer, Dept of Biochemistry, SCTMST, Medical College, Trivandrum.
5.	Dr C Anand Velayudh (PhD) Professor & Principal, Sri Venkateswara College of Paramedical Sciences, Puducherry.
2. Trauma, Burn Care and Surgical Anaesthesia related technology Professional Council	
1.	Shri. Ravi Suria GVK, ENRI, Hyderabad.
2.	Ms. T N Nimahala Assistant Professor, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai.
3.	Shri. Rajana Shanmukha Rao OT, Technologist, AIMS, New Delhi.
4.	Ms. Shanthi Anupam Instructor for Regional ITCS, American Heart Association, New Delhi.

The newly formed council shall regulate allied and healthcare professions across India.



Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan will be part of the National Medical Laboratory and Life Sciences Professional Council.

Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan completed her MS in Medical Laboratory Technology and PhD in Biological Sciences from Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences (BITS), Pilani. She is the recipient of several awards, including Dr. Radhakrishnan Award, B.S. Narasingha Rao Award, National ASIA ARVO Travel Grant, Wipro Biomed Pvt. Ltd Endowment Award, Dr. S. Ramaswamy Award as well as Dr. S. Narasimhan Endowment Award for Academic Excellence. Dr. Vidhya Srinivasan has a long and illustrious career in the field of Allied Health Sciences. With over eighteen years of professional experience, Dr. Srinivasan combines a strong emphasis on teaching, research and diagnosis with a relentless emphasis on public service by organizing numerous health camps, awareness programmes and workshops etc. Dr. Srinivasan has published thirteen research papers in various distinguished journals and authored four textbooks: Handbook of Practical Haematology (2020), Handbook of Practical Microbiology (2021), Hospital and Patient Care Management (2022) and Essentials of Practical Biochemistry (2024). Her research focuses specifically on non-communicable diseases, viz. obesity, diabetes and cancer.

Dr. Srinivasan was also selected as representative from North East for Working Group Expert in Medical Lab Technologies (MLT) Curriculum Development Workshop by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. She is also a key figure in curriculum development of MLT courses (at the diploma, UG and PG levels) for Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences as well as for two other universities in the North East.



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## GIRIJANANDA CHOWDHURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBER AWARDED PHD IN ECONOMICS



GUWAHATI, April 2: Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) proudly announces that Ummey Rummana Barlaskar, a distinguished member of its teaching faculty, has been conferred with a PhD in Economics from Assam University, Silchar, on 17th February. She conducted her study under the supervision of Prof. Niranjan Roy, Department of Economics, Assam University, Silchar and co-supervision of Prof. Shrabanti Maity, Department of Economics with Rural Development, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.

Dr. Barlaskar's doctoral research, titled "Impact of Mother's Health Status and Autonomy on Child Immunisation: Evidence from Barak Valley, Assam", focused on the nexus between mother's health, autonomy and level of child immunisation. The study offers valuable insights into how a mother's economic as well as decision making capacity can enhance not only her as well as the whole family's health achievement, contributing to the field of Economics and addressing critical socio-economic challenges. The degree was awarded during the convocation ceremony held on [date] at [venue], where prominent academicians and scholars from across the country gathered to celebrate academic achievements. Dr. Barlaskar has been an integral part of GCU's Department of Economics, actively engaging in teaching, mentoring, and research. With this new achievement, she aims to bring advanced perspectives into the classroom and further elevate the academic standards of the university.

GCU extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Ummey Rummana Barlaskar and looks forward to many more groundbreaking contributions from its talented faculty members.



*Dr. Ummey Rummana Barlaskar's research topic was the impact of mothers' health on child immunisation.*

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## ENFL DEPT. EMBARKS ON TWO-DAY EXCURSION TO MEGHALAYA



GUWAHATI, April 2: The Department of English and Foreign Languages of GCU embarked on an educational excursion to Shillong and Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, on 26th - 27th March, 2025. The trip was organized as part of an academic initiative to explore the educational institutions and natural heritage of the region. On Day 1, the tour began with the visit to the library ICSSR - NERC Shillong, where students interacted with the faculty in-charge and explored various academic resources. Following this, the group visited the EFL University Shillong Campus, specifically the department of English, where they interacted with the faculty members and enjoyed the campus's serene environment and natural beauty. Next, the group proceeded to North- Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Shillong, where they visited the department of English and interacted with the faculty members while also appreciating the vast and scenic campus.

On Day 2, students enjoyed the scenic beauty at Arwah Cave and Eco Park to enjoy the breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and valleys. The final stop for the tour was the breathtaking Seven Sisters Falls, where students admired the majestic waterfalls. And on the return journey, the group made a stop at Barapani, where they enjoyed the magnificent view of the Umiam River, soaking in the natural beauty one last time before heading back. The excursion was not only an opportunity to witness the scenic beauty of Meghalaya but also a valuable learning experience. It provided the students with a holistic perspective on the state's culture and environment, making it a truly enriching excursion.



*Glimpses from the trip to Shillong and Cherrapunji, Meghalaya.*

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## GCU ORGANISES COLLOQUIUM ON গুৱাহাটী : FROM PAST TO PRESENT



GUWAHATI, April 2: A colloquium was organized recently by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences on the city of গুৱাহাটী with the initiative of the Departments of History and Political Science. Held on 26 March 2025, the colloquium aimed to disseminate knowledge about the history and the rich cultural heritage of Guwahati. The noted Padma Shri awardee, Ajoy Kumar Dutta graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. With several generations of his family having resided in Guwahati, Mr. Dutta enthralled the audience with various personal anecdotes about the city alongside its history and culture. Mr. Dutta's address to the gathering was followed by an elaborate rendering on the administrative history of Guwahati by Prof. Dhruba Pratim Sharma, Head of the department of Political Science, Gauhati University. The title of his talk was 'Glimpses of Colonial Guwahati: Tranquility, Change and Continuity'. Archaeological excavations form a significant aspect to understand the roots of an urban space. In this context, Dr. Manjil Hazarika's talk titled 'Ancient Guwahati: A Peep into the Archaeological History' transported the audience into a journey through the ancient history of the city. Dr. Hazarika is currently working as an assistant professor in the department of Archaeology, Cotton University. The key takeaways from his presentation were several rare pictures of ancient sculptures, pottery sherds, dilapidated ruins in and around Guwahati, the connected history of the place with other regions and his effort to create an awareness about the urgent need to preserve the cultural heritage of the city.

Apart from the gracious presence of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and several members of the GCU fraternity, faculty and students from D.K. Girls' College, Mirza and faculty from Tihu College took time out from their busy schedule to be an integral part of the programme. The audience was able to understand how the urban space of Guwahati underwent a drastic transformation over a long period of time.



(From left to right) Prof. Dhruba Pratim Sharma, Dr. Manjil Hazarika and Padma Shri awardee Ajoy Kumar Dutta.

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## ECONOMICS DEPT. ORGANIZES WORKSHOP ON DATA ANALYTICS



GUWAHATI, April 2: Department of Economics, GCU in collaboration with Department of Economics, D.K. College, Mirza has organised a workshop on 'Fundamentals of Data Analytics and it's Application in Economics' on 29th March, 2025. Hon'ble Chancellor, GCU, Prof. Jayanta Deka has delivered a welcome speech. Esteemed Resource Person Prof. Joydeep Baruah, Director, Krishna Kanta State Open University meticulously explained the concept of data analytics and about various tools which can be utilised by students and researchers to get more accurate and meaningful data. He demonstrated about the use of various softwares like R, Python, SPSS etc. Further he emphasized on the fact that if one can get the skills to read, analyze and interpret Big Data, how the scope for being employed enhances. A total of 102 registered participants have got a lot of insights from his talk. Dr. Sampurna Bhuyan, Associate Professor, GCU, has summed up the event. The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Ummey Rummana Barlaskar, faculty members, GCU.



Scenes from the data analytics workshop at GCU, held with D.K. College, Mirza. Prof. Joydeep Baruah (top left) acted as the key speaker.

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## MASS COM. PROF. DELIVERS KEYNOTE LECTURE AT ICSSR SEMINAR, DIGBOI

GUWAHATI, April 2: Dr. Puja Sen, Head In-Charge of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Girijananda Chowdhury University, was invited as the keynote speaker at the two-day National Seminar held on March 29th and 30th, 2025. The seminar was organized by Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Dr. Sen delivered her lecture on the theme "Artificial Intelligence, Women and Social Media," highlighting how Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays a significant role in shaping the dynamics of social media, with profound implications for women. AI-powered algorithms govern the content women encounter online, influencing their experiences, identities, and interactions. While AI holds the potential to empower women by providing them with platforms for expression and connection, it also presents challenges, including issues related to privacy, online harassment, and the reinforcement of gender biases. Dr. Sen emphasized the importance of using AI ethically to create safer, more inclusive spaces for women, promoting equality in the digital world. She also chaired a session during the seminar.



Dr. Puja Sen (top left), HoD, Journalism and Mass Communication, delivering the keynote speech at the National Seminar on AI, held at Digboi.