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# *From the Principal's Desk*



**Dr. Subhash Barman**  
**Principal**  
**Goalpara College**

**It gives me immense pleasure that the Annual News Letter of Goalpara College Annals will be published for the year 2020-21. The history of medicine and health reflects that the world witnessed in the past series of pandemics such as Spanish flue etc. Since the last part of 2019, once again mankind witnessed one of the deadliest pandemics in human history in the form of Covid-19. The pandemic has devastated almost every sphere of life. Health, economy and all societal rubrics were badly affected; thousands including children lost their lives; millions lost their livelihood and millions of jobless marginalisedlabours had to migrate thousands of kilometres on foot.**

**One of the most devastated sectors was education. Like all other educational institutions, we were not prepared for such a traumatic situation. Alienated students, away from their classrooms and far from the peers, had to confine themselves within their homes. During this challenging period Goalpara College took series of initiatives so that academic progress of students could go on unabated. In fact, in Western Assam, we led our educational institution and our students during this crisis. In the initial period of the pandemic, Goalpara College teachers and researchers took measures for preparing sanitiser in college laboratories and distributed in Civil Hospital, DC Office, SP Office, banks and among other essential service personnel. We campaigned for creating awareness among people regarding Covid-appropriate behaviour. Teaching and learning continued through online mode by using different apps. Like the second world War, the covid-19 was also a great learning experience and taught humanity to adopt many new things and to change the lifestyle. In pedagogy, now we give much emphasis to online learning apps such as WebEx, Zoom, Google classroom etc. Educational institutions, office activities, banking and so on witnessed a paradigm shift. This huge technological leap towards online learning is a legacy of Covid 19. Goalpara College organised good number of webinars inviting experts from abroad. Along with scientists, scholars and experts from different parts of the country, we invited men of letters from different parts of the world. People across the globe accompanied us in our academic voyage. Students counselling by teachers, doctors and many different experts were part of our series of initiatives taken by a higher educational institution like ours to fight the onslaught of Covid-19.**

**We worked together as well as extended our support to people in distress.**

**I hope Annals will remain a valuable document of our strategy in this critical juncture of human history.**





# Covid-19 and Coping with it

Covid-19, a global pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on 11th of March, 2020 caused immense turmoil to various sectors such as healthcare, travel and tourism, manufacturing, agriculture, aviation and education sector is not an exception. To contain the spread of it, the Government of India suspended in-person classes and shifted to digital mode of education. Along with other educational institutions, Goalpara College also strived to cope up with the changing environment and supported students in myriad of ways like online classes, online workshops, webinars by not hampering the teaching-learning process. In this issue, a series of events related to the pandemic and the events before July, 2021 has been incorporated.

Apart from teaching-learning Goalpara College took various measures like sanitizer making in the Department of Botany in March 2020, sanitizer distribution to district officials like DC office, SP office, Civil Hospital and neighbouring areas, covid-19 awareness programs and mask distribution programs by National Cadet Corps (NCC).



## গোৱালপাৰাত শিক্ষকৰ গোহাৰিপত্ৰ বিতৰণ

প্ৰতিদিন বিশেষ সেৱা, গোৱালপাৰা, ১৯ মাৰ্চ : আজি গোৱালপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ শিক্ষক গোট, বিজ্ঞান সমিতিৰ গোৱালপাৰা শাখা আৰু গোৱালপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ এন এছ এছ কোৰোনা ভাইৰাছৰ সৰ্বক্ৰমণৰ পৰা ৰক্ষা পাবলৈ ল'বলগীয়া সাৱধানতাৰ বিষয়ে আজি চহৰৰ বিভিন্ন প্ৰান্তত চলাবৰ লগতে গোহাৰিপত্ৰ বিতৰণ কৰে। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ইংৰাজী বিভাগৰ অধ্যাপক মঞ্জুল হক চৌধুৰী প্ৰমুখো অধ্যাপকসকল তথা বিজ্ঞান সমিতিৰ সদস্যসকল আৰু এন এছ এছৰ বিষয় ববীয়াসকলে কোৰোনা ভাইৰাছৰ ভয়াৱহতা সন্দৰ্ভত বাইজক সূচাগ কৰে।

**30 ASSAM BN NCC GOALPARA COLLEGE**  
**কতিয়ক-১৯ মহাৰাষ্ট্ৰীক বিকল্পে**  
**সজাবতা অভিযান আৰু বাস বিতৰন কাৰ্যসূচী**  
**COVID-19 AWARENESS PROGRAMME**  
**কৰুণা প্ৰতিৰোধক বেচী নোৱাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত অৱহেলা নকৰিব।**  
**Date-31/05/2021**  
**স্বাস্থ্য-গোৱালপাৰা**

**COVID-19 awareness drive at Goalpara**  
**CORRESPONDENT**  
**GOALPARA, March 22:** The Goalpara College Teachers' Association along with the Goalpara branches of Assam Science Society and National Service Scheme jointly organised a series of awareness programmes on COVID-19 at Goalpara. During the campaign, the organisers arranged street corner meetings at several spots of the town where speeches were delivered for creating awareness regarding the deadly virus. Also, leaflets were distributed where important precautions to be adopted by people to prevent the COVID-19 from entering the third stage of community transmission. The organisers also started and warned the members of the public not to believe and spread any by the rumors and unapproved, pseudo-scientific facts that had flooded the social media and daily newspaper discussions, in order to keep themselves protected from this virus. They gave public demonstrations of the process (PHC) recommend- all of hand washing. Goalpara College has started making sanitizers and has decided to distribute those among the people. The organisers have also urged the government and administration to arrange adequate number of quarantine chambers, medicines, treated health workers, oxygen cylinders, testing centres etc. Manuashie, secretary of DFTI, Goalpara branch Parva AI said that he has witnessed a large number of villagers (around 1200) working under an NCCB-

GA scheme as a project site at Dohbises, Santpur under Kalyanspur gram panchayat without taking preliminary precautions as directed by the Health Department. He further asked that despite various health warnings why such large congregations of people were allowed where teachers were not able to avoid social contact which is utmost important to prevent the virus from spreading. He also pointed out that all preventive measures should be taken so as to avoid exposure of COVID-19 virus.



# Webinars

• **The Department of Physics**, Goalpara College organized a national level webinar on 11th August, 2020. The title of the webinar was "National Webinar on Physics, Application & Industry 4.0". Dr. Sayan Bayan from S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Science, Kolkata was the resource person of the webinar. He delivered a very high valued lecture on application of nanotechnology for energy generation and industrial application. He also demonstrated some of their practical applications. The webinar was attended by more than 100 participants from different parts of the country.

**NATIONAL WEBINAR ON PHYSICS, APPLICATION & INDUSTRY 4.0**

Organized by **DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS, GOALPARA COLLEGE**  
In association with **IQAC GOALPARA COLLEGE**

**RESOURCE PERSONS**  
Dr. Mahendra Roy, Department of ICT, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gujarat  
Dr. Sayan Bayan, Senior Research Associate, S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Science, Kolkata

**INAUGURATOR**  
Dr. Subhash Barman, Principal

**ADVISOR**  
Dr. C. Sarma, Ex-HQD, Dept. of Physics, Ex-Principal (J/C)

**JOINT CONVENORS**  
Dr. Pranjit Choudhury, HOD, Dept. of Physics  
Dr. Manjit Borah

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
Time: 11 A.M. onwards  
PLATFORM: ZOOM  
Registration link is given below

• **The Department of Geography**, Goalpara College in collaboration with IQAC, Goalpara College organized an international level webinar on 17th August, 2020. The topic of the webinar was "Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Socio-economic activities with special reference to Japan and India". Dr. Haruhisa Asada, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Nara Women's University, Japan and Dr. S. Sanjeevi Prasad, Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chennai were the resource persons and Prof. Abani Kumar Bhagabati was the keynote speaker of the webinar.

**International Webinar on Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Socio-economic Activities with special reference to Japan and India**

Platform: ZOOM  
Date: 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
Time: 11:00 am onwards

**Speakers:**  
Dr. Haruhisa Asada, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Nara Women's University, Japan  
Dr. S. Sanjeevi Prasad, Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chennai  
Prof. Abani Kumar Bhagabati, Keynote Speaker

Organized by: Geography Department in Association with IQAC, Goalpara College, Goalpara

• **The Department of History**, Goalpara College in association with IQAC Goalpara College organized an International Webinar titled "Epidemics and Public Health: Understanding Covid 19 Challenges from the Past" on 12th August, 2020 with 526 participants from across the globe. The key speakers of the webinar were Prof. Mark Harrison, Department of History of Medicine at the University of Oxford, Co-Director of the Wellness Centre for Ethics and Humanities at the University of Oxford. He spoke about Pandemic and Protest which throws new light on the issue. Prof. Deepak Kumar, Rtd. Professor, History of Science and Education, Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU New Delhi spoke on Public Health Challenges and Epidemics and its Lessons from the past.



**INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR: Epidemics and Public Health: Understanding Covid 19 Challenges from the Past**

Organized by: **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY** in association with **IQAC GOALPARA COLLEGE**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
Time: 4:00 P.M. (IST) onwards  
PLATFORM: ZOOM

**SPEAKERS**  
Prof. Mark Harrison, Department of History of Medicine at the University of Oxford, Co-Director of the Wellness Centre for Ethics and Humanities at the University of Oxford.  
Prof. Deepak Kumar, Rtd. Professor, History of Science and Education, Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU New Delhi

**INAUGURATOR**  
Dr. Subhash Barman, Principal, Goalpara College

**ADVISOR**  
Dr. Manjit Borah, Assistant Professor & HOD, Department of History, Goalpara College

**JOINT CONVENORS**  
Dr. S. Sanjeevi Prasad, Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chennai  
Dr. Haruhisa Asada, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Nara Women's University, Japan

**CONCEPT NOTE**  
The last century witnessed an epidemic of diseases, especially as a result of globalization. The present lecture includes Public Health in British India (1858), Cholera and Contagious Diseases, Pest and Plague in India (1817-1824), Epidemics in an Age of Empire and Empire, Plague and the Public Health Act (1854), Cholera, the Government and the British Empire (1817), Epidemics and the British Empire, Cholera and the British Empire (1817), and the British Empire and the Public Health Act (1854), both of which were the result of the British Empire's expansion into India.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**  
• Participants are requested to join the webinar a few minutes before the start.  
• Meeting link will be shared with the registered participants.  
• If certificates are to be provided to the registered participants after they attend the complete programme of the webinar, the registration form is required.



# Webinars

• An online webinar on zoom platform titled "Awareness programme on use of online e-resources" was conducted on 07/06/2020 by **Goalpara College Library** in collaboration with Assam College Librarians' Association. The resource persons were Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh, HOD, DLIS, Gauhati University, Dr. P K Deka, GS, ACLA, Dr. Birender Pal, Coordinator, ICT cell, ACLA and Librarian, Kaliabor college.

**GOALPARA COLLEGE LIBRARY**  
ORGANIZES WEBINAR ON

**AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON USE OF ONLINE E-RESOURCES**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ASSAM COLLEGE LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION (ICT cell)

Date: 07.06.2020  
Time: 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM

**INAUGURATOR**  
Dr. Subhash Barman  
Principal, Goalpara College

**RESOURCE PERSON**  
Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh,  
HOD, Dept. of Lib & Inf Sc.,  
Gauhati University

Dr. Prasanna Kumar Deka, GS  
ACLA and Librarian,  
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ICT Cell, ACLA and Librarian,  
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Kaliabor College (9135016316)

• A webinar titled "Foreign Policy in the Post-COVID World: India's Strategy and Global Challenges" was organized by the **Department of Political Science** in association with IQAC, Goalpara College. The webinar was addressed by two distinguished speakers of academic repute - Dr. Namrata Goswami, Strategic analyst and author, Futures Laboratory, Alabama, USA, formerly with IDSA, New Delhi and Dr. Pahi Saikia of IIT, Guwahati.

## Webinars on post-COVID scenario held at Goalpara

### CORRESPONDENT

GOALPARA, July 23: A webinar "Foreign Policy in the Post-COVID World: India's strategy and global challenges" was organized by the Department of Political Science in association with IQAC, Goalpara College. The webinar was addressed by two distinguished speakers - Dr. Namrata Goswami, strategic analyst and author at Futures Laboratory, Alabama, US, who was formerly with IDSA, New Delhi, and Dr. Pahi Saikia of IIT, Guwahati. More than 285 participants from across the country and abroad took part. Goswami traced the opportunities and challenges of foreign policy and speculated certain trends in the post-COVID world. Despite the Chinese aggressive posture

towards its neighbours, the lion diplomacy carried out by China is quite relevant in present times. She emphasized on the use of India's own space systems and health diplomacy to counter China. Saikia stressed good relations of India with the neighbouring countries despite the precarious nature of the security scenario in the South Asian region. Assistant professor Dr. Jayanta Kumar Brahma moderated the webinar and Dr. Birender Pal offered the vote of thanks.

In another webinar organized by the English Department of Goalpara College - titled "Literature, Environment and Pandemic" - three sessions were chaired by three professors from different universities of India. Prof. Mukesh Ranjan from Janta Mitta Islamia University, New Delhi, Prof. Nandana Dutta from Gauhati University and Dr. Saugata Kumar Nath from Assam University, spoke on the topics "Literature and Pandemic", "Literature and Pandemic: Retelling of lives", and "Literature, Environment and Pandemic: Expedition through time". As many as 313 participants joined the webinar. Dr. Dulal Boruah, assistant professor of Goalpara College, Manasendra Barua, assistant professor of B Boruah College, and Deepjyoti Kalita helped in making the webinar a grand success. The webinar was moderated by assistant professor Moushi Hoque Choudhury, while the vote of thanks was offered by Loni Baruah of the Department of English, Goalpara College.

**NATIONAL WEBINAR**  
**Foreign Policy in the Post-COVID World: India's Strategy and Global Challenges**

Organized by:  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
in association with IQAC  
GOALPARA COLLEGE

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Time: 3:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
PLATFORM: ZOOM

**DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:**

Dr. Namrata Goswami  
Strategic Analyst and Author  
Futures Laboratory  
Alabama, USA

Dr. Pahi Saikia  
IIT Guwahati

Dr. Jayanta Kumar Brahma  
Assistant Professor  
Goalpara College

Dr. Dulal Boruah  
Assistant Professor  
B Boruah College

Dr. Deepjyoti Kalita  
Assistant Professor  
Goalpara College

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:**

Participants are requested to join the webinar 15 minutes before the start.

Meeting ID will be provided to the registered participants.

If a participant is not present in the registered participant list after the start of the webinar, please contact the organizer.

Registration link given below

New Delhi and Dr. Pahi Saikia of IIT, Guwahati. In her speech Dr. Goswami traced the opportunities and challenges of foreign policy and speculated certain trends in the post-COVID world. Dr. Pahi Saikia stressed upon the good relations of India with the neighboring countries despite the precarious nature of security scenario in the South Asian region.

• The **Department of Zoology**, Goalpara College, organized a national webinar titled "Covid-19 Pandemic and its Impact on Human and Environment" on July 15, 2020. The webinar emphasized on how the unusual outbreak of Covid-19 had severely influenced every aspect of human life but created a very positive impact on the environment in reverse. Dr. Mustafa A. Barbhuiya, Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Penn State University College of Medicine and Dr. Debojyoti Chakraborty, Senior Scientist, Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Vienna, Austria, adorned the webinar.

**NATIONAL WEBINAR ON**  
**COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS IMPACT ON HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT**

PLATFORM: ZOOM

**RESOURCE PERSON:**

Dr. Mustafa A. Barbhuiya  
Senior Scientist  
Penn State University College of Medicine  
Hershey, PA 17033

Dr. Debojyoti Chakraborty  
Senior Scientist  
Austrian Research Centre for Forests  
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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Time: 9:00 am onwards

ORGANIZED BY  
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY  
IN COLLABORATION WITH IQAC  
Goalpara College, Goalpara

Registration link given below



# Webinars

• **The Department of Education** in collaboration with IQAC, Goalpara College organized a national webinar titled "Impact of Covid-19 on Education, Women and Society" on 13th July, 2020. Prof. Dulamani Goswami, Dept. of Education, G.U. and Prof. Alpana Borgohain, Dept. of Women's Studies, G.U. graced the webinar as resource persons. Dr. Dulamani Goswami briefed on the impact of the pandemic on various educational institutions and the community in general. He also provided suggestions about precautions after reopening of educational institutions. He also elaborated on the significant roles played by teachers and parents during the pandemic. Dr. Alpana Borgohain discussed the impact of Covid 19 on women. She talked about the importance of mental health, physical activity, the role of mothers and the community during the pandemic. She also discussed gender equality and women's growing insecurities commenting that the pandemic impacted women's reproductive health.



• **The Department of History**, Goalpara College in association with IQAC, Goalpara College organized a national webinar titled "Pandemic and Responses: A Historical Analysis" on 3rd July, 2020. The key speaker of the webinar was Prof. Rajib Hadique, Head of the Department of History, Gauhati University. His lecture primarily focused on the timeline and history of Pandemic. There were 193 participants who actively attended the lectures.



• **The Department of English**, Goalpara College, organized a National Webinar titled "Literature, Environment and Pandemic" on 22nd June, 2020. The resource persons of the virtual meet were Prof. Mukesh Ranjan, Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, Prof. Nandana Dutta, Dept. of English, Gauhati University, Dr. Saugata Kr. Nath, Dept. of English, Assam University, Silchar. There were 314 participants from different parts of the globe. There was also an interactive session where the participants put forward their opinions and discussed it with the resource persons.





# Webinars

• **The Department of Economics** organized a national webinar on 30th June, 2020 at 11.00 AM (IST) titled "Post Covid Situation of Assam Economy: Its Challenges and Issues". Two most reputed persons who excelled in Economics namely Prof. Hiranya Kumar Nath from Sam Houston State University, USA and Prof. Deb Kumar Chakraborty, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University were invited as resource persons. Both delivered their lectures on the post Covid scenario of Assam economy and how the situation can be improved. They highlighted on local entrepreneurship development, insurance sector as well as health sector. The webinar was fruitful as it showed directions for the improvement of the economy of Assam. More than 75 participants attended the national webinar.



• On 20th May 2021, Cyber Security and Policy Expert Mr. Subimal Bhattacharjee held an online session on the topic "How to be safe while being online" conducted by the **Department of Economics**. Here Mr. Bhattacharjee highlighted the growth of the cyber world in the form of various social media platforms and how the world and the country has changed in the past two decades with the introduction of the internet. Mr. Bhattacharjee further explained why we have to take extra care while accessing the online platforms and how they are vulnerable especially for women and young users across the globe. He has given advice on how a student can protect his/her privacy and what are the provisions given under the Information Technology Act and the Indian Penal Code which could be used to protect the rights of the users.




• The webinar titled "Theoretical Chemistry: Quo Vadis?" was organized by **Chemistry Department**, on 16th August, 2020, in association with IQAC, Goalpara College where there were approximately 150 participants. The resource Person was Dr. ManabendraSarma (alumni of Goalpara College), Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati. He delivered his talk on "Theoretical Chemistry: Quo Vadis". He discussed the concept of computational chemistry as a significant branch to explore chemistry. Participants could also draw the future scope of theoretical chemistry in bridging with wet laboratory experimental findings to have insightful concept of chemistry.



## National Webinar on Theoretical Chemistry: Quo Vadis?



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**Resource Person**  
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**Co-Coordinator**  
Dr. Valentina Barumali  
Assistant Professor  
Chemistry Department  
Goalpara College



**Chemistry**

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3m21226>

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020; Time: 11:00 am  
Platform: Zoom

Organized by  
Chemistry Department in Association with IQAC, Goalpara College



# Webinars

• **During the lockdown period of Covid-19 pandemic the Assamese department** has organized a virtual seminar titled "Uttar PurbanchalarBhaxaChinta" (Language Thought of North East India). The department invited resource persons namely Dr. Bhimkanta Baruah, Rtd. Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Dibrugarh University, Dr. JyotirmoyProdhani, Professor in the dept. of English, NEHU and Dr. Upen Rabha Hakasam, Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Gauhati University. The topic on which Dr. Bhimkanta Rabha spoke is "Comparative Study of Nagamese and Assamese Language". Dr. JyotirmoyProdhani spoke on "Language of North East India" and Dr. Upen Rabha Hakasam spoke on "Contemporary Assamese Language". There were around 500 participants in the webinar and their responses were very encouraging. They informed that they were highly benefited by the lectures.

**গোৱালপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়, গোৱালপাৰা (অসম)**  
**ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় ৱেব সন্মিলন**  
**বিষয় : উত্তৰ-পূৰ্বাঞ্চলৰ ভাষা-চিন্তা**  
 (অসমীয়া বিভাগৰ উদ্যোগত আৰু আভ্যন্তৰীণ মান দিকপন কোষৰ সহযোগত)

**উদ্বোধক**  
 ড. পুতালি বৰুৱা  
 পোৱালপাৰা মহাবিদ্যালয়

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 কলিতা কলেজ

**সম্পন্ন**  
 ড. ভীষ্মকান্ত বৰুৱা  
 মহাবিদ্যালয়, ডিব্ৰুগড়

**সম্পন্ন**  
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 নেহৰু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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**সম্পন্ন**  
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 গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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 গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

**সম্পন্ন**  
 ড. ধ্যানেশ্বৰ বৰুৱা  
 গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

• **Department of Botany, Goalpara College,** conducted a National Seminar on "Cutting Edge Trends in Biological Science" in collaboration with IQAC during the tough times of the pandemic year 2020, on 11th July in an online platform of Zoom Video Communications. The first speaker of the webinar was Dr. M. Kamalam, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, PSGR Krishnammal College of Women, who joined us all the way from Tamil Nadu. She spoke about Siddha Medicine System and the advancement in the same and its relevance in the current pandemic situation thus facilitating our students to understand the gradual change in the medicine system as a

**NATIONAL WEBINAR**  
**ON**  
**CUTTING EDGE TRENDS IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE**  
**PLATFORM: ZOOM**  
**ORGANIZED BY**  
*Department of Botany in association with IQAC*  
**Goalpara College, Goalpara**  
**Date : 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Time : 11:00 am onwards**

**RESOURCE PERSONS**

**DR BHABEN TANTI**  
 Professor  
 Department of Botany  
 Gauhati University

**DR M. KAMALAM**  
 Associate Professor  
 Botany Department PSGR Krishnammal  
 College for Women, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

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(a) Meeting link will be shared to the registered participants.  
 (b) E-certificate will be provided to the registered Participants after they attend the Complete Programme of the webinar.  
 (c) No registration fees required. **Registration link given below.**

whole. Next speaker joined us from Sikkim, Dr. Rajib Gogoi, Senior Scientist and Head BSI Sikkim Himalaya Regional Centre. He presented a colorful presentation on Impatiens in East Himalaya and took us all on a virtual trip to the beautiful wilderness of the region with his lively photographs. His presentation inspired the students to work on the same field and explore more. The final speaker Dr. Bhaben Tanti, Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University spoke on the use of Genetically Modified Crops. He introduced us to the concept of GMO and discussed on all GMO related stigmas. The extent of advancement in the field was clearly put forward by him and prospects of new areas which are yet to be explored were brought to the limelight. The whole webinar was very interactive showing the intact interest of all the participants present. A total of 271 participants joined the webinar and were patiently present throughout the session.



# Webinars

• **Goalpara College** organized a national webinar titled "Mental Health of Students during Covid-19 Pandemic and Lockdown" on 6th July, 2020. Dr. Sangeeta Dutta, MD (Psychiatry), Guwahati and Chayanika Sarmah, Dietician in Best Diet, Guwahati graced the webinar as resource persons and addressed the issues. Dr. Sangeeta Dutta enumerated the four domains of health namely physical, mental, social and spiritual and stressed on maintaining a balance between these domains to avoid any disease. Chayanika Sarmah laid particular focus on boosting immunity through various activities and maintaining a balanced diet.

**WEBINAR**  
on  
**MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND LOCKDOWN**

Date: 06<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Time: 11.00 am onwards  
PLATFORM: ZOOM

**RESOURCE PERSONS**

- DR. SANGEETA DUTTA, MD (Psychiatry), Guwahati
- CHAYANIKA SARMAH, Dietician in Best Diet, Guwahati

**MODERATORS**

- PROF. HASNA BEGUM BARBHUYAN, Assistant Professor, Geography Department
- DR. SIDDHI NATH SARMA, Associate Professor

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Link will be provided in the College website : [www.goalparacollege.ac.in](http://www.goalparacollege.ac.in)

• **The department of Geography** in association with IQAC, Goalpara College conducted an international webinar on "Covid-19 Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges for the Environment and Sustainability" on 6th July, 2020. Dr. Achintya N. Bezbaruah, Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, North Dakota State University Fargo, USA was the resource person for the event.

**International Webinar**  
on  
**Covid-19 Pandemic : Opportunities and Challenges for the Environment and Sustainability**

**Resource Person**

**DR. ACHINTYA N. BEZBARUAH**  
Associate Professor  
Director, NAE Grand Challenges  
Scholars Programme at NDSU  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
North Dakota State University Fargo, USA

Date : 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
Time : 9-30 A.M

**Inaugurator**  
Dr. BINAY K. NATH  
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# Initiatives and Activities



First Alumni Meet of Botany Department was conducted with great enthusiasm on 7th March of 2021



Debate Competition was held on the occasion of National Voter's Day 2021.



The women cell of Goalpara College organised a free health checkup camp on 8th March, 2021 in collaboration with District Health Society, Goalpara.



A quiz competition was held by the Department of Botany on 21st January, 2021 in order to inspire the students.



Honourable DC of Goalpara College Mrs. Minakshi Das Nath distributed Scooty to meritorious students in Goalpara College as a part of the event "Banikanta Kakati Medha Bota Pradan" of Assam Government.



Amidst Covid-19 Lockdown, on the occasion of Van Mahotsav, 2020 an online essay competition was held by Goalpara College.



The Foundation of Commerce Department building was done by then Superintendent of Police Mr. Sushanta Biswa Sarma on 12th October, 2020.



A computer course program was inaugurated after reopening of Lockdown due to Covid-19 in 2020.



Goalpara College signed an MoU with Resource Centre of UN-North East Region and Youth Hostel Association of India on 24th of April, 2021.



Dr. Abani Kumar Bhagabati, Professor of the Department of Geography, Gauhati University officially took the charge as President of Governing Body of Goalpara College on 2nd March, 2021.



A seminar on UN-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS was held by Goalpara College in association with UN resource centre NE region, UNESCO Association Guwahati, Youth Hostel Association of India, Assam State Branch and Kuber Charitable Trust.



The respected Principal of Goalpara College inaugurated the wall magazine of college women hostel.



# Initiatives and Activities



A competitive exam preparatory Workshop was conducted by the Career Counseling and Guidance Cell of Goalpara College and Mr Dibakar Nath, IAS (Additional Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara) was the chief guest on 12th April, 2021.



To take a walk down the corridors of nostalgia, an online Alumni Meet of Goalpara College was organised by the Alumni Association of Goalpara College where several notable alumni of Goalpara College along with retired faculties who spent their precious years in the institution were present.



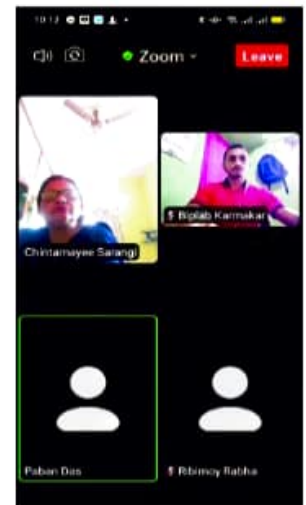
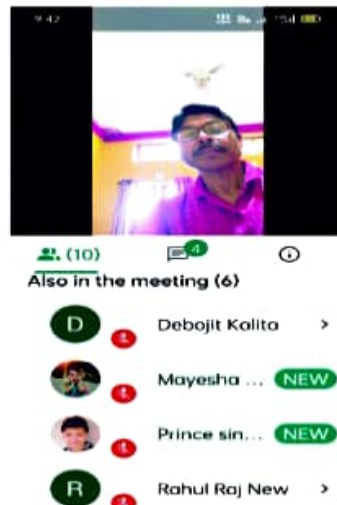
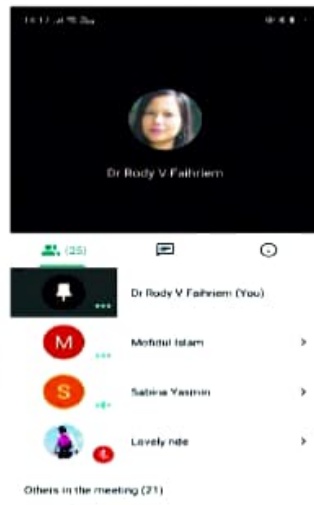
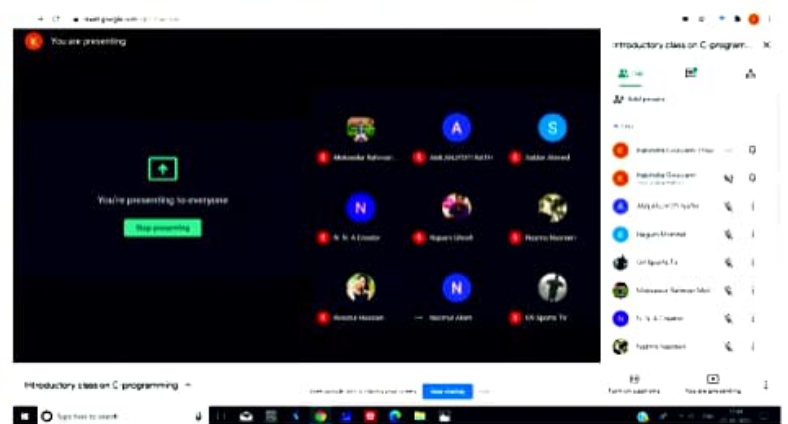
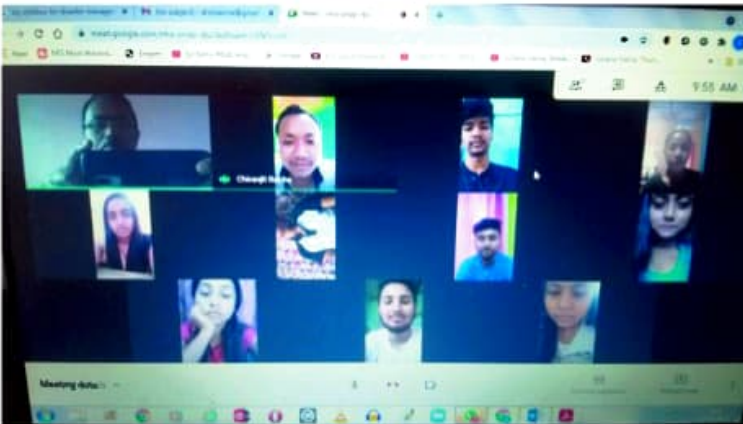
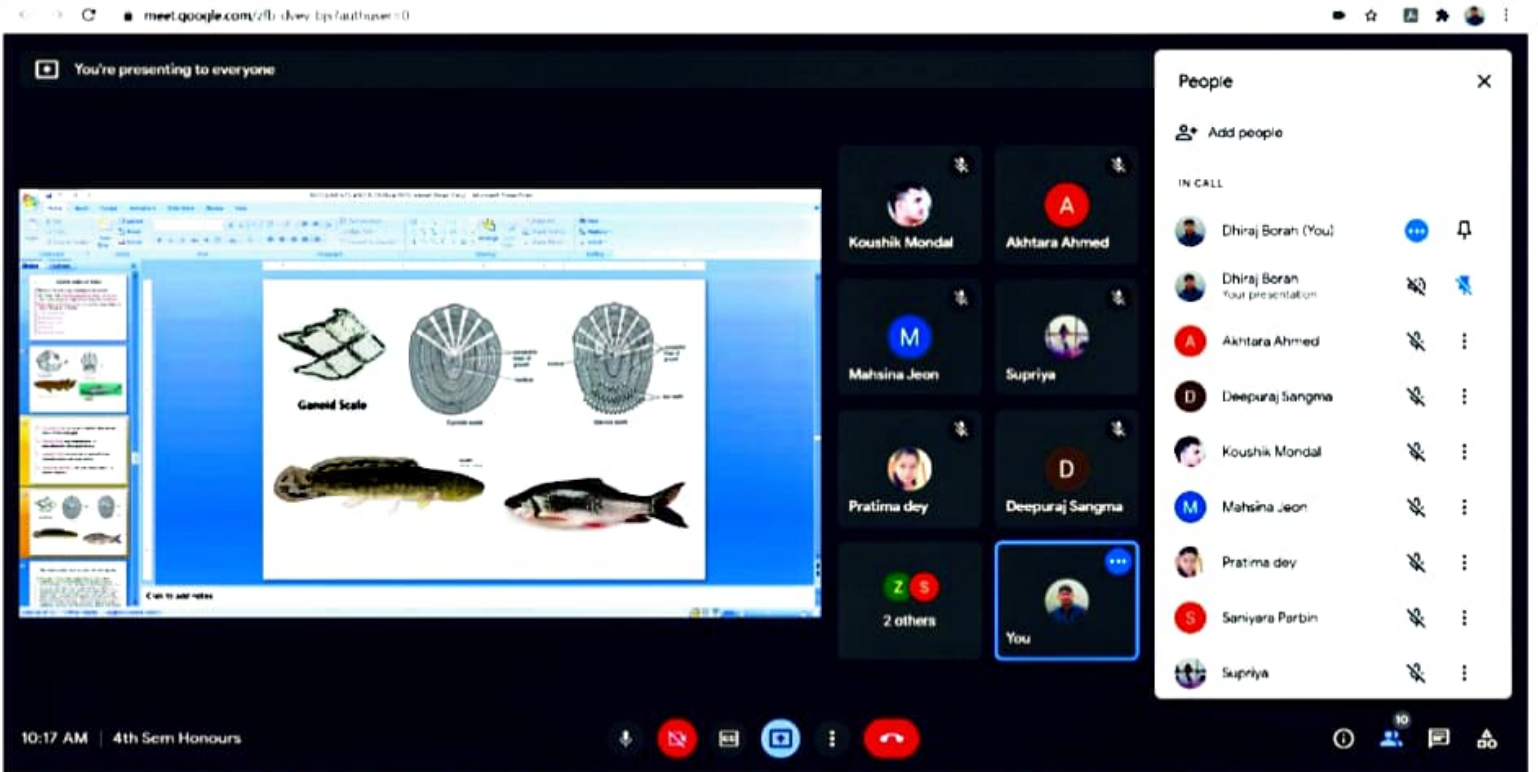
Wall magazine of various departments were inaugurated by the honourable Principal of Goalpara College.



The executive body meeting of Assam College Principals' Council (ACPC) was held at Goalpara Goalpara College on September, 2020.



# ONLINE CLASS/ VIRTUAL MODE OF LEARNING OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS



With the advent of an unprecedented pandemic, came load of challenges and the world was put to a halt. But teacher's all over the world, ensured that learning did not come to a halt, emphasizing on the importance of education. A journey from traditional to digital, and the sample clips show how the teachers of Goalpara College left no stone unturned to deliver their knowledge to the student's community. The teachers used various e-learning tools like Google Meet, Zoom etc.



# Celebration of Events



Dr. Amar Jyoti Choudhury delivered a lecture on 20th June, 2021 related to Kalaguru Bishnu Rabha. Poem recitation competition and article writing competition were held on 19th June, 2021 on the occasion of Bishnu Rabha Divas.



65th Foundation day celebration in digital mode



Earth Day, 2021 Celebration

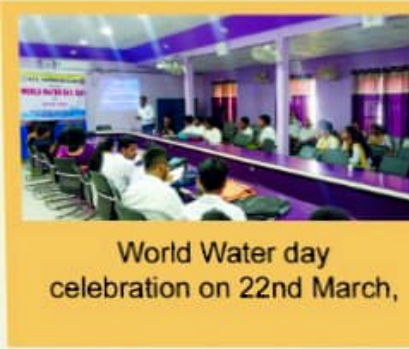


International Women's day, 2021 celebration on 8th March, 2021

## Freshman Social Celebration



International Yoga Day celebration in digital mode



World Water day celebration on 22nd March,



Plantation program was performed on the occasion of World Environment day, 2021

## Independence day Celebration through Virtual platform



World Environment day 2021 Celebration



Saraswati Puja celebration on 16th February, 2021

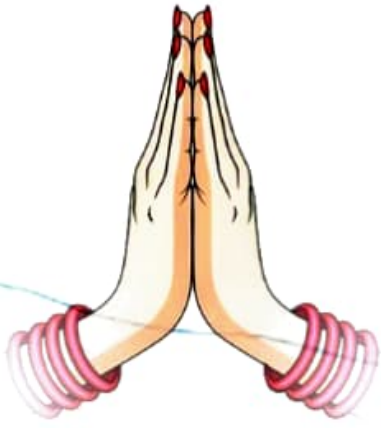


Street Play on the occasion of Nation Voter's Day, 2021



National Science Day celebration on 28th February, 2021





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