

G20 events conclude in Goalpara College

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GOALPARA, Feb 6: India's G20 Presidency was celebrated in a befitting manner by Goalpara College in association with the district administration with a series of programmes from January 28 to February 3.

The inaugural programme began with the hoisting of the flags of the G20 nations in front of the college gate by Goalpara College principal Dr Subhash Barman, in the presence of faculty members and students. Three students of the Physics department presented papers on the topic 'National mission for enhanced energy efficiency'.

Subsequently, faculty members Rituparna Kalita and Nikhil Malakar presented papers on India-Saudi Arabia relations.

Prof Akhil Ranjan Dutta of Gauhati University delivered a talk on 'Building a secure future: G20 - promises and possibilities.' Dr Subhash Barman, additional DC Kalyanee Konkana Das, GCTA president Dr Ranjit Choudhury, former vice principal Dr SN Sarma, senior journalist Dilip Kr Sarma, faculty members, distinguished guests and students were present on the occasion.

In the morning hours of February 1, a cyclothon was conducted within Goalpara town by students carrying the flags of the G20 nations along with portraits of visionary leaders. Ankur Jyoti Bhuyan of Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies Univer-

sity, Nalbari, conducted a workshop as the resource person on 'Skill as empowerment: NEP 2020, India's story of development and the young population.' A quiz competition was conducted by Dr Jayanta Kr Brahma, assistant professor of the college, where 13 teams from different colleges participated. The first prize was bagged by Dudhnoi College, while Goalpara College won the second and third prizes.

On February 2, a talk on 'China's assertiveness and its impact on India-China relations' was delivered by Brigadier Ranjit Barthakur (Retd), former chairman of APSC. On February 3, a debate competition was held on the topic 'Innovation and technological change is the key for reaping the benefits of demographic dividend in India,' which saw the participation of eight teams from different colleges. All the three prizes were bagged by Goalpara College.

The winners of various contests were felicitated and certificates were handed over to them by the college principal, who expressed optimism that the G20 events would enable students to gain knowledge on global affairs in this interconnected world and become aware of global issues of peace and reconciliation, climate change, SDGs, etc. The vote of thanks was offered by assistant professor Gaurav Vikash Bhuyan. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr Jayanta Kr Brahma.