



USTM Newsletter

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From the Desk of Vice-Chancellor



In this issue, I celebrate the joy of having enabled the successful completion of the first batch of MSW (Master of Social Work) and M.Sc. (Biotechnology) with one and five candidates respectively. With this we have started the long journey of shaping the young minds for a bright future. I record my profound sense of appreciation for the teachers who have mentored these students.

I congratulate the students for becoming part of the history of this young university that is dedicated for high quality education. USTM is moving on a growth trajectory that is impressive. We stand committed to create an institution committed to quality and excellence in all areas of teaching and research. The past three months were busy days in the campus. Teachers were focused on teaching with a commitment to give the best to the taught. I found the students beaming with enthusiasm to learn. The library has been strengthened with nearly 5000 new books. I appeal to everyone to reach for the books and make the best of the facility made available. Success has no short cut. In the emerging world of knowledge power, students have to invest their best efforts to gain knowledge and remain at the cutting edge. I wish the students all the best in the semester examinations scheduled in December and January.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

P.K. Abdul Azis

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Ph.D., D.Sc.
Vice Chancellor

SEARCH GOD THROUGH TRUTH AND LOVE FOR HUMANITY



The renowned social activist and social reformer Swami Agnivesh visited the USTM campus on 6th December, 13. During his visit he also interacted with the students & faculties of USTM. While delivering his speech on "Value system in education and role of the society", Swami Agnivesh recalled and narrated interesting episodes of his early childhood and his adolescent period and the

process of his evolution from intellect of common man to higher level of spirituality. Swami Agnivesh, an antagonist of religious orthodoxy urged upon students community to rise above religious blindness and seek spirituality through truth and love to humanity. Swamiji had also discussed about Religious issues. He said, "Religion today is like a department, it a multi million dollar business. All the religions priests, mullahs, fathers today pray on behalf of their religion's or community's people. People today are so busy to communicate with God itself."

Swamiji further continued and mentioned the gathering to try to think about themselves and find an inner peace in them. One should have a mission in their life. A person should be a missionary. Education also should have mission in the lives of youth. Education without values and mission is counter productive.

The talk was also attended by other high officials of the University apart from a large number of students & the Faculty members.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME - 2013

The University has organized its 3rd Orientation Programme for the new academic session in the University premises on 24th August, 2013. The Inaugural Session of the day long Orientation Programme was



graced by – Justice I. A. Ansari, Judge, Gauhati High Court; Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro-VC, Tezpur University; Prof. Sukumar Nandi, Deputy Director, IIT, Guwahati and Shri Sandipn Nair, DGM (Marketing), Dalmia Cement. The welcome address was given by Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, USTM.

In their addresses almost all the distinguished guests stressed to the newly admitted students on "contribution to the society." Justice Ansari said, "Today we have a society of interdependence. None can stay independent of the others". Prof. Amar Jyoti Choudhury, lamented the lack of Philanthropy in our society. "Connect to the society or you will be a part of a society which is weak and will ultimately drag you down.".....

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DR. POOJA PANDEY (IAS), DC, RI-BHOI INAUGURATED GIRLS' HOSTEL



Dr. Pooja Pandey (IAS), Deputy Commissioner of Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya, have inaugurated the newly constructed Girls' Hostel of USTM within the campus on 7th December, 2013 in a colourful function. The hostel is named after late Pascal Suchiang, a renowned social worker of the greater Kling area who had contributed a lot for the development of the University. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Mrs. Shieamon Kharjarin, wife of late Pascal Suchiang, Mr. M. Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor and other high officials of the University. The girl hostel is equipped with all the modern facilities & amenities including recreational activities.

After the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Pooja Pandey had also interacted with the students of the University & motivated them for different competitive examinations. Dr. Pandey was very happy & enthralled to see the rapid growth of the new University in the region under her jurisdiction.

FRESHERS' SOCIAL-2013

The Freshers Social-2013 for 3rd Batch of USTM was held on 30th September in its Campus. The day long event was marked by various competitions and cultural programmes. Pubali Bhattacharjee of M.Com first semester was crowned Miss Fresher, 2013 while Dambaru Deori of first semester MBA was crowned Mr. Fresher 2013. The formal function was graced by Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, a scientist of all India repute and Mr. Pranjal Saikia, eminent theatre personality. Dr. Hazarika, asked the students. "Keep your minds always open and transform all your imaginations to results. And this is possible only through creative approaches". Mr. Saikia advised the students to keep an positive approach towards every thing and asked them not to get attracted towards the bad elements existing in the society. He advised the students to always, "See good, do good, and think good". The formal session was also attended by Prof. P. K. Abdul Azis, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. R. K. Sharma, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Dr. Dinesh Baishya, Dean, USTM.

The cultural evening was marked by several regional & traditional songs & dance programme besides Mr. Bidya Sagar a renowned singer of the region have enthralled the capacity crowd.



WILDLIFE WEEK CELEBRATION -2013



The Wildlife Week-2013 was celebrated on 1st Oct-7th Oct, 13 by the students of USTM. As part of the celebration students have participated in a mass rally organized by the Forest Department. And to create awareness among the general

public the University students have also performed a street play in different places of the city.

INAUGURATION OF USTM SHILLONG CITY OFFICE



The Shillong City office of USTM was inaugurated on 3rd October 2013 at Ri-do-ria complex, M. G. Road, near Shillong High Court, Shillong. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. D. D. Lapang, former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, as the Chief Guest, Dr. M. A. Lyngdoh, Minister of Science and Technology, Urban Affairs, Meghalaya and Shri Manas Choudhuri, former Education Minister, Meghalaya, as the guests of Honour and host of other dignitaries. The office has been inaugurated for smooth co-ordination with Government of Meghalaya and other stake holders. After the inauguration Mr M Hoque, the founder of the university & Chairman of ERDF has given a presentation on USTM activities so far accomplished & about future plan.

10-DAY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY COURSE AT USTM

USTM have organized a 10-day Research Methodology Course, funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, from December 9-18, 2013. Around 30 young scholars of North East India have participated in the course.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr AC Bhagabati, Former VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar in presence of Prof. Partha Ghosh, retired Professor of JNU and currently Nehru Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Library and Museum. Besides, a number of leading scholars of Gauhati University and the IIT Guwahati has acted as resource persons, in addition to faculty of the University in the 10 day program.



IN THE CAMPUS

Ms Paullete Gigouley, President, Perspective Asiennes, a French, NGO and Ms Gillian Harvey, a senior member of Perspective Asiennes visited the University and interacted with the students of School of Business Sciences.



Mr Amiruddin Ajmal
CEO of Ajmal Group of Companies



Prof. A. K. Buragohain
VC, Dibrugarh University



Dr. Mridul Hazarika
VC, Gauhati University

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Declaration of result of PG 2nd Semester : 19th September
- Declaration of result of MBA 2nd Semester : 21st September
- Commencement of 1st Sessional Exam for UG : 3rd October
- Entrance Examination for Ph.D. 2013-B batch : 5th October
- Commencement of 1st Sessional Exam for PG : 22nd October
- Declaration of result of Ph.D Entrance 2013-B Batch : 26th October

.....He asked the students to be curious stressed that it is the duty of a student to ask questions so that new ideas will be generated. And if new ideas are generated new discoveries and inventions will be made, which is lacking in the present day educational system of our country. In his speech Prof. Sukumar Nandi gave the students useful tips on managing their time and their studies. He asked them to follow the 5 Ds – Determination, Dedication, Devotion, Discipline and Dreams – to pursue their education in this University. Lastly, Mr. Sandipan Nair asked the students to create their own brands – an identity so that after completing their studies and they have spread out into the world they may create a mark for themselves and represent their region - the North East, their country-India and their alma-mater USTM in whichever region of the world they are in. All dignitaries have expressed their satisfaction on the infrastructure created by the university and appreciated the visionary steps taken by the management. After the Inaugural Session the Orientation Programme continued in parallel academic sessions by academicians from different institutions of higher education. Some of the prominent academicians were:



1. Prof. A. T. Khan - Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, IIT-G
2. Prof. A. K. Talukdar - Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, GU
3. Prof. K. Ismail - Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, NEHU
4. Dr. Suhail Sabir - Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, AMU
5. Prof. A. K. Mishra - Professor, Dept. of Botany, NEHU
6. Prof. S. K. Borthakur - Professor, Dept. of Botany, GU
7. Dr. Purnima Devi - Professor, Dept. of Botany, Cotton College
8. Dr. Mamata Goswami - Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Cotton College
9. Prof. D. K. Sharma - Professor, Dept. of Zoology, GU
10. Prof. Bimal Kar - Professor, Dept. of Geography, GU
11. Dr. Amrit Pal Singh Professor, Dept. of Commerce, GU
12. Prof. Jatindra Kr. Deka - Professor, Dept. of Computer Sc., IIT-G
13. Prof. Shikhar Kumar Sarma - Professor, Dept. of Electronics, GU
14. Mr. Vaidprakash Gautam- Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF
15. Prof. B. P. Sahu - Professor, DACE, NEHU
16. Prof. Monirul Hussain - Professor, Dept. of Sociology, GU
17. Dr. Jayanta Krishna Sharma - Professor, Dept. of Political Science, GU
18. Dr. R.C. Baruah- Director, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat
19. Dr. S. P. Saikia - Senior Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat
20. Dr. Utpal Bora - Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, IIT-G
21. Mr. Sandipan Nair - Deputy Manager- Marketing, Dalmia Cement
22. Prof. ARM Rahman - Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Nagaland University



UPSC MEMBER URGES STUDENTS TO TAKE ON CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION AS A CAREER OPTION

Prof. David R. Syiemlieh Member, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) have visited the University campus on 27th Sept,13 and interacted with the students to inspire them to take civil services as their career. Prof Syiemlieh, also a renowned academician is the former Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. He had also served as Lecturer at St. Edmund's College, Shillong & as a Professor at NEHU. He has authored and edited several books and publications and had been awarded Senior Fulbright Fellowship in the year 1999.

Speaking to a group of more than 200 students from various departments of USTM, Prof. Syiemlieh said “Cracking an UPSC examination is not a Herculean task, one just need to be focused in his life and plan their moves properly”. Former honorary director of ICSSR-NERC, Prof Syiemlieh, elaborated the group of students and faculties about various aspects of UPSC including its history, mandates, functions, recruitment procedures, etc. “Although, more and more people are going for the civil services, we see less youths from these regions. We need young graduates and post graduates from these region in forest services and in geological services.” added Prof Syiemlieh. Prof Syiemlieh addressed the gathering in the presence of Vice Chancellor, USTM & various other high officials of the university.

SCHOLASTIC DISCOURSE ON LIFE AND CREATION OF DR. BHUPEN HAZARIKA



USTM organised a Scholastic Discourse on Life and Creation of Dr Bhupen Hazarika, on 7th September, 13 in NEDFi House Auditorium, Dispur on the occasion of 87th Birthday of the great artist.

ERDF, the sponor of the University had announced two research fellowships on the great legend just after his demise. Apart from the two research scholars who won the Dr Bhupen Hazarika fellowships one more scholar is researching on the life and creations of the great artist in USTM.

The Research Scholars Prasanta Jyoti Baruah, Executive Editor, The Assam Tribune, Gitali Saikia, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Nitaipukhuri College, Sivasagar and freelance journalist Pramod Sharma discussed and elaborated on the areas of research.

The Scholastic Discourse was inaugurated by Shri Ranjit Shekhar Mooshahary, former Governor of Meghalaya. The key note address was delivered by Prof. Amarjyoti Choudhary, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University.

The welcome address was delivered by the Chancellor, USTM Shri Mahbulul Hoque where he elaborated on the educational progress of ERDF and USTM. Dr. Dinesh Baishya, Dean, School of Media Science and Cultural Studies, USTM elaborated on the educational and research programmes of the School.

In the beginning of the programme the students of the university performed Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's song titled, “Manuhe Manuhor Babe”, in Assamese, Bengali, Khasi and Bodo languages.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



RABBUL IBNE A. AHAD, Faculty Bio-Chemistry

- ▶ Awarded The President of India Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal Award under NEHU, Shillong
- ▶ Awarded Gold Medal for Securing 1st Class 1st Position in MSc. Biochemistry Examination, 2013 under NEHU, Shillong



SHOHEL ALI AHMED
Faculty Electronics
Cleared UGC NET
on June 2013



HIMADRI DUWARAH
Faculty Electronics
Cleared UGC NET
on June 2013.



SONY KUMARI
Faculty Biotechnology
Cleared SLET
on Aug 2013

INAUGURATION OF DINING HALL BY SHRI C.V.S. REDDY (IPS) SP, RI-BHOI



Shri C.V.S. Reddy, IPS Superintendent of police, Ri-Bhoi have inaugurated the 100 seater Dining Hall of New Boys Hostel at University campus on 18th December, 2013 in presence of M. Hoque Chancellor, USTM and

other high officials of the University. After the inauguration, Shri Reddy have delivered a talk on "Career & Competitive Examination" to the students of the University and encourage them for the same.

NCTE Approval for B.Ed Course

Professor Qoumrul Hoque School of Education under USTM have been accorded Letter of Intent (LOI) by NCTE, New Delhi to start the B.Ed course under USTM from the session 2014.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND FIELD WORKS



Students of Social Work & Sociology department visiting SOS Village, Azara, Guwahati for their field work along with Faculty members



Students of Social Work & Sociology department interacting with inmates of Amar Ghar, Old Age Home at Six mile, Guwahati during their field visit along with Faculty members



Students of Chemistry department visiting CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat for industrial visit along with Faculty members

Panel Discussion organized at Arunachal Pradesh



USTM in association with Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Arunachal has organized a panel discussion on the theme "Higher Education in Arunachal Pradesh: Problems and Prospects" at Itanagar on 29th July, 2013. The programme was graced by Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice Chancellor, RGU, Dr. Joram Begi, Director, Higher and

Technical Education, AP besides M. Hoque, Chancellor, USTM and several other dignitaries from the state.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Joram Begi said 'Government alone cannot accomplish such gigantic task, it is the private institution that plays a major role in implementing the work of the government'. Appreciating USTM for organizing such discussion, which will create greater awareness among the stake-holders to address the challenges in the higher education in the state. Hundreds of students from various schools of Itanagar including Directors, Principals of various educational institutions and government officials attended the programme.

An Interactive talk on Forest Conservation

An interactive talk was organized on 18th December, 2013 by the School of Biological Science on "The need on Nature's Conservation". The resource person for the programme were Mr. N. Luikham, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forest & Mr. C. A. Rahman, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forest both from Central Academy for State Forest Service under Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India. While interacting with the students of Biological Science, speakers emphasized on the need and public involvement in nature conservation. They also motivated the students and gave tips on how to build a career as an IFS officer.