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Dr. Donkumar Roy Memorial National Debate



The prestigious Dr. Donkumar Roy Memorial National Debate Competition was held successfully on 2nd December 2024 at the Central Auditorium of USTM. The event, organized as part of USTM's Founder's Day 2024 celebrations, brought together debaters from prominent institutions across the country, making it a vibrant platform for intellectual exchange.

The Best Team Award went to Parismita Kakati and Priyanka Saha from Handique Girls' College, who received a cash prize of ₹25,000. The First Best Debater Award went to Akansha Sarma from National Law University, Assam, with a cash prize of ₹10,000. The Second Best Debater award went to Gaurav Kashyap from JB Law College, who was awarded ₹7,000. The third Best Debater was Mintu Deka from Gauhati University, and he was awarded ₹4,000. There were four consolation prizes given to: Namrata Sarma and Sudip Kumar Mukhi from NEHU, Shillong; Tanzil Wazed from Cotton University, and Anuprerona Mahanta from Darrang College.

The debate centered on the thought-provoking topic: "Globalization is a Threat to Indigenous Society." It was judged by a distinguished panel comprising Professor Sambit Mallick (IIT Guwahati), Prof. T.T. Haokip (NEHU, Shillong), and Mr. Dilip Chandan (Editor, Asom Bani).

Participants represented prestigious institutions from across the nation, including the University of Delhi, Gauhati University, Amity University Gwalior, Cotton University, NEHU, JB Law College, Assam Royal Global University, Handique Girls' College, Zakir Husain Delhi College, Shillong Law College, Loreto Convent, SPM Guwahati, B. Borooh College, St. Anthony's College Shillong, National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam, Kharupetia College, Swahid Sowarani College, and Darul Huda Islamic University.

Faculty Secures Research Project from European Forest Institute

We are proud to share that Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany at USTM, has been awarded an esteemed international research project by the European Forest Institute (EFI), Finland on 3rd December, 2024.



The project, titled "Biodiversity Impacts of Forest Landscape Restoration in Meghalaya, India," has secured a grant of ₹46,613 for a three-year period. This pioneering research will focus on evaluating the ecological and biodiversity outcomes of forest landscape restoration efforts in Meghalaya, promoting sustainable forest management and conservation in the region.

Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan launched at IAMC

IA Ayurvedic Medical College of USTM launched the Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan campaign in the USTM campus with the official inauguration by Prof. G.D. Sarma, Vice Chancellor, USTM in the presence of Principal IAMC Dr RK Sharma, Advisor USTM Dr RK Sharma, Dr Rashna Dass Hazarika Medical Superintendent, PIMC and other dignitaries and guests on 3rd December, 2024.



USTM's First Agrotech Startup Shines

Phytozenix Pvt. Ltd., USTM's first Agrotech startup is spearheading innovation in herbal, natural, and eco-friendly products. The startup is founded by a group of students named Bhubnesh Kashyap (CEO), Sohail Ameen Sahariah (COO), Abhilash Borah (CFO), Manirul Islam (CTO). The team is guided by the faculty members of the department, Dr. Deboja Sharma and Dr. Parimita Saikia.



Patent published by Dr Eahya Al Huda

An Indian Patent titled "Investigation of flood Impacts on Ecosystems and biodiversity" was published by Dr. Eahya Al Huda, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth Science, USTM on 4th December, 2024.



Award to Prof. (Dr.) Pallab Kalita

Prof. (Dr.) Pallab Kalita, Deputy Registrar and Principal, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USTM was awarded the Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship Cohort 2 under the scheme of Waste to Wealth, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India on 4th December, 2024.



Extension program on School Teacher Empowerment

The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the NSS Cell of USTM and supported by IQAC, organized an extension program titled "School Teacher Empowerment Initiative on Statistical Tools" on the occasion of World Computer Literacy Day 2024, celebrated on December 3, 2024. The event aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of school teachers in using statistical tools effectively.

A hands-on training session was conducted for school teachers, focusing on the practical application of statistical tools. The training covered data analysis in Excel, the use of various formulas, and techniques for visualizing data through graphs and charts. A total of 20 teachers from Fairyland School participated in the program. Dr. Bhairab Sarma assured the attendees that the department would continue to provide training sessions on computers and related tools in the future, as needed, to contribute to societal development.



Bronze in Karate

Abhirupa Kashyap from the BA Psychology program, has clinched a Bronze medal at the All India Karate Championships (North East Inter-University Games) held at Chandigarh University from 1st-5th December 2024. Along with this, Abhirupa has been selected for the All India University Games to be held in Rohtak, Haryana.



Scientific Exposure Trip at IISF

A team of students and faculty members from the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USTM had a scientific exposure visit at the India International Science Festival 2024 (IISF,2024) held at IIT Guwahati on the theme "Transforming India into an S&T- driven Global Manufacturing Hub on 3rd December 2024 ." The team showcased artistic model on the moon "Chandrayaan: The Museum of the Moon".



Research on Drug Discovery

The scientific team of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, USTM are working on Drug Molecule Isolation from two indigenous plants of Northeast India. This study is a part of doctoral research of the Ph.D. Research Scholars of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department.



3-day free Seasonal NASYA Therapy

A 3-day free Seasonal NASYA Therapy was held at the University Hospital of Ayurveda & Naturopathy, a unit of IA Ayurvedic Medical College, USTM from 5th December 2024.



Rastriya Arogya Mela

The IA Ayurvedic Medical College represented advanced Ayurveda health facilities and academic programs at the Rastriya Arogya Mela held at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre from 5th to 8th December, 2024. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Puranik, Executive Director of AIIMS Guwahati on 5th December, 2024.

Free Health Check-up camps has been organized by Prakriti Parikshan by our expert doctors team. The event was organized from 5th to 8th December 2024 at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre, Guwahati



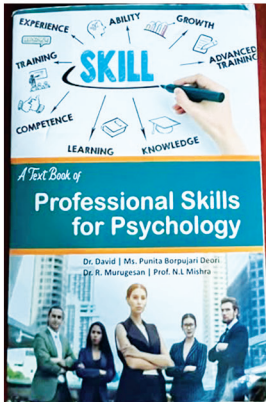
Awareness Program on HIV/AIDS

An impactful HIV/AIDS Awareness Program was organized by the PA Sangma International Medical College (PIMC) in collaboration with the Meghalaya AIDS Control Society on 7th December 2024. Esteemed speakers, including Mr. Ajoy M. Lanong (Programme Officer) and Mr. Romeo Lamin (District Integrated Strategy for HIV/AIDS Cluster), led insightful sessions.



Book Published

Ms. Punita Borpujari Deori from the Department of Psychology from PQSE has published a book on "A textbook of professional skills in Psychology" on 7th December 2024



MBBS students of PIMC participated in self-defense skills

The MBBS students of PIMC participated in self-defense skills courses through martial arts practice at the USTM Gym on 9th December 2024. Instructor Chinmoyee Rajkhowa has been guiding them.



Discover Tax

The Training & Placement Division of USTM, in collaboration with PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) organized an engaging session titled "Discover Tax" on 3rd December 2024 for the MBA 1st semester students. The session was graced by Mr. Puneet Chandel, Manager, Tax Campus Hiring Team, PwC along with two other officials who brought their extensive experience and expertise to the discussion.



WHO workshop at USTM

A two-day orientation workshop of field monitors of WHO-India was organised by World Health Organisation (WHO) at the NKC auditorium of USTM on 10th and 11th December 2025. The first day of the workshop started with focusing vision and mission and the working ethos of the organization. The event also focused on the National Immunization schedule and many other current issues.



Training Session on the usage of newly launched Ventilators and Defibrillators

A training session on the usage of newly launched ventilators and defibrillators was conducted on 11th December 2024 for the doctors, nurses, and technicians of ICU, OT, and Casualty of PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital, as part of the commitment to patient safety and quality healthcare delivery.



Exposure Visit

A group of 45 students from Jadavpur High School Barpeta, visited the university campus as a part of their exposure visit. The students explored our vibrant campus and also visited the state-of-art facilities of the University.



International Robowar

Team USTM Robotics upheld their legacy by securing the 1st Runners-Up position at the prestigious International Robowar during Techfest, IIT Bombay, part of Asia's oldest and largest Techfest on 19th December 2024.

The team proudly launched their brand-new 8kg warbot, SUGAR 2.0, in the presence of Chancellor M Hoque on 8th December 2024 in the campus. The team has three members : Musabbir Islam and Nishanga Bora from the Physics Department and Jiyanshu Chakraborty from the Computer Science Department.



Visit by Renowned Physician Dr. A K Gadpayle

Renowned Physician Dr. A K Gadpayle visited our university and met Chancellor M Hoque on 12th December 2024. During his visit, he took a tour of the vibrant USTM campus and also interacted with the authorities of USTM. Dr A K Gadpayle will guide for the framework of the advanced healthcare education.



USTM team joins UGC Workshop on Women Leaders 2024

Dr Nibedita Paul, Director Outreach and Dr Monalisa Bora Deka, Joint Director Research & IQAC represented USTM and participated in the Women Leaders 2024 Workshop, hosted by UGC in New Delhi on 14th December 2024.



PIMC empanelled under Ayushman Bharat

The PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital (PIMC) has achieved a significant milestone by being empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The hospital facilities under this scheme have been operational since December 13, 2024.



Following the training, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital under the State Nodal Agency-Meghalaya, and Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. This collaboration is pivotal for the effective implementation of the AB PM-JAY and the Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS) in the state. PIMC has been authorized to register Meghalaya's residents under the MHIS-PM JAY Scheme, enabling them to access extensive healthcare benefits provided by the State and Central Governments. Notably, Meghalaya stands out as the only state in India where patients can avail of Outpatient Department (OPD) services worth up to Rs 30,000 for free under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

Chinmoyee clinches Gold

Chinmoyee Rajkhowa, Sports Officer of USTM, clinched the Gold Medal in the 10th National Jeet Kune Do Championship held in Shillong from 12th to 15th December 2024. She represented USTM in the 60-65 kg weight category Senior Girls, Chinmoyee displayed exceptional skill and determination to secure this prestigious achievement. She has been selected to represent Team India at the World Jeet Kune Do Championship in Hungary from 11th to 14th April 2025.



Dr. Bhoumik from Cambridge speaks on Statistical Physics

A workshop was organized by the Physics Department of USTM on 13th December 2024 on the topic, "From Trends to Triumph: Enhancing research quality with statistical Physics". Dr Himangshu Bhoumik, from Cambridge University was the resource person.



10th National Jeet Kune Do Championship



USTM students have made us proud at the 10th National Jeet Kune Do Championship held in Shillong from 12th to 15th December 2024. Sadia Tabassum from BA Psychology secured Gold Medal, Suhana Arif from BA Psychology secured the Silver Medal and Prayashi Chutia (MSW) secured the Silver Medal.

Christmas celebration at PIMC and USTM



PIMC celebrated Advent Christmas with joy and togetherness on the university campus on 18th December 2024. From cutting cakes to singing carols and exchanging gifts, the festive spirit lit up the campus with warmth and cheer.

Outreach: PIMC Conducts Free Health Camp at Amphanggre Village

A team from PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital (PIMC), USTM, organized a free health camp today at Amphanggre Village, located in 12 Mile, Byrnihat. The initiative witnessed active participation from doctors across various specialties, nurses, and other healthcare personnel, reflecting USTM's commitment to community well-being.

Doctors specializing in Medicine, Gynaecology, ENT, and Dermatology provided consultations to over a hundred villagers along with free medicines during the camp. Key medical professionals included Dr. Quaiser Jawed (Medicine), Dr. Dubori Deka (Gynaecology), Dr. Nancy Brahma (ENT), and Dr. Aslam Ali (Dermatology). The team was further supported by junior residents, nurses, pharmacists, medical social workers, and ward assistants from PIMC, along with officials from USTM.

Concurrently, a team from the USTM Public Relations Office visited Amphanggre Village for an interactive session with Mr. S.D. Marak, the Head of the Village Dorbar, and other community members. The discussions shed light on the village's socio-educational landscape. Amphanggre comprises 75 households with a population of nearly 600. The community manages a single school, catering to about 40 students from pre-nursery to Class 3.



PIMC Freshmen Social 2024

The Freshmen Social of the first batch of PIMC 2024 was celebrated on 19th December 2024. The title of Mr. Fresher was won by Rahul Rajbongshi, whereas Miss Freshers was won by Wailad Suchiang. The Runners-Up titles went to Ferdyraplant L Mawleh and Khushi Vaishnava respectively. Special Awards for the day were, Best Personality: Dhrimonjuri Medhi, Best Smile: Enakshi Lahiri, Miss Congeniality: Nishita Gogoi, Smart Doctor: Prikshit Bazaz, Miss Talented: Mumnni Pertin, Mr. Talented: Joab Sangma and Best Dressed: Sneha Ch Sangma.



Research on Indigenous Music, Culture, and Communities of NE India

Dr. Palme Borthakur, Head of the Department and Assistant Professor, Department of Earth Science, USTM, has been presented with an incredible opportunity to collaborate on groundbreaking projects focusing on Indigenous Music, Culture, and Communities of Northeast India.

Dr. Borthakur will be working alongside two distinguished scholars: Dr. Utpala Borah – an Arts Learning Expert/ Ethnomusicologist based in Ohio, USA, and Dr. Hans Utter – a Music Expert / Ethnomusicologist. Both Dr. Borah and Dr. Utter have been awarded the prestigious Ohio Arts Council Grant FY 2025 and the Greater Columbus Arts Council Artist Project Community Grant FY 2025.



Exposure Visit by Doboka Pather ME School



USTM welcomed 52 enthusiastic students and 7 dedicated teachers and staff from Doboka Pather ME School, under Jugijan Block, Hojai (Assam) on 21st December 2024. This exposure visit was filled with excitement, discovery, and inspiration as the young minds explored the vibrant academic environment of USTM.

53rd Senior National Handball Championship



Rocktim Ranjan Borah (PhD in Chemistry) and Raman Kumar (MBA 3rd Sem) played for the Assam state team at the 53rd Senior National Handball Championship in Kerala from 26th to 29th December 2024.

Gatka Championship

USTM Girls' Team gave a stellar performance in the 1st Round Team Event - Fari Soti (Half Strike) against Chandigarh University, Mohali, at the All India University Games (Gatka Championship). The champions were: Firdous Reeha (BA Psychology), Suhana Arif (BA Psychology), Sadia Tabassum (BA Psychology) and Debangana B. Borah (MSW).



USTM Gatka Team participated at Jaipur for All India Inter University Gatka Championship



USTM Gatka team participated in the All India Inter University Gatka Championship at Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, from 26th to 30th December 2024. The team had 10 talented players led by coach Chinmoyee Rajkhowa.

The Team members were Suhana Arif, Firdous Reeha and Sadia Tabassum from BA Psychology; Jinti Koch Rabha from MA English, Pooja Kumari Ray from MBA, Prayag Kakati from BSc Food Science and Technology, Akib R. Sangma from BA Political Science; Sarfaraz Ali and Imran Ali from BSW and Debangana Bhuyan Borah from MSW.

The team marked victory in the 1st Match of All India Gatka Championship. Single Soti (Full Strike) against Madhav University, Rajasthan in the All India University Games (Gatka Championship)

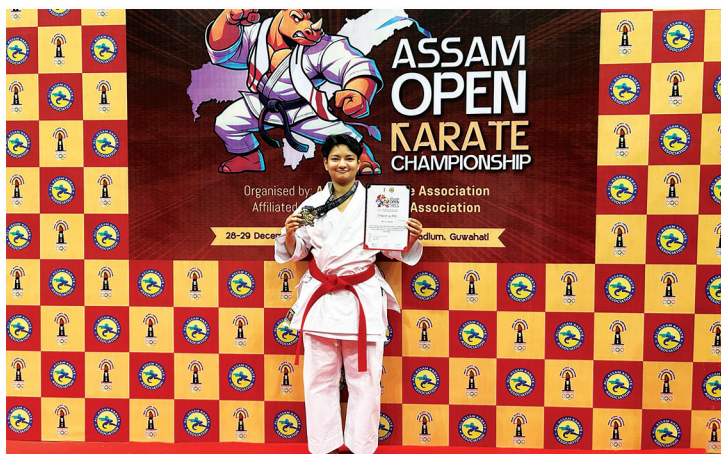
Workshop on Day Time Astronomy



Astronomy, often considered a gateway to fostering scientific temperament, took center stage at Borhat Higher Secondary School in Charaideo District of Assam as the Astro-Science Centre and Observatory (ASCO) of USTM conducted a “One-day Workshop on Day Time Astronomy” on 28th December 2024. Over 600 students enthusiastically participated in the workshop which introduced students to the wonders of the universe through hands-on activities.

The program commenced with an inaugural session led by the school’s Principal, Sri Jitu Moni Bhuyan. Dr. Nitu Borgohain, Assistant Professor of Physics at USTM, delivered a talk titled “Our Position in the Cosmos,” which provided a broader perspective of humanity’s place in the universe. An engaging hands-on activity took place where students learned to measure the solar diameter using simple yet effective techniques.

Abhirupa Kashyap wins gold, bags “Best of the Best” Title



Abhirupa Kashyap, a BA Psychology student from USTM won the Gold Medal and the prestigious “Best of the Best” cash prize of ₹20,000 at the All Assam Open Karate Championship.

The event was held from December 28-29, 2024, at Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phookan Indoor Stadium (Nehru Stadium, Guwahati). Adding to this remarkable achievement, Abhirupa has also been selected for the Assam Premier League.

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➤ Boosting oxygen electrode efficiency using engineered CuO / Cu ₂ O / C nanostructure	Wiley	Dr. Kumar Kashyap Hazarika
➤ Examining The Role Of Police Personnel In Maintaining Law And Order: The Impact Of Public Perception And Engagement In Nagaon District, Assam.	Library Progress International	Dr. (Md) Nazeer Hussain
➤ Transition in Governance: The Evolution from Traditional Village Councils to Panchayatraj in Arunachal Pradesh	Anvesak (A bi-annual journal)	Dr. (Md) Nazeer Hussain
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Talent Fest & Space and Drone Tech Exhibition for rural children at ERDF Founder's Day 2024

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GUWAHATI: The ERDF Founder's Day 2024 was held at the Barak Talent Fest 2024 as part of its Founder's Day celebrations, aiming to inspire rural students in the fields of science and technology. The three-day festival is being hosted by ERDF institutions across the Barak Valley and features several unique events, including the region's first-ever Space and Drone Technology Exhibition, talent competitions, and the Pit India Marathon 2024. These events are designed to engage students, parents, and educators alike.

Adhikar USTM. On Friday, the event will be held at Central Public School, Badarpur (CPSB) where the chief guest is Dr. R.M. Pasi, Vice-Chancellor of Assam University. As ERDF gears up for its Silver Jubilee Celebration in 2025, Mahabub Hoque emphasized the organization's commitment to rural education. "Our mission is to empower rural students about science and technology. Distancing schools in rural areas and organizing initiatives like the space and drone camp reflects our vision to empower these children. By next year, we plan to add 10 more schools to further this mission."

The Foundation has not only established a network of schools in the Pit India March area, organized as part of the 4th edition of Pit India Week under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. This initiative highlighted the importance of physical fitness alongside intellectual and cultural pursuits.

Looking ahead, ERDF's future plans under Vision 2025 include establishing a 200-bed hospital in Patharkandi, a dental college, a research nursing institute, and a women's medical college in the Barak Valley. Other initiatives include the promotion of rural schools, the establishment of a science village, and support for small businesses and rural entrepreneurship through the Barak Talent Fest 2024.

Activities in the two schools included inter-school debates, science model competitions, and a talent show.

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Eight bands from 8 NE states celebrate 'OneNorthEast' music fest on USTM Founder's Day

9th MILE, KHANAPARA, RI-BHOI (MEGHALAYA), DEC 1: The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) hosted a spectacular celebration of music, unity, and cultural diversity on its Founder's Day.

Garden (Meghalaya): Mahubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, emphasized the importance of cultural events in fostering unity, stating, "Culture has the power to bridge divides and

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8 bands from 8 NE states celebrate 'OneNorthEast' music festival on USTM Founder's Day

9th MILE, KHANAPARA, RI-BHOI (MEGHALAYA), DEC 1: The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) hosted a spectacular celebration of music, unity, and cultural harmony with OneNorthEast-1.0, a grand musical festival held last evening to mark the university's Founder's Day. The event brought together eight exceptional bands from the eight northeastern states of India, creating a mesmerizing symphony of cultural integration. Organized by Majum Event Network, Shillong, under the vision of...

peace, and togetherness, delivering a powerful message of unity across the region.

Lou Majaw & The Electric Garden (Meghalaya).
Mahubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM emphasized the importance of cultural events in fostering unity, stating, "Culture has an extraordinary ability to bridge divides and bring people together to inspire peace, harmony, and progress in society."

The participating music bands were The Eternal Triangle (Assam), Tech (Arunachal Pradesh), Even Flow (Mizoram), Roll Heads (Assam), and...



Medical college in Meghalaya empanelled under Ayushman Bharat State Health Agency Meghalaya team conducted comprehensive training program

GUWAHATI, Dec 14: The PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital (PIMC) has achieved a significant milestone by being empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The hospital facilities under this scheme have been operational since December 13, 2024. A letter from the National Health Authority, Government of India, confirmed that "after going through all the steps for hospital empanelment," PIMC has been deemed eligible for inclusion under AB-PMJAY.

As part of the implementation process, a team from the State Health Agency Meghalaya conducted a comprehensive training program at PIMC, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM). This program focused on utilizing the Beneficiary Identification System (BIS), Transaction Management System (TMS), Medical Documentation, Claims and Adjudication, and Grievance Management under the AB-PMJAY and the Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme (MHIS) in the state.

Following the training, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital under the State Nodal Agency Meghalaya, and Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd. This collaboration is pivotal for the effective implementation of the scheme.

Mejabeen Rahman, principal secretary of USTM, expressed her enthusiasm about this development. She stated, "PIMC has been authorized to register Meghalaya's residents under the AB-PMJAY Scheme, enabling them to access 'cradle-to-grave' healthcare benefits provided by the State Health Agency."

This empanelment marks a significant step towards enhancing healthcare access and affordability for the people of Meghalaya. PIMC is committed to ensuring that the benefits of this landmark initiative reach every eligible individual in the state.



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PA Sangma medical college empanelled under Ayushman Bharat scheme

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PIMC Conducts Free Health Camp at Amphanggre Village

Amphanggre Village, Guwahati, Dec 14: The PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital (PIMC) conducted a free health camp at Amphanggre Village, Guwahati, on December 14, 2024. The camp was organized to provide free medical consultations and health check-ups to the villagers. The camp was attended by a large number of villagers, including men, women, and children. The camp was organized by the PIMC team, which included medical professionals, nurses, and ward assistants. The camp was held in a large hall at the village. The camp was a great success, and the villagers were very happy to receive free medical services. The camp was organized by the PIMC team, which included medical professionals, nurses, and ward assistants. The camp was held in a large hall at the village. The camp was a great success, and the villagers were very happy to receive free medical services.

specializing in Medicine, Gynaecology, ENT, and Dermatology provided consultations to over a hundred villagers along with free medicines during the camp. Key medical professionals included Dr. Quaiser Jawed (Medicine), Dr. Duboni Deka (Gynaecology), and Dr. Aslam Ali (Dermatology). The team was further supported by junior residents, nurses, pharmacists, medical social workers, and ward assistants from PIMC, along with officials from USTM. Concurrently, the camp witnessed active participation from doctors and staff members. The discussions shed light on the village's socio-educational landscape. Amphanggre comprises 75 households with a population of nearly 600. The community manages a single school, catering to about 40 students from pre-nursery to Class 3. SD Marak shared the community's aspiration for government and non-governmental support to enhance the school's infrastructure and provide better opportunities for the children mostly belonging to very poor families. The camp was a great success, and the villagers were very happy to receive free medical services.



Upcoming Events

- CME by Hamdard Laboratories, in association with IAMC
- Capacity Building Programme by Department of Rural Development.
- SPICMACAG Workshop demonstration on Manipuri Dance
- Republic Day celebration

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