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**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, MEGHALAYA**

# SNAPSHOT OF MoU SIGNING CEREMONY



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Prof. Tariq Mansoor, VC Aligarh Muslim University & Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM signing the MoU



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Prof. S. K. Sopory, VC, JNU, New Delhi & Shri M Hoque, Chancellor, USTM signing the MoU



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MoU signed with Bangladesh University of Health Sciences



MoU signed with Assam Sahitya Sabha



MoU signed with B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati



MoU signed with NESAC



MoU signed with CSIR-CRRI, New Delh



MoU signed with NIRDPR-NERC



Dr. Bibhab Kr. Talukdar CEO & Secy. Gen. of Aaranyak & Dr. P.G Rao, VC, USTM exchanging MoU document in presence of Mr. M. Hoque, Chancellor, USTM and other dignitaries



A MoU has been signed between the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (UDB) and the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) on May 12, 2016 at UDB campus. The MoU was signed by the Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique on behalf of University of Dhaka and Dr P G Rao on behalf of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya, in presence of Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM & other high official of both the University



MoU signed with CSIR-Jorhat



Mr. M Hoque, Chancellor of USTM exchanging MoU document after signing with Dr. Mridul Hazarika, VC Gauhati University in presence of registrar GU & USTM

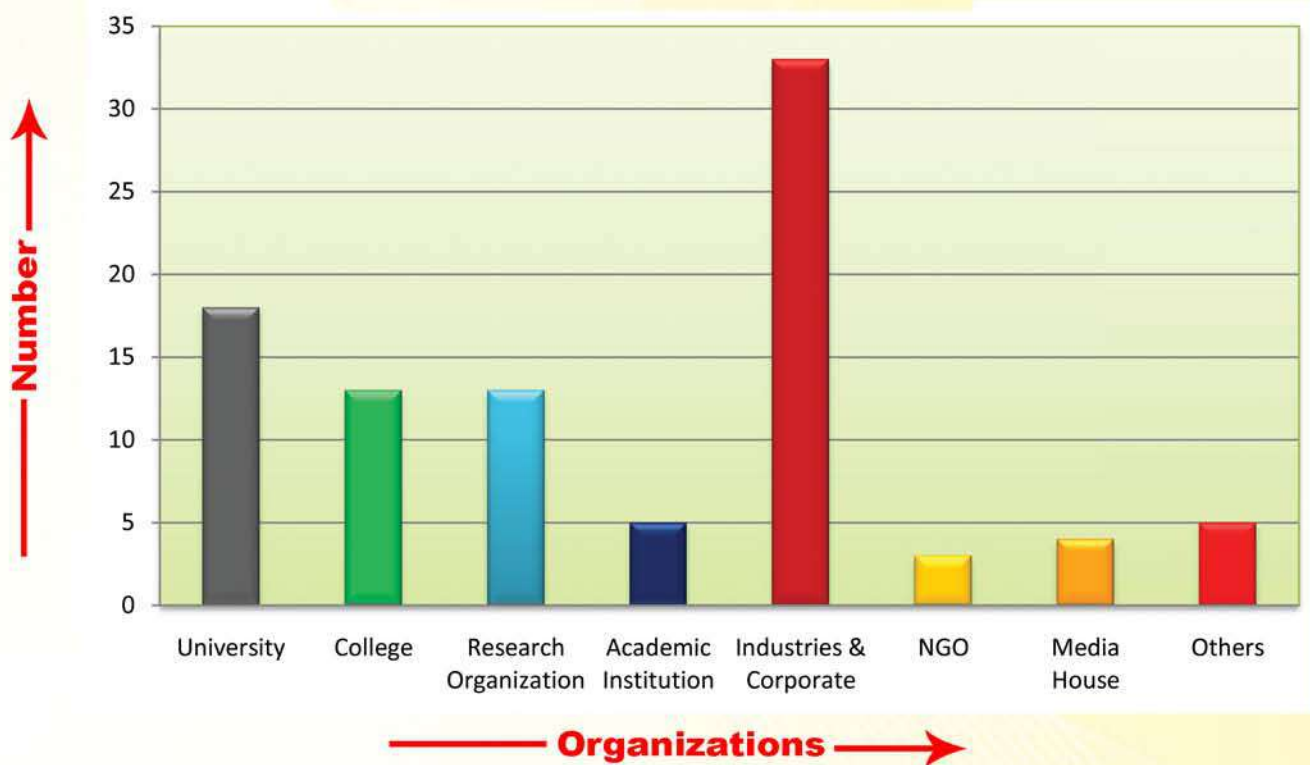


MoU signed with Bamboo & Cane Development Institute, Agartala



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# Graphical Representation of Functional MoUs



Sl. No	Nature of the Organisation	Functional MOUs
1	University	18
2	College	13
3	Research Organization	13
4	Academic Institution	5
5	Industries & Corporate	33
6	NGO	3
7	Media House	4
8	Others	5
9	Total	94



# COLLABORATIVE & EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

## UGC Chairman with VC's of North East India

The Hon'ble Chairman of University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Prof Ved Prakash had addressed the Vice-Chancellors of Central, State as well as



Private Universities and Principals of few prominent colleges of North East region through an Interactive Session organized by University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya on 11th March, 2016. Prof Ved Prakash remarked that in his entire career it is his first visit to a private university. He expressed his satisfaction by seeing the dedication, vision and growth of USTM and remarked that soon it would be one of the best universities of India.

## Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Addressing College Principals' of North East in association with Assam College Principals Association

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, eminent scientist and former President of India, addressed the gathering of the North East College Principals' Conclave (NCPC)-2014 that was hosted by the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya on 23rd July 2014. Dr Kalam had come prepared primarily to address the college principals, seeing an overwhelming presence of students and youth at the venue, he decided to address them first. He exhorted them to feel strong, and to realize that they have wings which meant that they are not born to crawl – they are born to fly high up in the sky and reach for the moon.



## ISRO Chairman Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar Addressing scholars of North East on a topic India in Space in association with NESAC

Shri AS Kiran Kumar, the Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) addressed 1st Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture on “India in Space” at University of Science & Technology, Meghalay on 17th September, 2016. He addressed the audience had commented, : India has now been emerging as of one of the 4 premier countries in evolving indigenous space technologies”



## Director, BARC addressed 2nd Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture



The 2nd Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture was organized at Techno City campus on 16th Sep, 2017. Dr. B.S. Tomar, Director Radiochemistry and Isotope Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) delivered a lecture on ‘Atoms in the Service of Mankind’. Dr. T.R Ganapathi, Head Plant Cell Culture Technology Section, BARC was also present on the occasion, among others. Addressing the gathering, Prof. B.S. Tomar delineated on how atoms are used for the development of the society. Dr. Tomar also had an interactive session with the students of USTM.

## Bangladesh UGC Chairman delivered 3rd Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture

The 3rd Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bangladesh on 25 October. Topic of the lecture was, “Dr Kalam’s Contribution in Igniting Global Minds” which was organized by USTM in the honour of Dr Kalam and was attended by a host of students, teachers and dignitaries, including Prof Ved Prakash, Former UGC Chairman and Prof Sanjay Deshmukh, Former VC, Mumbai University. Welcoming the gathering, Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM urged everyone to follow the footsteps of Dr. Kalam.



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An international conference on “Mahatma Gandhi’s Vision and Contemporary Political Leadership in North East India” was held from 5 to 6 October amidst eminent Gandhian scholars and reputed academicians from India and abroad. Organised by the International Centre for Gandhian Studies, a research centre of USTM, the two day long conference was participated by Shri Tushar Arun Gandhi, the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and Chairman of Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, Prof Sudarshan Iyengar, former VC, Gujarat Vidyapith, Dr. Liaquat Ali, VC, Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, Dhaka, Prof RM Pant, Director, NIRD & PR and Prof. B. Khadria, Chairman, Zakir Hussain Centre, JNU.



A National Seminar on “Cerebral Palsy Update 2018” was held at USTM on 7 and 8 July where a total of 190 participants from across the region including Physiotherapists, Special Educators, Speech Therapists and Psychologists participated. The workshop was organized by SVNIRTAR, Odisha and CRC Guwahati under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy, and with the support of USTM.



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Prof Ved Prakash, Former Chairman of UGC, New Delhi, delivered a talk on "Quality Higher Education" on 17 September at USTM. The talk was organised by USTM for the benefit of students and teachers alike.



Senior scientists from the Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology (DST) met at a two-day long National Workshop for Inspire Internship Science Coordinators at USTM from 25 to 26 June. The Workshop was organised by USTM and the Science Coordinators came from different parts of the country. Mahbulul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM, expressed his gratefulness to DST for choosing the north-eastern region for the first time to hold this national congregation and specially thanked for selecting USTM considering its performance and contribution in the field of science and technology.

On 30 September, three Japanese Nationals namely, Mr Tsukamoto Katsumi, president and Director of Asian Japan Academy, Mr Dharma Adhikari, Director, Asian Japan Academy and Ms Kazue Khurana, Academic Advisor, JACEEX along with officials of the Japanese Centre of Excellence conducted seminar presentations at USTM to teach Japanese Language, Culture at the Institute with an aim to provide students career opportunities in Japan.





Dr Martin J Ossewaarde from Netherland delivered a Talk on "Sustainable Development" on 15 September at USTM Conference Hall. The talk was organised by the Dept of Business Administration and Dept of Zoology, USTM.

Dept of Physiotherapy, USTM organized a day long workshop on "Neuroanatomy with special emphasis on Brain" on 26 February. Dr. Hirak Das, Asst Prof, Dept of Anatomy, Gauhati Medical College was the guest speaker.



A two-day National Seminar on "Customary Laws of North East India: Practice and Prevalence" was organised on Oct 21 and 22, 2017 by the University School of Law and Research. The chief guest was Prof (Dr) Poonam Saxena, VC, National Law University, Jodhpur who spoke on customary laws and their contradiction with modern legislation. Among others who addressed the Seminar were: Prof (Dr) Nuzhat Parveen Khan, Dean and Faculty of Law, Jamia Milia Islamia New Delhi, Prof (Dr) R C Borpatragohain, Dean and faculty of law, GU; Prof (Dr) Jeuti Barooah, former Director, Law Research Institute, Gauhati High Court, Prof (Dr) BK Chakraborty, Head, Department of Law, Tezpur University. A total of 51 participants from different colleges and universities presented papers on various relevant themes related to customary laws.

A 7-days-long national level workshop and training on Microbiology and Immunology was conducted by Dept of Applied Biology, USTM from 4 to 10 February, 2018. A total of 100 students from various universities across the north-eastern region and outside participated. PG students and research scholars from Manipur Central University, Nagaland Central University, NEHU, Cotton University, Gauhati University, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education (Chennai), Amity University (Noida), Shoolini University (Himachal Pradesh), Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University (Uttarakhand) were among the participants. At the end of the Workshop, the participant students were given certificates.



On 30 January 2018: With the objective to create greater public awareness of the importance of human rights to the lives of people, the Meghalaya Human Rights Commission (MHRC) organized an 'Awareness Programme on Human Rights' at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya in association with the University School of Law and Research here was addressed by Dr. Justice Aftab Hussain Saikia, Chairperson, MHRC; P.J.P. Hanaman, Member, MHRC; Noor Khan, District Session Judge, Ri Bhoi and West Jaintia Hills; Baharun Saikia, Advocate, Gauhati High Court .



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A two-day-long National Conference was jointly organised by USTM and NEMA (North Eastern Management Association) on 10-11 October at the University Conference Hall on the theme 'Think Global, Act Local: Contemporary Sustainable Business Practices and Development'. The Conference was inaugurated by Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr Mukul Sangma while the Keynote Address was delivered by B.P. Mukteih, CMD, NDFi. More than 100 scholars and professionals from across the North East participated in the two-day Conference.



On January 26, 2018, the students from the various universities which are in South Korea and north-east India gathered in USTM to hold an environmental seminar held to raise awareness of university students about the magnitude of environmental problems and to achieve SDGs, Sustainable Development Goals, which was adopted by United Nations in 2013 which was conducted by ASEZ (Save the Earth A to Z) member of World Mission Society Church of God.



Session chaired Prof. Saugata Bhaduri & by Prof. Ipsita Chanda, Dept. of Comparative Literature, EFLU, Hyderabad.. This was observed by Prof Saugata Bhaduri, of Centre for English Studies, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University while addressing the inaugural session of a two-day national seminar on 'Challenges of Cosmopolitanism in English Literature' at the Department of English, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) on April 20th & 21st 2018 Coverage by The Assam Tribune today

The Department of Rural Development, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya **in collaboration with State Institute of Panchayat and Rural development, Assam** has organized a National seminar on Sustainable Development Goals: Perspectives from the Indian Villages, which was held on 30th and 31st January 2017 at SIPRD campus and USTM Campus respectively.



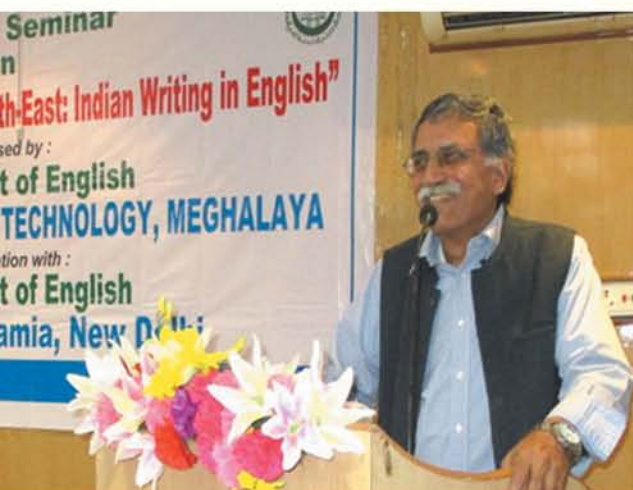
The department of Zoology, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya had organized a workshop on Phylogeny from 30th January to 1st February 2017. Around twenty one participant students and research scholars from ten different universities across the North East Region took part in this 3-days long workshop.

A three day International Earth Science Conference (IESC-2017) on "Challenges in Sustainable Resource Management and Way Forward" was organized by the Department of Earth Science, USTM from 29th to 31st January, 2017. Prof. R. B. Singh, noted academician and Vice President, IGU (International Geographical Union), New Delhi was the key note speaker of the occasion. Prof. R.B. Singh had warmly welcomed the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya for taking such a great initiative.



USTM announced several media fellowships for journalists of the region at a Round Table held on 18 January 2018 in the University campus amidst a galaxy of editors of newspapers and television channels as well as stalwarts and opinion makers from different states of the Northeast. Titled "USTM-Media Round Table 2018"

A two day Workshop on Legal Research Methodology organized by the University School of Law and Research, USTM during 26th & 27th August, 2016, with an aim of maintaining a balance or equilibrium between research methodology as prescribed by the UGC set of Laws for research and the practicality or the usage of the research subject so that a new dimension of critical analysis can be explored. Prof. Manoj Kumar Shah, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi was present along with Prof. S.S. Chatterjee, University of Calcutta as Chief Guest & Guest of honor respectively.



A two-day-long National Seminar was held from 18 to 19 February 2017 on Ethnicity and Identity in the Northeast: Indian Writing in English. The Seminar was organized by the Department of English, USTM in association with the Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

The Seminar began with a welcome song by the MA Students. This was followed by the speech of Dr PG Rao, VC, USTM. The Keynote speaker, Prof GJV Prasad, Centre for English Studies, JNU started off with a beautiful line "The Sun Rises Here". The key points that he highlighted were inherent conflict between "Us" and "Them", biggest marker of identity being 'gender', pre-existing notion that everything is fixed but which is not in reality, and so on.

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A three days 'National Workshop & Training in Frontier Areas of Food Science for Entrepreneurship Development Among Unemployed Youths' had been organized by the Department of Food Science, USTM from 7th to 9th Feb, 2017.

The objective of this workshop was to encourage unemployed youths, house makers and farmers to learn the basics of food preservation, bakery and pastry making process through well arranged classes and practical sessions. Sh. P K Hazarika, Director, Horticulture and Food Processing, Govt. of Assam was present as the Chief Guest on the occasion.



National Seminar on "New Trends in Biotechnology" for the North Eastern Region., lectured by Prof. Tapash Dasgupta, School of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Kolkata, Dr.R.Puvanakrishnan, Former Director Grade Scientist and Head, Department of Biotechnology, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai and Dr. Hemant J.Purohit, CSIR National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur. Also held a panel discussion on "Fostering Biotechnology Education and Research in the North Eastern States of India"



An International Seminar on “Genres of Belief from a Folkloristic Perspective” was organized by School of Media Sciences and Cultural Studies in collaboration with the Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, University of Tartu, Estonia on 4th & 5th February, 2013.

USTM organized a guest lecture on Plasma Physics for the students of M.Sc. Physics on 29 January 2018. The speaker for the lecture was Prof. V. K. Tripathi, Professor Emeritus of IIT, Delhi. Prof. Tripathi is pioneer in the field of Plasma Physics and he has significant contributions to the growth of IIT Delhi from its inception. In his lecture Dr Tripathi discussed about historical background of plasma physics and plasma confinement, emphasizing their uses in various branches of Material Science and Laser Physics including energy generation and electricity production. The lecture was very interactive and was attended by faculty members and students of the Department of Physics.



A National Seminar on “Educational status of Minority women in NE India-challenges & future prospects” was organized on 1st March, 2014 supported by Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India. Total 25 papers on diverse topics were enlisted for presentation in the technical sessions of the seminar entitled “Situational analysis of minorities in NE India – Equity in education, employment and participation” & “Schemes and programmes relating to empowerment of women and role of Govt and non-Govt sectors”.

A one day workshop on ‘Corporate Social Responsibility, Industrial Dispute Act 1947, Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act 1970’, organized by Department of Business Administration and Social Work on 30th May 2015.



## Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi

Nobel Peace Laureate and founder of the Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Kailash Satyarthi, flagged off the Meghalaya lap of his Bharat Yatra march at a function held on Sep 23th 2017. Zenith M Sangma, Minister Sports & Youth Affairs, Meghalaya, was also present on the occasion. 12 numbers of students from USTM had joined in this rally touring through 22 states of the country.



## International Convention of Vice Chancellors (ICVC-2019) in association with Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet under the patronage of University Grant Commission, Bangladesh

International Convention of Vice Chancellors (ICVC-2019) of Universities of Bangladesh and North East India was organized by Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet under the patronage of University Grant Commission, Bangladesh in association with USTM on 6th April, 2019 at Sylhet. 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 of Bangladesh and Prof A Mannan, Chairman, UGC Bangladesh apart from other dignitaries.



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## Three Day National Workshop on Statistical Tools

The three day National Workshop on Application of Statistical Tools in Biological Sciences organized by the Department of Botany, USTM has concluded on July 23, 2016 in presence of the Chief Guest, Prof S K Barik, HoD Centre for Advance Studies in Botany, NEHU. Shillong, Shri Mahbulul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM, Pro VC Dr RK Sharma, resource person of the workshop Dr Dibyojyoti Bhattacharjee, HoD Department of Statistics, Assam University, more than forty participants from various colleges and universities of Northeast, students and faculty members of USTM.

In his address Chief Guest Prof S K Barik, congratulated the organizers for conducting such an important and useful workshop. He said that statistics is a branch of knowledge which has enormous importance in every segment of biological sciences. Prof Barik urged the scholars to acquire knowledge from every stream of science as the time has changed to only limit in one particular branch of science.



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## National workshop on "Protection, Conservation and Management of National environment"



Two days workshop on the "Protection, Conservation and Management of Natural Environment : Role of Student community & Civil Society" at USTM in collaboration with Aaranyak has been organized on 7th February, 2017. The idea of holding this National Workshop was conceptualized by the Department of Education and the Department of Psychology, USTM. Its objectives lies in the fact that through this workshop a group of sixty five teachers will be identified from Higher Secondary level schools, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Colleges and will be trained as Master trainers so that they get motivated to work in the areas of Protection, Conservation and Management of Natural Environment.



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## Workshop on Molecular Techniques and Bioinformatics

The Department of Applied Biology, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya had organized a national Symposium cum Workshop and Training in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics (NSWTMBB-2017) from 5th to 11th January 2017.

The 7 days symposium was attended by students, research scholars and faculty members from different colleges and universities. The faculties from Down Town University, Amity University Noida and Boko College had participated in the workshop. Students and research scholars from Cotton College State University,



Gauhati University, Boko College and USTM had joined in the workshop. Both theory and hands on training were organised on molecular techniques and bioinformatics tools which are increasingly used in modern biological research. Resource persons from Gauhati University and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT),(DOEACC Society) had attended the workshop to teach the participants.

The valedictory function was held on 11th January and was attended by Prof Proboodh Borah of the College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati, Dean, Biological Sciences and senior Professors of USTM. Prof Proboodh Borah highlighted the importance of Molecular techniques and Bioinformatics tools in research field and praised the organizers for holding such an important workshop. He also advocated the organizers for holding more such workshops in future.

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The seminar highlighted the 17 aspects and goals of Sustainable Development as conferred by the United Nations. Various lecturers, intellectuals, scholars, academicians, researchers, administrators and professionals from different corners of the country attended and present their research paper on specific versed subject based on the prospects, impact, objectives, background and scope of the 17 “Global Goals”. The programme also aims to create awareness and throw light on the issues and the problems of Indian Village, how the villages are reciprocating SDG in order to put an end to hunger, poverty, gender discrimination, unemployment.

Mr AMM Zakir, Director, SIPRD while inaugurating the seminar on Sustainable Development Goals: Perspectives from the Indian Villages at USTM stated “Rural development is a very fascinating subject for the growth of grass root level condition. And panchayat plays the most important role in this process.

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## Space Science Exhibition in association with ISRO

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## National Seminar on Challenges of Cosmopolitanism in Literature

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*Srimanta Sankardeva, the sixteenth century philosopher saint's death anniversary was observed on 11 September at USTM by holding a talk on the "Philosophy of the Vaishnavite Guru". delivered by Sonali Hazarika, Associate Prof. of Cotton University.*



## Talk on Quality Higher Education by former UGC Chairman

Prof Ved Prakash, Former Chairman of UGC, New Delhi, delivered a talk on "Quality Higher Education" on 17 September at USTM. The talk was organised by USTM for the benefit of students and teachers alike.

## International Conference on Gandhi's Vision

An international conference on "Mahatma Gandhi's Vision and Contemporary Political Leadership in North East India" was held from 5 to 6 October amidst eminent Gandhain scholars and reputed academicians from India and abroad. Organised by the International Centre for Gandhian Studies, a research centre of USTM, the two day long conference was participated by Shri Tushar Arun Gandhi, the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and Chairman of Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, Prof Sudarshan Iyengar, former VC, Gujarat Vidyapith, Dr. Liaquat Ali, VC, Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, Dhaka, Prof RM Pant, Director, NIRD & PR and Prof. B. Khadria, Chairman, Zakir Hussain Centre, JNU.



## National Seminar on Cerebral Palsy Update

A National Seminar on "Cerebral Palsy Update 2018" was held at USTM on 7 and 8 July where a total of 190 participants from across the region including Physiotherapists, Special Educators, Speech Therapists and Psychologists participated. The workshop was organized by SVNIRTAR, Odisha and CRC Guwahati under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy, and with the support of USTM.



## Workshop on Neuroanatomy

USTM organized a day long workshop on "Neuroanatomy with special emphasis on Brain" on 26 February. Dr. Hirak Das, Asst Prof, Dept of Anatomy, Gauhati Medical College was the guest speaker.

## USTM Launched Skill Centre at Central Jail

University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) has launched the Skill Development Centre for Jail inmates on October 22, 2016 at the Central Jail, Guwahati in association with Nagen Sarma Memorial Society. This is an extensive initiative under the USTM Community College with a focus on Social Inclusiveness sponsored by ERD Foundation, Guwahati. USTM launches "Skill Development Centre" for jail inmates with two training centres, the Computer Training and Tailoring centre. The centres were



inaugurated by Shri Jyotirmoy Chakraborty, ADG, P Vigilance in presence of Shri Ranjan Sarma, I G Prisons; Moni Baruah, DG of Prisons; Shri Bhupen Das, Jail Supritendent, Shri Tarun Talukdar, AIG Prisons, Shri Mahbulul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM; Prof Alaka Sarma, Dean Students Welfare, USTM, the delegates of Kasturba Ashram and the members of an NGO, "Women for Women". Instructions will be imparted thrice a week for 3 months and at the end of training successful candidates will be awarded with a certificate.

## Gandhian style of teaching most effective for kids: Prof Ashok Bhargav

Noted Gandhian Prof Ashok Bhargav from Banaras Hindu University took an enlightening session at USTM on 19 December. Talking on "Learning from Gandhi", he said that teachers and educationists of present day have to learn a lot from the views of MK Gandhi on new education or 'nai talim'.

## Talk on Migraine by Padma Shree Prakash

Padma Shree Vaidya Balendu Prakash, Director, Vaidya Chandra Prakash Cancer Research Foundation, Dehradun delivered a talk on "Relief from Migraine through Ayurveda" organized by USTM on 25 April at the University campus.



## Talk on Sustainable Development

Dr Martin J Ossewaarde from Netherland delivered a Talk on "Sustainable Development" on 15 September at USTM Conference Hall. The talk was organised by the Dept of Business Administration and Dept of Zoology, USTM.

# NORTH EAST GRADUATE CONGRESS-2019

The 6th North East Graduate Congress, organized by USTM, the only graduate congress in the country was participated by more than 7,500 students from more than 200 different colleges of the North East during 15th to 17th February, 2019. The Congress is aimed to enhance all-round development and bring out capabilities of the future graduates through various life skill processes and expose them to various opportunities. Renowned academicians, VC's of Central and State Universities of North East, internationally acclaimed motivational speakers, entrepreneurs & stakeholders from industries participated as speakers including Prof. D P Agarwal, Former Chairman, UPSC, New Delhi; Arjuna awardee Monalisa Baruah Mehta; Hardik Patel, Youth Leader from Gujarat; Ms Ruchi Gupta, AICC Jt. Secy and In-Charge of NSUI; Jignesh Mevani, MLA from Gujarat; Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, former Chief Minister, Assam; Rohit Chahal, National Media In Charge, BJP (Youth Wing) and Allantry Dkhar, Vice President of UDP, Meghalaya in NEGC-2019.

Through different competitions like Games, Debate, Photography, Creative Writing, Quiz and Best Graduate, NEGC has offered a unique platform to the participants for sharing views, knowledge and ideas with each other and explore their talent taking guidance from experts in different fields.

Every year NEGC is organized by USTM as a regular event to groom the future generation of youth of this country.



# MOU IMPLEMENTATION POLICY

## Why Collaboration?

Collaboration in higher education is the teaming up with other higher education institutions, industry/corporate, research institutes, NGO's and any other organisation which can pursue for mutual benefit for the institution and work together towards sharing educational and research dreams, achieving common goals, and enhancing collective effort in meeting educational needs in focus.

## Why this Policy?

USTM signed nearly 100 MoU s with various organizations for collaborative activities and therefore to execute all the terms and conditions mentioned in the different agreement, university management felt to set up a policy for transparent mechanism to transform the objective of MoU into action in association with partnering organizations.

## Why MoU ..?

1. Launching of joint research activities, exchange of faculty members and submitting research proposals to funding organizations.
2. Collaboration of various forms of faculty development & Professional training.
3. Conducting students and scholars exchange between the organisations including Skill based training for the students.
4. Jointly organising seminar, workshop & Conference etc.
5. Conducting joint consultancy & Research as an when needed
6. Exchange of guides and mentors for the student projects.
7. Collaborative work for Development of innovation, start up and entrepreneurship.
8. Internship programs, projects, on the job training for the students.
9. To organise jointly cultural, co curricular, extracurricular & sports activity
10. Any other such kind of collaborative activity as mutually agreed upon.
11. Inviting resource persons for Talk, discussion , seminar , viva voce and presentations etc
12. Sharing of resources mainly Library and Lab facilities

## Who will retain MoU Copy .. ?

Registrar will be the custodian of original copies of MoU and copy of the same to be given to all HoD to maintain the database for understanding about the profile and objective of MoU. Once a new MoU is signed, it will be updated time to time to all the departments for information.

## Renewal of MoU :

Director Research will maintain the database of MoU along with date of signing & date of expiry. Before three month of the expiry of MoU, a request letter to be sent to the organisation for renewal along with activity report by the Registrar.

## MoU Implementation Committee (MIC):

To look after the activities a committee to be formed namely MoU Implementation Committee (MIC) by the Hon VC as per following structure. The tenure of committee will be for 2 years. All Head of the Departments or their nominee will be the members of the MIC. Research Division will be the care taker of the committee and do all needful activity time to time.

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Chairman	Any Senior Dean
2	Vice Chairman	Any Senior Professor
3	Coordinator	Director Research
4	Member	All HoD or nominated faculty by HoD
5	Organising Secretary	Dy. Registrar

### **MIC Meetings:**

There must be one 6 monthly meeting to review the progress and advice for further action. Final meeting will be held after one year where besides yearly presentation of activities by each department and Annual Report as a whole to be presented by MIC

### **Recognition and Reward:**

Few recognition and rewards to be given to individual or department as a whole for best performance in collaborative activities

### **Role of Research Division:**

Dean Research /Director Research will monitor day to day the implementation of the activities and will facilitate all coordination and communication with partner organization. All annual reports and activity reports are to be maintained for various reference and updating the same with IQAC and PR Department.

### **Responsibility of Department:**

- Every department has to conduct 5 to 10 collaborative activities in each academic year choosing few partner organizations from the list of MoU depending on their profile to make the collaborative activity meaningful. .
- The nature of activities shall be seminar, workshop, student exchange, faculty exchange, student project, internship, on the job training, welfare and outreach, sports, cultural, etc.
- Among the activities one program must be in the form of seminar, workshop, conference, Faculty Development Program (FDP) which is relevant as per NAAC guideline or any other statutory authority
- Among activities there must be one activity related to welfare/ outreach
- Before finalisation of any activity approval to be taken from the committee/ coordinator so that uniformity in collaborative activities can be conducted with all organisations.
- Every Department will send the proposal to their counterpart department of the other institutions giving a copy to the coordinator of MIC with prior discussion/ information.
- A strong follow up will be made for the settlement of the proposal and in case of non receipt of response from the other side, information to be given to the coordinator.
- In case of not receiving response even after reminder the proposal may stand cancelled and therefore same proposal can be given to other similar kind of organisations.
- Every department must collect the faculty/department and infrastructure details well in advance for continuance of collaborative activities.
- It is the responsibility of the department to maintain good relation with the collaborating institutions.
- The coordinator will also send pleasantries to their counterpart especially on the occasion of New Year or after accomplishment of assignment.
- All plan and activities to be updated to PRO for publicity

### **Study Category of MoU**

Before planning for any activity, proposal to be made after understanding the nature and category of the partner organization whether it is a University, Institute of Excellence , College , research institutions , schools , Corporate/Industry or NGO so that outcome can be made fruitful and appropriate .

### **Annual Collaborative Activity Report by each Department:**

The department must submit the Annual Collaborative Activities report to the Chairman of the MoU Implementation Committee (MIS) along with future one year calendar of activity calendar for understanding.

### **Role of VC/Registrar:**

To coordinate for renewal and also to invite head of the institutions time to time in all occasions of the university. Greetings to be sent on all major celebrations without fail. Research Division will coordinate in this regard.

### **Convention of Heads of MoU Signing organisation:**

An effort to be given to invite all the head of the institution for a convention to discuss various issues related to the functioning of MoU and Future course of action. Chairman of MIC will fix the date after consultation with VC and few renowned participating organizations to ensure that at least 50% of the partner organizations are joining.

Note: In case of organisations with which the MoUs are not signed but many collaborative activities are done, a letter from the associating organizations can be collected to show the activities were done jointly.





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

शिल्लोंग, 28 फरवरी: पूएसटीएम (USTM) ने पत्रकारों के लिए मीडिया फेलोशिप देने की घोषणा की है। इसका आयोजन 28 फरवरी को शिल्लोंग विश्व विद्यालय में होगा।

कले आर डे। प्रिंट व इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया क्षेत्र में शिक्षा के विकास के साथ सामाजिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण अदानत करता आ रहा है। उसीने का कि हमें विद्यार्थी है कि मीडिया से इन्हें बहुत कुछ सीखने की अवसर मिलता है। जो हक ने कार्यक्रम में पूएसटीएम की ओर से पत्रकारों के पत्रकारों के लिए फेलोशिप देने की घोषणा की। उन्होंने यह फेलोशिप आयोजी खुलासी मीटिंग में घोषणा किए जाने की जानकारी दी। इस अवसर पर

प्रदान की जाती है। कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न विभिन्न पत्रकारों ने पूएसटीएम के चोसलर हक को उलका ओर से शिक्षा के विकास के लिए उदार एप कदमों के लिए आभार व्यक्त किया और अपने अपने दिनों में इसी तरह के कार्य करने की उम्मीद जताई। इस उद्देश्य के दौरान पत्रकारों के प्रिंट व इलेक्ट्रॉनिक मीडिया के विभिन्न पत्रकारों ने पीपचडी की तरह बड़े फेलोशिप देने तथा अन्य छोटे-छोटे सामाजिक फेलोशिप देने की बातचीत की। इसके साथ ही उलका



सलाहकार, वसन्ती, हरिन, जित्तिय पूएसटीएम नवद्वारा, इंडियन एसोसिएशन के सह-संयोजक समुह गुण कश्यप, आभारवाणी के क्षेत्रीय कार्यक्षेत्र के सह-निर्देशक जयिच करवा, दीर्घक पूएसटीएम के वलक और सहसिंस

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

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 Asian Indian North East Collaborative Higher Education Perspective' and formed an association suggested as 'South East Asia as (Contd. on P-11)

Participants at a brainstorming session on "South East Asia-Indian North East Collaborative Higher Education Perspective", organised by USTM, at its campus at 8th Mile, Khanapara, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya on Friday.

Intellectual Leader for a Better World which would lead for collaborative work with institutions of the neighbouring 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 Varadised Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Assam Sankaradevi University of Health Sciences (SSUHS), Tezpur University and National Law University (NLU), Assam. 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. N. S. Talukdar, Director, USTM as the Vice President, Dr. J. S. Paul, VC, National Law University as the Working President, Prof. B. Borah, VC, Assam Science and Technology University (ASTU), Tezpur as the Secretary, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, VC, Tezpur as the Organizing Secretary, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, VC Tezpur, Coleman & Co. Ltd.

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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 Shillong 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 and researchers from both countries and was graced by Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister of Bangladesh and Prof A. Maman, Chairman, UGC Bangladesh and 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 will be co-organisers.

Termining ICVC-2019 as an exceptional initiative, Dr Dipu Moni said, "Connectivity is 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 Maman said that Bangladesh looks towards 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

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 affair 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

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

Kangkan Kalita: 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 of Guwahati on Saturday to give their inputs on the central education policy.

All those present in the meet unanimously agreed that the policy should be flexible enough to accommodate components that would be northeast-centric. Mihir Kanti Choudhury, 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 under 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 NEE 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 Assam 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.

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

SHILLONG, Jan 28: North East Graduate Congress (NEGC) - the most prestigious flagship programme patronized by ERD (Education Guwahati) - will convene at University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) for the sixth time from February 15 to 17 with an expectation of participation of more than 300 students from about 300 colleges spread across the North East. The mega event, according to a press release, will be inaugurated by Sarbananda Choudhury, Chief Minister of Assam and Prof. D.P. Agarwal, Vice-Chairman, UPSC, New Delhi.

The three-day-long event will be attended by a galaxy of prominent personalities ranging from Union Ministers, Ministers, academicians, cultural and sports icons, and many more. NEGC is a confluence of students' emerging needs of modern technologies and move towards new horizons for a self-reliant and developed India.

Addressing a press conference at Guwahati Press Club recently, Dr Balendra Kumar Das, Director, Administration, USTM, 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 Rishabhakar, 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 Mahabubul Hoque, Dr. Rani Parthak Das & Dr. Ananta 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 organizing 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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## Brainstorm on new education policy at USTM

GUWAHATI, June 22: A galaxy of Vice Chancellors of north-eastern universities, stakeholders, directors and representatives of educational institutions from the north-eastern region gathered together at the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya today to participate in a brainstorming session on the National Education Policy-2019 and discussed about the massive change and restructuring of the existing education system. The programme was organized by USTM in association with the Centre for South East Asian Studies, Gauhati University and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

As per a press release, promoting over the brainstorming meet, Prof. Mihir Kanti Choudhury, Adviser to the Government of Assam, said that the 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 30th June 2019 as desired by the Government, he added.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice-Chancellor, Gauhati University said, "The most important part of the National Education Policy-2019 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. But how are we prepared for the constraints in the implementation process is not clearly mentioned in the policy document."

Apart from stakeholders, other distinguished participants in the brainstorming session include: Prof. Saket Kishore, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; Prof. Vijay Kumar L. Dharurkar, VC, Tripura University, Dr. Dhruv Bora, VC, Assam Science and Technology University; Prof. R.C. Nayak, Pro-VC, Nagaland University; Prof. G. Srinivas, Pro-VC, North East Hill University; Dr. R. H. Haque, Tezpur University; Dr. N.B. Singh & Dr. U.K. Behra, Deans, Central Agricultural University; Prof. Vincent Darong, VC, Martin Luther Christian University; Dr. M. Babu Viny & Dr. Fabian Lyngdoh, MLCU; Dr. S.C. Singh, Adjunct Professor of Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy; Dr. S. Tamuliwan, Associate Prof.

## NE Graduate Congress concludes at USTM

SHILLONG, FEB 18: The three-day 6th 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 inauguration 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. Alankar Sarma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of USTM said that the students should try to spread light and around the society they live. "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, Kokabari Samaguri College (first), Imphal College, Manipur (second) and Pub Kamrup College (third) while 12 other

(Dipu Govt. College) and Most Disciplined College (Modern College, Manpur) glomeration. More than 10,000 students witnessed the

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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 Sr. RS Moosahary, former Meghalaya Governor, Prof. Bhabesh Chandra Goswami, Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University, Prof. Ved Prakash, former Chairman, UGC, Sri Dipu Tirkey, MP, Olympian and former captain of Indian hockey team, apart from other dignitaries.

beginning of 6th NEGC with the cultural festivities of eight sister states of the North East of North East was represented by the teams of 40 communities belonging to the region, each state displaying its own cultural presentation with indigenous costumes. Separate sessions were held simultaneously at different venues at USTM. Sessions on personality development by renowned motivational speaker Thomas John Rose, soft skills workshop, technical session on "Youth and Entrepreneurship" by Dr. Norma Bora, CMD of

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## VCs of NE varsities discuss New Education Policy

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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. The participants also appreciated and discussed about the various positive and innovative points of the Education Policy.

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## Kasturirangan lauds USTM for organizing brainstorming session on NEP

GUWAHATI/9th Mile, Khanapara, July 3: Dr. K. Kasturirangan, chairman of the Committee for Draft National Educational Policy 2019 has highly appreciated "the exceptional

letter sent to USTM on Tuesday. In the letter addressed to the USTM Chancellor, the leader of the Draft National Education Policy Dr Kasturirangan stated: "I was delighted to re-

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 suggestions 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 June 22, which was participated by VCs & Directors



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.

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.

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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 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.

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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

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## Scholars seek NE perspective in National Education Policy

GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU SHILLONG, JUNE 22: A number of vice-chancellors of north-eastern universities, stakeholders, directors and representatives of educational institutions from the north-eastern region gathered together at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) today to participate in a brainstorming session on the National Education Policy-2019.

Presiding over the brainstorming meet, Prof Mihir Kanti Chaudhuri, Adviser (Education), Government of Assam said one of the important points agreed by all the participants in the meeting was that the new National Education Policy needs to have a perspective of the North-Eastern region India.



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

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."

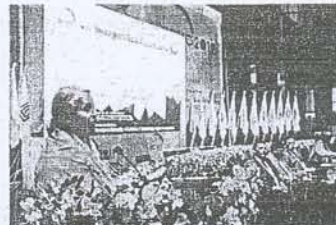
The views, opinions and suggestions put forward by the distinguished speakers would be summarized and the minutes of the session will be sent to MHRD before 30 th June 2019 as desired by the government, he added.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University said, "The most important part of the National Education Policy-2019 is that it is extremely comprehensive and well thought out."

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## ICVC agrees for academic collaboration

SYLHET, BANGLADESH, APR 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 organised 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, India. It was attended by more than 30 Vice-Chancellors of universities, apart from Directors of institutions; top researcher's from both countries and was moderated by Dr

Dr Dipu Moni, Education Minister of Bangladesh, addresses the International Convention of Vice-Chancellors in Sylhet, Bangladesh on Saturday.

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## USTM seminar stresses strong inter-university collaboration



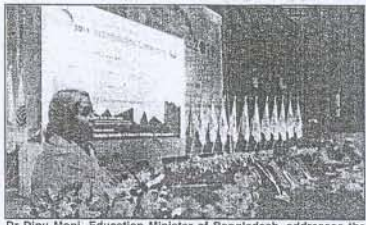
Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya addressing at the National Seminar of North East Teachers' Congress-2014, organised by the University of Science & Technology at 9<sup>th</sup> mile in Meghalaya on Sunday, UB Photos

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

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

## Bangladesh minister calls for 'connectivity of hearts'

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## USTM signed MoU with ASEZ to become change maker

Desk, Guwahati, Jan 8. Extending support to "Reduce Crime Together" crime prevention movement for human happiness the University of Science & Technology (USTM) today signed an agreement with ASEZ-ASEZ student volun-



teer group which is carrying volunteer services in 175 countries around the world under the slogan "Save the Earth from A to Z". Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM agreed to become an advisor for university students of ASEZ. **Contd...Page 5**

## USTM signed MoU with ASEZ

and give them his counsel about the ways to carry out and develop their activities while encouraging them to move on to change the world for a better future. ASEZ wants to establish communities safe from crimes that deprive people of their lives and degrade the quality of life, and contribute to sustainable happiness and development of the world. They raise awareness on crime prevention and carry out related movement for youths, college students, workers and all citizens who are the central figures of change through campaigns, forums, seminars, green campus cleanups, emergency relief and Reduce Crime Together campaign for human happiness. For smooth and practical volunteer services ASEZ has signed number of MoUs with agencies including the Nepalese Ministry of Education, State Council of Amazonas in Brazil, City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, United Nations Association of Utah in USA, etc. Earlier, on 19th January 2018 ASEZ volunteers from South Korea held a Seminar at USTM on the importance of protecting the environment and how to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Along with USTM student members, ASEZ

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## USTM inks pact with National Law University

GUWAHATI, Oct 24: A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam (NLUJAA) and the University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) at Amnagaon, Guwahati on Thursday. The purpose of this MoU is to create a framework for collaboration between the two higher education institutions for the benefit of students and other stakeholders. The agreement was signed by Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil, Vice Chancellor of NLUJAA and Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM. Signing the MoU, Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Patil said that this mutual understanding of USTM with NLUJAA will provide all kinds of academic support to the University School of Law & Research, which is a constituent of USTM in order to achieve excellence. "This will create a win-win situation for both the

universities for mutual exchange of expert opinion, use of infrastructure facilities, sharing of knowledge and best practices in class through faculty exchange programmes and a lot more", he said. Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor of USTM has congratulated the Vice Chancellor of NLUJAA for their outstanding infrastructure and unparalleled facilities for students. He said that the agreement will benefit USTM in various ways. The National Law University is one of the best universities for law in the country. Both the signatory institutions agreed to organize different programmes of legal studies, human rights for lawyers and graduates from time to time. USTM and National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam will work together to conduct short-term certificate courses, diploma courses, degree and post graduate courses in Law and related areas to generate



awareness about different aspect of law, training programmes to address requirements of industrial professionals. The collaboration with USTM is expected to enhance training, research and developmental activities conducted by both the Universities through assimilation of emerging knowledge on laws and related matters. USTM is expected to achieve academic excellence in partnership with international agencies facilitated by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam to become one of the world leaders in producing knowledge in the field of Corporate and Commercial Laws, Intellectual Property Laws, International Laws, Environmental Laws, Constitutional Laws, Human Rights Laws of the industry which will contribute in economic development as desired by UGC for service to the society, a press release stated.

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## USTM-IASST MoU on research, enhanced learning

CORRESPONDENT

JORABAT, Oct 4: The University of Science & Technology Meghalaya (USTM) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) recently with the objective to enhance teaching, learning and research experience of students and faculty in order to improve upon the quality of human resources available especially in Assam and the north-eastern region.

The MoU was signed in Guwahati by Dr NC Taluk-

ny Hoque said that the MoU would facilitate joint collaborative research works between students, faculty and staff of the two institutions, and registration of research scholars of IASST in USTM. He said a scholars' conclave would be the first collaborative effort in this direction.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Talukdar said IASST has always been with USTM on various occasions and the signing of the agreement has now given a boost to this academic cooperation for future benefit of students and research work.

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## ERDF SIGNS MoU WITH AKSHAR FOR RECYCLING CENTRE OF SOLID WASTE

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

GUWAHATI: In a noble initiative for a clean city as well as to provide livelihood to the poor and deprived, the ERD Foundation (ERDF) on Tuesday signed a MoU with Akshar Foundation, a Guwahati-based registered public charitable trust engaged in poverty eradication through operation of schools that supplement formal education with vocational training, business incubation, and community development. The MoU was signed at ERDF office by Parmita Nagesarma, co-founder and Associate Director Joint.



THE MoU WOULD SUPPORT AKSHAR TO LAUNCH ITS RECYCLING CENTRE, WHICH WILL HELP IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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## Four Turkish Universities ink pacts with USTM

RI BHOJ, July 13: With the objective of development of education and research, the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) has signed four MoUs with four premier Universities in Turkey during July 9 to 12 for academic and research collaborations, a press release informed on Friday.

The MoUs were signed by Prof. Nevzat Tarhan, Rector, Uskudar University, Istanbul; Prof. Dr. Musa Duman, Rector, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul; Prof. Dr. Metin Dogan, Rector, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University, Ankara, and Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sahin, MD, Rector, Selcuk University, Konya, Turkey with Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM India.

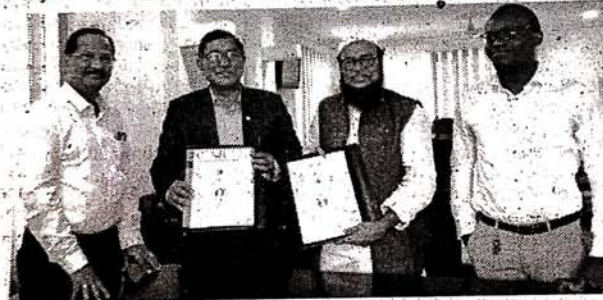


that concerned departments search in the field of medical and health science, pro-

## USTM-CONCORD MoU

GUWAHATI, OCT 18: "An MoU was signed recently between USTM (University of Science and Technology of Megha-

and CONCORD signed a long-term agreement to collaborate in the field of education, management development, knowledge management, global best practices and OD interventions.



laya) and CONCORD Centre for Management, Guwahati.

The MoU was signed by Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor, USTM cum Chairman, ERDF and Dr. Satya B. Borgohain, Founder and Director, CONCORD. USTM

CORD will facilitate USTM in establishing linkages with industries for continuous interaction, exchange of ideas, knowledge and experience-sharing for bringing in outside perspectives in industry-academia interface".

## MoU signed between USTM and IASST



IASST Director Dr NC Talukdar (L) and USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque during the signing of the MoU in Guwahati on Monday.

**STAFF REPORTER**  
GUWAHATI, Sept 30: With the objective to enhance teaching, learning and research experience of students and faculty in order to improve upon the quality of human resources available, especially in Assam and the northeastern region of India, the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Advanced

Study in Science and Technology (IASST), a DST Government of India research centre, here on Monday. The MoU was signed by Dr NC Talukdar, Director, IASST, Guwahati and Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM on behalf of the two institutions. Addressing a gathering on the occasion of the MoU signing ceremony, Hoque said that the MoU will facilitate joint collaborative research work between students, faculty and staff of

the two institutions, and registration of research scholars of IASST in USTM. He said that a "Scholars Conclave" would be the first collaborative effort in this direction. Speaking on the occasion, Dr NC Talukdar stated that IASST has always been with USTM on various occasions and the signing of the agreement has now given a boost to this academic cooperation for future benefit of students and research work.

## CITY Patients' help desk opened at BCCI

**STAFF REPORTER**  
GUWAHATI, April 12: In order to help cancer patients with a hand-holding approach, the Education Research Development Foundation (ERDF), Guwahati opened a patients' help desk at the Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI) here today. The help desk is intended to facilitate patients' counselling, navigation and guidance in the BCCI premises and help in cancer screening camps as well as patients' interaction in OPD along with consultants.

Inaugurating the patients' help desk, BCCI Director Dr AC Katakai said, "Collaboration is very important for developmental work and this is a unique example of collaboration between a public sector institution and a private sector institution." On the occasion a MoU was also signed between BCCI and the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) for promotion of cancer research. Dr Katakai said that apart from academic and research collaboration with USTM, BCCI would also guide USTM students in demographic follow-up of the patients. Speaking on the occasion, M Hoque, Chancellor, USTM and Chairman ERDF said, "Cancer patients who come from far-flung areas for treatment find themselves at a loss in the first few days regarding who to meet

so many other things. Keeping this in mind, USTM has taken the initiative to open this patients' help desk at BCCI. Every day groups of students from the Department of Social Work, USTM will be available at the help desk for service." The MoU was signed by Dr RK Sharma, Vice Chancellor, USTM and BCCI Director Dr Katakai. Apart from academic management and research work, USTM and BCCI will collaborate in matters regarding dissemination and updating knowledge of research work being carried out in the North East through technical activities such as seminars, symposia, workshops, publication of papers, conventions, conferences at various levels, social issues and awareness programmes, recognition and rewards to individual achievements in awareness, technology and entrepreneurship.

GUWAHATI, National Bank Of India in collaboration organised a blood donation camp today to mark the birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

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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 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,

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 Vijay Kumar 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 Marbon Viray & Dr Fabian Lyngdoh, MLCU; Dr SC Singh, Professor of Law, National Law University and Judicial Academy; Dr S Tamilvanan, Associate

## Indo-Bangla VCs Convention agree for academic collaboration

STAFF REPORTER  
GUWAHATI, April 8: With the goal of improving academic standards between the people of the Northeastern region of India and Bangladesh by setting up a platform for bilateral collaboration in education, the Indo-Bangla VCs Convention of Vice Chancellors of Universities of Bangladesh and North East India was inaugurated by Prof Saket Kushwaha, VC of Rajiv Gandhi University, Assam and Prof Vincent Darlong, VC of Martin Luther Christian University, Assam. The convention was held at the USTM, Guwahati. Prof Saket Kushwaha, VC of Rajiv Gandhi University, Assam, said that the convention was a landmark event in the history of higher education in the region. He said that the convention would provide a platform for the Vice Chancellors of the two countries to discuss and address the common issues of higher education. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to share their experiences and best practices. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to discuss the need for academic collaboration between the two countries. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to discuss the need for academic collaboration between the two countries.

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essential. We are all 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 only or airways, but 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 can be no prosperity," he added. Addressing the Convention, Prof Abdul Mannan said that Bangladesh looks more to the West while the North East part of India remained unexplored in the field of education and there is an urgent need to explore this area. He said that the convention would provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors of the two countries to discuss and address the common issues of higher education. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to share their experiences and best practices. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to discuss the need for academic collaboration between the two countries. He said that the convention would also provide an opportunity for the Vice Chancellors to discuss the need for academic collaboration between the two countries.

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 will open doors for further networking in the field of education among the ASEAN countries including the 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

## USTM holds AMU Alumni Meet, connects with global fraternity

**GUARDIAN NEWS BUREAU/SHILLONG, FEB 29:** Eminent alumni of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) from across India and abroad gathered together at the gorgeous Central Auditorium of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) here today as USTM held the AMU Alumni Meet 2020 as part of the centenary celebrations of AMU. The USTM Chancellor Mahbubul Hoque himself being an AMU alumnus took this initiative to explore possibilities to connect USTM with the global fraternity. On the occasion, USTM conferred 'Outstanding AMU Alumni Award' to renowned Mumbai based entrepreneur and philanthropist Rais Ahmad.

Lt. Gen (Retd) Zamiruddin Shah, Pro Chancellor USTM & Former VC of AMU; Dr Mridul Hazarika, VC USTM; Prof Suhail

ing services worldwide and achieving excellence. We want to explore the talents of the North East and see the alumni of

and vital role and will certainly bear fruit." Dr Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor of USTM stated that for a new institution it is important to

Yasmin Salkia said, "It should make good human beings and connect to the rest of the world. We were alumni from North East Hill University and Assam Rifles who were the event. Prof Suhail said that that there are many East region in Guwahati. The inauguration was followed by a programme with evening

USTM in global community", he added. Addressing the gathering, Lt. Gen (Retd) Zamiruddin Shah said, "USTM will definitely become a world class university go forward holding hands with an experienced institution. He said, "We have to join hands to move together to achieve a national goal and this type of programme is a

## Peace education is a necessity in NE: Prof Saikia

**9TH MILE (RiBhoi) Mar 8:** "Peace is a harmony, an awareness of being part of a human community that unites diverse communities. Learning about peace is not just a matter of definition, it is an awareness building. Violence can precede and dictate the terms of our lives and peace will be a byproduct of those terms. India's North East has experienced decades of insurgency and related violence and peace education is a necessity here to create hope and understanding in the next generation." This was stated today by Prof Yasmin Salkia



Prof. Yasmin Salkia from Arizona State University speaks to "peace students" at USTM, Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya on Thursday.

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