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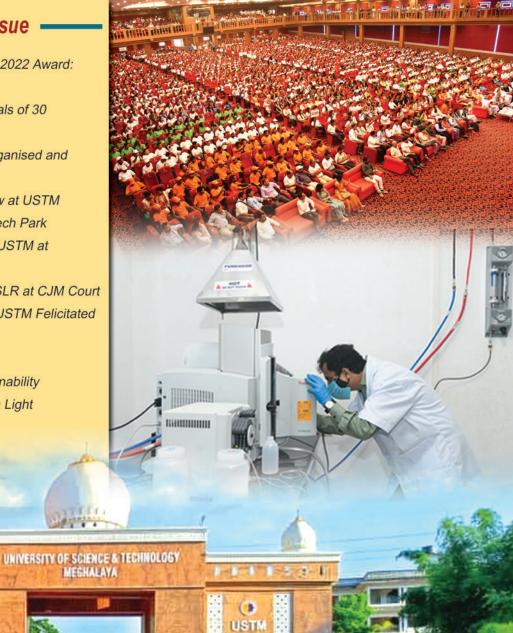
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99 Students Qualified NET-GATE: Fee to be refunded under Pay-Back Policy

USTM has celebrated the success of its NET/GATE/JRF qualified students of 2020-2021 at a glorious programme on 8th April 2022 where 99 successful students were felicitated under its 'Pay-Back Policy'. The function was held at the Central Auditorium of the university. Shri Dharma Kanta Mili, ACS, Director of Higher Education, Govt. of Assam graced the occasion as the Chief Guest Shri Arpit Upadhyay, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya was the guest of honour. The main objective of this Award ceremony was to create competitiveness among the students.



To encourage the students to qualify NET, GATE, SLET, IAS, or any other top-level competitive examinations conducted by State & Central Govt., USTM has introduced the Pay Back Policy wherein students of the University who qualify these prestigious examinations shall get back their fees. Special Coaching & Guidance facilities are provided for the aspirants of various competitions.

Welcoming the gathering, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said that the University is committed to its assurance that no brilliant student should be deprived of pursuing higher education only because of their financial incapability. The function ended with vote of thanks delivered by Dr BK Das, Director Administration, USTM.

USTM students observed Autism Awareness Day with children of Hope Foundation

The students and faculty members of Prof Qoumrul Hoque School of Education, USTM have observed World Autism Day on 4th April by spending the day with the autistic children at Hope Foundation, Gotanagar, Guwahati. The Foundation works to bring about change in the lives of children, young people and vulnerable individuals. The team of visitors from USTM had an orientation of the functioning of the Foundation. Mr Dipankar Baruah, the Head Instructor of Hope Foundation Guwahati presented a brief introduction of the organization and called some clients who are admitted there to interact with the visitors.



Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights



On 6th April, a Day-long workshop on intellectual property rights 'IPR: Know Your Rights' was jointly organized by the Department of Physics and Computer Science & Electronics, in association with IPR Cell, USTM to create awareness about the rights on different issues among the faculty members and students. Prof. Pritam Deb, DPIIT IPR Chair Professor, IPR Cell, Tezpur University delivered a talk on "IPR — Touching the Horizon and Filling Beyond". Dr. Kumari Lipi, Patent Attorney, Mentor Startup & IPR, Indian Trademark and Design Attorney, recognized by Ministry of Commerce & Industries Govt. of India delivered talk on 'Legal Moves for the Patent'. The talk was attended by the students and faculty members of the university in blended mode. A few participants were also from outside the university.

National Workshop on Modern Approaches to Research Methodology

The Department of Zoology conducted a day-long National Workshop on Modern Approaches to Research Methodology and Scientific Documentation at NKC auditorium of the university on 9th April 2022. Prof. Dandadhar Sarma from Department of Zoology, Gauhati University delivered a lecture in the first session of the workshop and spoke on various aspects of methodological approach to research and techniques to publish articles and methods of writing thesis. Another session was taken by Dr. Narayan Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences, Cotton



University. The workshop saw wide feedback and questions from around 125 participants from institutions like Cotton University, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati, Bikali College, Dhupdhara, Assam Down Town University, Guwahati, apart from USTM making the event a grand success.

Tissue Culture course done by USTM & GU

A short-term course on "Plant Tissue Culture and Micropropagation – Methods and Application (Lab to Land Techniques)" was conducted by the Department of Applied Biology of USTM in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology, Gauhati University from 28th March to 10th April. A considerable number of researchers and students from all over the North East participated in the short-term course.

The inaugural session was addressed by Prof. Kanan Pakshirajan, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Guwahati. Prof. G.D Sharma spoke on how this short program on PTC will help students to get an idea on how the rare plants can be conserved. Dr. R.K. Sharma talked about how micropropagation would help to raise endangered medicinal plants and to enhance the secondary metabolites. During this 11 Day short term course many eminent speakers from across the country delivered lectures.



Mobile Legal House conducted by USLR at CJM Court



With the objective of providing legal aid and advice to Court goers and any other people in need of legal counsel, the University School of Law and Research, USTM, on 20th April 2022, inaugurated its departmental Best Practice which is a unique initiative of creating awareness and also providing legal counsel to the poor and needy masses by the way of a Mobile Legal House. It was inaugurated at USLR by the Dr. R.K. Sharma Advisor, USTM. Dr Sharma along with the Dean USLR Dr. Baharul Islam then flagged off the Mobile Legal House Car.

A team of faculty members and students from USLR went to CJM Court Kamrup and set up a small kiosk and provided legal counsel to the various people who approached the team with various legal queries and questions to which the team members provided legal counseling as and where applicable.

Prevention of Wildlife Crime: Workshop by USTM and Aaranyak

A workshop on "Prevention of Wildlife Crime" was held at NKC Auditorium of USTM on 21st April 2022 which was jointly organized by the Department of Zoology USTM and Aaranyak, a Guwahati based organization that addresses a wide spectrum of issues related to Wildlife. The workshop was participated by Zoology students as well as several others interested in Wildlife conservation.

Attending the workshop as the Chief Guest, the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Meghalaya, Gavade Sachin Shankar, IFS, underlined the immense importance of the rich biodiversity inclusive of a wide range of wildlife species.



Internationally acclaimed rhino conservation expert and a noted wildlife biologist Dr Bibhab Kumar Talukdar who is also the CEO and Secretary General of Aaranyak, called upon the students and researchers to educate themselves on law in vogue to prevent wildlife crimes which has assumed an alarming proportion all over the globe. The different technical sessions of the workshop include, "Global Perspectives of Wildlife Crime" conducted by Dr Jimmy Borah, Legal and Advocacy Division, Aaranyak, "Local Perspectives of Wildlife Crime" conducted by Ivy Farheen Hussain, Wildlife Crime Analyst, Aaranyak.

IPS Anand Mishra addresses students on National Civil Services Day



On the occasion of the National Civil Services Day on 21st April 2022, the Department of Political Science (BA Administration and Governance) and the University School of Law and Research of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya organised a seminar with the theme "Public Administration Skills in Enhancing Democratic Principles in India" which was addressed by Mr Anand Mishra, IPS, AIG, Assam Police and Prof. Alpana Borgohain, Department of Women's Studies, Gauhati University. An Inter departmental Debate competition and Poster making competition was also organized among the students on the occasion.

Addressing the students, Mr Anand Mishra, IPS, AIG, Assam Police explained in length about the concept of political executives and permanent executives, personal interest and public internet. "Civil services should not be regarded as a job. It is an opportunity to be responsible for the development of the society", he said. Delivering her speech, Prof. Alpana Borgohain, Department of Women's Studies, Gauhati University gave a thorough understanding of the theme Public Administration Skills in Enhancing Democratic Principles in India.

Workshop at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College on Earth Day

Like every year, the Department of Earth Science, USTM has observed Earth Day-2022 on 22nd April by organizing plantation and awareness programme and workshop at the university campus as well as at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College, Punjabari, Guwahati. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College under MoU implementation of the two institutions.



The event was organized in two phases, first, by conducting a training workshop by faculty members and students of the department on the concepts of recycle and reuse of non-biodegradable products and vertical gardening at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College. Dr Sikhamoni Konwar, Principal of Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College said that Vertical Gardening training on recycling of single use bottles to the students of the college will serve an objective of sustainable living. The 2nd phase was conducted in the Earth Science Department by showcasing students' works on recycle, reuse of non-biodegradable products and vertical gardening and inauguration of the Wall Magazine.

Library Named after Late Prof. U. K. Sarma

The Regional Institute of Science & Technology (RIST) has honoured Late Prof U K Sarma, the former Executive Director of the Institute, by naming the Engineering Library as "Prof. U K Sarma Engineering Library". Smt. Bulbuli Devi, wife of Late Prof. U K Sarma was present on 23rd April to pay tribute. The event was graced by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM, Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah, Controller of Examination, K K Handiqui Open University, Dr. P.K. Pathak, Principal, RIST, Dr RK Sharma, Advisor USTM, the family members and friends of Late Prof. U K Sarma, faculty members and students of RIST.



3-day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences

A three-day-long workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences with special reference to Qualitative and Quantitative Research" was successfully organized by the Department of Political Science, USTM in collaboration with the Bengal Institute of Political Studies (BIPS), Kolkata from 21st April to 23rd April, 2022. Prof. Raj Kumar Kothari, President, BIPS, gave a brief introduction of the organization. The General Secretary of BIPS, Prof. Biswanath Chakraborty gave the opening remarks of the workshop and mentioned the importance of Research Methodology in the present scenario.



The inaugural session was followed by different academic sessions. Prof. C. Joshua Thomas took a session on "Introducing Research Methodology as a subject". Prof. Joydeep Baruah presented his lecture on "Basics of Quantitative Research" and Prof. A. C. Talukdar took a session on "How to conceive a good research proposal". Prof. Anil Kumar Mohapatra delivered a lecture on "Review of Literature and Ethics in Research". Prof. A. K. Baruah spoke on "Importance of Research" while Dr. Md. Nazeer Hussain spoke on "Basics of Dissertation writing". Prof. Sujoy Ghosh delivered his lecture on "Research Design" while Prof. Asis Mistry delivered his speech on "Quantitative Research in Social Sciences". In the valedictory session, Dr Chandana Bhattacharjya extended the vote of thanks. This was followed by the distribution of certificate to the participants.

Seminar on Rehabilitation of Individuals with Multiple Disabilities

A two-day long seminar on "Rehabilitation of Individuals with Multiple Disabilities" successfully at NKC Auditorium. The seminar was organized by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India in collaboration with Holistic Health Care Training & Educational Foundation, Rajgarh, Guwahati and was supported by Department of Physiotherapy, School of Allied Medical Sciences, USTM from 25th to 26th April 2022.



The seminar was inaugurated by Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM; Dr. M. Kathiravan, Head of Autism Unit, NIEPMD, Chennai; Dr RK Sharma, Principal Advisor, USTM in the presence of other dignitaries. More than 120 participants were actively involved in the seminar. Renowned paediatrician Dr. Prakritish Bora was the Guest of Honour for the event. Some of the distinguished speakers in the seminar include: Dr. Abhay Agarwal, Sports Medicine and Arthroscopic Surgeon, Apollo Excel Care Hospital, Guwahati who spoke on Children with Cerebral Palsy; Dr. Sukalyan Dey, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Pratiksha Hospital who took a session on the Duet of Ortho—Physio in Management of Cerebral palsy; Dr. Debangana Baruah who spoke on Management of Cerebral Palsy—Multidisciplinary Approach. Dr. R. Manigandan, Senior Consultant Department of Social Work NIEPMD Chennai highlighted the schemes and programmes implemented by the Government of India for Persons with Disability (PwD).

Human Rights in Contemporary Era: A seminar by USLR





A National Seminar for Skill Development on Human Rights in Contemporary Era and Role of State in Protection and Promotion of Child Rights, Human Rights Challenges and Role of Civil Society was organized on 27th April by the University School of Law and Research, USTM. Prof. K.C. Raval, Director, School of Law, Gujarat University was a key resource person of the technical sessions and the Chief Guest during the inaugural session of the seminar. The inaugural session was also graced by Prof. G.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM, Dr. R.K. Sharma, Advisor, USTM and Dr. Baharul Islam, Dean, USLR, apart from others. During his session, Prof. Subham Rajkhowa from USLR said that all organizations which work for people are nothing but human rights organisations. The seminar ended with vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Barnali Deka, Convener of the seminar.

Role of IQAC: Workshop with Principals of 30 UGC affiliated colleges of Assam



On 28th April, Heads and IQAC coordinators of 30 UGC affiliated colleges of Assam today experienced a brainstorming session at the conference hall of the USTM as part of their preparation for Assessment and Accreditation for grading of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The workshop titled "Enhancing Quality and Envisioning Better Grade: Role of IQAC in light of NEP 2020" was organized by USTM where Dr. Santanu Kumar Baishya, Professor (retd.) Cotton University was the key resource person. On the same occasion, 11 UGC affiliated colleges from Assam also signed Memorandum of Understanding with USTM for academic collaboration, research and development.

Online Certificate Course on Environmental Management

A month-long Certificate Course on Environmental Management' was organized by Department of Earth Science, USTM in collaboration with Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University from 26th April, 2022. Renowned hydrologist, civil engineer and environmental scientist Prof. Vijay P. Singh (Texas A&M University, USA) delivered the lecture on the first day. The session was attended by 80+ participants from across the globe. Prof. Chandan Mahanta (IIT Guwahati) inaugurated the course with a brief note on relevance and need of the unique course on environmental management.

The inaugural programme was addressed by Prof. G. D. Sharma, Voice Chancellor, Prof. E. Karim, Dean, School of Applied Sciences, Dr. E. A. Huda, HoD, Earth Science, Dr. Lalit Saikia from USTM and Dr. Nirmali Gogoi, Asst. Professor, Tezpur University. The course continued till 25th May, 2022 in online mode (Zoom platform) in the evening.

Legal Aid and Awareness by USLR at Nongspung Village

A Legal Aid and Awareness Programme was organized by University School of Law and Research, USTM in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Kamrup (M) on 29th April in the primary school of Nongspung Village, Ri-Bhoi District. The programme was graced by Bettin Marak, village headmen of the Nongspung Village and Brobith K. Sangma, Principal of the primary school. Advocate Khusboo Verma, Legal Aid Counsel, District Legal Services Authority, Kamrup (M) and Prof. Subhram Rajkhowa from USLR addressed the villagers as part of the awareness camp.



The Students of USLR organized a skit on the theme 'Child Labour and Child Abuse' and also performed a group song with an awareness message. An interactive session was held between the legal aid counselor and the students with the local people of the Nongspung village. The vote of thanks was offered by Glory Marak.

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp



On the occasion of Ayushman Bharat Divas 2022, the Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with the NGO "We the Blood Donors" and supported by NSS, USTM organized a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp in the University campus on 30th April. A team of eight members from the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital's medical units, led by Dr. Upokul Kashyap also attended the event. Mr. Abu Sufiyan, Deputy Inspector General of Police for Railways inaugurated the camp. The welcome address was given by Ms. Nandita Barman while the vote of thanks was forwarded by Ms. Amrita Devi from the Department of Library and Information Science, USTM. The campaign turned out to be a very successful one, and the response received from the people was very encouraging.

Rights Awareness programme for Organised and Unorganised Workers

An extension and awareness program on Rights Organized Human for Unorganized Workers was held on 30th April at Amlighat, Jagiroad. The programme was organized the department of Business Administration, School of Business Sciences, USTM and supported by the NSS Cell of the University. A team of faculty members and students met both organised unorganised workers to make them aware about their rights. For organized workers, the awareness camp was held at Amlighat while unorgainised Sitajakhala for workers, the camp was held at Jagiroad.



International Labour Day celebrated

Department of Business Administration celebrated the International Labour Day amongst factory workers of Global Coke Products, situated near Umphere village of Meghalaya. The celebration commemorated the struggles and sacrifices of the workers and labours' movement. As a part of this celebration, three faculty members of the department Dr Rashmi Baruah, Jyoti Hatiboruah, and Sukriti Das along with 30 department students had distributed few tokens among workers along with refreshments to motivate them in addition to sensitizing their valuable contributions towards not only that particular organization but also to the whole global economy. 'Labour' right' was also highlighted as a part of sensitization among factory workers which will help them in protecting their rights.



Workshop on Skill Development in Mathematical Application



The Department of Mathematics, USTM organized a daylong workshop on "Skill Development in Mathematical Applications" with the objective to help students to gain basic understanding of research methodology. The resource person of the programme was Dr. Hemen Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, University. Held on 26th April, the primary aim of the workshop was to familiarize the students with latest skills which will enable them to practically use and supplement their theoretical knowledge. The Chief Guest of the program Dr. Hemen Dutta analyzed the skill development applications of Mathematics and mentioned about the different aspects of research facilities in the field of Mathematics.



USTM student Shines Winning 3 Golds in Gymnastic at "Meghalaya Games"

On 4th May, Miss Wandalang Magdalene Malngiang, a 2nd Semester student of BA Administration and Governance (BAAG) has won hearts of many by her performance in Gymnastics at the 4th Meghalaya Games-2022 held in Shillong. Wandalang won Gold medals in all the three Gymnastic events -- Floor Exercise, Balance Beam and Vaulting holding 1st rank in category 4.

International Nurses Day observed

The Department of Physiotherapy and the Yoga Centre of USTM celebrated the International Nurses Day on 12th May, 2022 at the University campus. On this occasion, Priyanka Baishya and Anamika Boro, both Yoga mentors at USTM, conducted a demonstration session for the nurses explaining how yoga could improve the nurse's working lives and reduce their stress, increase wellbeing, reducing muscle pain. Earlier, in the beginning of the session, the welcome speech was given by Dr. Pooja Chadhuri, HOD, Department of Physiotherapy. The session was also attended and supported by other faculties of Physiotherapy department, including, Dr. Urvashi Bhattacharya and Dr. Pooja Saikia.



Knowledge Excursion to Promote Rural Talent

With the objective to promote science education among rural children, the USTM organized and hosted a Knowledge Excursion from 6th to 8th May in which more than 500 UPSC, NEET and JEE aspirants belonging to the Barak Valley region of Assam have joined. The students are currently availing coaching for the competitive examinations under the Vision-50 Academy in Karimganj district.

Delivering a highly motivational speech to all the student aspirants, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said, "People who are a part of Vision-50 must become good and professional human being first to serve the society in better ways. Their journey should be a mission, because mission matters, action speaks and legacy continues".



In order to inspire and motivate the children, Chancellor Hoque also announced cash rewards of Rs 100,000 to all who can score 600 or above and Rs 50,000 who score 550 or above in the NEET exams. The two-day long programme include Orientation Session, visit to various facilities at USTM, Mentor's Sessions for Civil Services, NEET and JEE, visit to the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, visit the Regional Science Museum, visit to Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.

IIT Guwahati holds NERC Road Show at USTM



A Road Show of the North East Research Conclave (NERC)-2022 was held at USTM on 12th May showcasing research and development activities of the institution. The programme was organized by USTM in collaboration with IIT Guwahati to boost the awareness drive about a mega event on sustainable science and technology to be participated by all the co-coordinating institutions of the North East that was held from 20th to 22nd May at IIT Guwahati campus.

The main objective of NERC is to showcase the Research and Developments of the north-eastern states and institutions at the national and global scenario. In this context, the NERC-2022 Road Show Event began from 7th May starting from IIT Guwahati campus. The drive at USTM was participated by students, research scholars, faculty members, and staff of the University.

Prof. G D Sharma, VC, USTM delivered an inspiring welcome address in the presence of Shivam Mishra, Papu Kumar Nayak, Dudul Das and Sanjay Soni from IIT Guwahati, apart from others. The vote of thanks was offered by Saikat Majumdar, Asst Prof, Department of Rural Development and Co-ordinator of the event.

Food Distribution and Awareness Drive among Construction Workers

A Community Food Distribution Drive and awareness about rights among the unorganized sector workers in the flyover construction site at the Zoo Road area of Guwahati was organized on by the Department of Sociology in the first week of May. Students from all the batches of the department volunteered for this noble initiative. Dr. Trishna M. Thakuria, Dr. Nazia Parveen and Ms. Hiya Barma coordinated well with students in terms of engaging with workers during lunch distribution and management.



Bridging Gaps in School Education: A seminar by USTM on NEP-2020





A two day long National Seminar titled "Bridging Gaps of Accessibility, Equity and Quality Learning Outcomes in School Education: NEP-2020" ended successfully at the NKC Auditorium. The seminar was organised by the Prof. Qoumrul Hoque School of Education (PQSE) from 13th to 14st May 2022. It was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and supported by IQAC, USTM. The Chief Guest Prof. C.B Sharma from IGNOU, New Delhi delivered the inaugural address of the seminar. Another key speaker of the seminar was Prof. K M Bhandarkar, National President, Council for Teacher Education Foundation, India. A Newsletter of the PQSE Department was also released on the occasion. The seminar ended with distribution of certificates to the participants and the vote of thanks by Dr. Saru Joshi, Associate Professor, PQSE.

Guwahati Bhaona Samaroh-2022



The Guwahati Bhaona Samaroh-2022 which began from 14th May, has ended at USTM on 17th May magnificently with the staging of the play "Kurma Avataar" Bhaona (mythological play) by the artists of Panchajanya Natyagosthi from Malow Ali, Jorhat at the Central Auditorium of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). The programme was jointly organized by Cultural Forum, USTM and supported by IQAC, USTM and Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Assam.

The function began with lighting of the lamp by Mrs Mrinalini Devi, Vice President, Asam Sahitya Sabha; Satradhikar Prafulla Pran Mahanta, Belguri Satra, Narayanpur; Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM; Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM; Dr Balendra Das, Pro-VC, USTM; Padmashree Surjya Hazarika, Shri Prabhat Ch Das, Asam Sahitya Sabha; Dr Sikha Bezbarua Goswami, President, Guwahati Bhaona Samaroh; Prabhat Bordoloi, Secretary Guwahati Bhaona Samaroh and others. It was attended by hundreds of USTM students and cultural enthusiasts.



MoU signed between USTM and CSIR-NBRI Lucknow

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the USTM and CSIR-NBRI (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Botanical Research Institute) Lucknow for collaborative work on research and quality teaching. The agreement was signed at CSIR-NBRI Lucknow on Wednesday, 11th May by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM and Prof. S. K. Barik, Director, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow. Speaking in this regard, Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM said, "This will help to provide opportunities for students and faculty members to collaborate in research, development and transfer of technology and provide training."



USTM Signs Pact with AAS for Asia Scholars' Network



With the global perspective of enabling scholars to take initiatives and lead in various scholarly, economic. cultural and social activities involving Asian countries, the USTM joined hands with the Association of Asia Scholars (AAS), New Delhi and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 16th May at the Conference Hall of USTM. The MoU was signed by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM and Prof Swaran Singh, President of AAS and Prof. and Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, JNU, New Delhi in the presence of USTM Chancellor Shri Mahbubul Hoque and other dignitaries from Association of Asia Scholars and USTM.

Speaking in this context, Prof Swaran Singh, President of AAS said, "I was impressed with the infrastructure and dynamism of USTM leadership and happy to build partnership between AAS and USTM. I look forward to taking our MOU into action with joint work with USTM". The AAS has been working since November 2005 in India's national interest and for global peace and harmony, he added.

USTM signs pact with Guwahati Biotech Park

To encourage and support the start-up, incubation and development of innovation led, high growth knowledge based business in the multidisciplinary area of biotechnology, the USTM signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Guwahati Biotech Park (GBP) in the presence of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, Dr Hemant Biswa Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Keshab Mahanta Honble minister of Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology and Information Technology, Assam, Dr Ranuj Pegu, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Assam.



On behalf of USTM, the pact was signed by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM while on behalf of GBP, it was signed by Shri Kailash Karthik N, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (R) and CEO, Guwahati Biotech Park. The MoU was signed on Friday, 20th May 2022.

USTM signs MoU with world rank holder Lingnan University of Hong Kong

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed on 18th May between the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) and Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China, which is ranked 3rd worldwide for "Quality Education" in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021. The agreement was signed in virtual mode by Prof. Leonard K. Cheng, President, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, China and Prof G.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM and the event was attended by academics and officials of both the institutions.



As per the MoU, each institution will accept full-time students from the other institution on an approximate one for-one basis for undergraduate or graduate study during the academic year. With the motto of "Education for Service", the Lingnan University is rooted in its history from 1888, located at 8 Castle Peak Road, Tuen Mun, Hong Kong. In 2015, it was selected as one of the "Top 10 Asian Liberal Arts Colleges" by Forbes.

Workshop on Writing Manuscript and Publishing

The Department of Sociology in association with Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship, organised a month-long workshop on "Writing Manuscript and Publishing" from 24th May to 24th June, 2022, aiming at enabling the participants with at least one paper publication in ABDC/Scopus Indexed/ UGC Care listed journals and/or as book chapters. This program imparted the researchers' basic skills in writing and publishing a scientific paper in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, the course provided participants with an understanding of the submission process and peer review, selection of a journal, and responding to reviewers' comments.

Free Health Checkup Camp by USTM at Byrnihat

A free health camp for students was organized in Moon Light English Secondary School, Byrnihat by the Department of Zoology, on 20th May. The health camp was conducted in collaboration with NSS Unit, USTM to spread awareness about health checkup and maintaining a healthy life. General health checkup of 37 students was done Rajib Kumar Borah, Superintendent Arya Hospital, Guwahati. He was assisted by a group of students of department of Zoology for height and Weight check to measure BMI (Body mass index), body temperature and blood pressure. The program ended with an overall report by the doctor about health of students to the principal of the school.



National Seminar on Business Sustainability



Considering current globalized competitive business scenario, a national seminar on 'Mediating Role of Quality Management in Business Sustainability' was organized by the Department of Business Administration, USTM on 20th May at the university campus.

Prof. N. N. Sarma, VC (i/c), Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Mr. Dipanjon Konwar, Quality consultant and Trainer and Prof. Arup Kumar Bakshi, Aliah University, Kolkata were the resource persons in the seminar. All the three resource persons of the seminar share their knowledge, and experiences from diverse fields.

Session on Tax Compliance

An interactive session on 'Importance of Paying Taxes and Ease of Tax Compliance' was held on 20th May at the NKC Auditorium of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). The programme was organized by the Department of Commerce, USTM in association with Income Tax Department, North East Region, Guwahati and it was supported by IQAC, USTM.

Several eminent personalities in the field of taxation addressed the gathering. They were: Shri C. Deepak Singh, IRS, Commissioner of Tax (TDS), NER, Shri Aloke Nag, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Shri Amarjyoti Mazumdar, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax,



Shri M. S. Bordoloi, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax (TDS), Guwahati, and other income tax officials. A quiz was also conducted focusing on the theme of the programme. Students participated enthusiastically and won prizes for every correct answer.

Awareness Program on Health Hygiene & Sanitation at Byrnihat



Department of Zoology and NSS cell of USTM organised an Outreach & Awareness Program on Health Hygiene & Sanitation on 20th May for students of Moonlight English Secondary School, Byrnihat.

The event started with felicitation of Mrs. Geeta Devi, Headmistress of Moonlight English Secondary School, Mr. Victor Raneethe, Member of District Council, Byrnihat & Mr. Jes Syngkli, Headman of Maupur Gaon, Byrnihat. Students from VIIth to Xth standard of Moonlight English Secondary School actively participated in the event.

Dr. Dipankar Dutta & Dr. Rubaiya Hasan, both Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, USTM conducted sessions on Health Hygiene & Sanitationfor the school children. M.Sc. Zoology 2nd Semester students under the NSS wing, USTM assisted the faculties in conducting the program. A practice session on benefits of handwash was performed among the participants. Ten educational charts were also donated to the school on various important topics for the school children.

Workshop on Research Ethics

A two-day workshop on "Research Ethics" was held successfully by Department of Sociology, USTM in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Manipur University on 20th and 21st May 2022. The workshop was conducted in hybrid mode. The inaugural session was graced by Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM, and Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, VC, Manipur University along with Prof. Chandan Sharma from Tezpur University who was the Key note speaker. Prof. Chandan Sharma spoke on the harmonious grounds where personal and professional ethics meet when it comes to research. He also emphasized on various empirical points of do's and don'ts in academic research.



Other eminent speakers who addressed the workshop were Prof. Kshetri Rajendra Singh, HOD, Sociology, Manipur University, Prof. Soibam Jibonkumar Singh, Head, Department of Anthropology and Chairman, Institutional Human Ethics Committee, Manipur University, Prof. Temjensosang, Department of Sociology & Dean RDC, Nagaland University, Nagaland and Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Associate Prof., Sociology, USTM.

Workshop on Quality Paradigm

The Department of Business Administration, USTM in collaboration with Mizoram University conducted a workshop on "Quality Paradigm- Theory & Praxis" on 24th May at the university campus. Prof. L. Shashikumar Sharma, Head, Department of Management, Mizoram University and Mr. Hrishikesh Acharya, Managing Director (Operation), Sitajakhala Dugdha Utpadak Samabai Samiti Ltd were the resource person of the workshop. Both the resource persons shared their views on Quality Paradigm in both theoretical and practical approach.



USTM Donates Quality Furniture to Government School at Kahilipara



As part of its outreach initiative, the USTM has donated quality desk bench to Phaguna Rabha High School at Jatiya, Kahilipara, Guwahati on 25th May. Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and Prof Alaka Sarma, accomplished educationist and Executive Director of Akshar Foundation, apart from the teachers and students of the school, officials of USTM and teachers of Akshar were present in a formal ceremony held at the school campus in Kahilipara. The Akshar Foundation, a non-profit educational organization, has adopted this school and USTM has partnered with Akshar Foundation to empower education by extending humble support like proving furniture, financial assistance etc.

World Bee Day Celebrated

The Department of Zoology and Rural Development, USTM came to a common platform to celebrate the World Bee Day on 24th May, 2022. The programme was chaired by Dr. Balendra Das , Pro Vice Chancellor, USTM. Welcome address was delivered by Prof. Karobi Saikia, Prof. Dept of Zoology. Prof. Rashmimala Kakoti, Dept of Zoology delivered her valuable lecture on behavioural aspects of Honey Bee. A lecture on "Bee keeping: A vital input for Sustainable Agriculture" was delivered by Saikat Professor. dept Majumdar, Assistant of Development, A documentary on Bee was also showed to the students. The event was followed by a Quiz competition. Both the departments will work together for the development of apiculture and sustainable Agriculture.



Awareness on Digital Learning by USTM at Holy Heart School



The Department of Computer Science and Electronics conducted an Outreach programme in Holy Heart School, Umling, Meghalaya on 26th May. The programme was supported by NSS Cell of USTM. Students of the Department conducted various activities like street play to demonstrate various digital platforms available for education amongst the school students. There was also an interactive session where students can clear their different queries about digital learning applications. The most attractive part of the event was "Memory Testing Game" conducted amongst the students of Holy Heart School. The best two students were given attractive prizes.

Meghalaya Chemistry Olympiad-2022

The Department of Chemistry, USTM will be organizing its Flagship Programme "Meghalaya Chemistry Olympiad-2022" (MCO-22) for the students of the classes VIII(eight), IX (nine), and XI (eleven) of schools in the state of Meghalaya.

Speaking in this context, Prof. Saifuddin Gazi, Head of the Department of Chemistry, USTM said, "The Heads of the Higher Secondary and Secondary Schools in Meghalaya are most warmly invited to provide their consent for the above-mentioned programme.



In this regard they are requested to contact the Department through either email (chemistryustm@gmail.com) or Google form (link: https://forms.gle/nAQPEBb3chzpiFr36) or WhatsApp message (+91-8016953847)." The Chemistry Olympiad will be one of its kind in the state held with the objective of encouraging young talents to be innovative in the field of science.

Mobile Child Care Unit Launched by USTM at Jorbil and Nongspoh Village



The Department of Physiotherapy, School of Allied Medical Sciences launched its third best practice "Mobile Child Care Unit" on 28th May at Jorbil And Nongspoh Village in Ri Bhoi District. The Mobile Child Care Unit was inaugurated by Prof G.D Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Dr. R.K Sarmah, Advisor, Dr. Habibul Islam, Dean, School of Allied Medical Sciences, USTM in the presence of other senior faculties, students and team members. Faculty members and students of BPT Eighth Semester went to the neighbouring villages Jorbil and Nongspoh. The Mobile Child Care Unit has been launched with the purpose of providing free good quality physiotherapy services along with health checkup to the children of neighbouring villages who are not able to afford such treatment.

Workshop on Anti-TB Drugs Awareness by WHO officials

A team of World Health Organization officials from Meghalaya and Assam has conducted a workshop on the "Role of WHO in Quality Practises in the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences" on 26th May at USTM. The workshop was organised by the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USTM in collaboration with World Health Organization (NTEP), North East Region.

The resource persons from WHO at the workshop were: Dr. Dhrubajyoti Deka, Regional Team Lead, WHO-National TB Elimination Programme, NE region; Dr. Gautom Borgohain, WHO Consultant, Meghalaya and Assam; Dr. Mridul Bharati Nath, District Programme Officer, NTEP, Kamrup (M); Dr. Paranjoy Bordoloi, State Information Officer, NTEP Assam.



World Hunger Day



On the occasion of World Hunger Day 2022, the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya organised an outreach activity on 28th May under the tagline "Feed the Hungry Homeless". This was an initiative of the Department of Library and Information Science to support the poverty-stricken and helpless ones by feeding them outside the complex of Sukreswar temple of Panbazar, Guwahati. All the students and faculty members of the department took active participation in this move by serving food items to the needy people.

World No Tobacco Day observed by USTM, Arohan & Indian Dental Association



In a bid to create awareness against tobacco use, the PQH School of Education and Department of Sociology, in association with Indian Dental Association Assam Branch and Arohan Foundation has ymbolize an orientation program on 31st May at the university campus on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day. The orientation was followed by another event of burning effigy of tobacco products to ymbolize anti-smoking. On the same occasion, awards were distributed to the winners of All Assam Essay Writing Competition.

Prof. G. D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM made the opening remarks at the orientation programme. Eminent dignitaries who have addressed the orientation include: Dr. Ravindra Singh, Immediate Past President IDA, Head office, Dr. Seema Borah, Arohan Foundation, Prof. (Dr) Mitali Bora, Principal, Regional Dental College, Guwahati, Dr. J. Barman, President, IDA, Assam State Branch, Dr. Jaydip Purkayastha, Expert from BBCI and Dr. Anupam Deka who delivered a special talk on "Tobacco Addiction: Awareness Action." The welcome address was made by Dr Gayatree Goswamee, Dean, PQH School of Education, USTM.

Sustainable Life Goals for Green Environment Programme





Department of Sociology, USTM conducted a 20-day programme on "Skills to Identify Sustainable Life Goals for Green Environment" from 7th May to 28th May. This course was designed with respect for the conservation and sustainable use of resources, social equity, and appropriate development along with competencies to practice sustainable tasks at the workplace of today and tomorrow. The course was conducted in blended mode. Several eminent academicians across the globe like Dr. Arpita Roy Choudhury, Staff Scientist, Department of Physics, Humboldt University, Berlin & Co-founder and Managing Partner, Data Analysis Tools, Visiting Scientist, Integrative Research Institute for Science (IRIS), Berline, Germany, Dr. Sekh Rahim Mondal, Professor of Sociology and Founder Director of Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal, Siliguri delivered their lecture focusing on skills to identify sustainable life goals for green environment.

Industry Academia Workshop by USTM, IITG-BioNEST and IASST

"If your science foundation is very strong, you will be gradually shifting from your domain of business to industry. This is where translation happens." This was stated by Prof. Dipankar Bandyopadhya, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Guwahati while addressing students and faculty members at a Industry-Academia workshop held here on 2nd of June. The workshop was organized by the Department of Applied Biology, USTM in collaboration with the IITG-BioNEST and Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST).



Another Chief Guest of the workshop was, Dr. Tania Paul, Manager, Science & Technology, BioNEST IASST. Prof. G D Sharma, VC, USTM motivated the students for startups in collaboration with IIT-G BioNEST and IASST Bio NEST. Dr. Swapnil Sinha, Director, BioAptagen, CEOBio NEST IITG, expounded about the journey on Altanostics Company and about their inventions. The welcome speech at the programme was delivered by Dr. Deboja Sharma, Head, Dept. of Applied Biology.

Flood Relief by USTM







A team from the Department of Computer Science & Electronics, University of Science and technology Meghalaya visited Amlighat and Bamungaon of Morigaon district and distributed relief materials among the flood affected people of the two places. The effort was taken by the organisers on Wednesday, 29th June in association with NSS Cell, USTM and it was supported by Raju Dresses.

Workshop on How to Crack Interview

A career counseling session on "How to crack Interview" was organized under the aegis of Training and placement Division" USTM in collaboration with Rotary club Guwahati South on 14th June. The session was organized to guide the 2022 passing out batches of all the disciplines of the university. Invited speakers of the workshop, Rtn. Tarun Chandra Bordoloi, Ex. Chairman, Assam Branch Indian Tea Association (ABITA), Rtn Atanu Kumar Choudhury, Former Vice Principal, Pragjyotish College, and Rtn. Swapan Jyoti Bordoloi, Motivational speaker and Corporate Trainer provided valuable suggestions and tips to face the interview of any level.







TRAINING PROGRAMME

On 18th June 2022, Department of Sociology successfully completed Training Programme on "Skills to Cumulating Empirical Data: Entering into Field". The Training Programme was conducted in blended mode which was attended by both students and Research scholars. The prominent resource persons like Prof. Mini Bhattacharyya Thakur –Social and Cultural Anthropologist, Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University, Dr. Nirakar Mallick Department of Sociology, Assam University and Dr. Ruma Debnath Department of Sociology Assam University trained the participants on the Skills to Cumulate Empirical Data.

USTM faculty awarded DST-SERB International Fellowship

Dr. Golam Mohiuddin, Assistant Professor of the Department of Chemistry, USTM was awarded International Research Experience Fellowship for the year 2022-2023 by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India on 14th May. The fellowship has been approved to work with Professor Duncan W Bruce, Fellow of Royal Society, Department of Chemistry, University of York, United Kingdom. Dr Golam Mohiuddin has been selected by the DST-SERB for the prestigious Fellowship award to carry out research work for 6 months on the project titled "Devising highly stable room-temperature amorphous blue phase material for advanced electrooptical and security applications" at the University of York.



Working on Animal Models





On 15th June, Institutional Animal Ethical Committee (IAEC) of USTM successfully completed screening of project proposals for working on animal models in a day long program. Dr. Kishore Kumar Baruah, Dr. Sourab Deori both from ICAR Borapani & Dr. Amit Alexander from NIPER Guwahati were present for the screening and provided their valuable suggestions to the applicants. A total of 19 proposals were scrutinised in blended mode.

Free Health Check-up Camp at Moon Light English School





An outreach activity for Free Health Check-up Camp was organized in Moon Light English Secondary School, Byrnihat by the Department of Zoology on 9th June in association with NSS, USTM to spread awareness about health check-up and maintaining a healthy life. A general health check-up was done by Dr Rajib Kumar Borah, Medical Superintendent, Arya Hospital, Guwahati.

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GUWAHATI, June 25: The

The Assam Rising

USTM organised workshop for 30 college Principals

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Workshop on IQAC role held at USTM

workshop titled 'Enhancing quality and envisioning bet-ter grade: Role of IQAC in light of NEP 2020' was organised by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) at its campus in Ri-Bhoi district today, a press release re-ceived here stated. Heads and IQAC coordinators of ⁹⁰ al Assessment and Accred tation Council (NAAC)

Dr Santanu Kumar Baishya, retired professor of Cotton University, was the occasion, 11 colleges of Assam also signed an MoU with the USTM for academic collaboration, research and de

USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque welcomed the

11 UGC affiliated colleges of Assam sign MoU with USTM for academic collaboration



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Seminar on rehabilitation of individuals with multiple disabilities concludes at USTM

at 9th Mile in Ri-Bhoi dis-trict of Meghalaya. Live performances and sports and cultural competitions were held during the two-

day event, a press release received here stated.

Apart from RIST students, the event was attended by

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THE NORTH EAST

USTM students shine in UGC NET, GATE, JRF amidst pandemic period

> National Civil Services Day at USTN

> > Addressing the students, Mishra said: "Civil services should not be regarded as a job. It is an opportunity to be responsible for the development of the society. India as a democracy will then benefit and flourish."

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USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque said that

the university has always been inspiring students to compete for the Civil Services and has taken an innovative initiative by starting a BA course in Administration and Governance.



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Workshop on Research Methodology held



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USTM students observe Autism Awareness

Day with children of Hope Foundation



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Mizoram reports 91 fresh Covid-19 cases

Technology Meghalaya (USTM) today celebrated who cleared the NET, GATE and JRF in 2020-2021 in a function held at the university auditorium located at 9th Mile, Khanapara, in Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya, a press release received here stated.

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the success of its As many as 99 students were felicitated under the USTM's

Pay-Back Policy Administration and Governance.
Over 1,000 participants attended the seminar.
An interactive session between the speakers and
students was also held. The vote of thanks was
delivered by Dr BK Das, Director, Administration, USTM, the release added. Dharma Kanta Ma Assam Director of Higher Education, was the chief guest of the function, while Arpit Upadhyay, Ri-Shoi Deputy Commissioner, was the guest of honour.



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The event began of ay with the 'Unity which was flagged which was flagged off Mahbubul Hoque, US Chancellor, and Dr R Kalita, SP, Chief Minis Vigilance Cell, the rel

USTM holds workshop at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College on Earth Day

USTM Newsletter

USTM receives Education Eminence 2022 Award: Best Private University of NE



The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya was declared the "Best Private University of North East India" in the Education Eminence 2022 Award given by the News18 media group. The award was conferred by Dr Ranoj Pegu, Minister of Education, Assam and was accepted by Prof G. D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM in a function held in the evening of 29th May at Guwahati. On the same occasion, a Debate competition was held on the topic "New Education Policy: Career and Beyond" in which Sharmina Begum, a B Pharma student of USTM

received the best debater award from Dr Pegu. Dr Ranoj Pegu and Editors of media groups, other eminent dignitaries present in the function congratulated USTM for receiving the award. USTM is having students from all the NE states, and specially from the state of Assam. "I am very happy and congratulate USTM family for receiving this award. My best wishes for USTM to go forward in its mission of becoming a world class university", said the minister.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th Convocation of USTM
- USTM Media Excellence & Achiever Awards-2022
- Felicitation of HS Arts, Science & Commerce Toppers
- Orientation programme for PhD scholars
- Brainstorming session on "Implementation Strategy for National Education Policy-2020"
- Seminar on Minority Rights & Gender Justice
- International Conference on Innovation in Management, Science & Technology
- 76th Independence Day
- Hands-on Training Workshop on LMS-MOODLE
- National Seminar on "Quality in Legal Education in the 21st Century"

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