

3.6.3 Number of extension and outreach programs conducted by the institution including those through NSS/NCC/Red cross/YRC during the last five years (including Government initiated programs such as Swachh Bharat, AIDS Awareness, Gender Issue, etc. and those organized in collaboration with industry, community and NGO's:

1. 500 no of varieties of sapling plantation by the university to support the initiative of Government of Meghalaya on the Environment Day -2019: Report Published in **Times of India, June 6, 2019**
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3. The Felicitation of 74 Rank holders of Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education: Report published on **The North East Times, June 29, 2019.**
4. Observation of World Autism Day in association with Assam Autism Foundation: Report published on **The North East Times, April 6, 2018.**
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USTM plants 500 varieties of trees

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Guwahati: With a commitment to create a green campus, the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) on Tuesday planted more than 500 varieties of trees, mostly herbal medicinal plants, in its campus at 9th Mile, on the outskirts of the city.

The university has extended its support to the Meghalaya government's mission to create a Guinness world record by planting 1.5 million trees on

World Environment Day. Participating in the

tree plantation campaign, USTM chancellor Mahbubul Hogue said that the university is planning to promote a herbal medicinal garden in the near future in such a way that people can find different medicinal plants from all around the world in this garden.

He also congratulated the Meghalaya government for its bold attempt to script the state's name in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Meritorious students feted in Meghalaya

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SHILLONG, June 18: While felicitating school toppers, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said a large number of students didn't do well in their exams and it poses a challenge before the Government.

Altogether 74 rank holders of Secondary School Leaving Certificate and Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate examinations were felicitated here today.

The Chief Minister and other dignitaries presented the toppers laptops, digital tablets, mementos and citations in the event organised by the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in association with ERD Foundation, Guwahati.

Sangma while congratulating the toppers said even though

"While we are celebrating the success, it is also important to see the other side which is not so pleasant," Sangma said and reminded the gathering that about 25,000 students unsuccessfully sat for the examinations this year.

Emphasizing that such statistics remain a huge challenge before the State, Sangma said, this unhealthy trend going on for the past couple of years is a matter of concern and needs focused attention for reversal.

"Youths are the largest human resource of the State and the country. So, having educated and qualified workforce will ensure a productive and efficient society," he said.

Minister in-charge Education, Lakhtmen Rymbui, on the other hand, lauded the toppers for their hard work, perseverance and dedication.

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USTM felicitates 74 SSLC, HSSLC toppers of MBOSE



SHILLONG, JUNE 18: The University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya in association with ERD Foundation, Guwahati felicitated all the 74 rank holder students of SSLC and HSSLC 2019 under MBOSE here at the State Convention Centre here today. The awards were handed over by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma in presence of D.D. Lapang, Advisor to the Govt of Meghalaya; Lahkmen Rymbui, Education Minister; Kyrmen Shylla, Revenue Minister; Mahubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and Dr PK Goswami, Vice Chancellor of USTM.

The programme was attended by several other dignitaries, high officials as well as school principals, parents and guardians of the rank

holding students. The rank holder students were awarded with laptops, digital tablets, mementoes and citations. Out of the total rank holding students, 36 are SSLC toppers, 12 are HS Arts toppers, 11 are HS Science toppers and 15 are HS Commerce toppers.

Delivering the awards to the toppers, CM Conrad K Sangma congratulated all the toppers as well as USTM and its Chancellor Mahubul Hoque. He said, "I am happy that Education is on the top of the agenda of USTM and the Meghalaya Government is trying to improve education in the State with a vision. We try to ensure that nobody is unproductive. Follow your passion; it is the most important thing in life. Without passion people give

up when they face challenges." Thanking Chancellor Hoque and the entire USTM team for the gesture of honouring the rank holders, he said that institutions like USTM have a big role to play in research and development which will further contribute to policy making of the nation.

Presiding over the meeting, D.D. Lapang said that it is important to dream big to achieve in life. Praising the USTM Chancellor, he said that Mahubul Hoque is a dreamer who can translate dreams into reality.

Speaking on the occasion, Education Minister Lahkmen Rymbui said, "This is a unique programme where a university has recognised the hard work of the students". He said that the State

requires human resources and urged the student community to come forward to work for the country.

Recalling Swami Vivekananda on the occasion, Revenue Minister of Meghalaya Kyrmen Shylla said, "We must adopt one idea and make that idea alive by thinking and dreaming of it. Leaders are not born, they are inspired and motivated to become leaders."

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, Chancellor Hoque said that he is committed to the development of science and technology education and research in the region and to make USTM a world class university by 2030. He announced that USTM is offering free education to all the toppers of MBOSE after they pass higher secondary.

Hoque also mentioned about an entirely new course — BAA Administrative Service — which has been introduced at USTM in the 2019 academic session. The prime focus of the course is to groom students for competitive examinations like IAS, IPS conducted by UPSC. The course has gained importance for its effort to create a conducive environment, proper guidance, resource persons and encouragement for the students to achieve their goal.

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USTM observes Autism Day with children of Assam Autism Foundation

TH MILE, Khanapara, Ri Bhoi, APR 5: The Department of Education, University of Science & Technology, Jorhat observed World Autism Awareness Day by conducting a special day-long interactive program between the children of Assam Autism Foundation and the students of Psychology and Education Department of the University on April 2.

Several cycling enthusiasts who took the initiative of venturing on a cycle rally for the awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder were also present in the event.

The program aimed at sensitizing students, teachers and other professionals about the nature and needs of a person with autism.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Seal, the Coordinator of Assam Autism Foundation, said that people are very less aware about the Autism Spectrum Disorder. He gave a brief description about the characteristic of an autistic child and the changes they go through as they grow up and the challenges they face in the society.

Seal made the participants aware

about the various qualities every autistic child in their institution possessed and how care and love from the society and family can shape their life in a better way. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bishnu Baishya, psychiatrist at GMC, said that autistic children are not mentally retarded but they just lack social and communication skills. He outlined that there is no specific cause for this disorder but early detection can help the child to cope up with the challenges better. He gave an example of one of his patients who was diagnosed with

Autism Spectrum Disorder but this disability didn't stop him to achieve whatever he wanted in his life.

Dr. Baishya called on the people to change their attitude towards autistic people and said that to create a balanced society it is necessary to accept everyone the way they are.

One of the autistic students, who had a special skill of memorizing almost everything, performed a beautiful song in the programme. He surprised everyone by answering the birth date and the year of celebrities.

The students USTM interacted with him and enjoyed his company throughout the program. During the program, the students and the teachers of USTM got an opportunity to interact with all the students of the Foundation.

There were a total of 13 students present, all having their own unique abilities and were kind enough to showcase their talents to the visiting guests. It was accompanied by an insight into the productivity of the students in the form of various crafts that was prepared by them and was out for sale.

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Solid waste recycling centre launched

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, June 2: In a bid to maintain ecological balance, the Akshar School for the underprivileged launched a solid waste recycling centre at Pamohi in the city recently.

Installation of the plant has been supported by ERD Foundation, Guwahati and it was inaugurated by Mahabul Hoque, chairman of the Foundation. Dr Alaka Sarma, founder of Akshar Foundation and Parmita Nagen Sarma, co-founder and associate director of Akshar were present at the inaugural ceremony apart from school children

and community people of the neighbouring area.

"Akshar Foundation is sensitive to the imbalances in the ecology. In this part of India, burning trash is a kind of established practice. Even in higher middleclass, educated neighbourhoods, one comes across the dry trash being burnt, along with leaves and twigs. Even plastic cups and polythene bags are put to flame. The result is devastating. In our own city of Guwahati, we cannot see the blue sky due to haze. The smoke so generated is harmful to the human body too. Its effect is like smoking 40 ciga-

rettes a day, without taking a single puff," said Hoque.

Dr Sarma in her speech said that the community with which Akshar works had the habit of burning trash. "Our students being concerned about the environment, are deeply disturbed and as a result, we have come up with the plan of recycling the plastic waste generated by the community. The biodegradable waste can be disposed of by the families in their own area," she said.

Akshar Foundation is a Guwahati-based registered public charitable trust engaged in poverty eradication through opera-

tion of schools that supplement formal education with vocational training, business incubation and community development.

Earlier, Akshar had signed an MoU with ERDF where the latter had promised to support Akshar to launch its recycling centre, which would consist of a collection service for dry waste in the communities served by Akshar School, as well as a low-tech processing facility on the campus of Akshar School for sorting and reusing solid waste.

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NE magazine competition awards announced

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 29: The magazines of Digboi College (*Alochoni*), JB College (*Jabin*) and Lakhimpur Girls' College (*Lakhimpur Girls' College Magazine*) have been adjudged as the three best entries in a unique college magazine competition for the region, organised by the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM).

The results of the competition were declared at the Guwahati Press Club here today.

The editorial committees of the prize-winning magazines would receive a desktop each, besides certificates and mementoes.

The publication cell of the USTM had organised the competition in order to encourage young upcoming writers, editors and layout designers of different college magazines from across the north-eastern region. More than 200 colleges from all over the North East had par-

ticipated in the competition.

The prizes will be distributed during the USTM Public Relations Day in the last week of June 2017.

Other awards announced today included best cover page to Cotton College Guwahati, best woman editor to Dipshika Baruah of Digboi College, best woman writer to Priyanka Nath of KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati, and the best article award to Manas Pratim Rajbanshi of Nalbari College.

Special jury awards went to St Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya and Salesian College of Higher Education, Dimapur, Nagaland.

The members of the jury for selection were PJ Baruah, Executive Editor of *The Assam Tribune*; NI Laskar, former Executive Editor of *The Eastern Chronicle*; Bijoy Ghimire, Editor of *The Mileage* magazine and Professor Nilima Bhagawati, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, USTM.

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Mrinalini Devi, Sister Bertha presented Social Work Excellence Award

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Guwahati: Women are often referred to as the 'real architects of the society'. They are the ones who raise the builders of a nation, they are the teachers, entrepreneurs, social activist and above all constantly fighting the odds to achieve and establish their place in the society. To salute this spirit, the department of Social Work, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) has chosen two eminent women activist to present the Social Work Excellence Award 2017 on the occasion of World Social Work Day on March 21, 2017 at the techno city campus, 9th mile.

The award was presented to Mrinalini Devi, an eminent Social activist, author, Poet and Sister Bertha G Dkhar, principal of Jyoti Sroat School for the visually impaired, Shillong. Mrinalini Devi is a renowned social worker who has not only contributed for the development of the society but also to the field of culture and literature of Assam. She is the member of *Axom Sahitya Sabha Central Executive Committee*. Apart from being a social



worker she is a proud mother of five sons and her constant inspiration and education found reflection in her children and today all her sons are following their mother's footsteps and serving the society.

On the other hand Sister Bertha G Dkhar has developed the Braille code in Khasi—a major tribal language of Meghalaya and was awarded the *Padma Shri* for her unique model of schooling.

Mrinalini Devi said that she has fulfilled her duties as a mother of five sons who are over now serving the society. Significantly, Assam Minister of Education, Himanta Biswa Sarma, is one of her sons. Sister Bertha said that there should not be any seclusion of the disabled children.

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North East NSS fest concludes

Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, May 3 - The 2nd North East NSS Festival of Meghalaya and 10th in North East - a programme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Meghalaya Department of Youth Affairs and Sports was held at University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) from April 28 to May 2.

The festival with the theme 'bonding beyond borders' was inaugurated by chief adviser to the Government of Meghalaya Dr DD Lapang, in the presence of 350 participants from all over the North East. The inaugural ceremony was preceded by a colourful cultural procession

which was flagged off by Dr Lapang, said a statement.

Dr Lapang encouraged the participating students to go ahead in life by attending and participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities which will help the youth to build up friendship and strong bonding among them to make India one of the most powerful democracies.

"These types of events also help the youths both in their cultural as well as professional growth," he said. He also asked them to be trustworthy to their parents, teachers and ultimately to the nation.

The secretary to the Government of Meghalaya (Education) and Chairman, NE NSS Festival, CCM Mihail, delivered the welcome address.

Sunil Basumatary, Youth Officer of NE NSS Unit explained the significance and purpose of the NE NSS Festival to the participants.

Also present on the occasion was Dilip Saikia, vice chairman of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, M. Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, thanked the Government of Meghalaya for selecting the University as the venue for the festival. A souvenir was released on the occasion.

The valedictory function on May 2 was presided over by RS Mooshahary, former Governor of Meghalaya. Mooshahary, in his speech, said that the theme of the event has been rightly stated as bonding beyond borders, said the statement.



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