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Wisdom Tree..

Within a short period of its existence, USTM has emerged as the fastest growing and vibrant universities in north-eastern region of India. We are confident that very soon it will be one of the top ten of the country's best universities and also, that day is not very far when USTM will be counted among the most unique and exceptional universities of the world. Our journey so far has been quite struggling but our achievements far outweigh the challenges and roadblocks that we had to surmount.

I am happy that one more issue of the USTM Newsletter is coming out. The contents would tell about what's happening in and around the University and motivate students to get into a healthy competition with one another to excel. I urge upon all the stakeholders to join us in our endeavour to transform this University into a world class institution.

Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor

Vice Chancellor Speaks..

It is my immense pleasure to present before you the USTM Newsletter which covers some of the major events of the University from mid-October 2017 to mid-February 2018. The Newsletter would speak about the progress of activities of the University as this period has been marked by number of important events.

As the Newsletter tells about the appreciable activities taken place in the University academic ambiance, it gives me great pleasure to experience the enthusiastic interest among the academia of the University. I congratulate the editorial team and advisors of the Newsletter for their sincere efforts in bringing out the publication on time.

Dr R K Sharma, Vice Chancellor

USTM defeated JNU in terms of women students' enrollment : JNU VC

Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, VC, JNU addressing the 3rd Covocation

Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, JNU, Prof. Jayant M Modak, Deputy Director, IISC, Bangalore, Prof. G D Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Bilaspur University had graced the 3rd Convocation of USTM on 9 September 2017. In his address as the Chief Guest, Prof Jagadesh Kumar said that USTM defeated JNU in terms of women students' enrollment. In the 3rd Convocation, a total number of 905 students which includes 744 at the PG level, 161 at the UG level and two Ph.D scholars, had received degrees. 26 students had received gold medals out of which 17 at the PG level and nine at the UG level.

Teachers must be Motivators: Meghalaya Governor

Performer faculties with the Governor of Meghalaya

Meghalaya Governor Sri Ganga Prasad handed over 40 Excellence Awards to selected faculties and Departments of USTM at the 'Annual Performance Day 2017' on 17 November 2017. The awards were instituted by USTM to encourage the teachers and recognize their contribution for educational development. The awards included a package of Certificates, Rs 10,000 cash, to and fro airfare to Singapore or Dubai, interest free car loan and 10 days paid leave. Delivering the awards, Sri Prasad said that teachers have many responsibilities and they must play the role of a motivator for the students.

Editors from NE States Brainstormed at 'USTM-Media Round Table 2018'

Participants discussing in the Round Table

USTM announced several media fellowships for journalists of the region at 'USTM-Media Round Table 2018' in the University campus on Thursday, 18 January, amidst a galaxy of editors of newspapers and television channels as well as stalwarts and opinion-makers from different states of the North East. They greeted the Chancellor of USTM for his educational entrepreneurship through relentless endeavour towards development of education among the people. An Academia-Media Committee will be formed as a follow up to the Round Table to finalise the topics and other details of the fellowships to be awarded by USTM to journalists from the North East. The fellowships will be formally launched by USTM in July 2018.

Meghalaya Governor appreciates USTM's contribution to society

On 3 November 2017, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM called on Ganga Prasad, Governor of Meghalaya at the Raj Bhawan in Shillong. Sri Hoque welcomed the Governor to the state of Meghalaya on behalf of the students and faculty of RIST & USTM, two premier educational institutions run by the ERD Foundation in the state of Meghalaya. The Governor appreciated the progress of USTM and its contribution to the society.

Participants across India attend ISTE National Convention

Over 1,000 participants including about 100 from across the country participated at the inaugural session of the 20th ISTE Students' National Convention 2017, hosted jointly by RIST and USTM on 28 October 2017. The welcome and inaugural addresses were delivered by Prof Amarjyoti Choudhury, VC, USTM and Dr Bhabaranjan Sarmah, Vice President, ISTE New Delhi, respectively. Prof Pratapsinh K Desai, President ISTE, New Delhi delivered the Keynote Address. The chief guest of the event was Prof Dileep N Malkhede, Adviser, AICTE. Among others who participated in the event was Prof Dhiraj Bora, VC, Assam Science & Technology University. The concluding remarks at the inaugural session were made by Prof NK Choudhury, Chief Academic Adviser of ERDF.

USTM Faculty Delegation at University of Sharjah

An eight member faculty delegation from USTM led by Prof. Alaka Sarma, Dean, School of Social Sciences & Humanities left for UAE on 10 January 2018 and visited the University of Sharjah as well as some other educational institutions. The delegation was called on by Prof. Hamid M.K Al-Naimiy, Hon'ble Chancellor, University of Sharjah for exchange of ideas on academic collaboration, specially research and the meeting took place on 14 January. The team comprises of Dr Rashmi R Baruah, HoD, Dept of Business Administration, Dr Papiya Dutta, HoD, Dept of Rural Dev., Dr Shankar Thappa, Associate Prof, Dept of Business Administration, Dr Sandeep Gupta, Assistant Prof Dept of Sociology, Rupam Roy, Asst Prof, Dept of Business Administration, and Rizaul K Ahmed, Asst Prof, Dept of Zoology. The group was coordinated by Mehjabin Rehman, Jt. Director-HR, ERDF.

USTM delegation with Chancellor, University of Sharjah, VC Academic Affairs, VC Community Affairs and VC Research & Graduate Studies at University of Sharjah, UAE

Free Foreign Tour for Performer Faculties

USTM performer faculty members in a lighter moment during the UAE tour

USTM to Work with Art of Living

Art of Living Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in an interaction with USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque for a collaborative initiative to launch full-fledged Art of Living UG & PG Courses including Research at USTM. MoU is expected to be signed in April 2018.

M. Hoque receiving the Award from Deputy CM of New Delhi

Visionary Edupreneur 2017 Award to Mahbubul Hoque

Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM and Chairman, ERD Foundation received the prestigious honour of Visionary Edupreneur 2017 Award which was handed over on 11 December 2017, by Manish Sisodia, Deputy CM of New Delhi in the presence of the former President Pranab Mukherjee. Sri Hoque is the first person from the North East India to receive this honour. Philippe Le Gall, High Commissioner of Seychelles to India, along with more than 100 Vice Chancellors of reputed universities from across the country and distinguished academicians were present on the occasion.

USTM felicitated 13 UGC NET qualified students

Dikki N Marak
Commerce, UGC-NET

Imsenperong
Sociology, UGC-NET

Watilemla Longkumer
Sociology, UGC-NET

Janu Komut
Library & Info. Science, UGC-NET

Mimasha Vergira R Marak
Political Science, UGC-NET

Dzuzehonu Kulnu
Geography, UGC-NET

Bhopen Madar
Social Work, UGC-NET

Angsong Kro
Social Work, UGC-NET

Monalisha Rabha
Social Work, UGC-NET

Ms. Bendanjungla
Social Work, UGC-NET

Ms. Dakachwapaya Madar
Environmental Sc.UGC-NET

Ratan Choudhury
Botany, UGC-JRF NET

At an elaborate felicitation ceremony held in the University campus on 20 January 2018, all the thirteen students who have successfully cleared in the recently declared results of UGC NET exams have been honoured by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of the University.

USTM Faculty invited by NASA for talk

Dr Sanchita Roy, faculty at Department of Physics, has been invited to present a contributory talk in the XVIIth Electromagnetic and light scattering conference organised by NASA, to be held at the Texas A&M University , USA. She will be presenting a paper on "Light scattering tool to typify sub-micron particles in relevance to biomedical science." The conference will he held from 4 to 9 March 2018.

USTM to take lead in shaping SEANBBN-INE University Council

The SEANBBN-INE University Council, a visionary initiative, is going to be launched soon taking 800+ universities of South East Asian Countries, i.e Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Indonesia, Cambodia, Phillipines, Laos, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal as members; and bringing them together in a single platform for joint research, exchange and collaborative work; which will lead to the growth of each country, and also make entry to knowledge world. Sri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, conceptualized this University Council after discussing with emiment academicians from various countries, especially from North East India. Let us all join in this mission and make the region a gateway of knowledge towards global arena. Your valuable advice and suggestions will be highly solicited. Kindly contect Chancellor, USTM at chancellorustm@gmail.com. (SEANBBN-INE stands for South East Asain Nations; Bangladesh Bhutan and Nepal-India's North East).

USTM Announces Support for Research at Orientation for PhD Scholars

In an exemplary gesture towards development of academic research work in the north-eastern region, USTM has declared that every research scholar pursuing PhD in the University would receive Rs 2000 for each of their research papers, provided they have originality and published in renowned journals. This was announced by Mahbubul Hoque, the Chancellor of USTM at the PhD Orientation programme held on 20 January 2018 in the University campus which was attended by the PhD Scholars. The PhD Orientation was addressed by Prof Sourabh Basu, Departmentof Physics, IIT Guwahati and Prof. Akhil Ranjan Dutta, Departmentof Political Science, Gauhati University, apart from others.

PhD Scholars-Guides-Meet

The half yearly PhD Scholars-Guides-Meet was held at the University on 18 November 2018. Prof Amarjyoti Choudhury, VC, USTM and Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM addressed the scholars and said that USTM is relentlessly working to improve the research facilities and linkages so that this University could emerge as the best destination for research work in the very near future. Invited guest speaker, Prof AK Thakur, HoD, History Dept, NEHU and Prof S. Khijwania, Department of Physics, IIT-G, explained the different dimensions of PhD work.

Blue Moon seen through Astronoscope-I

Along with the world, the Department of Physics, USTM also witnessed the most awaited celestial trifecta of the century, "Blue Moon, Blood Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse" on 31 January 2018, which will be not repeating till the next 150 years. To capture the event, they used Astronoscope-I, (USTM's first indigenous optical telescope) placed at rooftop of the Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Block. Students were excited to witness this rare and beautiful event.

Talk on Plasma Physics by Prof V K Tripathi

USTM organized a guest lecture on Plasma Physics for the students of M.Sc. Physics on 29 January 2018. The speaker for the lecture was Prof. V. K. Tripathi, Professor Emeritus of IIT, Delhi. Prof. Tripathi is pioneer in the field of Plasma Physics and he has significant contributions to the growth of IIT Delhi from its inception. In his lecture Dr Tripathi discussed about historical background of plasma physics and plasma confinement, emphasizing their uses in various branches of Material Science and Laser Physics including energy generation and electricity production. The lecture was very interactive and was attended by faculty members and students of the Department of Physics.

Legal Services Day observed

The University School of Law & Research, USTM observed National Legal Service Day on 9 November 2017. The inaugural speech was made by Dr Anil Kumar Sinha, Dean, USLR, USTM while Prof Alaka Sarma, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, USTM also addressed the participants. The Chief Guest of the program was Mridul Saikia, Deputy Secretary, State Legal Service Authority, Assam.

Art of Living Workshop

The Departments of Education, Physiotherapy and PQHSE participated in the Yes+ programme on Art of Living from 23 to 27 January 2018. The Workshop was sponsored by USTM and was benefitted by 100 students. The main trainers were : Shri Vishnu Prasad and Ms Bibha Rani.

National Seminar on Customary Laws of NE India: Practice and Prevalence

A two-day National Seminar on "Customary Laws of North East India: Practice and Prevalence" was organised on Oct 21 and 22, 2017 by the University School of Law and Research. The chief guest was Prof (Dr) Poonam Saxena, VC, National Law University, Jodhpur who spoke on customary laws and their contradiction with modern legislation. Among others who addressed the Seminar were: Prof (Dr) Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Dean and Faculty of Law, Jamia Milia Islamia New Delhi, Prof (Dr) R C Borpatragohain, Dean and faculty of law, GU; Prof (Dr) Jeuti Barooah, former Director, Law Research Institute, Gauhati High Court, Prof (Dr) BK Chakraborty, Head, Department of Law, Tezpur University. A total of 51 participants from different colleges and universities presented papers on various relevant themes related to customary laws.

National Workshop cum Training on Microbiology and Immunology

A 7-days-long national level workshop and training on Microbiology and Immunology was conducted by Dept of Applied Biology, USTM from 4 to 10 February, 2018. A total of 100 students from various universities across the north-eastern region and outside participated. PG students and research scholars from Manipur Central University, Nagaland Central University, NEHU, Cotton University, Gauhati University, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education (Chennai), Amity University (Noida), Shoolini University (Himachal Pradesh), Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University (Uttarakhand) were among the participants. At the end of the Workshop, the participant students were given certificates.

Korean university students in seminar on environment at USTM

On 19 January 2018, the students from the various university which are in South Korea and north-east India, including USTM's Earth Science Dept gathered in USTM to held an environmental seminar. This seminar was held to raise awareness of university students about the magnitude of environmental problems and to achieve Sustainable Development Goals adopted by United Nations in 2013.

In association with USTM, the seminar was held by ASEZ (Save the Earth A to Z), university students volunteer group consists of the member of World Mission Society Church of God. The event sequence was: choir, ASEZ introduction, PPT presentation about environmental problems and introduction of Mother's Street Project.

A university will always be known by the quality of its research: Lt. Gen. (retd) Shah

Former Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University and Deputy Chief of Indian Army (retd.) Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah said that a university will always be known for the quality of its research. Popularly known as the academic soldier of India, Shah was at USTM on 25 November 2017 to address the faculty members of USTM with his talk titled "Art of a Good Teacher". While emphasizing on research as a crucial field in a university, the former VC of AMU said that the nano revolution is going to be a deciding factor for our future. Greeting USTM members, he said that USTM is going to grow into a great university.

Seminar presentation on National Mathematics Day

To celebrate the 130th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, the Dept of Mathematics organized National Mathematics Day on 22 December 2017 at USTM. A seminar presentation and competitions were organized among the students of Mathematics on topics related to Mathematics used in practical life. The Chief Guest of the programme was Dr Rupam Barman, Associate Prof, IIT Guwahati. Three PPTs were made by three groups of students of the Maths Dept, titled 'Application of congruent number in practical life', 'Mathematics in Nature' and 'Application of Criptography in real life', respectively.

ERDF Pay Back Policy for Outstanding Results in Competitive Exams

To encourage the students to qualify NET, GATE, SLET, IAS or any other top level competitive examinations conducted by State & Central Govt., ERD Foundation has introduced the Pay Back Policy wherein students of USTM and Regional Institute of Science & Technology who qualify prestigious examinations shall get back their fees.

Policy Highlights:

- Students qualifying NET/SLET will get back their entire fees from 1st semester to last semester including Admission Fees.
- Students qualifying IAS will get Rs 5,00,000
- Students qualifying IPS will get Rs 3,00,000
- Students qualifying IRS & Allied Services will get Rs 2,00,000
- Students qualifying State Judicial Service will get Rs. 1,00,000
- Students qualifying State Public Service Commission or any other top level competitive exams conducted by State & Central Govt. will get back their entire fees. Facility will be continued upto 1-year after passing out from USTM/RIST
- Students who qualify any other officer Level Competitive Examinations like Bank PO, Railways etc. will be rewarded with cash award of Rs 25,000 along with certificate & memento.
- Students qualifying GATE/Indian Engineering Services (IES) etc will be rewarded with cash award of Rs 50,000 along with certificate & memento.

Housekeeping & Support Staff Felicitated

In a recognition to the contribution of the housekeeping and support staff of the institution, USTM showed its noble gesture for the fifth consecutive year by honouring them at a felicitation ceremony at the University campus. Each of the housekeeping and operational members was felicitated with a gamocha and a quality blanket by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM. The function ended with ERDF lunch.

Free UGC NET Coaching by USTM

USTM has opened its doors for all the students from the north-eastern region to be benefitted by the university infrastructure as a part of its mission to make the university a 'people's university'. All the UGC NET aspirants can avail free coaching in the University campus. "Our library facility is available for all the students. Students from outside our University are very much welcome to avail facilities for the benefit of their educational endeavor", stated M. Hoque, Chancellor of USTM.

Live Happily with Diabetes : Dr M P Baruah

An enlightening talk on "How to live happily with diabetes" was held in the USTM conference hall on 3 January 2018, which was attended by all the faculty members and other staff of the University. The talk was delivered by Dr Manash P Baruah, a national expert and Director and Consultant Endocrinologist, Excelcare Hospital, Guwahati. The talk was followed by a stimulating interactive session with the participants.

Inter-Departmental Competition Calendar 2018 unveiled

The USTM Inter-Departmental Competition Calendar 2018 covering cultural, sports, debate, and quiz events was formally unveiled by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM at an event at the Amenity Centre Complex in the University on 30 November 2017 in presence of HoDs of various departments and students in large numbers. Sri Hoque said that the aim of this project is to promote sports and extracurricular activities among students on one hand and to make USTM a major sports activities and sports education destination.

AICTE Advisor Prof Dileep Malkhede launched FDP on Art of Living

Prof Dileep Malkhede, Advisor, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi launched a 14-day-long national level Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Art of Living at the Conference hall of USTM on November 4, 2017. The programme was organized by Dept of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, RIST and was sponsored by AICTE. Expert faculties from AICTE approved NGO "the Art of Living" conducted the programme which continued till 16 November.

USTM-ICT Academy Mega Pool Campus Drive

A mega recruitment drive was held at the USTM campus on 21 December 2017 where hundreds of students from different institutions across the North East appeared for interviews with HR professionals of six reputed Chennai based companies working in diverse fields. The drive was organized by ICT Academy in association with the Regional Institute of Science and Technology (RIST) & USTM and it was supported by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The recruiters in the Link Job Fair 2017 at USTM includes, ALLSEC Technologies based in Chennai and Noida, AEGIS based in Chennai, TNQ based in Chennai and Coimbatore, S10 Health based in Shillong and Chennai, First Source based in Chennai and IMARQUE Solutions Global Technology Services based in Chennai.

Diabetes Awareness Talk

Dr Rupam Choudhury, a renowned diabetologist, delivered a talk on "Awareness on Diabetes" organized by Dept of Physiotherapy, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2017. He made a presentation on "Diabetes: The Silent Killer" and said that diabetes is actually a disorder of insulin production and its utilization.

GNRC recruits 41 students from MBA, MSW and Public Administration

Dr Nomal Borah, CMD, GNRC addressing the students at USTM

In November 2017, GNRC Hospitals conducted a campus interview and recruited 41 students of USTM belonging to the Departments of MBA, MSW and Public Administration. The position offered to them was, 'Area Development Executive'. The students joined as Trainee in 'Affordable Health Mission' for first 3 months for which a stipend of Rs 20,000 was provided and post completion they would be under the direct organizational payroll.

Cultural Heritage of India Highlighted on Unity Day

National Unity Day, coinciding with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, was celebrated in a befitting manner in USTM campus on 30 October 2017. The daylong event was selectively telecast live by Doordarshan Kendra Guwahati. Summing up the inaugural function, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM called Sardar Patel "the architect of our nation." 15 ethnic dances of India with special emphasis on those representing the North East were presented by students of USTM.

Seminar on Good Governance

Dept of Political Science and Public Administration organized a seminar on "Good Governance in North East India: Issues, Initiative and Challenges" on 13 November 2017. The resource person for the seminar was Dr Sanjib Goswami, Adjunct Research Fellow, Swinburne University Of Technology, Australia. Dr Goswami is also an OSD to the Ministry of State for Railways, Government of India.

Maulana Azad remenbered on National Education Day

National Education Day was observed on 11 November 2017 to commemorate Maulana Abul Kalam Azad—the great visionary and the architect of education system of the country. The theme was, "Maulana Azad: The Architect of Education in Modern India". The function was participated by hundreds of students and teachers, apart from the dignitaries. Addressing the participants, M Hoque, Chancellor, USTM said, "We must carry forward the mission of great personalities like Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and contribute towards development of the human resource of the country". A PPT on National Education Day was made by Dr Papiya Dutta, HoD, Rural Development.

Awareness Programme on Human Rights

Meghalaya Human Rights Commission Chairperson addressing

With the objective to create greater public awareness of the importance of human rights to the lives of people, the Meghalaya Human Rights Commission (MHRC) organized an 'Awareness Programme on Human Rights' at USTM in association with the USLR on 30 January 2018. The programme was addressed by Dr Justice Aftab Hussain Saikia, Chairperson, MHRC; PJP Hanaman, Member, MHRC; Noor Khan, District Session Judge, Ri Bhoi and West Jaintia Hills; Baharun Saikia, Advocate, Gauhati High Court and was participated by hundreds of law and political science students from USTM, apart from other participants.

Meghalaya CM interacted with USTM Students

Dr Mukul Sangma interacting with students on sustainable business in the North East in his recent visit to USTM.

Netaji's Birthday Celebrated

USTM observed birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with Sanskritik Samaj of Binov Nagar, Kahilipara, Kamrup (M). The program started at 9:30 am with one beautiful procession. The cultural program ended with recitation of self composed poem by Prashant Gosh.

Mind Power Wasim talks on World Mental Health Day

On the occasion of world mental health day on 10 October 2017, psychologist, therapist and a motivational trainer, Mind Power Wasim visited USTM to deliver a talk on mental health to the students of the Psychology and Education department. The two-hour session was attended by about 120 enthusiastic students.

AMU student leader Faizul Hazan visits USTM

Faizul Hasan, President Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) Students Union, visited USTM on 8 November 2017. In course of the visit, Faizul went around the USTM campus and had intimate discussion with Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM. Faizul informed Sri Hoque that he nurtures plans for working for the development of the country, with special emphasis on people's education and healthcare, soon after he is through with his academic pursuits.

Inter-Departmental Cultural Competitions

Inter-Departmental singing and dance competitions were held on 16 and 17 January 2018 at USTM Campus. It was organized by Cultural Forum, USTM.

Industrial Visit by Commerce Students

The Department of Commerce, USTM took the students for a visit to Securities and Exchange Board of India, Local Office, Guwahati on 3 February 2018. The entire visit was coordinated by Subash Limbu, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. The session for the first batch was conducted by Jagannath Das, Assistant General Manager and for the second batch, Marc Lalrohlan, Assistant General Manager deliberated in the 2nd session. Both the sessions had dealt with the topics like financial market, SEBI's role, financial schemes, Ponzee Schemes, safety issues for investors, employment opportunities and many more.

Educational Tour by Rural Dev. Students

The Students of Rural Development visited Agricultural University and National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Rajasthan. The team of students, research scholar and faculties were welcomed by the Institute and an interaction programme was organized. The discussion is expected to pave the way for collaboration and guidance in the future.

Technocrat from Tata interacts with students

Wiswash Julka, former Vice President, Tata Technologies interacted with the students of engineering and management of USTM and RIST from 18th - 20th Nov, 2017. The purpose of the interaction was to get them understand the employment generation in various business sectors.

Constitution Day observed by USLR

Dr Dinomoni Thakuria addressing the function

On Sunday, 26 November 2017, Constitution Day was organised by USLR. The function was participated by Prof Amarjyoti Choudhury, VC, USTM; Dr Dinomoni Thakuria, Deputy Registrar, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya; Prof (Dr) AK Sinha, Dean, USLR, Prof Alaka Sarma, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Prof AC Talukdar, apart from a host of faculty and student participants.

Street Play on Swachhta

The Department of Rural Development organised a street play on Swachhta with NIRDPR NERC (National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj). To mark the programme Swacchta Pakhwada, the students of Rural Development enacted a street play at Beltola Bazar. The street play was followed by a procession in the Beltola area of Guwahati.

National Youth Day Celebrated

Prof. Qumrul Hoque School of Education at USTM observed 33rd National Youth Day on 12 January 2018. Swami Atmasuddhananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Guwahati was the Chief Guest of the occasion who delivered a talk on 'Swami Vivekananda and Youth Power'.

Few Eminent Visitors at USTM in recent past

Sri Ganga Prasad
Governor of Meghalaya

Sri P B Acharya
Governor of Nagaland

Dr Najma Heptulla
Governor of Manipur

Sri Kiren Rijiju
Union Minister of State
for Home Affairs

Dr Mukul Sangma
Chief Minister, Meghalaya

Sri Mani Shankar Aiyar
Former Member, Rajya Sabha

Dr M A Lyngdoh
Minister of Sc. & Tech., Meghalaya

Prof Ved Prakash
Chairman, UGC, New Delhi

Sri Kailash Satyarthi
Nobel Peace Laureate

Sri A S Kiran Kumar
Chairman, ISRO

Prof M Jagadesh Kumar
VC, JNU

Lt. Gen Zameer Uddin Shah(retd)
Former VC, AMU

Prof Gautam Biswas
Director, IIT-G

Prof S K Srivastava
VC, NEHU, Shillong

Prof. Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri
Former VC, Tezpur University

Prof Akhil Kumar Medhi
Former VC, GU

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Dr B S Tomar
Former Director, BARC

Prof Sanjay Deshmukh
VC, University of Mumbai

Prof Girish Ch Tripathi
VC, Banaras Hindu University

Prof Ashutosh Ghosh
VC, Calcutta University

Dr. Mridul Hazarika
VC, Gauhati University

Prof Bolin Kumar Konwar
VC, Nagaland University

Prof. (Dr) Poonam Saxena
VC, National Law University
Jodhpur

Prof Talat Ahmad
VC, Jamia Millia Islamia

Dr K M Bujarbarua
VC, Assam Agri. University

Dr Dhiraj Bora
VC, Assam Sc. & Tech. University

Prof A K Buragohain
VC, Dibrugarh University

Dr U C Sarma
VC, SSUHS, Guwahati

Prof Mohd Istiaque
VC, Magadh University

Wiswash Julka
Former VP, Tata Technologies

Prof Yasmin Saikia
Arizona State University, USA

Prof Alokesh Barua
Dept. of Economics, JNU

MoU on Food Processing Research and Training Signed between USTM and IIFPT

To enhance the cutting edge research and innovations, USTM has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT), Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt of India on Friday, 2 February 2018. This collaboration will facilitate a collaborative program of research, training, curriculum, institutional development, information dissemination, and exchange of faculty, students and staff. On the occasion of signing of the MoU at USTM, insightful deliberations were presented by Dr C Anandharamakrishnan, Director, IIFPT.

Cleanliness Drive on 69th Republic Day

As the Nation celebrated its 69th Republic Day to remember when India's Constitution came into force, a group of 20 college students from South Korea too sang the National anthem at USTM and initiated a cleanliness drive along with their partner students from the Earth Science Department of the University. Soon after hoisting of the National flag, various programmes began in the university campus. Simultaneously with the cleanliness drive, various cultural and sports competitions were conducted among the students and staff.

Dr Nirmal Kr Choudhury Auditorium Inaugurated

On 10 February 2018, a newly-built state of the art auditorium of USTM was dedicated in the name of Dr Nirmal Kumar Chaudhury, former Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, in recognition of his immense contribution for the development of education in the region. The auditorium was inaugurated by Prof Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, former VC, Tezpur University and Prof Akhil Kumar Medhi, former VC, Gauhati University, in the presence of Dr Nirmal Kumar Chaudhury.

Sports Highlight

USTM cricket team after winning a match in NGPL Inter Institutions Cricket League in Mirza

Students participating at Versity Week 2018

Few Upcoming Events

- North East Graduate Congress, 16-18 February 2018
- National Conference on Drug Discovery from Natural Products and their Traditional Uses, 23-24 March 2018
- North East College Principals' Conclave-2018

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