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## *Indo-Bangla VCs Convention agree for academic collaboration*

9TH MILE (Ri-Bhoi), April 8: With the goal of improving mutual understanding between the people of the Northeastern region of India and Bangladesh by setting up a platform for bilateral communication, cooperation and collaboration in education, the International Convention of Vice Chancellors (ICVC-2019) of Universities of Bangladesh and North East India was organised by Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet under the patronage of University Grant Commission, Bangladesh and in association with University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) on Saturday at Sylhet.

It was attended by more than 30 Vice Chancellors of universities, apart from Directors of institutions and top

researchers from both countries and was graced by Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister of Bangladesh and Prof A Mannan, Chairman, UGC Bangladesh apart from others.

The Convention has unanimously decided to form an international education corridor and work collaboratively towards promotion of higher education, culture, brotherhood and peace. It was decided that the meet will be a regular affair to be held in different countries on rotational basis and that the Gauhati University will be hosting the next ICVC while the other universities in the North East would be co-organisers.

Terming ICVC-2019 as an exceptional initiative, Dr Dipu Moni said, "Connectivity between India and Bangladesh has to be re-established and this is very

essential. We are always grateful to India and the people of North-eastern region for their help during the War of Liberation. The connectivity should not only be in terms of waterways, road connectivity or airways, but it has to be in terms of connectivity of ideas of people, their minds and hearts. Unitedly we can build a new intellectual powerhouse. If there is no peace, there cannot be prosperity", she added.

Addressing the Convention, Prof Abdul Mannan said that Bangladesh looks more to the West while the North Eastern part of India remained unexplored in the field of education and there is an urgent need to explore this for mutual benefit. ICVC is significant in the sense that it will open doors for collaboration.

Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, called for extensive collaborative effort in education and conquer the hearts and minds of the people by bringing peace and progress. ICVC 2019 is a timely action in this direction. "I am confident that this convention would open doors for further networking in the field of education among the ASEAN countries including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and India's North East in the near future", he added.

From North East India, 16 Vice Chancellors of Central, State and private universities participated in the Convention along with their Bangladeshi counterparts. The heads of institutions made presentations on their respective universities and engaged in a brainstorming to decide the road ahead.



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Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya addressing at the National Seminar of North East Teachers' Congress-2014, organised by the University of Science & Technology at 9<sup>th</sup> Mile in Meghalaya on Sunday. UB Photos

SHILLONG, JAN 5 : A national seminar on "Changing scenario in academic performance & audit" was held during the second North East Teachers Congress (NETC), organised by University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) in association with Regional Institute of Science and Technology & CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat and sponsored by ERD Foundation, at the Techno City campus on 9th Mile yesterday.

The seminar was attended by eminent scientists and academicians from the Northeast and national-level, namely Pro GD Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of Bilaspur University; Prof Bolin Kr Konwar, Vice-Chancellor of Nagaland University; Prof BC Goswami, Director of Academic Staff College, GU; Dr. D.D. Ozha, Senior Scientist, Ground Water Dept from Jodhpur; Dr. RM Pant, Director of NIRD and many other renowned personalities from the academic fraternity of the region.

Prof Bolin Kr. Konwar, Vice-Chancellor of Nagaland University, appealed for a strong inter-university collaboration and developing advanced and common infrastructure with the help of the government

Vice-Chancellor of Bilaspur University, expressed concern at nearly 30% posts of faculty lying vacant in such institutions. Stressing the need to update the curriculum on a regular basis, he said it was awful that in some universities, curriculum contents were not updated even in ten years.

Prof BC Goswami, Director of Academic Staff College, Gauhati University, stressed upon channelising the growing population of India's youth by proper education and training. He also threw light on some of the key points of assessment of higher education through the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

The congress was attended by around 500 college teachers from the North-eastern states.

Educational environments are changing rapidly as today's generation of students grow up with technologies, such as video conferencing, powerpoint presentations and other IT related skills as well as applications. In this environment there is growing need for teachers to adapt to the changing work environment to make the education process more interesting and

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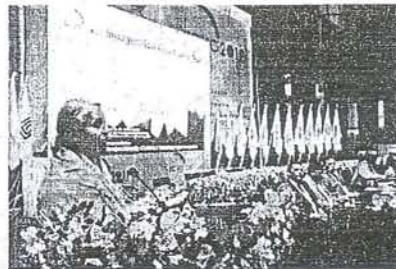
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Speaking as the special guest of the Convention, Mahbul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said, "North East India has more geographical proximity with Bangladesh than the rest of India. As there is no geographical boundary while seeking and acquiring knowledge, so let us re-

ers of universities of both the regions must come together and work for mutual benefit. ICVC 2019 is a timely action in this direction. I am confident that this convention would open doors for further networking in the field of education among the ASEAN countries including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and India's North East in the near future".

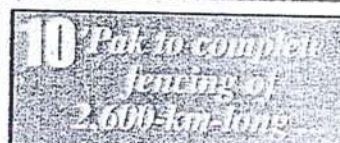
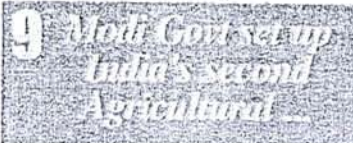
Prof Farid U Ahmed, VC of SUST said that the educational collaboration through ICVC will raise the standard of universities through cooperation, experience and exposure. 16 Vice-Chancellors of Central, State and private universities from North East India participated in the Convention along with their Bangladeshi counterparts. ICVC has been organized with the goal of improving mutual understanding between the



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## USTM to host three-day sixth NE Graduate Congress from Feb 15

GUWAHATI, Jan 28: North East Graduate Congress (NEGC) — the most acclaimed flagship programme patronized by ERD Foundation Guwahati — will commence at University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) for the sixth time from February 15 to 17 with an expected participation of more than 10,000 students from about 300 colleges spread across the North East. The mega event, according to a press release, will be inaugurated by Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister of Assam, and Prof. D.P. Agarwal, former Chairman, UPSC, New Delhi.

The three-day-long event will be graced by a galaxy of prominent personalities ranging from youth icons, intellectuals, academia, cultural and sports icons, politicians, motivational speakers and many more. NEGC is a unique confluence of students' community of undergraduate level held every year under the aegis of USTM. The main thrust of

NEGC is to facilitate the aspiring and budding youth to have direct interactive sessions with renowned academicians, educa-

Addressing a press conference at Guwahati Press Club recently, Dr Balendra Kumar Das, Director, Administration, USTM



tionists, industrialists and entrepreneurs of national and international repute in a single platform enabling them to shape and mould their career to befit the emerging needs of modern technologies and move towards new horizons for a self-reliant and developed India.

said that among the various sessions of 6th NEGC, the session on competitive examinations will be addressed by Prof. Agarwal while the panel discussion on "Youth, Politics and Corruption" would be addressed by Ruchi Gupta, AICC joint secretary and in-charge of NSUI; Vijaya Rahat-

kar, national president of BJP Mahila Morcha and other eminent leaders and analysts from the region.

On the other hand there will be a separate session to be addressed by Hardik Patel, youth leader and social activist; Kanhaiya Kumar, leader of the All India Students' Federation and Jignesh Mevani, a young politician from Gujarat. The cultural evening will be opened by popular Bollywood playback singer Armaan Malik and internationally famed actor Adil Hussain, while the sports events would be inaugurated by Dilip Tirkey, former captain of Indian national hockey team and Arjuna awardee Monalisa Baruah Mehta from Assam. Reputed motivational trainer Thomas John Rose is going to address the session on personality development and soft skills.

The press conference was also addressed by Mehjabeen Rahman, Dr Rani Pathak Das and Dr Alpana Choudhury of USTM. It

was stated that all students studying in graduation level can participate in NEGC. Teacher or Coordinator from different colleges or institutions select the students and forward the names to the organizers.

All participants attending the congress are required to fill a registration form and submit to the organising secretary, NEGC. Attractive awards including two wheelers, laptops, tablets, mobile phones and cash prizes will be given to the winners of different competitions. All the students will be awarded certificate of participation.

Various sports and cultural competitions along with quiz, debate, photography, painting competitions are being organized during the mega event. Topic of the debate competition is: "Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 is a bane for indigenous people". The sports competitions include cricket, football, volleyball, badminton, kabaddi and power lifting.



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## VCs of NE varsities discuss New Education Policy

### CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, June 22: A galaxy of Vice Chancellors of North Eastern universities, stakeholders, directors and representatives of educational institutions from the NE region gathered at the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) near here today to participate in a brainstorming session on the National Education Policy-2019.

They discussed the massive change and restructuring of the existing education system. The programme was organised by the USTM in association with the Centre for South East Asian Studies, Gauhati University and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

Presiding over the meet, Prof Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, Adviser (Education), Government of Assam, said that one of the important points agreed to by all the participants was that the new National

Education Policy (NEP) needs to have a perspective of the North Eastern region of India. It was also agreed to by all that the policy needs to put more emphasis on minorities and female education.

Mahbubul Hoque, USTM chairman, stated, "As the Union Ministry of HRD wants to introduce the new NEP that may act as a game changer for a new India, we find it extremely significant for the educational leaders and academic fraternity of the NE, along with the whole country, to sit together and have a thorough discussion on the new NEP". The views, opinions and suggestions put forward by the speakers would be sent to Ministry of HRD, he added.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, said, "The most important part of the NEP is that it is extremely comprehensive and well thought out. The school education part is well

documented as schools are the feeder institutions for higher education.

Apart from stakeholders, other distinguished participants in the session included Prof Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; Prof Vijaykumar L Dharurkar, VC, Tripura University, Dr Dhiraj Bora, VC, Assam Science and Technology University; Prof RC Nayak, Pro-VC, Nagaland University; Prof G Singaliah, Pro-VC, North East Hill University; Dr RR Haque, Tezpur University; Dr NB Singh & Dr UK Behera, Deans, Central Agricultural University; Prof Vincent Darlong, VC, Martin Luther Christian University; Dr Maribon Viray & Dr Fabian Lyngdoh, MLCU; Dr SC Singh, Professor of Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy; Dr S Tamilvanan, Associate Prof, NIPER, Guwahati and Prof Alaka Sarma, Director (Hony), International Centre for Gandhian Studies, USTM.





# NEP needs to be flexible, make space for region-specific gaps: NE academics

Kangkan Kalita | TNN

Guwahati: Vice-chancellors of several northeastern universities and stakeholders of educational institutions from the region have sought several changes to make Centre's education policy more flexible for the northeast before the National Education Policy (NEP) 2019 is formulated.

The Union ministry of human resource development (MHRD) has asked all state governments to submit their suggestions before June 30 after which the Centre would start finalising the policy. Vice-chancellors of both state-run and central universities and directors of several higher educational institutions gathered at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in the outskirts Guwahati on Saturday to give their inputs on the central education policy.

All those present in the meet unanimously agreed that the



Gauhati University vice-chancellor was one of those present at the meet

policy should be flexible enough to accommodate components that would be northeast centric. Mihir Kanti Chaudhari, education advisor to the Assam government, said that the policy should include perspectives of the northeastern region and cater its needs, like the establishment of a Institute of Liberal Arts. Apart from this,

the delegates also opined that the policy needed to put more emphasis on educating women and minorities in the region.

"Although school education is well documented in the policy draft, it has not laid down the implementation process as that would be a thing to note for the northeastern region," Mridul Hazarika, vice-chancellor of

Gauhati University said. He added that transforming colleges as per the policy norms would be a challenging task for the government as there are many institutions in very remote areas which may not be prepared enough to function autonomously.

Mahbubul Hoque, chairman of USTM, said that the NEP would act as a game changer for the country. He added that the meeting of distinguished academicians of the northeast was significant as they have put forward pertinent suggestions that the state government would make to the Centre before the policy was finalised.

The Union government has said that the main thrust of the policy will be breaking the rigid boundaries of disciplines in higher education and moving towards broad-based, flexible learning.

The policy will be finalised and presented in Parliament after taking feedback from various stakeholders.



# NE Graduate Congress concludes at USTM

## GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, FEB. 18: The three-day-long 5th edition of North East Graduate Congress (NEGC) has come to an end today at the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) with the participation of more than 10,000 students from the entire north-eastern states. The valedictory function in the morning was attended by thousands of youths representing colleges from various parts of the region where prizes and awards in different disciplines were conferred to the winners.

Addressing the students, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM encouraged more and more participation of students in this flagship event of the university. He said, "If any student is brilliant and unable to go for higher education, they should get a recommendation from their college Principal. Our doors are always open for meritorious students".

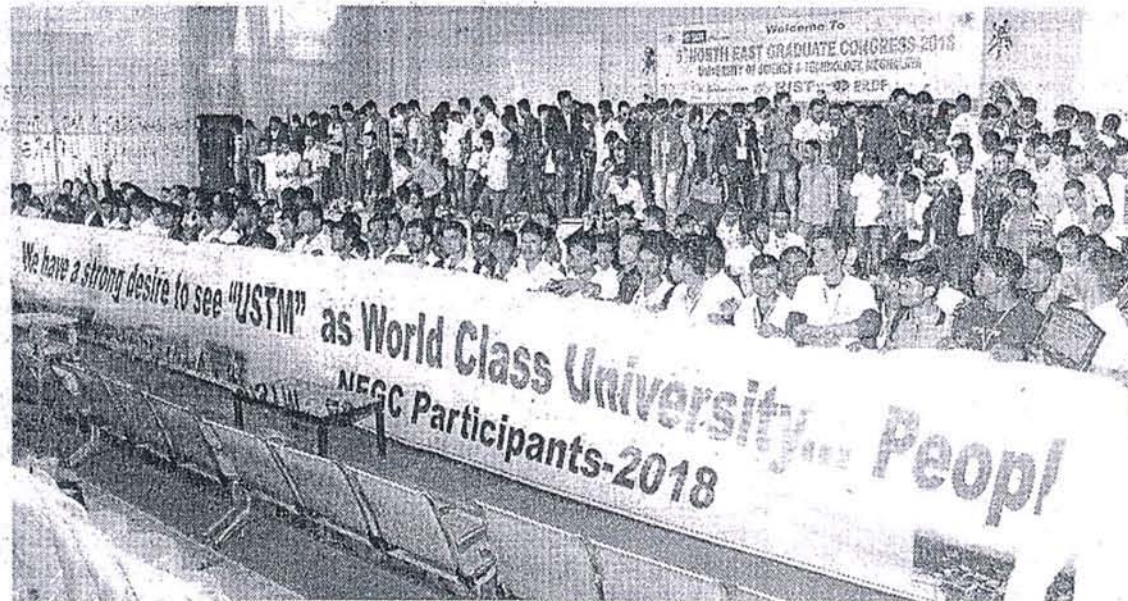
Earlier, welcoming all the participants, Dr Alaka Sarma, Pro Vice-Chancellor of USTM said that the students should try to spread light in and around the society they live. "If you cooperate with each other, you will reach your destination very fast and NEGC is such a friendly platform that gives you the opportunity for healthy competition", she added.

Some of the prizes given in NEGC 2018 were, three scooters to the Best Debater, the Best Graduate and the Best Footballer; cash prizes of Rs 15,000, Rs 10,000 and Rs 7,000 to the three Best Colleges- Koklabari Samuguri College (first), Imphal College, Manipur (second) and Pub Kamrup College (third) while 12 other colleges were awarded consolation prizes of certificates, mementoes, plants and cash awards. Other prizes include Best Team of Cultural Procession (1st- Nagaland state, 2nd- Assam and 3rd-Manipur), Most Active College

(Diphu Govt. College) and Most Disciplined College (Modern College, Manipur).

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More than 10,000 students witnessed the gala



Earlier on Saturday, the event was launched by the Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi after he flagged off a colourful cultural procession representing the eight north-eastern states at the University. Besides the Governor, the inaugural function was participated by Sri RS Mooshahary, former Meghalaya Governor, Prof. Bhabesh Chandra Goswami, Vice Chancellor, Cotton University, Prof. Ved Prakash, former Chairman, UGC, Sri Dilip Tirkey, MP, Olympian and former captain of Indian hockey team, apart from other dignitaries.

The Governor of Assam also laid the foundation stone of Srimanta Sankardev Block of USTM today. Thousands of students from more than 200 colleges from all over the north-eastern states participated in this mega youth con-

beginning of 5th NEGC with the cultural manifestations of eight sister states of the region. East of North East was represented by the students of 40 communities belonging to the entire region, each state displaying indigenous cultural presentation with indigenous costumes.

Separate sessions were held simultaneously at different venues at USTM. Session on personality development by renowned motivational speaker Thomas John Rose, soft skill workshop, technical session on "Youth and Entrepreneurship" by Dr Nomal Bora, CMD, GNRC Hospitals, technical session on competitive exams by Sailen Baishya, National Workshop for Teachers titled "Extension Education", two panel discussions on "Youth, Politics and Corruption" and "Women for Society".



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## *Brainstorm on new education policy at USTM*

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## VCs heads of institutions brainstorm at USTM for Educational Collaboration with South East Asia

**News Desk Guwahati, Dec 6 :** University Vice chancellors and heads of higher educational institutions from the North East met today over a brainstorming session on "South East Asia-Indian North East: Collaborative Higher Education Perspective" and formed an association suggested as "South East Asia as Intellectual Leader for a Better World" which would lead for collaborative work with institutions of the neighboring South East Asian countries. The programme was initiated and organized by the University of Science and

Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in association with National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam (NLUJAA), Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU), Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences (SSUHS), Tezpur University (TU) and Cotton University (CU). This new platform of higher education institutions has also decided that the first international convention in this direction would be held in the month of April 2020. The meeting has formed an association with Dr Mridul Hazarika, Principal Advisor USTM & former VC, Gauhati University as the President, Prof NC Talukdar, Director, IASST as the Vice President, Dr J S Patil, VC, National Law University as the Working President, Dr Dhiraj Bora, VC, Assam Science and Technology University as the Organizing Secretary, Prof Vinod Kumar Jain, VC Tezpur University as the Patron while Dr PK Goswami, VC, USTM, Prof Dipika Deka, VC, SSUHS, Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami, VC Cotton University apart from others as founding Members. It was decided that two universities from each SE Asian



countries would be invited to be part of the organizing committee for the proposed international convention in April. Chairing the brainstorming session, Dr Mridul Hazarika said that people to people contact is more important than government to government action in respect of collaborative relationship between South East Asian countries in the field of education. Therefore there is the need of a platform to think and work together towards building collaborative connections between the SE Asian countries in order to lead the world in the intellectual arena. Mahbulul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM and the key initiator in formation of this association of higher educational institutions of the North East India and South East Asia said, "It is time that all educational institutions come forward and join hands to work together for educational sports and cultural activities and make out Northeast a global destination". USTM is always ready to extend support for activities in order to create a global community, he added. He also rued that education is not getting priority in the government's Act East Policy. Dr J S Patil stated that "there is a need to develop a kind of philosophy which binds us together as an organization and only then we'll become torch bearers in bringing our educational vision". The only way to equate ourselves with the western world is to dominate intellectually, he added. Dr Dhiraj Bora, Prof NC Talukdar, Prof Dipika Deka, Dr PK Goswami also spoke on the occasion and forwarded their views.



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## Educational ties with NE a must: B'desh

GUWAHATI, Oct 23: "Educational and cultural connectivity between Bangladesh and India's North East is very much required, apart from business and trade relations," said Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya here on Wednesday. Munshi was addressing students and academicians in a programme on "India's North East and Bangladesh: Higher Education Roadmap" organised by USTM. The programme was also attended by Dr AHM Ahsan, Jt Secy Ministry Commerce, Bangladesh; Salim Hussain, Deputy Secty. Ministry of Commerce Bangladesh; Dr Abdul Hannan and Azizur Zaman, both eminent social workers and business-



men from Bangladesh; A Hoque, Commerce Councillor, Bangladesh; Dr SM Tanvir Monsur, Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India, apart from others.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Tipu Munshi said that connectivity of 'heart to heart' is very important for advancing relationship between Bangladesh and India which includes educational, sports and cultural connectivity. "I really appreci-

ate the success story of Mahbubul Hoque within 19 years' time and his effort in promoting higher education in the region. His dream can be distributed everywhere, USTM and the North East can be the next education destination from Bangladesh. I believe USTM is one of the best universities in North East India", he added.

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called on cricket's top teams to play more matches against his country in future to aid their development. Naib's side have lost all five of their matches at the current World Cup ahead of Saturday's clash with title contenders India in Southampton.

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**GUWAHATI, June 22:** Brainstorming session on the National Education Policy-2019 took place with confluence of vice chancellors of various universities of Northeast, stake holders, directors and representatives of educational institutions from the Northeastern region at University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) on Saturday.

Addressing the session, the speakers agreed to look into three language draft, recommended to have more debate. The speakers also appreciated and discussed about the various positive and innovative points of the Education Policy. (Contd. on pg-2)

It is a great joy for me to learn that the Karbi Autonomous Council (KAAC) is going to celebrate its colourful event on 23rd June, 2019 (Complex, Donkamukam, West Karbi Anglong).

The erstwhile Mikir Hills District Council (KAAC), after being declared an Autonomous Council (KAAC), after the government is one of the Autonomous Councils by the 6th Schedule provisions of the Constitution, giving the land and territory, language and culture of the (Hills) communities living in the twelfth division of Assam.

Since the inception of the Council, the government in KAAC has strived a lot to bring development in the district. The present BJP led KAAC under the CEM has made no stone unturned in executing development of the district and welfare schemes.

Under his able leadership the two districts of West Karbi Anglong have now become the fastest developing districts in Assam.

I once again convey my Best wishes to the Karbi Anglong districts a Happy Foundation Day celebration for 'Team Karbi Anglong' headed by the government, to make it a prosperous place in Assam as well as in the world.

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## VCs of NE varsities discuss New Education Policy

### CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, June 22: A galaxy of Vice Chancellors of North Eastern universities, stakeholders, directors and representatives of educational institutions from the NE region gathered at the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) near here today to participate in a brainstorming session on the National Education Policy-2019.

They discussed the massive change and restructuring of the existing education system. The programme was organised by the USTM in association with the Centre for South East Asian Studies, Gauhati University and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

Presiding over the meet, Prof Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, Adviser (Education), Government of Assam, said that one of the important points agreed to by all the participants was that the new National

Education Policy (NEP) needs to have a perspective of the North Eastern region of India. It was also agreed to by all that the policy needs to put more emphasis on minorities and female education.

Mahbubul Hoque, USTM chairman, stated, "As the Union Ministry of HRD wants to introduce the new NEP that may act as a game changer for a new India, we find it extremely significant for the educational leaders and academic fraternity of the NE, along with the whole country, to sit together and have a thorough discussion on the new NEP". The views, opinions and suggestions put forward by the speakers would be sent to Ministry of HRD, he added.

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documented as schools are the feeder institutions for higher education.

Apart from stakeholders, other distinguished participants in the session included Prof Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; Prof Vijaykumar L Dharurkar, VC, Tripura University, Dr Dhiraj Bora, VC, Assam Science and Technology University; Prof RC Nayak, Pro-VC, Nagaland University; Prof G Singaiah, Pro-VC, North East Hill University; Dr RR Haque, Tezpur University; Dr NB Singh & Dr UK Behera, Deans, Central Agricultural University; Prof Vincent Darlong, VC, Martin Luther Christian University; Dr Maribon Viray & Dr Fabian Lyngdoh, MLCU; Dr SC Singh, Professor of Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy; Dr S Tamilvanan, Associate Prof, NIPER, Guwahati and Prof Alaka Sarma, Director (Hony), International Centre for Gandhian Studies, USTM.



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## Organizing Brainstorming Session on NEP Kasturirangan appreciates USTM's leadership



News Desk, Assam Rising, July 04 : Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman of the Committee for Draft National Educational Policy 2019 has highly appreciated "the exceptional recommendations" from the various Vice-Chancellors of the universities of the North-Eastern regions who recently met in a brainstorming under the initiative of Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, University of Science & Technology- Meghalaya. "I am ex-

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kind of details that each of the participants had gone into with respect to this rather voluminous report". He further said that the inputs from the NE Vice Chancellors would be studied with all the care and attention by a special committee. The committee will consider all such inputs in the context of the necessary additions/changes that needed to be made to the draft policy report. "Even though I am not writing individually to the Vice Chancellors of the Universities of the North-Eastern regions, this email is being addressed to all of them through you and thus includes all the participating Vice Chancellors and officials whose names and designations are included in the final section of the report. I not only feel very satisfied with the efforts put by all of you but also the speed with which you came out with specific sug-

gestions that can be considered by the MHRD Committee in revising the draft", he added. Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM stated that more such brainstorming sessions on the new National Education Policy will be organized by the university in the coming days with participation of various stakeholders to come up with new ideas and innovative inputs. The recent Brainstorming Session on NEP organized by USTM was held on 22nd June which was participated by VCs & Directors of various universities and NITs of the north-eastern region.



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## *Educational & Cultural connectivity required with NE India: B'desh Com Minister*

**NET STAFFER**

SHILLONG, OCT 23: "Educational and cultural connectivity between Bangladesh and India's North East is very much required, apart from business and trade relations," said Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya here today.

Munshi was addressing students and academicians in a programme on "India's North East and Bangladesh: Higher Education Roadmap" organised by USTM. The programme was also attended by Dr AHM Ahsan, Jt Secy Ministry Commerce, Bangladesh; Salim Husain, Deputy Secty, Ministry of Commerce Bangladesh; Dr Abdul Hannan and Azizur Zaman, both eminent social worker and businessmen from Bangladesh; A. Hoque, Commerce Councillor, Bangladesh; Dr SM Tanvir Monsur, Assistant High Com-



**Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM honouring Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce, Bangladesh at USTM, on Wednesday. NET Photo**

missioner of Bangladesh to India, apart from others. Addressing the gathering, Tipu Munshi said that connectivity of 'heart to heart' is very important for advancing relationship between Bangladesh and India which includes educational, sports and cultural connectivity. "I really appreciate the success story of Mahbubul Hoque within

19 years' time and his effort in promoting higher education in the region. His dream can be distributed everywhere, USTM and the North East can be the next education destination from Bangladesh. I believe USTM is one of the best universities in North East India", he added.

Munshi also expressed his gratitude to the Gov-

ernment of India for helping Bangladesh at the period of its crisis. He said that road connectivity between Shillong and Chitragong has to be improved and promised to do something in this direction. He said that considering the 1741 Km long land border which the India's north-eastern region shares with Bangladesh there are tremendous potentiality for the growth of Northeast India-Bangladesh cross border trade through the surface route.

Earlier, welcoming the delegates, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said, "As we are going global, we feel that the Act East Policy of India has not taken any initiative in the field of higher education, sports and culture which has the potential to increase people to people bonding". He said that Bangladesh Commerce Minister's visit to India would create new vistas in developing the Indo-Bang-

ladesh international corridor which is vital to India's Act East Policy advancing mutually beneficial partnership in both conventional and non-conventional areas including Education, Research, Culture and Sports.

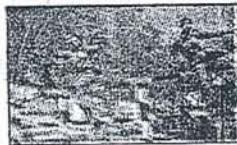
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Bangladesh. The other delegates from Bangladesh also delivered brief speeches on the occasion. The programme came to end with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Principal Advisor to USTM who stated that education is the primary aspect which can connect lives.



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## Scholars seek NE perspective in National Education Policy

**GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU**  
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It was agreed that study of agriculture needs to be addressed properly in the Policy and the North East should have at least one Indian Institute of Liberal Arts (IILA).

It was also agreed by all that the policy needs to put more emphasis on minorities and female education.

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Scholars from various educational institutes of North-east at the discussion at USTM on Saturday. Guardian photo

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try, to sit together and have a thorough discussion on the new Education Policy so that necessary suggestions can be put forward to the concerned authority in time."

The views, opinions and suggestions put forward by the distinguished speakers would be summarized and the minutes of the session will be sent to MHRD before 30 th June 2019 as desired by the government, he added.

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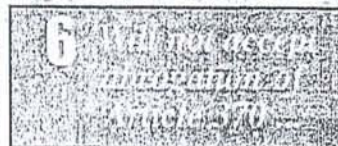
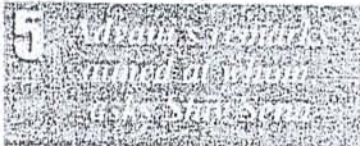
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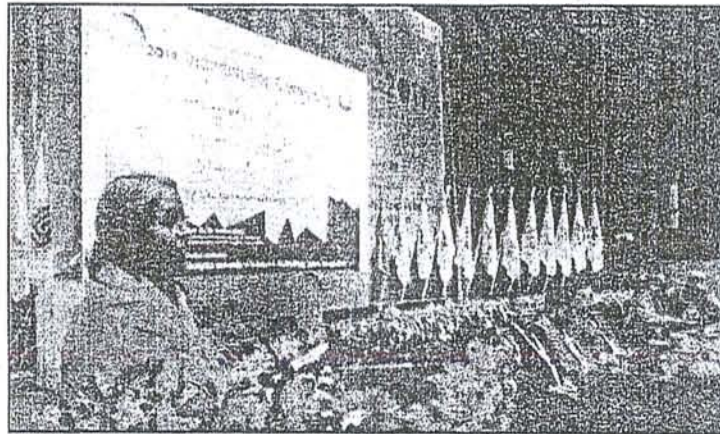
## Bangladesh minister calls for 'connectivity of hearts'

### GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU

SHILLONG, APRIL 6: The International Convention of Vice Chancellors (ICVC) of Universities of Bangladesh and North East India today unanimously decided to form an international education corridor and work collaboratively towards promotion of higher education, culture, brotherhood and peace.

The Convention was organized by Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet under the patronage of University Grant Commission, Bangladesh in association with the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM).

It was attended by more than 30 Vice Chancellors of universities, apart from Directors of institutions; top researchers from both countries and was graced by Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh and Prof A Mannan, Chairman, UGC Bangladesh apart from others.



Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister of Bangladesh, addresses the International Convention of Vice Chancellors. Guardian photo

The Convention decided that it will be a regular affair to be held in different countries on rotational basis.

It was decided that the Gauhati University will be hosting the next ICVC while the other universities in the North East India will be co-organisers.

Terming ICVC-2019 as an exceptional initiative, Dr Dipu Moni said, "Connectivity between India and Bangladesh has to be reestablished and this is very essential. We are always grateful to India and the people of its north-eastern region for their help during the war of Liberation. The connecti-

ty should not only be in terms of waterways, road connectivity or airways, but it has to be in terms of connectivity of ideas of people, their minds and hearts."

"Unitedly, we can build new intellectual powerhouse. If there is no peace, there cannot be prosperity," she added.

Addressing the Convention of VCs, Prof Abdul Mannan said Bangladesh looks more to the west while the North Eastern part of India is relatively unexplored in the field of education and there is an urgent need to explore this mutual benefit.

ICVC is significant in the sense that it will open doors for collaboration with the North East in this direction.

Speaking as the special guest of the Convention, Mahbul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM said, "North East India has more geographical proximity with Bangladesh than the rest of India. As there is no

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geographical boundary while seeking and acquiring let us remove the barrier created by physical borders to give collaborative effort in education and conquer the hearts of the people by bringing peace and progress. To my stakeholders of universities of both the regions must work for mutual benefit. ICVC 2019 is a timely action. I am confident that this convention would open doors for networking in the field of education among the ASEAN including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and India's North East future". Prof Farid U Ahmed, VC of SUST said that the collaboration through ICVC will raise the standard of university cooperation, experience and exposure.

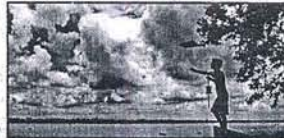
16 Vice Chancellors of Central, State and private universities of North East India participated in the Convention along with their Bangladeshi counterparts.

ICVC has been organized with the goal of improving standing between the people of the northeastern region of Bangladesh and India and to set a platform for bilateral communication and collaboration in higher and tertiary levels of



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## *Kasturirangan lauds USTM for organizing brainstorming session on NEP*

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A view of the brainstorming session by VCs & Directors of various higher educational institutions of the North East on National Education Policy organised by USTM recently.

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# पूर्वांचल प्रहरी



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## यूएसटीएम ने की पत्रकारों के लिए मीडिया फेलोशिप देने की घोषणा

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प्रदान की जाती है। कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न विशिष्ट वक्ताओं ने यूएसटीएम के चांसलर हक को उनकी ओर से शिक्षा के विकास के लिए उठाए गए कदमों के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया और आने वाले दिनों में इसी तरह के कार्य करते रहने की उम्मीद जताई। इस राउंड टेबल के दौरान पूर्वोत्तर के प्रिंट व इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया के वरिष्ठ पत्रकारों ने पीएचडी की तरह बड़े फेलोशिप देने तथा अन्य छोटे-छोटे सामान्य फेलोशिप देने की सलाह दी। इसके साथ ही अनेक पत्रकारों ने बाढ़ व भू-कटाव, पूर्वोत्तर में आजीविका के अभाव, वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए हेल्थ केयर की आवश्यकता आदि प्रमुख क्षेत्रों में फेलोशिप देने पर जोर दिया। इस अवसर पर 'पूर्वांचल प्रहरी' के कार्यकारी संपादक वशिष्ठ पांडेय, द असम ट्रिब्यून के कार्यकारी संपादक पीजे बल्वा, नॉर्थ ईस्ट लाइव के मुख्य संपादकीय



सलाहकार वासबीर हुसैन, वरिष्ठ पत्रकार नव ठकुरिया, इंडियन एक्सप्रेस के सह-संपादक समुद्र गुप्त कश्यप, आकाशवाणी के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय के सह-निदेशक राजीव बरुवा, दैनिक पूर्वोत्तर के संपादक रवि शंकर रवि समेत प्रिंट एवं इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया के कई शीर्ष पत्रकारों ने अपने-अपने सुझाव प्रदान किए। अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में गौहाटी विश्वविद्यालय के पूर्व कुलपति प्रो. एनके चौधरी ने कहा कि शिक्षाविदों एवं मीडिया जगत का संगम समाज

के लिए आगे चलकर काफी मददगार साबित होगा। उल्लेखनीय है कि कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत में यूएसटीएम के प्रो वाइस चांसलर डॉ. आरके शर्मा ने स्वागत-भाषण दिया और अंत में यूएसटीएम के स्कूल ऑफ साइंसेस एंड ह्यूमैनिटीज की डीन डॉ. अलका शर्मा ने धन्यवाद भाषण दिया। यूएसटीएम के पीआरओ रानी पाठक दास ने बैठक के उद्देश्यों पर प्रकाश डाला। मालूम हो कि यूएसटीएम ने वर्तमान में 4700 छात्र शिक्षा ले रहे हैं। (प्रसं)

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### Association formed for educational tie-up with South East Asian countries



Participants at a brainstorming session on "South East Asia-Indian North East Collaborative Higher Education Perspective", organised by USTM, at its campus at 9th Mile, Khanapara, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya on Friday.

SHILLONG, DEC 6: University Vice-Chancellors and heads of higher educational institutions from the North East met today over a brainstorming session on "South East Asia-Indian North East: Collaborative Higher Education Perspective" and formed an association suggested as "South East Asia as  
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Intellectual Leader for a Better World" which would lead for collaborative work with institutions of the neighboring South East Asian countries.

The programme was initiated and organized by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) in association with National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam (NLUJAA), Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU), Srimanta Sankaradeva University of Health Sciences (SSUHS), Tezpur University (TU) and Cotton University (CU). This new platform of higher education institutions has also decided that the first international convention in this direction would be held in the month of April 2020.

The meeting has formed an association with Dr Mridul Hazarika, Principal Advisor USTM & former VC, Gauhati University as the President, Prof NC Talukdar, Director, IASST as the Vice President, Dr J.S. Patil, VC, National Law University as the Working President, Dr Dhiraj Bora, VC, Assam Science and Technology University as the Organizing Secretary, Prof Vinod Kumar Jain, VC Tezpur University as the Patron while Dr PK Goswami, VC, USTM, Prof Dipika Deka, VC, SSUHS, Prof Bhabesh Chandra Goswami, VC Cotton University apart from others as founding Members. It was decided that two universities from each SE Asian countries would be invited to be part of the organizing committee for the proposed international convention in April.

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## 'MHRD to study VCs' inputs for NEP'

Pranjal Baruah | TNN

Guwahati: K Kasturirangan, chairman of the committee for Draft National Educational Policy (NEP) 2019 and former head of ISRO, appreciated the recommendations put forward by several vice-chancellors of northeastern universities. Recently, the heads of many northeastern universities had met to formulate points that would be beneficial for the region if included in the education policy.

In a letter addressed to the

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chancellor of the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), which organized a vice-chancellors' meet to discuss the various aspects of the draft NEP. Recently, Kasturirangan expressed delight to receive the 'exceptional recommendations' from the dignitaries.

In his letter, Kasturirangan stated, "I was delighted to receive the exceptional recommendations from the various vice-chancellors of the universities of the North-Eastern region who met under your chairmanship to discuss the various aspects

of the Draft National Education Policy 2019. I am extremely pleased to note that each of the vice-chancellors of the universities of the North-Eastern region as well as academics from the concerned institutions have made a very careful study of the policy report. This is well reflected in the kind of details that each of the participants had gone into with respect to this rather voluminous report".

He added: "Even though I am not writing individually to the vice-chancellors of the universities of the North-Eastern regions, this email is being addressed to all of them through you and thus includes all the participating vice-chancellors and officials whose names and designations are included in the final section of the report. I, not only feel very satisfied with the efforts put by all of you but also the speed with which you came out with specific suggestions that can be considered by the MHRD committee in revising the draft", Kasturirangan said."

The vice-chancellors from the northeastern universities and stakeholders of educational institutions from the region had sought changes in the draft NEP, to make the Centre's education policy more flexible for the northeast.