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IQAC ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS (2019-2020 TO 2023-2024)



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SESSION: 2019-2020

During the academic year 2019-20, IQAC made significant contributions by preparing the AQAR, Academic Calendar, and the Annual News Bulletin. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, IQAC ensured the continuity of education by shifting classes online and organizing various webinars. Two Certificate Courses, one on Eco-System Management and another on Functional Assamese, were conducted online due to the Covid-19 situation, while an offline Certificate Course on MS Office was also organized.

Girl-centric initiatives were undertaken which included training programs such as a Certificate Course in Basic Beauty Care organized in collaboration with Imagik Beauty Parlour from October 30 to November 9, 2019, and a Taekwondo Course for self-defense held from October 11 to October 25, 2019. A Health Check-up Camp on Breast Cancer was organized at Namgaon, the adopted village of the college, in association with Rodali, a Center for Cancer Awareness and Counselling, on February 23, 2020. For International Women's Day, activities such as a talk by Mrs. Julie Barua on "Samatar Prajanma Garhat Narir Bhumika," a street play on women's status in Indian society at Ulubari HS School, and handicraft training at Kalyani Niwas, a shelter home for girls, were organized. Additionally, a sanitary napkin vending machine was donated by Guwahati Refinery and installed in the girls' common room to support menstrual health.

IQAC promoted student participation in environmental activities including projects in collaboration with WWF India, where about 100 students took part in various programs. A documentary screening on environmental issues was held on October 17, 2019, followed by a talk on "Solid Waste and Plastic Waste Management" by Prof. K.G. Bhattacharjee from Gauhati University on November 11, 2019, attended by 200 participants. On World Environment Day, a webinar on "Time for Nature" was organized with a talk by Dr. Partha Pratim Barua, Professor of Botany at Gauhati University. The college also took steps to promote sustainability by declaring itself a no-plastic zone and generating 50% of its electricity through solar energy.

To promote mental and emotional well-being, a 10-day Yoga Program was conducted in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra from October 15, 2019, and a Value Education Course was held from October 30 to November 9, 2019. Talks on adolescent psychological issues and mental health were delivered by Dr. Mythili Hazarika, Clinical Psychologist, on November 14,



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2019, and by Dr. Sunita Agarwala from Dispur College in February 2020. International Yoga Day was celebrated with an online session titled "Yoga: A Way of Life" conducted by Vivekananda Kendra. Additionally, a Faculty Improvement Program on the use of Online E-Resources was delivered by Dr. Dhruvajit Das on May 31, 2020, via Zoom.

IQAC also contributed to national and social responsibilities by celebrating important events such as Independence Day, Republic Day, and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas. During the Covid-19 lockdown, IQAC, along with the NSS unit, organized food and medicine distribution and vaccination slots for the underprivileged. The college also served as a Covid-19 screening center for three months. The Extension Education Cell organized a Swachh Bharat Program at Railway Colony, Panbazar, in collaboration with Sri Sri Dakshineswar Kalimandir Committee.

To promote cultural inclusivity, the college organized an ethnic cultural procession during the College Week 2019-20, where all departments participated, showcasing the cultural diversity of the institution. Furthermore, an "Earn While You Learn" exhibition-cum-sale program was held on January 9, 2020, where students sold traditional food and crafts. National Science Day was celebrated on February 28, 2020, organized by the Science Stream departments. As a part of SBDC Lecture Series, Dr. Nabanita Bhuyan delivered a lecture on "Working of Parliamentary Democracy in India" on November 9, 2019.

The Alumni Association raised Rs. 15,000 in funds, and a wheelchair was donated to the college by Apollo Hospital Ltd. Although plans to conduct additional environmental programs were made, they could not be executed due to the pandemic. A workshop on Intellectual Property Rights, scheduled for March 23, 2020, had to be cancelled for the same reason.



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SESSION: 2020-2021

During the academic year 2020-21, IQAC undertook several initiatives aimed at fostering a gender-friendly environment and promoting inclusivity. A series of workshops and webinars on women's empowerment were organized, including programs on the economic self-reliance of rural women in the adopted village, Namgaon, on January 22, 2021, and March 20, 2021. A self-defense workshop for girls was held on March 8, 2021. To develop a connection between students and their cultural heritage, IQAC organized an ethnic festival and traditional dance competition on February 20, 2021, which saw participation from ethnically diverse students from various colleges in Guwahati. Another notable event was the "Earn While You Learn" exhibition-cum-sale program on January 9, 2021, where students sold traditional food to showcase their culture and gain entrepreneurial experience.

In terms of academic initiatives, the timely completion of semesters I, III, and V courses during the Covid-19 period was ensured. Furthermore, IQAC introduced measures to support both slow and advanced learners, including providing financial assistance to poor and meritorious students and establishing a college book bank for lending books to those in need. IQAC played a key role in supporting students' career development and skill-building through career counseling and skill development programs. Notably, two certificate courses on Eco-System Management and Functional Assamese were conducted online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, while an offline certificate course on MS Office was also offered.

As part of the college's commitment to national awareness, several national days such as Independence Day, Republic Day, International Women's Day, and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas were celebrated, instilling a sense of national pride among students and staff. On the occasion of National Science Day, a lecture on ecosystem restoration by Dr. Sarada Kanta Sharma was organized, along with poster and quiz competitions. The college also celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021, with an online yoga demonstration conducted by fitness experts. Workshops, talks, and seminars were organized by several departments and cells, including a National Webinar on "Covid-19: Issues, Challenges, and Way Ahead" on February 8, 2021, and an interdisciplinary workshop on Colonialism and Oral History in Assam, co-organized by the Department of History and Department of Assamese. In collaboration with Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samati, IQAC facilitated a lecture on Indo-China relations by ex-student Mandeep





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Bhattacharjee in a session organized by the Department of Political Science. A talk on equal opportunity in the field of law was delivered by ex-student and advocate Debajit Kalita on July 11, 2021. Additionally, an industrial exposure tour to various industrial plants at Chaygaon, Assam, was organized by the Department of History on February 4, 2021, with sponsorship from the Assam Industrial Development Corporation.

IQAC and the NSS unit also contributed significantly to community service during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Volunteers took part in food, clothes, books, and medicine distribution to the Covid-affected people in neighboring areas, while also assisting in arranging vaccination slots for the underprivileged. Additionally, a cloth distribution program was carried out by the Extension Cell for the poor and needy in nearby areas. As part of community engagement, a water well and sewing machine were donated to the people of Namgaon by the college's Principal, teaching staff, and librarian.

Throughout the year, several MoUs were signed to enhance collaboration and resource sharing. IQAC facilitated signing of MoUs of college/departments with other organisations such as Vivekananda Kendra, Beltola College, Guwahati; Snehalaya, Child Friendly, Guwahati etc.

Further promoting entrepreneurship and innovation, the college established the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, to foster pre-incubation activities. The NCC (Naval Unit) was successfully introduced in the college, further enriching the student experience. The process of registering for the Alumni Association was initiated.





SESSION: 2021-2022

In the academic year 2021-22, due to the disruption of regular/offline classes in the 2nd wave of Covid-19, IQAC in association with the Heads of the Departments regularly reviewed the progression of courses being conducted in online mode and took necessary actions to ensure the timely completion of the syllabus. Counselling sessions to guide students for the end semester exams were also organised.

IQAC, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organized various programs throughout the year aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and skill development. Notable programs included a workshop on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship as Career Opportunities" on June 12, 2021, and an Orientation Program on Entrepreneurship on July 24, 2021. Motivational sessions, such as "My Story", were conducted by successful entrepreneurs on February 24, 2022. Additional sessions focused on Problem-Solving, Ideation, and Business Model Development, including a workshop on Design Thinking and Entrepreneurship held on May 30, 2022.

Several teaching-learning and faculty development programs were also conducted, including training sessions on the use of ICT in higher education. IQAC facilitated the installation of interactive panels in classrooms to enhance digital learning, and 10 additional computers were purchased for academic purposes.

A placement drive for 6th semester and outgoing students was organized on 28th September 2021, resulting in 20 students securing jobs. IQAC also promoted skill development through various certificate courses such as Natural Resource Management, Web Designing on HTML, Tally, Functional Assamese and among others.

Throughout the year, key national and international events were celebrated, including Republic Day, National Science Day, and International Women's Day. In addition, various workshops, webinars and cultural programs were organized. Cultural festivals of different ethnic groups were celebrated, such as the Bathau Festival on 24th January 2022, Me-Dam-Me-Phi on 29th January 2022, and Ali-Aye-Ligang on 15th February 2022. A special exhibition program called "Earn While You Learn" was conducted on 20th April 2022, with students from various ethnic groups actively participating. World Environment Day was celebrated on June 5, 2021, with a



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state-level inter-college competition on Eco-system Restoration and a quiz competition conducted in virtual mode due to the pandemic. A workshop on laws related to women was conducted on July 30, 2021. In addition, a webinar on "Cinematic Representation of Women in Conflict Zones" took place on August 23, 2021.

IQAC also took steps to improve the well-being of students, teachers, and staff by inaugurating a Counseling Centre on 9th February 2022, which provides counseling services. A Health Check-up Camp was held on 30th December 2021 in collaboration with 4 Seasons Nutrition Wellness Centre for teaching and non-teaching staff and female students. The Prakash Unit celebrated World Disabled Day on 3rd December 2021, further promoting inclusivity within the college. The departments implemented various strategies to support both slow and advanced learners, ensuring that each student's needs were met. Feedback from students and other stakeholders was collected and analyzed to inform continuous improvement efforts within the institution.

During the second wave of Covid-19, IQAC, through the NSS unit and Extension Education Cell, organized relief activities, distributing clothes, medicines, and food to the needy. Blood donation camps and AIDS awareness programs were also conducted as part of the extension activities. To support local communities, IQAC organized a Training Program on Mushroom Cultivation for women in the adopted village on 12th March 2022. Additionally, the teachers of S.B. Deorah College contributed financially towards the construction of a Public Toilet at the adopted village, Namgaon. As part of the Republic Day celebrations, a Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was conducted on 24th February 2022 by the students' wing of the Women's Cell.

New MoUs were signed with colleges and other institutions to engage collaboration on academic projects, while Green and Environment Audits were conducted to evaluate the college's sustainability practices.





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SESSION: 2022-2023

In the academic year 2022-23, IQAC was actively engaged in various academic, skill development, and community-driven activities. IQAC continued its efforts to improve academic processes by finalizing the 2022-23 academic calendar, which scheduled 185 teaching days, and introducing greater transparency in internal assessments by ensuring that students were shown evaluated answer scripts in class and given the opportunity to resolve grievances in a timely manner. A methodology to evaluate course outcomes was revised. IQAC constituted new sub-committees for the AQAR of the 2021-22 session and the 3rd cycle of the SSR. The self-appraisal and evaluative reports from departments were collected.

Entrepreneurship promotion was another key area, and in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, IQAC organized several workshops. These included the **Impact Lecture Series** on June 29 and July 15, 2022, focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation, and additional workshops on **Business Model Canvasses** and **Process Design**. Fostering soft skills was a major focus of IQAC in the academic year. Several orientation programs were organized, including **"Digital Literacy: Basic Presentation Skills"** on 26th August 2022, **"Professional Writing"** on 27th August 2022, and **"Public Speaking Skills for Beginners"** on 31st August 2022. A **Civil Services Examination Preparation Workshop** was held from 24th to 26th August 2022 by the Career Guidance and Counselling Cell. IQAC introduced various certificate courses, including **Basics of Historical Tourism in Assam, Spoken English and Personality Development, Photoshop, and Service Marketing**. These programs provided valuable learning opportunities for students and upgrade their skills.

Faculty demonstrated courses available on the Swayam/NPTEL portal to students, and the revised format of teaching plans and mentor-mentee forms continued to be used by departments. On 11th March 2023, IQAC organized an **Orientation Program on NEP-2020**, with Prof. Bhagirathi Panda as the resource person, and an **Orientation Program on Open Educational Resources** was held on 28th May 2023.

IQAC also ensured that the college celebrated key national and international events, such as **National Science Day, International Yoga Day, and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**. The **Equal Opportunity Cell** played a significant role in promoting inclusivity, conducting a program titled **"Reflection of Diversity"** on 30th August 2022. The **World Day for Cultural Diversity**





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for Dialogue and Development was also celebrated in collaboration with the Equal Opportunity Cell. Health-related initiatives included an **Eye Check-up Camp** on 22nd August 2022, and a **Free Oral Health Check-up and Treatment Camp** on 20th March 2023, commemorating World Oral Health Day.

Several programmes related to the development of faculty and non-teaching staff were also organized. An **FDP on Learning Attributes in Higher Education** was held on 24th August 2022, and another **Digital Learning FDP** was conducted in collaboration with ICT Academy from 12th to 15th May 2023. Teachers were also trained on the use of ICT tools to enhance teaching effectiveness. On 30th August 2022, IQAC held an orientation program on the **Public Financial Management System** for teaching and non-teaching staff. The college's IT infrastructure was bolstered with the installation of an optical fiber-based internet connection provided by AMTRON, a Government of Assam undertaking.

Throughout the year, MoUs were signed with various institutions, including Arya Vidyapeeth College, KRB Girls' College, K.C. Das Commerce College, Handique Girls' College, and Kanya Mahavidyalaya, along with NGOs like Ashadeep (A Mental Health Society) and Earthful Foundation. These partnerships led to faculty exchange programs and a range of collaborative activities. In a major achievement, the college was awarded **ISO 9001:2015 certification** for providing undergraduate education in arts, science, and commerce streams. As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability, IQAC organized an **E-waste Collection Drive** on 29th April 2023 in collaboration with Earthful Foundation.





SESSION: 2023-2024

During the academic year 2023-24, IQAC focused on academic planning, teacher training, and infrastructure improvements. To assess student satisfaction, a mock Student Satisfaction Survey was conducted with 30% participation, and students were oriented on the importance of this survey. Feedback forms involving students, teachers, alumni, parents, and employers were shared.

In the academic year 2023-24, emphasis were given to placement activities, certificate courses, and skill development. IQAC, in collaboration with Reliance-Jio Infocomm Limited, through the Career Counselling and Placement Cell organized a placement drive on 30th September 2023. The Cell also organized a Career Counselling Program in collaboration with the Government of Assam's Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training on 2nd February 2024. Furthermore, on March 28, 2024, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell hosted a Soft Skills and Employability Program in association with Ace Miracle Minds. A 60-hour certificate course on Retail Team Leader was conducted by ICT Academy in collaboration with Atos Syntel Prayas Foundation. Various departments also conducted several 30-hours certificate courses. The Department of Commerce, in association with the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program from March 19 to 21, 2023. The Department of Computer Science and the Skill Development Cell conducted a 3-day Workshop on Photo and Video Editing Skills from 21st to 24th May 2024.

National and international observances were celebrated throughout the year. These included National Science Day on 28th February 2024, where students participated in extension activities in Prasanna Vidyapeeth to demonstrate the importance of science through experiments to school students. International Women's Day was organized by the Women's Cell, and the Department of Mathematics celebrated International Mathematics Day on 14th March 2024. An Awareness Program on Mental Health was organized by IQAC in collaboration with the Young Indians and Counselling Centre on 15th March 2024. Additionally, the Environment Cell, in collaboration with the Eco-Club, celebrated the International Day of Biological Diversity on 22nd May 2024 by organizing extension activities at Prasanna Vidyapeeth School.



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To promote community engagement, a Community Sensitization Program was held on 22nd September 2023 in collaboration with Shishu Sarothi and the Azim Premji Foundation, promoting inclusive societal values. A Voter Awareness Campaign was conducted on 20th February 2024 by the Electoral Literacy Club and the Extension Activities Cell at Vivekananda Vidya Bharati College, with 60 students participating. A One-Week NSS Special Camp was held at Namgaon, featuring a free cancer screening camp, a cattle vaccination camp, anti-alcoholism awareness, yoga, handicraft training, and agri-entrepreneurship awareness. An AIDS Awareness Program was organized by the NSS Unit on 30th November 2023 in observance of World AIDS Day. Additionally, the NSS Unit conducted a Health Care and Hygiene Program on 23rd September 2023 at Rupnagar ASTC colony as part of their extension activities.

IQAC organized a 3-day Faculty Development Program on Intellectual Property Rights in association with ICT Academy, alongside other programs focusing on the use of ICT in higher education to enhance teaching-learning processes. In addition to these, several awareness programs were organized. IQAC, in association with the Digital Learning Cell, conducted a Cyber Security Awareness Program on 4th October 2023 as well as ICT enhancement training for teachers on September 18, 2023. Teachers were trained to update the college website, for periodic updates of departmental webpages.

Various audits such as Academic audit, Green and Energy Audits were conducted for the 2023-24 session. Several infrastructure improvements were undertaken during this period, including the installation of two additional water station coolers as part of a CSR initiative by the State Bank of India and the renovation of the college auditorium.

