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EDITORIAL



It is a matter of immense pleasure to place in your hands this 23rd volume of the USTM Newsletter. This Newsletter highlights the achievements and the multifarious activities of the University in different spheres following the Vision and Mission of the University.

USTM has been known as a "people's university" where students can receive an exceptional educational experience in a vibrant teaching-learning community. Their reputation has been earned through strong bonding between our faculty, students and alumni. Here students graduate with confidence to move towards the next chapter in their lives.

This young university which started in 2011, has been able to reach newer heights every year. The NAAC Accreditation of 'A' grade in its very first cycle of assessment in 2021 reflects the fast and steady growth of the university. The following year, USTM secured its place among the top 200 universities in India in NIRF 2022 Ranking.

The Editorial Desk is thankful to all those who contributed to this edition. We appreciate your support and feedback. We hope going through this Newsletter is as enjoyable for you as it is for us bringing it to you. Happy reading!

Dr Rani Pathak Das
PRO, USTM

USTM Statutory Credentials

- Enacted in the State Legislative assembly 2008
- Incorporated and Recognized Under UGC Section 2(f)
- Approved AICTE New Delhi
- Approved By PCI New Delhi
- Approved By NCTE New Delhi
- Approved By Bar Council of India New Delhi
- Accredited 'A' Grade by NAAC
- nirf India Ranking-2022 (151-200)
- Member : Association of Indian Universities (AIU)
- Member : Association of Commonwealth Universities



From the Desk of the Chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to present before you a new volume of USTM Newsletter.

Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world and an ultimate symbol of challenge and achievement. Everyone knows that Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay were the first to climb Mt Everest. But nobody knows that it was not their first attempt at scaling the world's highest peak. One day, Norgay looked at Mount Everest and said, "I will come again and conquer you! Because as a Mountain, you cannot grow, but as a human, I can!"

With extraordinary passion, ordinary people did extraordinary works; they identified a cause larger than their own life, in which they invested every breath till their last breath. We can make history when we have a cause that inspires us to wake up early every morning, keeps us awake a little late, and fills every minute with the depths of passion. Every ordinary work we do with that 'extra' can become extraordinary.

Let us put a little 'extra' in every effort to build USTM a centre of excellence, a world-class university. I hereby appeal to everyone to join our vision and mission and to convert our dream into a sweet reality. Together, we can do everything.

Mahbubul Hoque

Message from the Vice Chancellor



I am happy to present you with our University Newsletter and welcome you to be a partner in the progress of USTM. The newsletter reflects on the various important academic are extra curricular events of the University.

I am proud to say that recently we have hosted the 97th National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023, the most prestigious event of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) from 23rd to 25th March.

October 3rd, 2022 can be marked as a red-letter day as the Hon'ble CM of Meghalaya laid the foundation of the PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital at USTM campus. The month also witnessed the conglomeration of research scholars for the North East Research Conclave, which was addressed by the Director of IISc Bangalore Prof Govindan Rangarajan. Asia Pacific Peace Research Association organized an International Conference at USTM in the same month.

USTM also holds pride in sharing the news of faculty listed among the World's 2% Scientists by Stanford University. December 20th marked the Inauguration of the 47th All India Sociological Conference by the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof Jagdish Mukhi.

The 36th Inter-University NE Zone Youth Festival, organised under the aegis of AIU was held in January this year. I highly appreciate the efforts of the entire USTM fraternity in making the events a grand success, and convey my best wishes to keep achieving many more milestones in the coming days.

Prof GD Sharma

97th National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023 Inaugurated at USTM by the Former President of India

Shri Ram Nath Kovind



Hon'ble Former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind being welcomed by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM



Hon'ble Governor of Assam Shri Gulab Chand Kataria being welcomed by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM



Official photograph of AIU & USTM heads and Vice Chancellors of various universities with the Hon'ble Former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind

Towards Atmanirbhar Bharat through Transformative Higher Education

National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023



The Hon'ble Former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 3-day-long National Conference of Vice Chancellors on "Transformative Higher Education for Atmanirbhar Bharat" at the Central Auditorium of the USTM on 23rd March 2023 in the presence of the Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister Dr Bibek Debroy, the Assam Education Minister Dr Ranoj Pegu, more than 500 Vice Chancellors of universites & Directors of IITs, IISc, NITs from India and abroad.

Appreciating AIU and USTM for organizing this important event, Shri Ram Nath Kovind said, "Our universities should try to make students capable citizens. Being at the top of the education system, universities should try to have a global perspective. The AIU should play the role of an active stakeholder". Transformative higher education requires coordinated efforts by all the stakeholders, he added.

This prestigious mega-academic event of higher educational institutions of the country was organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and hosted by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya from 23rd to 25th March. The 97th Annual General Meet and the 97th Foundation Day Lecture of AIU were also held on this occassion.



Lighting of the lamp in the inaugural session of National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023



Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM delivering the welcome address at National Conference of VCs-2023



Dr Ranoj Pegu, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Assam delivering Special Address



Padma Shri Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairman of Economic Advisory Council to the PM, delivering the AIU Foundation Day Lecture



Prof Suranjan Das, President AIU & Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University making the presidential address



Dignitaries releasing two books of AIU, namely the "University News" edited by Dr Rama Devi Pani and "Report on Implementation of SDG"



Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (on right), and Prof. GD Sharma, Vice President, AIU & VC, USTM, addressing a Press Conference on 22nd March at USTM



Shri Ram Nath Kovind was felicitated by the differently abled members of the 'I Can I Will Academy' of USTM

National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023



From Left: Dr Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman, AICTE; Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam, VC, SHASTRA; Prof RM Pant, VC, Assam University; Prof Nilima Gupta, VC, DHG Vishwavidyalaya and Prof Alok Kr Chakrawal, VC, GG Vishwavidyalaya at the session on "Minimum Government Maximum Governance" on 24th March



Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Assam, being felicitated by Shri Mahbubul Hoque in the Valedictory Session of the National Conference of Vice Chancellors-2023



From Left: Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM; Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU; Shri Atul Kothari, National Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas; Shri Rakkam A Sangma, Education Minister, Meghalaya; Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor, Assam; Dr Nani Gopal Mahanta, Education Advisor, Assam; Prof Suranjan Das, President AIU & VC, Jadavpur University and Prof GD Sharma, Vice President, AIU & VC, USTM



MoU Signing Ceremony between USTM and more than 50 universities at Central Auditorium on 25th March

14th President

Shri Ram Nath Kovind and his wife Mrs Savita Kovind visited USTM



Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Hon'ble former President of India, being felicitated by the Hon'ble Chancellor & VC of USTM

On 19th December 2022, the Hon'ble former President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind visited USTM along with his wife, Mrs Savita Kovind and Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam. The USTM family offered a warm, grand and colourful welcome to the Hon'ble President, showcasing the culture of various ethnic tribes and communities of the eight northeastern states.

After his arrival, President Kovind, Mrs Savita Kovind, and Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma were first greeted by USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque with gamocha and bouquet. The President expressed his deep appreciation for the USTM campus and its students during his conversation with the Chancellor of the University.

47th All India Sociological Conference

Hon'ble Governor of Assam inaugurated the Conference

The 47th All India Sociological Conference was hosted by USTM from 20th to 22nd December, 2022. It was inaugurated by Prof Jagdish Mukhi, the Governor of Assam. The 3-day-long mega Sociological Conference was organised by the Indian Sociological Society and was participated by over 1200 sociologists from various colleges and universities in different states of India.



Addressing the august gathering, Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi said, "It is a matter of pride that USTM, one of the youngest universities, is hosting such a mega event for the first time in North East India. The University provides a global outlook to the students to create human resources to fuel the socio-economic growth of our country." He also released a book on "Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India", apart from handing over lifetime achievement awards to Prof. I. S. Chauhan from Bhopal and Prof. R. Indira from Mysuru. The conference theme was "Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future".

Padma Bhushan Prof. Emeritus T. K. Oommen from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, made the keynote address, while the presidential address was delivered by Prof. Abha Chauhan, President of the Indian Sociological Society, and professor of Sociology at the University of Jammu. Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM also addressed the gathering. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks from Prof. Manish Verma, Secretary, Indian Sociological Society. The conference had three memorial lectures, three plenary sessions, and 29 technical sessions apart from the inaugural and valedictory sessions. Prof. B. I. Laskar from USTM was the Organizing Secretary of the Conference.



8th Convocation

Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya presided over the Convocation



Shri Satya Pal Malik, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya along with other dignitaries at the 8th Convocation

The 8th Convocation of USTM was held successfully on 20th September in the presence of a galaxy of Vice Chancellors, heads of institutions and dignitaries. Altogether 1305 graduates were awarded degrees, out of which 15 scholars were awarded PhD degrees, 775 students were awarded Post Graduate degrees and 515 students were awarded Undergraduate degrees.

Honorary Doctorate of Science (D.Sc.) was conferred upon Dr. N N Dutta, Founder and Chancellor, Assam Down Town University while Padma Shri Manas Chaudhuri, former Editor of *The Shillong Times* and former Education Minister of Meghalaya received Honorary D.Litt. degree. The convocation was presided over by Shri Satya Pal Malik, Governor of Meghalaya & Visitor, USTM. Education Minister of Meghalaya, Lahkmen Rymbui, and a host of Vice Chancellors graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The distinguished dignitaries present in the Convocation include, Dr. B. J. Rao, VC, University of Hyderabad; Dr. N. Lokendra Singh, VC, Manipur University; Dr. R. M. Pant, VC, Assam University, Silchar; apart from Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor and Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM. Addressing the gathering, Meghalaya Governor Shri Satya Pal Malik said, "The university is an outcome of its founder Mahbubul Hoque's vision to change lives of the people of the region by empowering them with education".

The University report was presented by the Vice Chancellor of USTM Prof G. D. Sharma. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Best PG Student award went to Ms Ajungla Kundang, MA Rural Development and PA Sangma Best UG student award went to Ms Yashodhara Goswami, B. Sc. Biotechnology. Apart from this, 24 gold medals were awarded to the best Post Graduates of the respective departments while 21 gold medals were given away to the best undergraduate students from different departments.



Dr NN Dutta receiving Honorary D.Sc. degree from the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya



Padma Shri Manas Chaudhuri receiving Honorary D.Litt. degree from the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya

Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service to USTM Chancellor

Acknowledging and expressing appreciation for outstanding accomplishments, the Governor of Meghalaya Shri Satya Pal Malik conferred the highest and prestigious award, "Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service-2022" on 26th August upon Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM for his pioneering and outstanding contribution in the field of Higher and Technical Education, one who established all his educational institutions mainly in rural areas of Meghalaya and Assam. The conferment of the awards by the Hon'ble Governor was held at the Raj Bhavan Shillong in the presence of an august gathering.



Conferring the excellence award, the Hon'ble Governor Shri Satya Pal Malik said that Mahbubul Hoque is a visionary educationist, passionate in institution building targeting rural areas. His dedication, selfless contribution for the cause of education has created an impact in the education sector which has been observed by every person. Earlier, delivering the welcome address, Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor said that this Award is the first step taken by the Meghalaya Governor's office as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in recognizing individuals for their remarkable public service.

Assam Excellence Award 2022 to Mahbubul Hoque



Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM was honoured with the "Assam Excellence Award 2022" by the News18 media network for his outstanding contribution in the field of Education. The Award was handed over on September 22 by Shri Atul Bora, Agriculture Minister, Government of Assam at Guwahati amidst an august gathering.

Foundation of PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital laid

Hon'ble CM of Meghalaya graced the ceremony



Meghalaya CM Shri Conrad Sangma and Madam Rhonda Vetere laying the foundation of Medical College

The "PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital"—a mega dream project of ERD Foundation Guwahati and its founder Chairman Mahbubul Hoque has seen the beginning of implementation with the grand foundation laying ceremony held on 3rd of October 2022 at the proposed medical college ground at the USTM. The foundation was laid by Chief Minister Conrad Sangma in presence of Rhonda Vetere, Global Leader from USA, former Meghalaya Governor RS Mooshahary, Home and Education Minister Lahkmen Rymbui, Dr R C Deka, former Director, AIIMS; Dr Dhrubajyoti Borah, VC, Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences; Lt. Gen. Zameer Uddin Shah, former VC, AMU; Dr Abdul Wase, Prof. of Medicine, USA; Mr Faisal Masood, Managing Partner, EO, USA, Mr Sosthenes Sohtun, MLA from Jirang constituency of Meghalaya. Eminent doctors from all over the North East and from various parts of the country and abroad witnessed the historic event at USTM.

Addressing the august gathering, the Chief Minister said that the first private medical college in the state will follow standards second to none. He said his father was instrumental in establishing USTM and naming the medical college after him was a tribute to the late leader. The welcome address in the programme was made by Shri Mahbubul Hoque while the presidential speech was delivered by Shri R.S. Mooshahary. Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM offered the vote of thanks at the end of the foundation laying ceremony.

Addressing the media in a press conference, Shri Hoque said, "One of the main features of the Medical College and Hospital is a 200-bedded super speciality hospital with all kinds of technological facilities with cutting-edge research. Following its mission, this hospital will be made completely free for all poor patients. Moreover, we will make its service entirely free for the people of Meghalaya". In order to materialise its Mission Global, Madam Rhonda Vetere joined USTM as its Global Ambassador, one of the top 50 most powerful women in technology, author and a global leader from New York.



Global leader Rhonda Vetere addressing the gathering

Assam CM Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma

CM Inaugurated Srimanta Sankaradeva Block

On 29th November, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Chief Minister of Assam inaugurated the "Srimanta Sankaradeva Block" at USTM, the foundation laying of which was earlier done by the Hon'ble Governor of Assam. The Chief Minister was felicitated by the USTM family at the Central Auditorium where he graced the 11th Foundation Day of Udayachal.

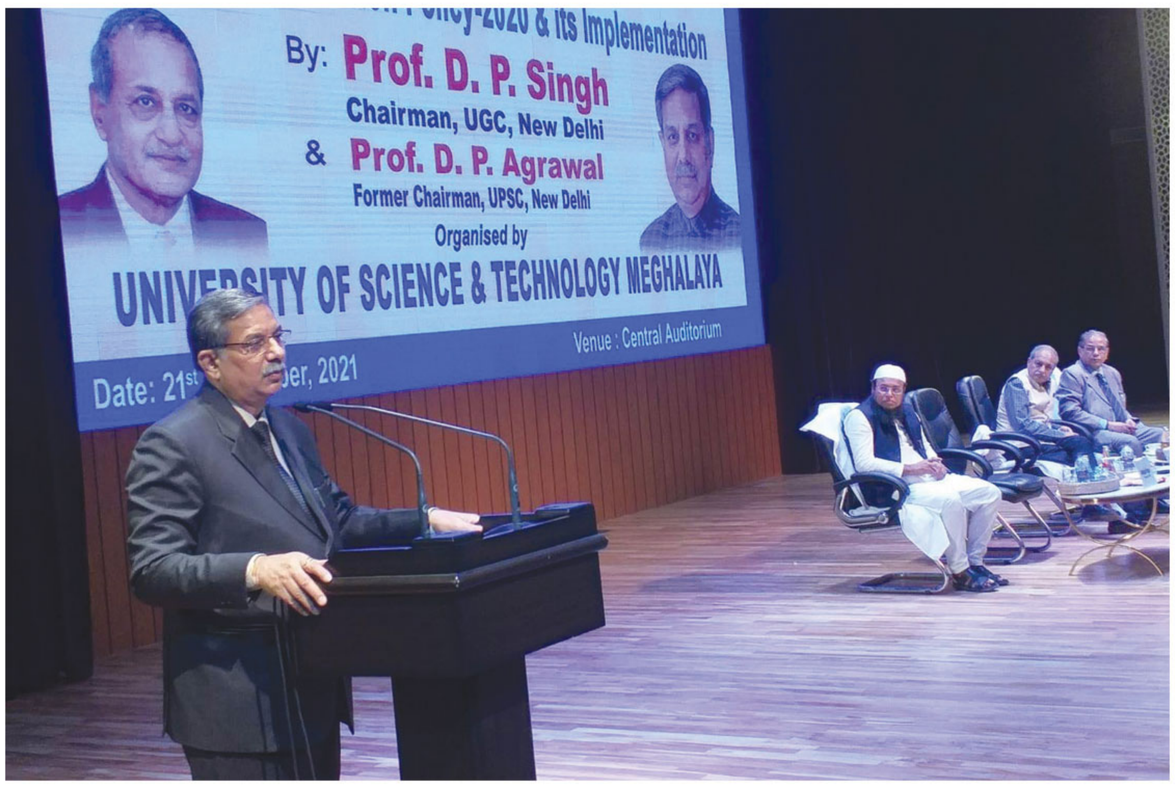




New Gym of USTM Inaugurated

The new gymnasium of USTM was inaugurated by Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam in the presence of Prof Nirmal Kumar Choudhary, former VC of Gauhati University; USTM Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries, officers and students.

Talk by UGC Chairman Prof D P Singh on NEP-2020 and its Implementation





The essence of the new National Education Policy is to groom students as global citizens by providing choice based education with focus on skill development and value based learning in a holistic way, and here in the North East India the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya can act as a catalyst to transform the education scenario. This was stated by Prof D P Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC) as he delivered a talk on "National Education Policy-2020 and its implementation". The programme was also participated by Prof D P Agrawal, Former Chairman, UPSC who addressed the students, teachers and staff and lectured on the new education policy.

Assam Education Minister Dr Ranoj Pegu addressed IPSA Conference

Assam Education Minister Dr Ranoj Pegu addressed the valedictory session of the All India Poltical Science Conference on 27th March, 2022 as the Chief Guest. Addressing the vast gathering, Dr Pegu said, "In India we don't want to be superpower, we want to be viswaguru in terms of knowledge, philosophy and norms-building". USTM is an institutional model to learn from, a model to be replicated, he added.



Meghalaya Education Minister Shri Lahkmen Rymbui Inaugurated National Plasma Physics Exhibition cum Seminar

A 5-day long National Exhibition and Seminar on Plasma Physics was held from 1st August to 5th August 2022 at USTM. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Education Minister of Meghalaya in the presence of Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM; Prof BK Saikia, Centre Director, CPP-IPR, Assam; Dr AV Ravi Kumar, Scientist-H, Head Outreach Division, IPR, Gujrat; Shri Varun Mitra, Deputy Commissioner, KV Sangathan, Regional Office, Guwahati, Dr BK Das, Pro VC, USTM and other science enthusiasts, faculty members and students.



Dr. A V Ravi Kumar, Scientist-H, IPR, Gujrat explains a plasma project to Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Education Minister of Meghalaya

This exciting exhibition cum seminar on Plasma Science and Technology was organized by the Department of Physics, USTM in collaboration with CPP-IPR Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India under the theme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav". The exhibition was participated by more than 500 school and college students from about 50 educational institutions of Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Ri Bhoi.



School children participating at the exhibition

IISc Bangalore Director addressed North East Research Scholars' Conclave

The North East Research Scholars' Conclave was organised on 31st October with the topic "Role of Researchers in making India Viswaguru by 2047". Prof Govindan Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore addressed as the Chief Guest of the Conclave. The inaugural session was also addressed by Dr S Sreenivasa, Deputy Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore in the presence of Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor and Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM, other distinguished guests and more than 600 research scholars coming from different parts of the region. On the same occasion, 27 faculty members were awarded by USTM for their outstanding contributions towards Research and Innovation.



Prof Govindan Rangarajan awarding a faculty member of USTM for contribution towards research and innovation

Addressing the gathering, Prof Rangarajan said that apart from basic research, scholars must focus on socially important issues. "We have to rely on local strength and environment to make an impact towards building a great nation", he said. In addition to the Director of India's top institution in world university rankings, other distinguished speakers in the Conclave include: Dr RK Sony, Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi; Dr Gopi Chand Merugu, Deputy Secretary, UGC-North Eastern Regional Office; Dr Sannyasi Elumalai from University of Madras; Prof Saurabh Basu, Professor, Dept of Physics, IIT Guwahati; Prof Vimal Katiyar, Professor, Dept. Chemical Engineering and Dean R & D, IIT Guwahati and Prof Akhil Ranjan Dutta, Professor, Dept of Political Science, Gauhati University.

Workshop on Challenges of G-20 Presidentship

Along the lines of India's G 20 presidentship theme "One Earth, One family, One Future", the Department of Business Administration organised a workshop on "Emerging Challenges of G20 Presidentship: A Sensitization Workshop on Ensuring Sustainable Development" on 17th December. The eminent speakers were Prof. Munin Kakati from Gauhati University and Prof. Niranjan Roy from Assam University. More than 220 participants were in the workshop both online and offline.

Director IISc laid foundation of Interdisciplinary Research Block

Prof Govindan Rangarajan laid the Foundation of the Interdisciplinary Research Block

PAY-BACK Policy in Force

Rs 1.2 Crore Paid Back to NET/GATE/SLET Qualified Students



USTM celebrated the success of its NET/GATE/JRF qualified students of 2021-2022 at a glorious function on December 15, 2022 where 120 students were paid back their admission and tuition fees amounting to Rs 1.2 Crore under the University's unique best practice called the 'Pay-Back Policy'. Organized by USTM at its Central Auditorium, the program was graced by Prof Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University and Prof (Dr) V K Ahuja, Vice Chancellor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, apart from other dignitaries, students, guardians and parents.

Welcoming the gathering, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said that the main objective of this Award ceremony is to create competitiveness and motivation among the students. He appealed to other institutions to adopt such policies to encourage the students to develop a competitive culture in the institutions and to give maximum benefit to the northeastern students.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof (Dr) V K Ahuja said, "USTM may become a role model for all other universities of the country, and they may also think of in the same line and come out with some payback policy. Delivering the vote of thanks, Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM said that to encourage the students to qualify NET, GATE, SLET, IAS, or any other top-level competitive examinations

Prof Ganga Prasad Prasain
Vice Chancellor, Tripura University



Prof (Dr) V K Ahuja, Vice Chancellor
National Law University and Judicial Academy



Rs 53.57 Lakhs Rewarded to Faculty Members

43 Patents, 400 Research Papers Published



On the first Saturday of every month, Chancellor M Hoque felicitates and rewards faculty members of USTM who publish their research work in reputed journals. This initiative was taken by him for overall development of Research and Innovation in the university. During the last year, **43 Patents** have been published and granted, and more than **400 research papers** have been published in various UGC Care listed journals, apart from the publication of more than **100 book** chapters contributed by faculty members. **Rs 53,57,000.00** have already been rewarded to faculty members for their research work. It must be mentioned here that the Hon'ble Chancellor has been awarding **Rs 50000** to faculty members for each published patent.











VC, USTM chaired Vice Chancellors' Conference

West Zone VCs' Conference

USTM Vice Chancellor Prof GD Sharma chaired a session on interaction with Heads of statutory bodies in West Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on Evaluative Reforms in Higher Education for Atmanirbhar Bharat held in Dr Baba Sahab Ambedkar Marathwada University Aurangabad on 21st February 2023.



South Zone VCs' Conference

Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM chaired South Zone Vice Chancellors' meet: the interface with officers from Apex bodies in Andhra University. The meeting was organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).



VC addresses IndiGlobal Bharat Summit 2023 at IITG



Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, University and Science & Technology Meghalaya addressed at 2-day mega GoA-IIT-G IndiGlobal Bharat Summit 2023 at IIT Guwahati on 27th February. He spoke on Education and Skill Development – the role of universities in skilling, incubation cell at educational institutions, innovation ecosystem, multidisciplinary approach and employment opportunities, collaboration in skilling and research.



Sustainability of Education and Green Jobs

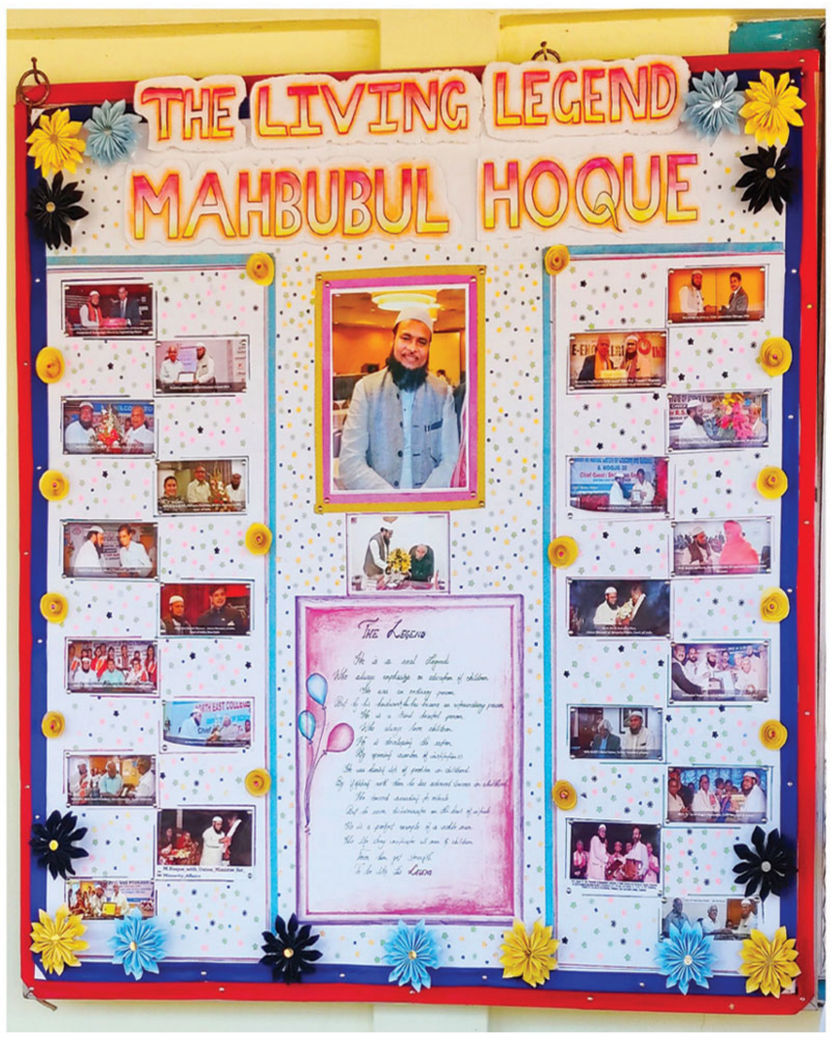
Vice Chancellor Prof GD Sharma addressed and moderated a panel discussion on "Sustainability of Education and Green Jobs" organised by UNEP. USTM was the only university from the North East to participate in this program.

Founder's Day 2022





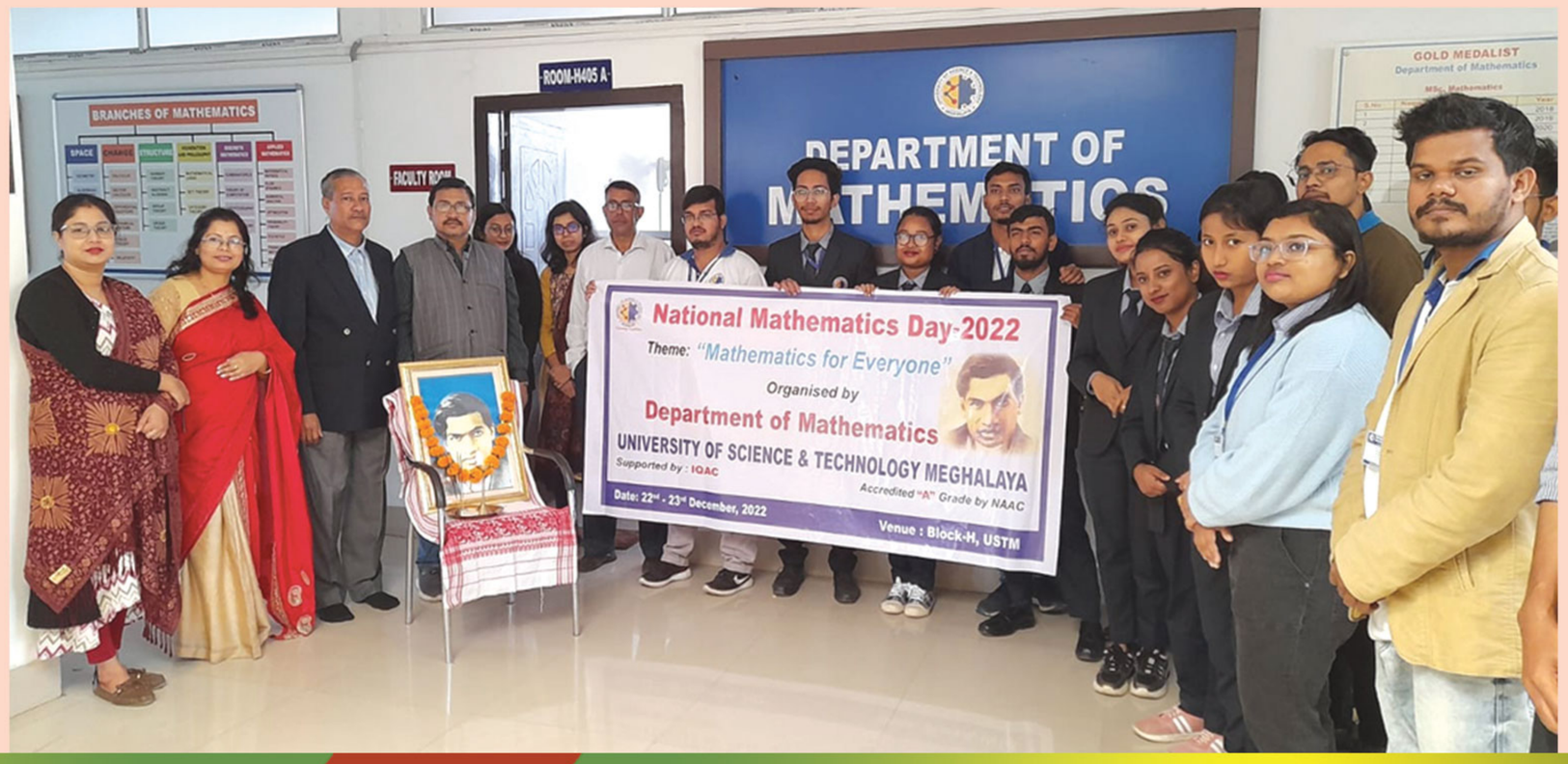
On 1st December, members of USTM family extended heartfelt wishes to Chancellor M Hoque on the occasion of his birthday which is celebrated as Founder's Day across all the ERDF Institutions by organizing Debate, Speech, Essay & Poem Writing, Photo Album, Display of Art & Painting, Singing, Video Presentation etc. at various levels to inculcate the Journey and Dream of the Visionary Leader. To encourage the students, prizes were given to the winners of various competitions. The ERDF allotted Rs 50,000 to each of the two schools in Karimganj, Rs 10,000 to each Dept of USTM, Rs 25,000 to RIST, Rs 25,000 to ATCP & Rs 25,000 to KBWC to hold the competitions.





National Mathematics Day

Department of Mathematics celebrated National Mathematics Day by paying tribute to the legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Students remembered the great mathematician, delivered speeches on him as well as took part in a Mathematics exhibition.



Eminent Doctors Brainstorm on USTM Mission Healthcare



On 23rd October 2022, more than 50 eminent and progressive doctors of the region participated in a vibrant brainstorming session to understand issues and challenges to start the PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital—an initiative of USTM and ERD Foundation Guwahati. The session began with a powerpoint presentation by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, the visionary behind the PA Sangma Medical College and Hospital. Welcoming the doctors, Shri Hoque said that he was looking for talented doctors from three different viewpoints: Patient care, Teaching and Research. He said that during the initial two years, the experts will be involved in healthcare seminars, workshops, conferences, and training sessions organised by USTM, there will be a collaboration with healthcare institutions, and doctors of all districts of the North East would be connected through healthcare activities and also specialized training outside the country.

Shri Hoque also presented a timeline for the construction of the project stating that by July 2024 the construction of the hospital will be completed, foundation work for which has already begun. By October 2024, the commencement of hospital activities will take place. Classes for the first batch of MBBS are expected to commence in August 2025. He also said that people interested in investing in this project will get very good benefits in various terms. This process of brainstorming with eminent doctors will continue in the future to smoothen the road ahead for establishing the Hospital and, thereafter the Medical College, he added.

Parents of USTM students in the upcoming Hospital ground.
They have united to support the Healthcare and Medical College project of USTM



Hon'ble Speakers of Assam & Meghalaya at USTM

Assam Assembly Speaker speaks on Sustainable Water and Sanitation Management





On 19th December, Assam Assembly Speaker Biswajit Daimary delivered the inaugural speech at the National Level Mid Term Workshop on "A paradigm shift towards sustainable water and sanitation management in hill cities of India", organized by Research Committee 19 on Urban Studies of Indian Sociological Society in collaboration with USTM, NIUA, PUCCA & AIILSG.

Meghalaya Assembly Speaker inaugurates International Conference on Innovation



Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly addressing



Shri Metbah Lyngdoh and other delegates releasing Souvenir at the International Conference

A two-day long International Conference on Innovation in Management, Science & Technology was inaugurated by Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, the Honourable Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly at USTM on 5th August 2022. The Conference was organised by the Department of Computer Science & Electronics, USTM in collaboration with the American Institute of Management & Technology (AIMT) and supported by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (USA). A galaxy of delegates and participants from 15 countries across the globe gathered at USTM to join this two-day-long Conference which had altogether 25 sessions. About 200 Research papers were presented both in offline and online mode by scholars from India and abroad.

After felicitation address by Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM, Dr. Deva D. Sharma from The Global Knowledge Foundation (GKF), USA extended his speech and stated that the conference is providing opportunity to scholars to network. Dr. H.S. Hota, Atal Bihari Vajpayee University, Bilaspur, India delivered his address as Chair of the session. Prof Dinesh Kumar Sharma from Maryland University also addressed the session.

Community Local Tribes Blessed USTM in New Year

About 1500 people, including kids, youngsters, women and elderly ones from all the neighbouring villages visited USTM campus to bless the university on the occasion of the beginning of the New Year-2023. They mingled with the students and other members of the university family along with the Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque to celebrate the day with traditional music and dance in a procession around the campus that finally gathered near the Gyan Circle of USTM where all the people prayed for more success and advancement of the university. The Chancellor openly invited them to avail educational and economic benefits from the university. He expressed his commitment towards an overall educational development and promised that USTM will provide free education to all the kids and youth of the area.



USTM joins ASACS in World AIDS Day Celebration

The Department of Zoology in association with Assam State AIDS Control Society (ASACS) celebrated World AIDS Day on 1st December with the theme 'To equalize' to raise awareness about HIV-AIDS and to show support and concern for the people affected by it. The programme began with a rally organised at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital premises by ASACS under the Department of Health, Government of Assam where students and faculties of the Zoology department and people of around 15 other educational, healthcare institutions and NGOs participated. The students of USTM later proceeded to Basistha village where they enacted a street play on 'Awareness for HIV/AIDS' which showcased the common reasons and myths behind HIV/AIDS. The programme ended with distributing IEC materials to the general public.





Vice Chancellor takes Charge of AIU as Vice President

Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya has taken over the charge of the Vice President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi with effect from the 1st of July 2022 for a period of one year, stated a notification signed by Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU.

NIRF-2022 Ranking

USTM Ranked among Top 200 Universities

USTM was ranked among the top 200 universities of India in the seventh edition of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2022 which was declared on 15th July 2022 by the Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan at New Delhi.

Be Peace Ambassadors: Gandhian scholar Gollanapalli tells students

"Universities should contribute to peace in the community, in the society, in the country. Students gather knowledge and skill at university, but at the same time they should also inculcate fundamental human values like honesty, self-respect, dignity, and compassion. Here students should be peace ambassadors", stated Gandhian scholar Prof Prasad Gollanapalli, Managing Trustee, Gandhi King Foundation Hyderabad and the coordinator of the Gandhi King Conference, Stanford University. Prof Gollanapalli was addressing a two-day workshop on Gandhian principles and values on 23rd November which was organised by the IQAC, USTM.



Level-3 Training for JJM Stakeholders at Dimapur

A 4-Day long residential training for the stakeholders of **Jal Jeevan Mission** was organised from 16th to 19th November at Dimapur by the Key Resource Centre of the USTM. The inaugural session of the training programme was attended by Shri Sachin Jaiswal (IAS) DC, Dimapur as the Chief Guest; Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM as the Special Guest; Dr Nibedita Paul, Nodal Officer, KRC-USTM; Er. Nirie - E Nisa, EE PHED (Rural) Division, Dmu; Er. Bendangtola Walling, EE PHED (Urban) Division, Dmu. The Program was Chaired by Shri. Vito G. Sema, San & Hygn Consultant, DWSM, PHED (Urban), Dmu. Mr K G Banik Management in charge of KRC USTM was also present in the training. The program was supported by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt of India. Total 60 participants from Nagaland attended the training.



Union Minister Pratima Bhowmik Joins USTM Higher Education Meet at Sonamura

The Miraj Welfare Society and the education lovers of Sonamura organized a programme on "Opportunities in Higher Education and Employment: Role of USTM" on 21st November 2022, at Sonamura, Tripura which was addressed by the Chancellor of USTM Shri Mahbubul Hoque. The programme was inaugurated by Smti Pratima Bhowmik, Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India in the presence of Dr Balendra Kumar Das, Pro VC, USTM, other delegates and a massive gathering.



Inaugurating the programme in a very positive note, Minister Smti Pratima Bhowmik praised USTM and Chancellor Hoque and said that students from Tripura can go the USTM to pursue higher education. She also said that the Government is ready to offer all kinds of support including arrangement of land in the state of Tripura if USTM wishes to establish any educational institution there.

Tripura Chapter of Mission Education Outreach Launched

In order to expand the academic and research activities, USTM organized an interactive programme on higher education with the intellectuals, academicians and social workers of Tripura on 23rd of July 2022 at Agartala. Apart from the Vice Chancellors of all the three universities, Dr. Arunodoy Saha, Chairman, Higher Education Council, Govt. of Tripura & Former VC, Tripura University addressed the eminent dignitaries, senior editors and journalists from Agartala who attended the programme.



Welcoming the participants, Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM highlighted the higher education opportunity for the students of Tripura at USTM. Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and Chairman, ERD Foundation Guwahati stated that USTM would go for faculty exchange and students' interaction with both the universities of Tripura and to pursue the vision it has launched Mission Education Outreach -Tripura Chapter. USTM will offer 30 Fellowships which are equivalent to free education in various programmes including Engineering and B Tech programme at USTM for the meritorious students of Tripura who are underprivileged.

Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, VC, Tripura University was the Chief Guest on the occasion and addressed the gathering with his encouraging speech. The programme was also addressed by Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala. After the MoU signing ceremony, an enthusiastic interaction with all the eminent guests and media personalities took place where prospects and suggestions on higher education for Tripura students were offered by the dignitaries. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Dr Balendra K. Das, Pro Vice Chancellor, USTM.

ASCO at Department of Physics observed total Lunar Eclipse



On 8th November, a rare celestial event, the last total lunar eclipse of the year 2022 was observed at Astro-science Centre & Observatory (ASCO) of the Department of Physics, USTM. The program began with a popular lecture on "Exploration of the Moon through Astronomy", in which Dr. Nitu Borgohain, HoD of Physics department explained the history of the Moon covering the results of the explorations to the Moon conducted till date.

The program progressed with the observation of total to partial lunar eclipse phases. Students of undergraduate as well as postgraduate batches of various departments along with general public joined and enjoyed the mega celestial event. Dr. Hari Prasad Jaishi and Dr. Sudin Ganguly, Assistant Professors of Physics have interacted with the students and cleared their doubts during the observation.

ICSSR Capacity Building Training





A Capacity Building Program on "Research and Training: Learning Process for the Faculty in Social Sciences" was held from 27th October to 9th November 2022. It was organised by the Department of Rural Development with full support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

The keynote address during the inaugural session was delivered by Prof. Bhagirathi Panda, Prof. of Economics and Honorary Director, ICSSR-NERC. Some participants during the inaugural session were Prof. Sambit Malik, Department of Humanities & Social sciences, IIT-Guwahati; Dr Manoj Nigadkar, Prof. Gayatree Goswamee, Dean, PQSE, USTM. Resource persons of the two-week-long training programme at USTM were from IIT-G, NIT, TISS, NEHU, Tripura University, NIRDPR-NERC etc.



National Youth Day-2023

On the occasion of National Youth Day on 12th January, the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences organised an Inter-Departmental Debate Competition.

Dr Bhupen Hazarika remembered





On 5th November, one of the colossal cultural personalities of northeast India, Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika was fondly remembered by USTM family on the occasion of his 11th death anniversary. Floral tributes paid to the music maestro Dr Bhupen Hazarika by all the high officials, staff and students of the university. The Cultural Forum of USTM organised Bhupendra Sangeet competition among the students. Awards and certificates were distributed amongst the top three winners and consolation prizes were also given at the end of the programme.

USLR holds 'Antaranga Sandhiya' at Mother's Old Age Home

On 9th November 2022, students and faculty members of the University School of Law and Research (USLR) visited Mothers' Old Age Home at Hatigaon in Guwahati as part of its donation drive programme. A programme titled "Antaranga Sandhiya" was organized at the old age home by the law school with support from IQAC and NSS cell of USTM. The event began with a felicitation speech by Dr Neena Hamid who spoke about society's responsibility towards elderly people. Songs and dance were also performed by the students followed by an interactive session between the inmates of the old age home and the students. The staff and students also donated blankets and grocery items to the old-age home inmates.



Astrophysicist Dr DJ Saikia conducts Astronomy Workshop



A workshop on "Exploring the Universe in the Era of Multi-Messenger Astronomy" was organised on 24th January 2023 by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the USTM. Renowned scientist Dr Dhruba J Saikia, Head, the Teaching Learning Centre and National Resource Centre, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) conducted this astronomy workshop. Faculty members and students from the Departments of Physics and Chemistry participated in the workshop.

USTM Celebrates 74th Republic Day





As the Nation celebrated its 74th Republic Day to remember the day India's Constitution came into force, the USTM, too, celebrated the day with the enthusiastic participation of students, faculties and administrative staff. The tricolour was unfurled at 8:30 in the morning by the university's Chancellor, Shri Mahbubul Hoque, in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof G. D. Sharma, Pro VC Dr BK Das, Advisor Dr RK Sharma, other officials, faculty members and students at the university campus. Students sang patriotic songs to mark the Republic Day celebrations.

Chancellor addresses AEEDU Education Conference

Shri Mahbubul Hoque, the Hon'ble Chancellor of USTM & Chairman ERDF delivered a speech on "Vocational and Entrepreneurial Education: Need of the Hour" and participated in deliberations at the Education Conference-2022 organized by Jamia Hamdard and the Alliance for Economic and Educational Development of the Underprivileged (AEEDU) from 2nd to 3rd July at Hamdard Convention Centre, Jamia Hamdard, Delhi. This first AEEDU education conference dwelt on the theme of "Education and Nation Building: Way Forward".



34 USTM students presented 13 Innovative projects at IIT Kharagpur



A 34-member student team from the USTM participated in the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES), the annual international corporate convergence organised by the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-cell), IIT Kharagpur from 3rd to 5th February 2023 and presented 13 projects there. The students of USTM were accompanied by three mentors, Dr Deboja Sharma, Dr Mautushi Das and Dr Alamdar Husain, to participate in the mega event. The student participants were from various departments, namely, Applied Biology, Botany and Pharmaceutical Science.

Dr Abdulaziz Al Musallam, Chairman, Sharjah Institute for Heritage, UAE

"Indians Always Keep their Identity Strong"





The 76th Independence Day was observed in a grand way at USTM ending an eventful week-long celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav which began in the university since 9th of August. Dr Abdulaziz Al Musallam, Chairman of Sharjah Institute for Heritage, UAE graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the programme. The tri-colour was hoisted at the main sports ground of USTM at 9 in the morning by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM in the presence of the Chief Guest Dr Musallam, Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM, Prof Mohammed Basheer, former VC, University of Calicut, Kerala, Dr BK Das, Pro VC USTM and more than 5000 students and other participants.

Addressing the huge gathering, Dr Abdulaziz Al Musallam, Chairman of Sharjah Institute for Heritage, UAE thanked the founder Chancellor of USTM for hospitality and achievement of the university. He gave assurance that students of USTM would be invited to represent the North East India in world cultural fest. The Sharjah Institute for Heritage has been working with UNESCO in a global platform for cultural integration connecting people for peace and harmony.

A colourful Cultural Procession and Cultural Showcase of all the north-eastern states of India was witnessed by many on the Independence Day at USTM which culminated at the Central Auditorium of the university. At the Auditorium, the students of USTM fascinated all present with spectacular presentations of patriotic songs as well as different folk and traditional dances of various communities of each of the eight states.

Hon. D. Litt. to Dr Abdulaziz Al-Musallam

With the traditional gesture of honouring research and scientific interests, the USTM has conferred Hon. D. Litt. Degree to Dr Abdulaziz Al Musallam, Chairman of Sharjah Institute for Heritage, United Arab Emirates for his outstanding contribution in the field of research in the Gulf and Arab cultural heritage and his profound efforts in supporting researchers and institutions concerned with heritage across the world. The Degree was handed over to Dr Abdulaziz on 15th August by Chancellor of USTM Shri Mahbubul Hoque in the presence of an august gathering at a dignified function at the University's Central Auditorium.



ARC Inaugurated by AIU Secretary General



The Advanced Research Centre cum Central Instrumentation Facility at USTM was inaugurated on 21st July by Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities in the presence of Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and Prof G. D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM. After the inauguration, Dr Mittal visited the lab where faculty members of USTM explained the functions and facilities of the machineries at ARC.

Jamia Hamdard VC laid foundation of Block-Q

The foundation of the Centre for Competitive Examination in Academic Block- Q was laid by Prof (Dr.) Mohammad Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard University on 19th November 2022.







Former CEC Navin Chawla Addressed Students and Teachers at USTM



"Every university should have an active students' group so that they can express their views freely within and across the institutions and help to bring reformation in the electoral process". This was stated by Shri Navin B. Chawla, former Chief Election Commissioner of India. He was addressing the students and faculty members of the USTM on 3rd October in a lecture series organized by the university on "Elections in India as well as in Neighbourhood". Apart from the students and teachers community of the university, the lecture series was attended by USTM Chancellor Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Vice-Chancellor Prof GD Sharma, Prof Mohammed Basheer from Assam University and Anurag Rudra, ADC, Kamrup Metro.

Justice Kalyan Rai Surana delivered talk on Constitution Day



The University School of Law and Research of USTM celebrated the Constitution Day on 26th November where Hon'ble Mr Justice Kalyan Rai Surana from Gauhati High Court delivered a talk on "Constitution of India: the New Challenges". Dr Kuladhar Saikia, President of Asam Sahitya Sabha and Advocate Hasibur Rahman from Gauhati High Court were also present on the occasion and delivered in depth speeches to a huge gathering of law students both from USLR and other colleges from Assam and Meghalaya.

Addressing the gathering of students and faculty members, Justice Surana said that without economic justice, social justice is meaningless. He reflected upon various historical events ranging from the theoretical basis of Government of India Act 1919 till recent times to give a thorough idea of the historical background of the Constitution of India.

Padma Shri Dr Kavita Krishnamurthy at USTM





Padma Shri Dr Kavita Krishnamurthy, popular Bollywood playback and Classical singer, was at USTM on 4th March 2023 as the Chief Guest of "Prag Prerona Awards 2023" organised by Prag Chennel where she handed over awards to 12 renowned and successful women of the region and enthralled the audience by performing live many of her popular songs. At the beginning of the programme, Dr Krishnamurthy was welcomed and felicitated by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM. Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM, was also present and handed over awards to two of the awardees.

National Science Day-2023

A discussion on Science and Entrepreneurship was organised by the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) at NKC Auditorium on 28th February 2023 on National Science Day.



Zooconcile: Alumni Meet



Zooconcile, Alumni Meet of Department of Zoology was organised by USTM Alumni Association on 4th March 2023 at NKC Auditorium, USTM.

Activities by NSS Cell

Mini Marathon



On 20th January 2023, volunteers from NSS Cell of USTM participated in the Mini Marathon organised by the Govt of Assam as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of North Eastern Council (1972-2022).

Stray Dog Vaccination Drive



A stray dog vaccination programme was conducted in Byrnihat, Meghalaya, by the Department of Zoology and NSS Unit of USTM in collaboration with NGO Just Be Friendly (JBF).



Parakram Diwas

On 23rd January 2023, an inter-departmental Elocution Competition was organised by the Political Science department on the occasion of the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The day is celebrated as Parakram Diwas.

Saraswati Puja Celebrated



Puja of Devi Saraswati - the Hindu Goddess of knowledge - was celebrated by students in the campus on 26th January, 2023.

North East Green Summit



Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM speaking at North East Green Summit on 21st November 2022 at NEPA, Barapani, Meghalaya. NE Green summit aims to create a roadmap for sustainable development of the Northeast .

International Workshop
Sustainability & Climate Change in the Water space of NE

Joining hands with researchers across the globe, the USTM organised an international workshop on "Sustainability and Climate change in the Water space of Northeast" on 17th January 2023. The workshop was attended by faculty members, environmental researchers and other stakeholders from USTM, different parts of the country and abroad.

The key resource persons of the workshop were Prof Asit K. Biswas and Prof Cecilia Tortajada from Glasgow University. Addressing the inaugural session, Prof Cecilia Tortajada, Professor in Practice, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Glasgow University, stressed the need to undertake cutting-edge research on Climate and Water space. Prof Asit K. Biswas, Glasgow University, addressed the gathering on the theme.

The subsequent technical sessions were addressed by Dr Navarun Varma, Senior Lecturer, National University of Singapore; Shri Dhurbjyoti Borgohain, Chief Engineer (Retd.), Brahmaputra Board; Dr Mirza Z. Rahman, Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese studies, Delhi.





Social Scientists should lead Research: Prof TG Sitharam, Director, IITG

For the first time in India, the Government, teaming up with top IITs of India has come up with "planning of villages". This was stated by Prof. TG Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati on 9th November 2022 while addressing the valedictory session of the 2-week-long capacity building programme on "Research & Training-Learning Process for the Faculty in Social sciences". The programme was organised by the Department of Rural Development, USTM with support from the ICSSR. The valedictory session of the programme was also addressed by Prof V Suresh Babu, NIRDPR-NERC; Ms Anusua Butta Baruah, IAS, Secy., Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Assam, Prod GD Sharma, VC, USTM.



Seminar on Opportunities in Space Research



On 5th January 2023, a Seminar on "Opportunities In Space Research: An Initiative For Capacity Development And Skill Enhancement" was organised by the Department of Physics, USTM. The resource person was: Dr. Priyanka Das Rajkakati, Aerospace Engineer, Co-founder & Advisor, The Exploration company-Toulouse, France.

International Conference by APPRA, IPSA & USTM

Redefining Peace towards a Just, Non-violent and Sustainable Future of the World



On 10th October 2022, Prof. Christian Bartolf, President, Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, Germany addressed the inaugural of the 3-day long International Conference on "Redefining Peace towards a Just, Non-violent and Sustainable Future of the world" at the USTM. The conference was organised by Asia Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA) in collaboration with Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) and USTM and attended by delegates and participants from across India and several countries, including Germany, South Africa, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Nepal, Bangladesh and Turkey.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Christian Bartolf said that the concept of sovereignty is linked to right to warfare. The inaugural session of the conference was also addressed by Prof. Prasad Golanapalli, President, Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad; Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM; Dr. Aslam Khan, Dr. Manish Sharma, Dr. Sri Nuryanti, Co-Secretary General, APPRA, Jakarta, Indonesia and Dr. Leban Serto, Director Centre for Peace Education, Manipur. The inaugural session of the three-day long international conference ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr Md. Nazeer Hussain, local Organising Secretary.







Quality Practices for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention





A workshop on "Quality Practices for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention" was held on 11th January 2023. The PQH School of Education, USTM, organised the workshop in collaboration with State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA), Drug Prevention for Assam and Meghalaya. It has been supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India and NISD, NSS Cell of USTM.

Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM, delivered the welcome speech. A pre-evaluation form was circulated among the students by Anamriya Baruah, Project Coordinator, State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA)-Assam and Meghalaya, to understand how much the students are informed about the issue.

Dr Sondeep Hanse, Chief Functionary of State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA)-Assam and Meghalaya, enlightened the students about the circulation of substances worldwide. Mr P. Baidya, OC of Khanapara Police Station, also addressed the workshop and discussed the legal aspects of substance abuse. Dr Hrishikesh Sarma, Psychiatrist, GMCH, talked about the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. After the workshop, post-evaluation was carried out by Upasana Deka, Documentation Officer, State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA)-Assam and Meghalaya.

Workshop on Scaling up Innovative Ideas





A workshop on "Scaling up Innovative Ideas into Cooperative Structure & Entrepreneurship" was organised by the Department of Computer Science & Electronics on 27th January 2023 at NKC Auditorium, USTM. The resource persons were Mr Hemanta Kumar Das, Director, ICM, Guwahati and Mr Gautam Hazarika, Lecturer, Computer Science, ICM Guwahati.

International Seminar on Human Rights Law in Contemporary Era

USTM organised an international seminar titled "Quality Research on International Human Rights" on 10th January 2023, where Prof Mizanur Rahman, Director, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs & former Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh, delivered a special talk on the theme of the seminar. The seminar was also graced by Dr Archana Phanurat, former President of Surindra Rajabhat University, Thailand; Mr B.C. Medhi, retired District and Session Judge, Prof. I Gambhir, HOD, Dept of English, Manipur Central University and Ms Zin Me Soe, Faculty, Mandalay University, Myanmar. The welcome address was made by Dr Baharul Islam, Dean, USLR, while Priyanka Neog, Assistant Professor USLR, USTM, extended the vote of thanks.



International Day of Girl Child celebrated through Film Screening Workshop



On the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child-2022, Department of Sociology & Sociology Movie Club, USTM organized a Film Screening Workshop to spread awareness among the young students of the university regarding the importance of rights of girls and the specific difficulties that girls face worldwide. The workshop included an intensive lecture cum orientation programme focusing in fundamental source of transformational change for gender equality, and technology is a crucial tool to support their work, activism and leadership.

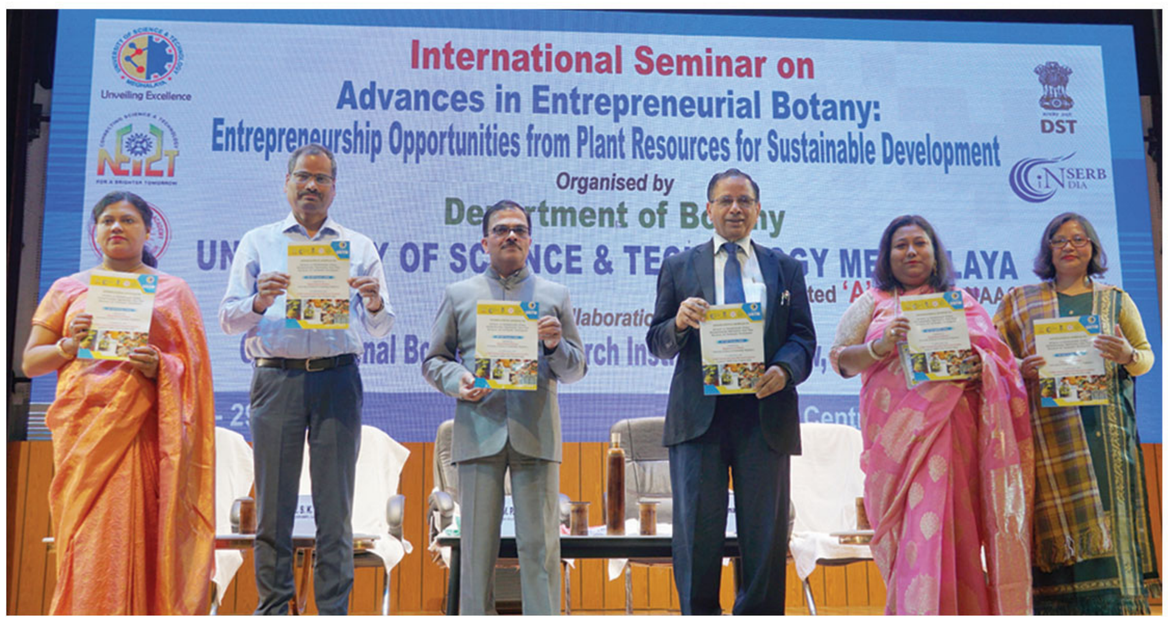
Seminar on 'Youth Aquaculture Entrepreneurship'

A day-long seminar on 'Youth Aquaculture Entrepreneurship' was organised on 19th January by the Department of Business Administration, USTM in association with GIZ INDIA. Mr Pratap Sinha, Project Leader, SAFAL (Sustainable Aquaculture for Food and Livelihood), GIZ INDIA; Dr Jeherul Islam, Advisor SAFAL; Jyotish Talukdar, Director Kolong-Kapili; Mohimuddin Ahmed, Executive Director, SeSTA; Citraban Sarma, Entrepreneurship Development Expert, ICCSPL and a few other successful entrepreneurs of the region were the resource persons of the Seminar. About 220 participants attended the Seminar, and all the sessions of the Seminar were conducted successfully.



International Seminar on Entrepreneurial Botany and Sustainable Development

"Plant scientists must evolve as the bio-resource-based economy is growing in this country. The time has come to convert this biodiversity-rich North East region of the country into bioresources and then to a bio-economy. The future is with the plant scientists now." This was stated by Prof. S K Barik, Director CSIR-NBRI Lucknow on 27th October 2022 while addressing the inaugural session of the International Seminar on "Advances in Entrepreneurial Botany: Entrepreneurship Opportunities from Plant Resources for Sustainable Development" organised by the Department of Botany, USTM in collaboration with CSIR- National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow. The inaugural session was also addressed by Prof. PS Shukla, VC, NEHU Shillong and Prof. GD Sharma, VC, USTM apart from others. The seminar has been supported by government agencies and organizations like DST, INSA, CSIR-NBRI while more than 200 participants comprising research scholars, students, entrepreneurs and academicians across the globe have participated in the seminar.





Awareness workshop on Indian Space Technology



On 15th October 2022, the Department of Physics organized an awareness-raising workshop on Advances in Indian space technology. The special programme was organized to remember the Missile Man and the 11th President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his 91st birth anniversary. Dr. Arup Borgohain, Scientist-SF, NESAC, was the resource person for the workshop. He also showed various pathways through which interested students may start their career in Space Technology after completion of their UG and PG courses.

Workshop on Intellectual Property Right

A workshop on Intellectual Property Right was jointly organised by Department of Computer Science & Electronics and Department of Physics, USTM in collaboration of National Law University amd Judicial Academy, Assam at NKC Auditorium, USTM on 21st October, 2022.



VCs of NE universities join USTM workshop on NEP-2020



A workshop on "Roadmap for the Implementation of NEP-2020" was organized in hybrid mode by the USTM. The workshop was addressed by Prof. K.R.S. Sambasiva Rao, the Lead Coordinator of Eastern Zone NEP Committee & Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University as the Chief Guest, Prof G. D. Sharma, a Member in the seven-member NEP Eastern Zonal Committee & Vice Chancellor of USTM; Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Vice Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar; Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh;
Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University; Prof. N Lokendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University; Prof. Diwakar Tiwari, Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences, Mizoram University, Dr. Amit Choudhury, Dean, SBUS, USTM apart from other dignitaries and faculty members.

Regional workshop on NEP 2020: a Game Changer for School Education





On 4th December 2022, more than 1500 teachers from various parts of the North East region joined in a regional workshop on "NEP 2020: a Game Changer for School Education", organized by USTM in association with the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council. Experts from NCERT, CBSE, SEBA, and SCERT deliberated on topics related to NEP and school education.

The school teachers were addressed by Prof B.K Tripathi, Former Director of IUCTE, Varanasi & Former Director of NCERT, New Delhi; Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT & Chairperson, NCTE, New Delhi; Shri R.C. Jain, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Secondary Education Board of Assam; Shri Thongkholet Mate, Regional Officer, CBSE Regional Officer, Guwahati; Dr Nirada Devi, Director SCERT; Dr Paul Pudussery, CSC, eminent Social Science Researcher.

From USTM, the teachers were addressed by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor; Prof G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor and Dr B.K Das, Pro. VC. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr AH Barbhuiya, Academic Registrar, USTM.

UGC HRDC of AMU conducts Workshop for USTM Faculty Members

The UGC Human Resource Development Centre of Aligarh Muslim University conducted a two-day workshop on NEP 2020 Implementation for USTM Faculty Members from 28th to 29th December 2022 through an online platform. The workshop was conducted to guide the faculty members for implementation of NEP. The programme started with a welcome address by Dr Faiza Abbasi, Director, UGC HRDC, AMU, followed by the inaugural address by Prof. M M Sufian Beg. The resource persons were Dr M S Siddiqui, Prof M Muzammil, former VC of Dr BRA University, Prof. Aasim Zafar, chairman of Dept of Computer Science, AMUand Prof. S K Singh, Former VC HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar. The workshop ended with an interactive session by the participants and the organising team with a vote of thanks from Dr Faiza Abbasi.

Nature-driven Approach to Urbanisation must: Prof Sarma, IITG

International Earth Science Conference 2022



Prof. Arup Kumar Sarma, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Guwahati inaugurated the International Earth Science Conference 2022 on "Sustainable Development: Challenges and the Way Forward" on 18th November. The two-day conference was organized by the Department of Earth Science, USTM in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University. The Chief Guest was Prof. Narendra S. Chaudhari, Hon'ble VC, Assam Science & Technology University. The conference was also addressed by Prof. Basant Maheswari. Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM said that in the last two decades resources on the earth have been decreasing alarmingly creating new challenges, affecting climate change and global warming. Dr Palme Borthakur and Dr Lalit Saikia, both faculty members of the Earth Science department welcomed the delegates and participants. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Eahya Al Huda, HoD & Organizing Secretary, IESC 2022.

Workshop on NEP Implementation

Experts including three Vice Chancellors as well as former Chairman of Union Public Service Commission Prof D P Agrawal were unanimous that steps for the implementation of the new National Education Policy-2020 has to be slow and thoughtful since the future of our children is based on it. They expressed their views at a workshop on Review of Implementation of NEP-2020 organised by USTM on November 8, 2022.



The workshop was addressed by Prof. D. P. Agrawal, Former Chairman, UPSC; Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM; Prof. K. L. Verma, Vice Chancellor, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU. It was participated by top officials of USTM, faculty members as well as Prof. Urmila Patil, Dean, Academics & IQAC Coordinator, Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pune.

AIU Secretary General Dr Pankaj Mittal Addresses Meet on NEP 2020 Implementation





A brainstorming session on "Implementation Strategy for National Education Policy-2020" was held on July 21, 2022 at the NKC Auditorium. The keynote speaker of the programme was Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities. The brainstorming. It was participated by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM apart from other dignitaries. An enthusiastic interaction took place with the faculty members of USTM at the end of the session. Addressing the session, Dr Pankaj Mittal explained the roadmap of implementing NEP-2020. She said that universities have to do restructuring of its system under NEP.

All India Political Science Conference

Prof Santishree Pandit, VC, JNU makes presidential address



The 59th All India Political Science Conference & International Seminar on "Global Rise of Incredible India" began on 26th March at the USTM with the participation of more than 1000 distinguished guests from across the country, including 13 acting and former Vice Chancellors of different universities, Professors and scholars of Political Science. Held in North East India for the first time, this two-day-long mega academic event was jointly organised by the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) and USTM on the 26th and 27th of March 2022. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, VC, Mahatma Gandhi Central University and General Secretary and Treasurer IPSA, expressed his gratitude towards the USTM family and Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque for hosting the conference and presented the IPSA report. Prof Jayant K. Mohapatra, Former VC, Berhampur University and Prof Nani Gopal Mahanata, Academic Advisor, Government of Assam, delivered their speeches as Guest of Honour.

Making the presidential address, **Prof Santishree Pandit**, President of IPSA and VC, JNU, New Delhi said that educational institutions require private participation like USTM. The inaugural function of this prestigious conference was also addressed by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM; Prof. R. Thandavan, former President IPSA and former VC, University of Madras. Dr M. Nazeer Hussain, the Local Organizing Secretary and HOD of Political Science, USTM delivered the vote of thanks.

MoUs Signed

USTM signs pact with ICAR for quality PG Research Training



The University of Science & Technology Meghalaya signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region to promote students' training and quality postgraduate research in cutting-edge areas. The MoU was signed on 10th January 2023 at ICAR complex at Umiam by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM and Mr V K Mishra, Director of ICAR Meghalaya, in the presence of officials of both organisations.

MoU with Jamia Hamdard University



USTM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi on 19th November 2022. The MoU was signed by Prof (Dr.) Mohammad Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard University and Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Alam said, "This is my first visit to USTM, and I must say that Mahbubul Hoque is the Sir Syed of the North East, or even he can be compared to Hakeem Abdul Hameed, the founder of Jamia Hamdard. USTM is also in the national map as its Vice Chancellor Prof GD Sharma is now the Vice President of AIU, and will take charge as the President next year." He expressed his interest in revisiting USTM and conduct training for the faculty members.

MoU with Tripura University



USTM signed MoU with Tripura University on 23rd July 2022 as part of its Tripura Chapter for academic outreach. The MoU was signed by Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, VC, Tripura University and Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM.

Eight Govt. Colleges from Kerala sign MoU



On 19th August, MoU Signing ceremony was held with 8 government colleges from across Kerala was held in the Conference Hall, Administrative Block of USTM in the presence of the Hon'ble Chancellor, USTM and IQAC Coordinators of the eight Colleges.

MoU with Maharaja Bir Bikram University



USTM signed MoU with Maharaja Bir Bikram University on 23rd July 2022 as part of its Tripura Chapter for academic outreach. The MoU was signed by Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala and Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM.

USTM Missionary Award presented to Dr Rajendra Singh

In honour and recognition of his pioneering community-based work on rejuvenation of rivers and waterbodies of Rajasthan, the USTM Missionary Award has been presented on 14th September to Dr Rajendra Singh, a water conservationist and environmentalist from Alwar district, Rajasthan who is also known as 'Waterman of India'. The award was handed over to him by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor and Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in the presence of Dr RK Sharma, Advisor and a host of administrative and faculty members and students at the NKC Auditorium of USTM.



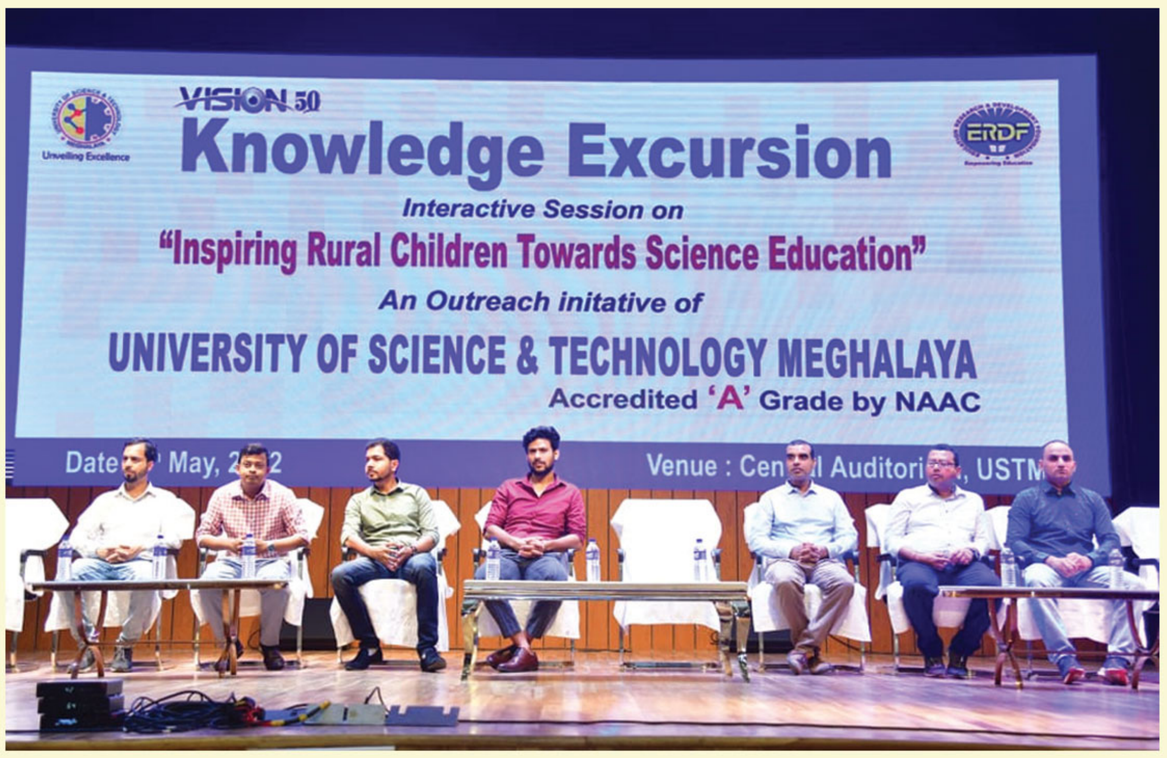
The programme was organised by departments of Earth Science, Social Work, Rural Development of USTM with support from IQAC.

The winner of Stockholm Water Prize' 2015, an award known as 'the Nobel Prize for Water', and Ramon Magsaysay Awardee (2001) Dr Rajendra Singh had a day-long programme at the USTM where he interacted with students on "Flood Control & Its Mitigation" and had an intensive discussion with the faculty members of the university. He also made an interesting and enlightening presentation on water for sustainable development.

Knowledge Excursion to Promote Rural Talent

With the objective to promote science education among rural children, the USTM organized and hosted a Knowledge Excursion in which more than 500 UPSC, NEET and JEE aspirants belonging to the Barak Valley region of Assam have joined.

Delivering a highly motivational speech to all the student aspirants who are now studying at Vision50 Academy, 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 included Orientation Session, visit to various facilities at USTM, Mentor's Sessions for Civil Services, NEET and JEE, visit to the IIT-Guwahati, visit the Regional Science Museum, visit to Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.



Faculty Achievement

USTM faculty listed among World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford University



The name of **Dr Faizuddin Ahmed**, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, USTM has been included among the World's Top 2% Scientists in 2022 by Stanford University, USA. The list was published on 10th October 2022 by Stanford University. It can be mentioned here that this is the 3rd consecutive year that Dr Faizuddin Ahmed's name has been included in the prestigious list of World's Top Scientists prepared by the Stanford University. Till date, he has published 85 research papers in different Scopus Index Journals like The European Physical Journal C, The European Physical Journal Plus, Scientific Reports, Proceedings of Royal Society A, etc.



Faculty selected for European Union-H2020 Marie Curie Action Scholarship

Dr Nicholus Bhattacharjee, Asst. Professor, Department of Chemistry got selection in the "European Union-H2020 Marie Curie Action Scholarship" to do research on the topic "Software Development for Biocatalytic Process Optimization". Dr. Bhattacharjee is now busy in his research work at Zymvol Biomodelling under TecnioSPRING Industry, Spain.



Faculty selected for International Research Experience Fellowship

Dr. Golam Mohiuddin, Asst. Professor, Department of Chemistry was selected by the DST-SERB, Govt. of India for the prestigious 'International Research Experience Fellowship' to carry out research work for 6 months with renowned Professor Duncan W Bruce FRSC, at Dept. of Chemistry, University of York, UK.



Pharma Anveshan-2023

PCI selected USTM Pharma Team

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has selected the 'Sewali Phool handwash', an innovation of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the USTM, which was presented at the National Pharmacy Education Day 2023 on 6th March at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi. The innovation has been mentored by Dr Sudarshana Borah and co-mentored by Aditya Bora and Dr Pallab Kalita. The student team members include Bazlur Rahman, Sharmina Begum (B Pharm 8th semester); Jahid Akthar, Riya Salam and Sujata Kumari (B Pharm 6th semester) of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USTM.

Student Achievement

UGC NET success

Twenty-two students have cleared UGC NET in the recently declared results. We feel incredibly proud of our Achiever Students. We wish them all a bright future and more success in their future endeavours.



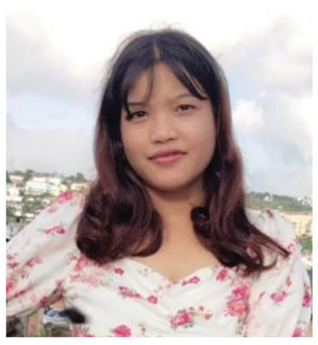
Kashmiri lal Debbarma
Dept. of Earth Science



Bindia Debbarma
Dept. of Earth Science



Kajoli Begum
Dept. of Earth Science



Diana Dkhar
Dept. of Earth Science



Sisir Chetri
Dept. of Sociology



Noimuddin Laskar
Dept. of Business Admin



Kutseivelu Nienu
Education (PQSE)



Jesmine Baruah
Education (PQSE)



Rokobi Punyu
Dept. of Economics



Bidisha Saikia
Dept. of Economics



Lubiru Rangmei
Dept. of Economics



Olak Kombo (JRF)
Dept. of Economics



Hutohu Asumi
Dept. of Library & Info. Sci.



Jigmey Lhamu
Dept. of Earth Science



Likivi Aye
Dept. of Library Sci.



Priyakshi Saikia
Dept. of Social Work



Rakran B Marak
Dept. of Social Work



Grace K Sangma
Dept. of English



Nemboilhing Haokip
Dept. of Economics



Ms. Farhin Khan
USLR (JRF & NET)



Lalita Reang
Dept. of English



Adam Samphri Timung
Dept. of Sociology

Students of USTM published research paper in Scopus Indexed Journal

A team of BSc Biotechnology final year students has published a research paper in the "Journal of Pharmaceutical Negative Result"- a Scopus Indexed Journal. They met the Hon'ble Chancellor, who has been a constant source of inspiration and gifted a copy of the journal.



Student Achievement

Chinmoyee Rajkhowa, MSW student of USTM, achieved Gold Medal at Indian Combat League Season 3 in Mix Martial Arts Fight held on 14-15 December 2022 at Talkotra Stadium, New Delhi. By winning this medal, she got selected for the upcoming International MMA event to be held in the USA. The Hon'ble Chancellor felicitated and blessed her for success in her upcoming international event.



AIU 36th Inter-University NE Zone Youth Festival



Nitesh Borpatra Gohain & Sharmina Begum
2nd Runner up in DEBATE



Barsha Phukan
2nd Runner up
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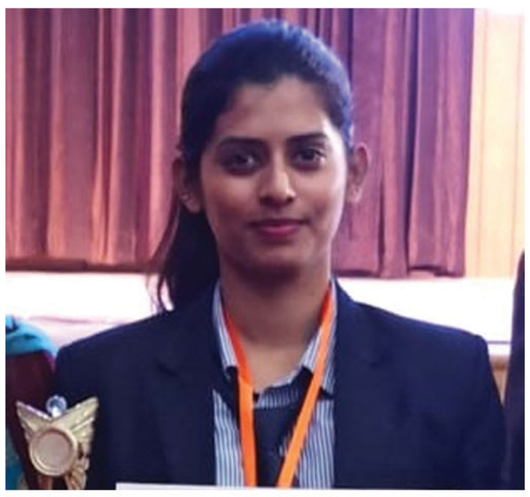

Shabnam A Kawsar
2nd Runner up
MEHENDI



Chinmoyee Rajkhowa has won Gold Medal at the 7th JEET KUNE DO National Championship 2022-23 held in Talkotra Indoor Stadium New Delhi from 24th to 26th December 2022. The martial arts competition was organised by JEET KUNE DO Martial Arts Federation India.



On 8th January 2023, **Abhirupa Kashyap,** student of Psychology Department, USTM won the gold medal in the 5th South Asian Karate championship held at Deshbhakta Tarunram Phukan Indoor Stadium, defeating Nepal at the finals.



Chou Nitesh from BA Political Science was awarded Best Debater in Samarangan, a National level inter Institutional/University Debate Competition held on 8th February 2023. The competition was organised by the Lions Club of Jorhat greater in collaboration with the Quiz and Debating forum of JB College.

36th AIU Inter-University
NE Youth Festival Yuva Pratibha





The 36th Inter-University North East Zone Youth Festival "YUVA PRATIBHA" was organised by USTM under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) New Delhi from the 4th to the 8th of January at the University campus.

The participating universities at this 5-day-long youth festival were Gauhati University, Cotton University, Bodoland University, ICFAI University, Tripura, Tezpur University, Dibrugarh University, National Sports University, North Eastern Hill University, Rajiv Gandhi University, Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur University, Manipur University of Culture, Royal Global University, Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati, and the host USTM.

A panel of 20 esteemed and expert jury members from across the country were at the various venues of the Youth Festival to judge the cultural and literary competitions. Some of the competitions conducted during the youth festival were Western & Classical vocal and instrument, Group Dance (Folk/Tribal), Skit, Mehandi, On Spot Painting, Elocution, Collage Making, Spot Photography, Clay Modeling, Debate, Folk Orchestra, Cartooning, Rangoli, Quiz, Mime and Mimicry.

The Manipur University of Culture was the overall championship winner, followed by Cotton University as 1st runner-up and Manipur University as the 2nd runner-up, apart from the winners from others participating universities in different categories.





In the closing ceremony, Dr Baljit Singh Sekhon, Joint Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, AIU was the chief guest. The prizes were handed over to the winners by Dr Baljit Singh Sekhon; Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM; Prof. G. D. Sharma, VC, USTM, Prof S. K. Sharma, IIT (BHU), Observer from AIU in the presence of the esteemed judges, faculty members from 15 different universities who stayed along with their teams at the University campus during the youth festival.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Baljit Singh Sekhon said, “I am amazed to see the cultural showcase of the NE region by the talented students. USTM has created history by organizing this festival for the first time, and I wish that next year the number of participants from NE should be double for the national and international competitions”.










VALEDICTORY SESSION
AIU
36th Inter University
North East Zone Youth Festival
Yuwa Pratibha
Organised by: ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
Hosted by: UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
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TEAM RGU

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AIU East Zone Inter University Basketball





The AIU East Zone Inter University Basketball (Men & Women's) Tournaments 2022-23 which was organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, was hosted by the USTM from 15th to 25th November 2022.

Inter-University Women's Tournament

On 15th November, the Women's tournament was inaugurated by Shri Lakhya Konwar, Vice President Athletics Federation of India & General Secretary Assam Olympic Association and Shri Raj Kakoti, Vice President Assam Olympic Association, in the presence of USTM VC Prof GD Sharma; Shri Akash Phukan, Vice Chairman, Board of Sports, Assam; Commonwealth Gold Medalist Nayanmoni Saikia; Mr Vishesh Bhriguvanshi, Arjuna Awardee and Captain of Indian Basketball Team; Mr Mohit Bhandari, Team India Basketball Coach; Mr Arjun Singh, Member, India Team Basketball; Mr Binod Choudhury, Former India player & Head Coach at NF Railways and veteran sports journalist Mr Subudh Malla Baruah, apart from noted sports personalities and other dignitaries and sports lovers.

The women's event was held from 15th to 18th of November. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi won the first prize. The second position went to the University of Calcutta, the third position was taken by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi and the fourth position went to USTM. All four teams were qualified for participation in the All India Inter University (W) Championship 2022-23 held at DCRM, Murthal, Haryana. 26 teams representing different NE states, Odisha, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal participated.





Men's Tournament



In the Men's tournament, the first prize went to VBS Purbanchal Vishwavidyalaya, UP while USTM got the second position. The third position was taken by HY Vishwavidyalaya Durg and the fourth position went to Gauhati University. All four teams were qualified for participation in the All India Inter University (M) Championship 2022-23 held at DCRM, Murthal, Haryana.

The Men's events began on 22nd and ended on 25th. A total of 44 teams participated in the Men's competitions. Mr Rizaul Ahmed, Convenor, Sports Forum USTM and Organizing Secretary of East Zone Inter University Basketball Competition said that all the 450 players, 70 coaches in the women's competition and 528 players and 88 coaches in the Men's competitions were accommodated. The tournament was judged by 20 FIBA, BFI affiliated referees.

East Zone Inter-University Handball (Women) and Chess (Women) 2022-23

The AIU East Zone Inter University Handball (Women) and Chess (Women) Tournaments 2022-23 began on 28th January. USTM organised these zonal-level tournaments under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. A total of 26 universities under the East zone have participated in the two disciplines in the women's category, which continued till 31st January.





During the valedictory function, the prizes were handed over to the players by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, in the presence of referees, arbiters, students and sports enthusiasts. Total of 26 universities under the East zone participated in the two disciplines in the women's category.

In the handball tournament, 22 teams participated with 392 players along with coaches and managers. The matches were played as per AIU norms and criteria. All the teams were divided into four pools and 18 matches were held for knockout rounds. The pool toppers then proceeded to play 6 league matches to secure positions. VPSU Jaunpur team was the winner and the University of Calcutta was the runner-up in the handball tournamnet. The Manipur University was in the third position, while HY Vishwavidyalaya Durg was placed fourth.



In the Chess tournament, 22 teams participated. The first position went to the team of Adamas University Kolkata; the second position was grabbed by the University of Calcutta, the third position was secured by the Jadavpur University while Atal Bihari Vajpayee University was placed in the fourth. The Board I winner was Arpita Mukherjee from Adamas University, the board II winner was Angira Choudhuri from Jadavpur University, the board III winner was Diya Chowdhury from Adamas University and the board IV winner was Asmita Das from Adamas University.



AIU East Zone Inter-University Handball (Men) Tournament

The East Zone Inter University Handball (Men) Tournament 2022-23 which began on 4th February ended on 7th February at the USTM with much enthusiasm as the host university team has been qualified to play in the AIU (Association of Indian Universities) Nationals competition this year. Altogether 27 universities from the East Zone played in this tournament.





The prizes were handed over to the players by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM in the presence of Dr RK Sharma, Advisor, USTM, Rajeev Kumar Singh, Director Project & Sustainable Development, USTM; Vincent Khyriem, Vice-President, Meghalaya Handball Association; Nabelmoon Thaba, Hony. General secretary, Meghalaya Handball Association, officials, referees, coaches, managers and teams from the participating universities.

The Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University Jaunpur team was the winner of the tournament and the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith University Varanasi was the runner-up. The third position went to the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, while Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur was placed in fourth.

Addressing the players, Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque said that the University is emphasising the development of sports along with academics. “I am happy to inform you that USTM has recently acquired 100 acres of land to develop a Sports Village. We will be promoting all kinds of games played in the region which are mostly neglected. We want to promote sports in the coming days, it is a part of our mission.”, he said.

All the referees and team managers were felicitated by USTM in the valedictory function. The tournament report was presented by Saikat Majumdar, the Organising Secretary of the East Zone Inter University Handball (Men)Tournament 2022-23. Syed Rizaul Karim Ahmed, Convenor of the sports event, extended the vote of thanks. The closing ceremony formally ended with the singing of the national anthem.







Awards & Achievment

UNESCO Community Excellence Award to USTM



The USTM was awarded UNESCO's "Community Excellence Award" in recognition of the University's contribution for promoting peace, brotherhood and inclusiveness among various indigenous communities of the north-eastern region of India under the leadership of its founder Chancellor Shri Mahbubul Hoque. The function was held on the occasion of silver jubilee celebration of UNNESCO Association Guwahati on 21st August at the Central Auditorium of the USTM. The Community Excellence Award was handed over to Prof. G. D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM by Dr Aswini Sarma, Executive Director, Resource Centre for UN-NER & Secretary General of UAG, Regional Coordinator of CUCAI-NER and Prof. Dr. Ramesh Chandra Barpatragohain, Education Chief of UNESCO Association Guwahati in the presence of Prof. L. L. Singh, Vice Chancellor of Bodoland University; Mr Yogesh Kulshreshtha, Secretary General of CUCAI-New Delhi; Dr B. K. Das, Pro VC, USTM and Dr RK Sharma, Advisor to USTM apart from others in an august gathering.

Prof G D Sharma received Education Excellency Award

Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM was conferred with Dr S Radhakrishnan Education Excellency Award by the Ministry of Education, Government of India on 24th February 2023 at Bangalore in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of Education. The award was handed over to him by Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, Agriculture Minister of West Bengal.



USTM VC awarded Diamond Leader of Asia



On 10th January, Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM was handed over the "Diamond Leader of Asia" award by Dr Achara Phanurat, International Organiser of the 79th International Artist Delegations of 24 countries. The representative of the 79th International Artist Delegations has appreciated and awarded Prof GD Sharma for his leadership in higher education.

Awards & Achievment



Arohan Surya Sikha Award

On 7th February 2023, the Hon'ble Chancellor Shri M Hoque accepted the "Arohan Surya Sikha Award" for outstanding contribution in the field of education from the hands of Hon'ble Ministers of Assam Shri. Bimal C. Bora and Shri. Jogen Mohan. The award was conferred by the Arohan Foundation at a program titled Sanskritik Samaroh held at PWD Convention Centre, Dispur, Guwahati.

Chancellor granted access to the UN HQs

On 18th January 2023, the Hon'ble Chancellor of USTM Shri Mahbubul Hoque was granted access to the UN HQs New York to attend meeting as a representative of the UNESCO Association Guwahati.



UNESCO ASSOCIATION, GUWAHATI

Congratulation for Achievement

A hearty congratulations to ***Mr. Mahbubul Hoque, Hon'ble Chancellor, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya*** *for being granted to access the UN HQrs - New York to attend the meetings for the same by the UN HQRS - New York as representative of UNESCO Association- Guwahati.*

We look forward for your continuous suport and cooperation to promote UN Activities at your esteemed University.

With warm regards.

Dr. Aswini Sarma
Secretary General & Regional Coordinator-NER

UNESCO ASSOCIATION, GUWAHATI
Khanapara, Guwahati-781022

JAFA Achievers Award for Educational Entrepreneurship

The Journalist Association for Assam (JAFA) conferred its Achievers Award for Educational Entrepreneurship to Shri Mahbubul Hoque on 4th December 2022 for his significant contributions towards society in the field of Education. The award was handed over by Shri Biswajit Daimary, the Hon'ble Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly on Sunday, 4th of December amidst an august gathering at the Award Ceremony organised by JAFA at Guwahati.

United Nations RC declared USTM "Centre of Excellence"

On 7th January 2023 USTM was declared a "Centre of Excellence" by the Resource Centre for United Nations - North East Region. The letter was handed to the Chancellor of the University Mahbubul Haque by Dr Aswini Sarma, Executive Director, Resource Centre for UN – NER, in the presence of Prof G. D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of USTM and other officers.



PLACEMENT Drive

Students' Success- Our Pride

The Training & Placement Division of USTM has been successfully obtaining its benchmark by motivating the students to get placed & selected in prestigious organisations. recently, it has organised 45 recruitment drives, including online, campus recruitment, as well as walk-in interviews for the students, out of which 32 Placement drives were carried through online, 11 Placement drives were organised on the campus & 2 walk-in interviews were conducted. Some organisations that conducted the recruitment process were: Dalmia Bharat Cement, Aditya Birla, ADP, Bandhan Bank, ICICI Bank, Piramal Finance, TechVariable. Seminars, workshops, group discussions, one-on-one interviews, and aptitude test sessions were organised regularly to guide the students and nurture their inner abilities.

Bandhan Bank



Nerswn Narzari
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Brenjillai G Momin
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Jupitara Das
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Farhina Choudhury
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Rose Mary Basumatary.
MBA (2021-23 Batch)

ADP



Preeti Tiwari
BBA (2020-23)



Tanaz Hussain
BSW (2020-23)



Wanpli Mawiong
BSW (2020-23)



Shatabdee Saikia
BSW (2020-23)



Shah Jubin Akhtar
BBA (2020-23)



Neelakhshee Sen
BBA (2020-23)



Aviyana Jinnat Rahman
BSW (2020-23)



Dania khatun
BSW (2020-23)

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Riya Biswas
BCA (2019-22 Batch)

ADITYA BIRLA
FASHION & RETAIL



Ayub Ahmed Laskar
MBA (2021-23)

Dalmia Bharat Group



Dipankar kalita
MBA (2020-22 Batch)

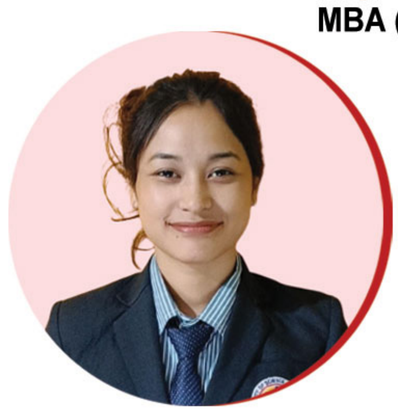
PLANET SPARK



Abhigyan Pathak
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Camelia Langstang
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Mirde Phawa
MBA (2021-23 Batch)

University of Science and Technology Meghalaya is proud to share that thirteen (13) students of MBA (2023 passing out batch) were selected in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. in the Campus Recruitment drive held on 25th January 2023. The USTM family wishes them a bright future.



Mirde Phawa
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Pallabi Sahu
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Ijaj Amin
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Sourav Jyoti Kalita
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Trishna Kalita
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Abhigyan Pathak
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Sajwk Jamatia
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Rabi Ranjan Singh
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Wasim Akram
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Nizamuddin Ansari
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Karan kumar Prasad
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Nangram Tabu
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Thirangta Muchahary
MBA (Passing Out-2023)



Shahil Haque
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Ijaj Amin
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Sahera Mazumder
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



S Ramit Singha
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MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Miftaur Zaman
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Dipshikha Deka
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Rohan Mehbub
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



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Jaytirmoyee Baruah
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Saurav Nandi
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Ikbal Hussain Choudhury
MBA (2021-23 Batch)



Ahmed Arif Laskar
MBA (2021-23 Batch)

Chancellor called on New Meghalaya Governor



The Hon'ble Chancellor Shri M Hoque along with Pro VC Dr BK Das, and Advisor Dr RK Sharma met the new Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya Shri Phagu Chauhan at Rajbhawan, Shillong.

Meeting with Assam Governor Prof Jagdish Mukhi

On 17th November 2022, USTM Chancellor M Hoque and Vice-Chancellor Prof GD Sharma met the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof Jagdish Mukhi.



VC addresses NAAC mock team

Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM, addressing NAAC mock team of Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Open University Bilaspur. The criteria for open university has been changed by NAAC. Since UGC has allowed dual degree options to the students as per NEP 2020, it becomes necessary to know the quality of open university so that students from University having physical mode of education can get another degree from open university.





Quality Approach in Academics

On 25th January, Orientation was conducted on "Quality Approach in Academics" for Don Bosco College, Itanagar. It was organised by IQAC, USTM.

Accessible Awareness Ride by the Physically Challenged

Exceptional passion and determination among a group of physically challenged persons has led them to take the unmatched mission of creating awareness through bike rides across 2500 kms in 10 days. The ride was ceremonially flagged off on 29th October from USTM by Shri CP Marak, IFS (retd.), Member, Meghalaya State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the presence of Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, officials and students USTM and several office bearers of All Axom Divyanga Development Association. The initiative was fully supported by the 'I Can I Will Academy' of USTM, an academy for physically challenged talents.



The ride was undertaken by six physically challenged persons by three retro-fitted scooters with pillion facilities. It covered 2500 km connecting 28 districts of Assam in 10 days. The riders were Samsul Haque, Amir Ali and Saidul Bhuyan, while Upama Bezbaruah, Abdul Haque and Mrigangka Das will be in pillion. The team departed from Khanapara Veterinary Field on the morning of 30th October and rode through South Salmara, Barpeta, Tezpur, Dhakuwakhana, Tinsukia, Sivasagar, Hojai, Maibong and reached Guwahati on 8th November 2022.

Awareness Programme on Computer Literacy



Department of Computer Science and Electronics, in association with IQAC of USTM, organized World Computer Literacy Day on 2nd December. Students of Holy Heart Secondary School, Lower Jorbil Village, Kiling road, Meghalaya were invited to celebrate this event. About thirty-five students from different classes with teachers joined this event.

Educational Film screening by USTM in Jorbil village



On 18th October 2022, the Department of Library and Information Science invited the women residents of its adopted Jorbil village to the university campus where students motivated the rural women about the importance of education in everyday life through plays and screening of motivational films portraying the importance of educating a girl child in order to bring development in the society. Amrita Devi, Assistant Professor and HoD, addressed the rural women and stressed upon the importance of educating a girl child.

Orientation for School Students on Making Science Easy



On 30th December 2022, the PQH School of Education held an orientation programme for classes 7th & 8th on the theme 'Making Science Easy for Students' at Pub Dimoria ME School, Topatoli. The orientation programme was initiated and organized under the scheme of 'Mentoring by Higher Educational Institution Concept' of Samagra Siksha Abhiyan, Kamrup Metro. The programme was coordinated by Ali Bordoloi, Assistant Professor, PQH School of Education, USTM and Mukut Chandra Das (Nodal Teacher) of Pub Dimoria ME School, Topatoli.

Training Programme on sanitary pad making



Department of Sociology, USTM in collaboration with Always Foundation, Assam organized one Workshop cum Training Programme on "Sanitary Pad making as a Quality Social Initiative Towards Menstrual Health Management among Rural Women" Jorbill, Meghalaya on 19th October, 2022. This training programme was done to create menstrual awareness and livelihood opportunities for local women. Mr. Nayan Saikia, who is the founder of Always Foundation also known popularly as Pad-man of Assam along with Mrs. Bagmita Bora provided an intensive demonstration programme regarding the basics of pad making. Later in the programme, sanitary pad samples were distributed by the Foundation and the host department of USTM.

Flood Relief

A team from the Department of Computer Science & Electronics 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 29th June in association with NSS Cell, USTM and it was supported by Raju Dresses.





Food Processing Orientation





On 2nd January 2023, the Department of Applied Biology (Food Science & Technology) organized a day-long Food Processing Orientation training at the University campus. The orientation was conducted for Seed Capital SHG Beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme Sponsored By the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India & Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (AIDC), Govt. of Assam, Supported by Assam State Urban Livelihood Mission (ASULM), Guwahati, District- Kamrup (Metro) Assam. Sixty beneficiaries (two batches) successfully completed the training program and received the certificates.

Discussion with Chris Bush

Mr Chris Bush, Executive Director, Institute for Business Innovation and Clausen Center for International Business and Policy visited USTM to get the SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SCIENCES of USTM associated with the SMART VILLAGE PROGRAM of Govt of Meghalaya. Mr Bush, who is presently associated with the smart village movement, discussed with USTM officials to create a collaborative and meaningful impact in the region.





Physics students felicitated

On 30th Jan, Hon'ble Chancellor, USTM felicitated the students of the Physics Department for their continuous achievements in different Robotic Competitions. The students will initiate a Robotics Hub combining Physics and Computer Science & Electronics Department at CIIE, USTM soon.

Women Basketball team felicitated

USTM Women Basketball team was felicitated by Hon'ble Chancellor, USTM at his office on 27th January. The team went to DCRM MURTHAL to compete for the Inter Zonal AIU Basketball Championship. They secured 4th position at AIU East Zone Basketball Championship held at USTM.



Yoga Activities at various Departments



Department of physics organised a special yoga session on "Strength and Stability" in which 50 participants performed various intermediate asanas.



The Department of Khasi organised a workshop on "Improve body flexibility" where participants performed various asanas.



The department of physiotherapy organised a special yoga session with the theme – "Yoga with Nature"



Yoga centre, USTM organised a basic yoga session with the department of Botany



Department of Law organised a Meditation session on mindfulness and lower stress level for Law students in the Yoga centre, USTM.



Yoga Centre organised a yoga session for students of the Department of Pharmaceutical Science



The Department of PQSE organised a special Yoga session on mental health in which 110 students participated.



Yoga Centre conducted an Orientation program for the fresher students.

Chancellor at the 20th Edition of Sharjah Heritage Festival





Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, graced the inaugural of the Sharjah Heritage Days 20th Edition 2023, held under the theme of "Heritage and Creativity" from 1st to 21st March 2023 on invitation from Dr Abdulaziz Almusallam, Chairman of Sharjah Institute of Heritage, Government of Sharjah. He was accompanied by Sazedur Rahman Akanda, Department of Pharmacology, Allama Tayeebur Rahman College of Pharmacy, Badarpur (institution under ERDF), Lilika K. Zhimomi, Department of Rural Development, USTM and Sarmistha Choudhury, Department of Education, USTM. The festival was organised under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr Sultan Bin Mohammed AlQasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, with the local and federal government and international.

Creativity gives freedom: Mitra Phukan at 'Meet the Author'

The Department of English & IQAC of USTM organized an interactive session called "Meet the Author" at the NKC auditorium on 18th February 2023. Renowned writer, translator, and columnist Mitra Phukan was the chief guest for this most engaging literary session.



Mission Knowledge for Meghalaya



The Mission Knowledge programme for Meghalaya started on 24th February 2023 from Guwahati to Shillong. The Participants were from USTM, UNESCO Club Guntur- Andhra Pradesh & Life members from Bokakhat (Assam). The Mission team visited Shillong, Cherrapunjee, Mawlynnong, Seven Sisters falls, Dawki. The team submitted a report after visiting the sites, which will be forwarded to UNESCO Headquarters Paris for the development or improvement or upgradation of the sites.

USLR conducts Mobile Legal House at Nongpoh Sessions Court





The University School of Law and Research, USTM conducted a day-long Mobile Legal House at District Sessions Court at Nongpoh, RiBhoi, Meghalaya on 21st February 2023.

A team including one faculty member and students from USLR, USTM set up a small kiosk and provided legal counsel to the various people who approached the team with various legal queries, to which the team members provided legal counselling. Around 60 persons have provided their information and received legal assistance from the team at the venue.

Orientation of PhD Scholars of 2023 (A) Batch



The orientation programme for PhD Scholars of 2023 (A) batch of USTM was held on the 1st of March 2023 with the topic "Quality Research - Ethics and Integrity" at NKC Auditorium. Apart from the University Professors, the guest resource persons who addressed the scholars include: Dr Anjan Bhuyan, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University and Dr Kandarpa Kumar Saikia, Associate Professor, Department of Bioengineering and Technology, Gauhati University.The Orientation session was also addressed by Prof GD Sharma, VC, USTM, Dr BK Das, Pro-VC, USTM, Dr RK Sharma, Advisor, USTM. A brief session on Ph D Examination, Rules & Regulations was taken by Dr Nurujjaman Laskar, Controller of Examinations and Admissions, USTM. All the Deans of various Schools at USTM addressed the students with introductory notes. The vote of thanks was given by Dr AH Barbhuiya, Academic Registrar, USTM.



USTM Cricket Team Runner up

Best Player Abdul Rouf

The cricket team of USTM has won the Runner Up trophy in the SITM INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET TOURNAMENT held at STIM COLLEGE in Guwahati from 1st to 4th March 2023. USTM played the final match against Gauhati University. Later, the entire team was felicitated by the Hon'ble Chancellor at his office.

Students Shine at AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival



Shabnam A. Kawsar from the department of Zoology became the 2nd Runner's Up in the Mehendi Competition along with Chou Nitesh Borpatra Gohain from the department of Political Science and Sharmina Begum from the department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, who won the 2nd Runner's Up in the Debate Competition in the 36th Inter-University National Youth Festival scheduled from 24th – 28th February 2023 in the JAIN (Deemed-to-be) University Bengaluru. The topic of the Debate was, "In the opinion of this house, the G20 Presidency can make India Vishvaguru."



Silver and Bronze in Khelo India

Baishali Buraguhain (student of Political science) has won Silver Medal and Urbasree Swargiary has won bronze medal (student of Law) in Khelo India 10 ka dum (women wushu championship). which was held in Kokrajhar SAI on 10th March 2023. Their coach too is one USTM student Ms Chinmoyee Rajkhowa (student of MSW).

Sustainability Hackathon Challenge

Every business and industry is affected by the need to consider and become more sustainable. A boot camp for the "Sustainability Hackathon Challenge" programme of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India was organised at USTM on 4th March 2023. Students came and participated in the Startup Sustainability Boot Camp, which was an expert session on Key drivers of the Sustainable Startup.

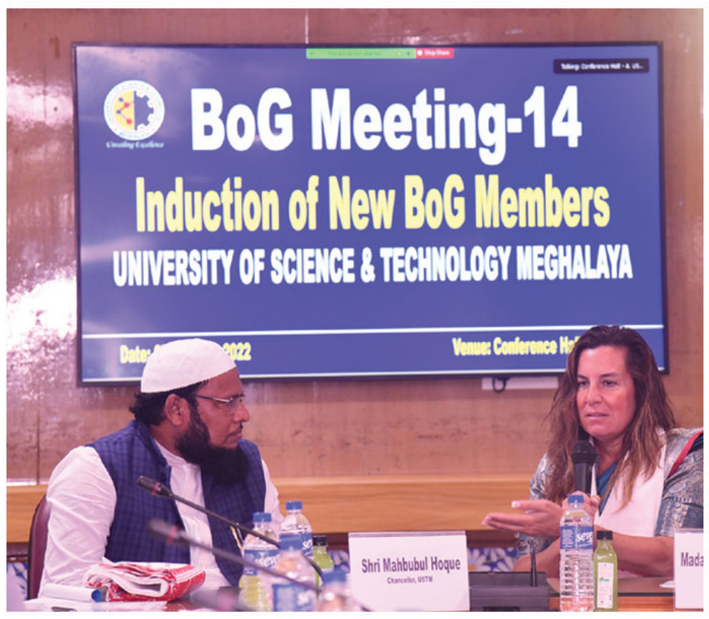


Inspirational Feedback Session for Students taken by the Hon'ble Chancellor

Interaction of all UG and PG senior batches with the Hon'ble Chancellor was held at the Central Auditorium in the presence of all HoDs and faculty members.



BoG Meeting-14





The 14th Board of Governors' Meeting of USTM was held on 6th October 2022. The newly inducted members of the Board of Governors were: Ms Rhonda Vetere, Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Wase and Mr Faisal Masood.

Alumni Meet-2022



Pass out students from various Departments of USTM visited their alma mater and gathered together at the Central Auditorium for the Alumni Meet on 19th September 2022.

TRIBUTE



Prof. Jonali Chetia

USTM and the entire ERDF family is deeply saddened at the sudden demise of Prof. Jonali Chetia, Former Dean of PQSE, USTM who breathed her last on 18th November 2022. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and all her near and dear ones.



Techi Maniya

Techi Maniya, a talented student of our University from the Department of Political Science, passed away in a very tragic road accident occured on 23rd December 2022 in Jorabat area. Techi was a National boxing player and belongs to Arunachal Pradesh. Our heartfelt Condolences to the bereaved family members of our beloved Techi.

Foundation Laying of Maulana Azad Central Library







On 3rd October 2022, Global leader Rhonda Vetere, Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Wase, Professor of Medicine, USA and Faisal Masood, Managing Partner, ElementOne, USA laid the foundation of Maulana Azad Central Library at USTM in the presence of the Chancellor, VC and other officials of USTM.

Foundation Laying of Sir Syed Boys' Hostel







On 6th October 2022, Faisal Masood, Managing Partner, ElementOne, USA laid the foundation of Sir Syed Boys' Hostel at USTM in the presence of Global leader Rhonda Vetere and Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Wase, Professor of Medicine, USA.





Rhonda Vetere, Global Ambassador of USTM, laid the foundation of the building of “I Can I Will Academy”, an organisation for the physically challenged, at USTM on 6th October 2022 in the presence of USA-based Prof. Dr Abdul Wase and Mr Faisal Masood.





“Rhonda Vetere Biodiversity Park" was inaugurated at USTM by global leader Rhonda Vetere in the presence of Hon'ble Chancellor M Hoque and other distinguished personalities on 6th October 2022.





Dr Abdul Wase Rabia Road at USTM, named after Dr Wase and his wife, Ms Rabia Tasneem Wase, was unveiled on 6th October 2022 by Prof. (Dr.) Abdul Wase, Professor of Medicine, USA, in the presence of Hon'ble Chancellor M Hoque and other distinguished personalities.





Faisal Masood Road was unveiled at USTM campus on 6th October 2022 by Mr Faisal Masood, Managing Partner, ElementOne Digital, USA, in the presence of Hon'ble Chancellor M Hoque and other distinguished personalities.

5 Statues Unveiled at Campus by Eminent Personalities



Shri Conrad K. Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya unveiled the statue of **Mahatma Gandhi** in the USTM.



Prof. D.P. Singh, Chairman, UGC unveiled the Statue of **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam** at Mother Teresa Park of USTM.



Glimpses of the unveiling of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's** statue by Hon'ble **Justice Kalyan Rai Surana**, Gauhati High Court, at USTM. Hon'ble Chancellor of USTM Mahbubul Hoque, eminent dignitaries, faculty members and students were present in the occasion.



A statue of **Dr B R Ambedkar**, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, was unveiled at the USTM by **Shri Lahkmen Rymbui**, Education Minister of Meghalaya in presence of Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, Prof G.D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Dr P. R. Swarup, Director General, Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) and other dignitaries as well as the teacher and student community of the university.



Shri Navin B. Chawla, former Chief Election Commissioner of India unveiled a statue of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** at the Nehru Park of USTM.

Educational Tour to USTM by various Schools & Colleges



Assam Vikash Academy, Bokultala, Udalguri, Assam
21st January, 2023



Dream Light Jr College, Doboka, Assam
7th February, 2023



Moirabari College, Morigaon, Assam
21st February, 2023



New Model Academy, Helocha, Barpeta
28th January, 2023



Bright Future Academy, Hojai
7th January, 2023



Bokultala Jatiya Bidyalay Udalguri
16th February, 2023

Horse Riding Club







USTM Riding Club is the perfect place to discover the thrill of horse riding while enjoying nature. Whether you are a complete beginner or an inexperienced rider, an association with our riding club has everything you will need to learn and train in safety.

Dairy Farm





At USTM Dairy Farm there are more than 40 cows. The milk obtained from the farm is used for campus requirement as well as for making milk based products.

Citronella Cultivation





The USTM Organic farm is spread over 30 bighas of land where cultivation of fruits, vegetables, apart from Citronella & Aloe vera are done.

Chancellor USTM invited to UN Assembly



Shri Mahbubul Hoque, the Hon'ble Chancellor of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, has been invited by UNESCO Headquarters to participate in the UN General Assembly from 21st to 23rd September 2023 at UN Headquarters in New York. The UN Annual Ground Pass for the Chancellor has already been approved by UNESCO.



NASA scientist addresses students of USTM

On 11th February 2023, USTM organised a capacity-building workshop on "Gender Mainstreaming in Science and Innovative Policymaking" as part of the celebration of UN International Day of Women & Girls in Science 2023 & UNESCO International Day of Light 2023 Phase-1. Dr Hashima Hasan, Program Scientist and Astrophysicist, NASA, USA, addressed the workshop as the chief guest along with the other speakers, namely Prof Arvinder A Ansari from Jamia Millia Islamia and Prof Zahid H Khan from New Delhi. The workshop was organised by the Sociology & Physics departments of USTM, in collaboration with CSSEIP, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.Dr Hashima Hasan from NASA made an online presence and shared her journey with NASA's Hubble and JWST Observatories. Which was launched in 1990 and James Webb Space Telescope, which was launched in 2021. Making a presentation of her journey, she said that she was first introduced to the space age when she saw Sputnik go like a shooting star in the sky of Lucknow.



NASA scientist Dr Hashima Hasan addressing (on top left)



Medical College & Hospital coming up at USTM Campus



Model of the hospital





To meet the healthcare need of the region, the USTM has initiated the establishment of "PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital" on its campus. With a holistic World Class healthcare facility of a 630 bedded Hospital and a Medical college with an annual intake of 150 MBBS seats along with Nursing & other Allied Medical Courses, it also targets the ASEAN countries by becoming a destination for medical education and healthcare.One of the main features of the Medical College and Hospital is a 250-bedded super speciality hospital with all kinds of technological facilities with cutting-edge research. Following its mission, this hospital will be made completely free for all poor patients. Moreover, its service is entirely free for the people of Meghalaya. This new institution has its unique target: to attract patients and students from the ASEAN countries.

University Hospital of Ayurveda and Naturopath & IA Ayurveda Medical College

Meghalaya has the first-of-its-kind Ayurveda and Naturopathy Hospital under the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya. Equipped with 100 bedded indoor facility, the Ayurveda and naturopathy hospital is expected to cater to the health needs of the region's people, making each patient fitter, stronger and happier. Very soon, USTM is coming up with IA Ayurveda Medical College to spread Ayurveda education and enhance the health and well-being of people by promoting the Indian traditional style of medicine.



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Eminent Visitors

Name	Designation
Dr APJ Abdul Kalam	President of India
Shri Ram Nath Kovind	President of India
Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman, UGC
Prof D. P. Singh	Chairman, UGC
Prof Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman, UGC
Prof. Abdul Mannan	Chairman, UGC, Bangladesh
Prof Govindan Rangarajan	Director, IISc Bangalore
Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar	Chairman, ISRO
Prof. David R. Syiemlieh	Chairman, UPSC
Shri Kailash Satyarthi	Nobel Peace Laureate
Justice A. M. Ahmadi	Former Chief Justice of India
Shri R. S. Mooshahary	Governor, Meghalaya
Shri V. Shanmuganathan	Governor, Meghalaya
Shri Ganga Prasad	Governor, Meghalaya
Shri Tathagata Roy	Governor, Meghalaya
Shri Satya Pal Malik	Governor, Meghalaya
Shri J P Rajkhowa	Governor, Arunachal Pradesh
Shri J.B. Patnaik	Governor, Assam
Sri P. B. Acharya	Governor of Nagaland
Dr. Najma A Heptulla	Governor of Manipur
Shri Jagadish Mukhi	Governor, Assam
Dr. Mukul Sangma	Chief Minister, Meghalaya
Shri Conrad Sangma	Chief Minister, Meghalaya
Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma	Chief Minister, Assam
Shri Kiren Rijiju	Union Minister of State for Home Affairs
Shri Tarun Gogoi	Former Chief Minister, Assam
Mr Donkupar Roy	Former CM & Speaker, Meghalaya
Mr P. A. Sangma	Former Speaker, Lok Sabha, India
Dr D. D. Lapang	Former CM , Meghalaya
Shri. K Rahman Khan	Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India
Shri Ranjeet Kumar Das	Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, Govt. of Assam
Smt. Sheila Dikshit	Former Chief Minister, Delhi
Shri James Sangma	Cabinet Minister
Shri Lahkmen Rymbui	Education Minister, Meghalaya
Shri Siddhartha Bhattacharyya	Education Minister, Assam

Name	Designation
Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta	Former Chief Minister, Assam
Shri Tarik Ahmad Karim	High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India
Shri Syed Muazzen Ali	High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India
Prof. Girish Chandra Tripathi	VC, Banaras Hindu University
Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh	VC, University of Calcutta
Prof. Sanjay Deshmukh	Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai
Prof Talat Ahmad	VC, Jamia Millia Islamia
Prof. (Dr) Gautam Biswas	Director, IIT- Guwahati
Dr. Justice Aftab Hussain Saikia	Chairperson, AHRC & Former Chief Justice, J & K
Prof. Furqan Qamar	Secretary General, AIU
Prof Liaquat Ali	Scientist, BIRDEM, Dhaka
Shri Mahesh Bhatt	Renowned Film Maker & Social Activist
Allama Tayeebur R. Barbhuiya	Ameer-E-Shariat-N.E. India
Swami Agnivesh	Renowned social activist and social reformer
Dr. Amitava Roy	Scientist-F, DST, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI
Dr. Pratibha Jolly	Sr. Scientist, Miranda House, University of Delhi
Dr. Papiya S. Nandy	Prof, Jadavpur University & Director, JBNSTS
Dr. Sudha Kappali	Sr. Scientist, Central University of Kerala
Dr. Anita Agarwal	Scientist-F, DST, Ministry of Science & Technology, GoI
Prof. Anwesh Majumdar	Homi Bhaba Centre for Science Education, IFR, Mumbai
Dr. A. Mukhopadhyay	Scientist-G & Head, R & D infrastructure Division, DST, Govt. of India
Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar	Renowned Gandhian & Former VC, Gujarat Vidyapith
Dr Frank Islam	Chairman & CEO, FI Investment group, USA
Dr. P. A. Ibrahim Haji	Founder Chairman, PACE Group, UAE
Prof. Yasmin Saikia	Professor, Arizona State University, USA
Shri Harisankar Brahma	Chief Election Commissioner

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USTM to host VCs conference

GUWAHATI, July 26: In a significant moment for the higher education fraternity of the Northeastern region, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi has selected the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) to host the 97th annual general body meeting and national conference of vice-chancellors of AIU to be held in March 2023. More than [illegible] lors of universities and academic

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Academicians divided over new edu policy

'Implementing Such Sweeping Changes Will Be A Huge Challenge'

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Guwahati: Academicians have welcomed the National Education Policy (NEP), calling it a milestone for transforming education, even as some questioned the readiness of the state governments to implement the newly framed policy.

Premier technology institute, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G), in a statement issued to TOI said that the new education policy is a land-

VOICES THAT MATTER

"These reforms were long awaited and are likely to transform India into a global education and research hub, if implemented carefully. It takes into account the changes taking place across the country right from the foundation

TG SITHARAM | IIT-GUWAHATI DIRECTOR

"NEP is an A-Z change of administrative and academic set up at one go. There are massive changes and it won't be easy to implement

M HAQUE | CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MEGHALAYA

"They (government) are making public and private institutions at par which is a step of commercialisation of the education system. The modular system will increase the drop out rate

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USTM, ICAR sign pac



GUWAHATI, Jan 10: The University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) has signed an MoU with the ICAR Research Complex for the North-east for promotion of students' training and graduate research edge areas of collective work

Umiam by Prof GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM and V K Mishra, Director of ICAR Meghalaya, in the presence of officials of both the organisations.

In this context, Prof Sharma said that research instrumentation and library facilities with the ICAR and the USTM

purposes. "All those wish to register as train or for master/doctoral gramme under the M must apply for admission the USTM", he added.

As per the MoU, the Ad sory Committee will meet least once in a year after tively to review the activi

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Research for society: Experts at USTM PhD orientation

HT Bureau

GUWAHATI, March 1: "Research must be useful for society. Honesty, integrity, objectivity, and respect for confidentiality are a few of the important qualities of a researcher," stated Dr Kandarpa Kumar Saikia, department of Bioengineering and Technology, Gauhati University, when he [illegible] an orientation programme



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[illegible] university handball concludes at US[illegible]

[illegible]ATI, Feb 7: The [illegible] East Zone Inter- Handball (men) [illegible] concluded at the [illegible] Science and Tech- [illegible]ghalaya (USTM) [illegible]hanapara here on



USTM chancellor Mahbubul Hoque (C) with one of the winning teams.

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[illegible] position went to [illegible] while Pt Ravis- [illegible]ukla University, placed in fourth.

by USTM under the aegis of the AIU (Association of Indian Universities), New Delhi. The prizes were handed over to the players by USTK chan-

USTM; Vincent Khyriem, vice-president, Meghalaya Handball Association; Nabelmoon Thaba, general secretary, Meghalaya Handball Association and others.

Mahbubul Hoque said the [illegible]niversity is emphasising the [illegible]evelopment of sports along [illegible]ith academics. "I am happy

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Creativity gives freedom: Mitra Phukan at USTM



with the felicitation of the guest, followed by a beautiful chorus presented by the students. After the welcome address delivered by Dr Mitali Goswami, Head of the Department of English, a lively discussion on the art of writing took place. It was moderated by

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Assamese and English by student poets of the Department. The author Mitra Phukan also read a piece of her favourite character from her work. "A

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Governor attends 47th All India Sociological Conference

■ 'Sociologists should suggests ways to strengthen foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat'

GUWAHATI, Dec 20: Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said that the sociologists who hold the key for social reformation and transformation should suggest ways to use innovative technology for creating a strong foundation for Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Speaking at the 47th All India Sociological Conference held at University of Science and Technology in Meghalaya today, the Governor said that the sociologists who have great insight and understanding towards sociological phenomena of the society should provide technology backed suggestions for making India more self-reliant. He said that the emphasis of the sociologists on family and community at the microscopic and macroscopic level has given new perspective to the understanding of diverse social network of India. Taking this



system of social network into consideration, the sociologists should prescribe suggestions for strengthening the foundation of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Acknowledging the role of the sociologists like GS Ghurye, RK Mukherjee, DP Mukerjee, SC Dube, MN Srinivas, the Governor said that they contributed immensely to the better understanding of the people belonging to different tribes, ethnicities, caste and class. This understanding led to strengthening the edifice of harmonious coexistence of the country.

Prof Mukhi said that he was happy that the organizers selected the theme 'Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Exploring Trajectories for the Future' which according to him will be helpful in lending strength to the country. He also said that the deliberations being held as a part of the conference will help to develop comprehensive policies for better governance.

Prof Mukhi said that he felt happy that USTM, which is one of the youngest universities, is organizing the 47th All India Sociological Conference where over a thousand sociologists from different parts of India assembled. He said that in 'Amrit Kaal' commemorating the next 25 years of India's independence, India is giving more emphasis on science and technology. In this Amrit Kaal scientific innovations are expected to rule the future of the nation. The students of today would shoulder the responsibility of shaping the India of 2047. So, it is imperative that the students are given their rightful exposure to science the technology to develop their sociological outlook backed by scientific temperament, he said.

The sociological conference was attended by Vice Chancellor of USTM, Prof GD Sharma, President of the Indian Sociological Society Prof. Abha Chauhan, Padmashree Prof TK Ooman, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi and former President ISS, Prof Manish K. Verma, faculty members and students, stated a press release.

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AIU East Zone Inter University Handball and Chess kicks off at USTM

9TH MILE, Khanapara, Ri Bhoi, JAN 28 : The AIU East Zone Inter University Handball (Women) and Chess (Women) Tournaments 2022-23have begun today at the Univer-

20 teams are competing while in the Chess tournament, 22 teams are going to play.

The AIU and USTM flags were hoisted by Dr Balendra Kumar Das,

In this context, Mahbubul H[illegible] Chancellor USTM said that the [illegible] versity is organising such big e[illegible] with the goal of providing a pla[illegible] for the youth of the country in s[illegible] along with academics. U[illegible] always encourages s[illegible] because this is an area [illegible] enriches unity, peace and [illegible] mony among the people [illegible] country and globally. E[illegible]

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national competition is being held here today. He urged all the competing players to participate in the competitions, maintaining discipline as the qualifying teams will participate in the National level tournament."

Addressing the gathering, Ashok

After the hoisting of US[illegible] flags, the oath was adm[illegible] the caption of the UST[illegible] team. The tournament w[illegible] open by Dr BK Das. He e[illegible] the participating players [illegible] big and work tirelessly [illegible] that.



Ashok Singhi, Vice Chairman, East Zone Handball Federation of India being felicitated

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Singhi praised the ambience and facilities at USTM and said that the National tournament too could be held here at USTM so that players

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NASA scientist addresses students



GUWAHATI, Feb 11: To amplify the critical role that women can and do play in science and technology, the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) on Sat[illegible]

Women and Girls in Science 2023 and UNESCO International Day of Light 2023, Dr. Hashima Hasan, a Program Scientist and Astrophysi[illegible]

speakers.The workshop was organized by the Sociology and Physics departments of USTM in collaboration with CSSEIP and Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The workshop began with a welcome address delivered by Professor GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of USTM. Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, also addressed the participants and mentioned that USTM has always emphasised girls' education. "Our dream of USTM students working at NASA will be realized,", he added. Dr. Hashima Hasan from NASA made an online presence and shared her journey with NASA's Hubble and JWST

the James Webb Spa[illegible] (launched in 2021) presentation, she start[illegible] first introduced to [illegible] when she saw Spu[illegible] like a shooting star[illegible] Lucknow. "It was a [illegible] ence." "At a time w[illegible] not offer science [illegible] girl students, I was [illegible] to get the opportun[illegible] ence as we were t[illegible] Loreto Convent G[illegible] at Lucknow to tak[illegible] helped me to pursu[illegible] do my bachelor's [illegible] know University [illegible] in Physics from

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36th Inter-University NE Zone Youth Festival kickstarts at USTM

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GUWAHATI: The 36th Inter-University North East Zone Youth Festival "YUVA PRATIBHA" has begun today [illegible] Technology Meghalaya

SUNDAY, JANUARY 08 2023

36th Inter-University NE Zone Youth Festival's inauguration

Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, stated, "Our University is now on a mission to promote sports and cultural activities as we have students from all over the North East belonging to all communities, and the region has got talents in sports. Sports, culture and literature can connect people together globally. So, we are happy to organise and host such competitions and events for the students." Some of the

universities participating the youth festival are G hati University, Cotton versity, Bodoland Univers ICFAI University, Tripu Tezpur University, Di garh University, Natio Sports University, N Eastern Hill University, R Gandhi University, Dh manjuri University, Mani University, Manipur Uni sity of Culture, Royal Gl University, Indian Insti of Information Technol Guwahati. Competit to be conducted during five-daylong youth fest include Western & Class vocal and instrument, Gr Dance (Folk/Tribal), S Mehandi, On Spot Paint Elocution, Collage Mak Spot Photography, Clay M eling, Debate, Folk Orches Cartooning, Rangoli, C Mime and Mimicry.

United Nations RC declared USTM "Centre of Excellence"

The Assam Rising,

Guwahati, January 7 : The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) has been declared a "Centre of Excellence" by the Resource Centre for United Nations - North East Region. The letter was handed to the Chancellor of the University Mahbubul Haque yesterday evening by Dr AswiniSarma, Executive Director, Resource Centre for UN - NER, in the presence of Prof G. D. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of USTM and other officials. In this regard, Dr Aswini Sharma stated that the declaration as Centre-of-Excellence will enable USTM to be-

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Assam: USTM adopts 7-year-old Niku Kalita and family, victim of Guwahati's Silsako beel eviction

Silsako Beel eviction victim Niku Kalita has been adopted by USTM in Meghalaya and has been promised education, shelter and jobs to the parents of Niku, by the University Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque.

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In a major turn of events for the little boy Niku Kalita, who recently went viral on social media for his innocent yet heart-warming request to the officials gathered at Silsako Beel, Guwahati for eviction, has now got a new address.

The University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) Chancellor, Mahbubul Hoque adopted Niku Kalita and his family, who were affected by the recent eviction at Silsako Beel in Guwahati.

The little boy who went viral for his innocent request to the officials to wait while he and his family clear off the area, has now been taken care of by Mahbubul Hoque.

7-year-old Niku Kalita and his entire family came to USTM on March 6 as invited by the University Chancellor.

The family, along with the little boy, met the University Chancellor, who felicitated them with a Gamocha and Rs 10,000 as immediate help.



The Chancellor also took the responsibility of education of Niku as well as his 4-year-old brother and offered jobs to both parents at the USTM campus.

The elated family was overjoyed at the prospect and will be soon joining work at USTM.

(Nikumani's family accepted the offer, and they were shifted to the USTM campus. Nikumani's parents are now working at the university and both the children have been admitted to a good school near USTM).

FEW UPCOMING EVENTS

- *North East Graduate Congress-2023 (April 7th to 9th)*
- *USTM Social Work Excellence Award*
- *Commencement of Ayurvedic College*
- *Inauguration of new Guest House-* ***"PA Inamdar Residency"***

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