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Through hardwork and education,
we can deliver a strong economy
and opportunity for all.

- Julia Gillard

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Departmental Farewell

📅 27 April 2023



On April 27, 2023, an unforgettable farewell event unfolded as the 2nd and 4th semester students came together to bid a heartfelt goodbye to the final-year outgoing students of the 6th semester. The atmosphere was a blend of excitement and nostalgia, with a hint of sadness that this was the last time they would all be together in this academic setting. Everyone, including professors and students in the 2nd and 4th semesters, wished them a bright future. The farewell group shared their three-year college journey with mixed feelings. The heartfelt ceremony was filled with warm wishes, and symbolic trophies were gifted. The principal of our college, Dr. Bhushan Ch. Pathak, was invited, and he delivered some amazing shayaris.

Alumni Meet

📅 25 June 2023



On June 25th, 2023, the Department of Economics hosted a heartwarming alumni meet in room 101, starting at 12 p.m. Former students gathered and shared their experiences and accomplishments. From recalling graduation days to discussing professional achievements, it highlighted the department's enduring influence. The alumni expressed gratitude for the foundation laid by the Economics Department, which shaped their careers and perspectives. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to staying connected and supporting the department's mission of academic excellence and community engagement. As old bonds were strengthened and new connections formed, the alumni meet served as a testament to the lasting impact of the Economics Department on its graduates and the wider community.

Union Formation

📅 26 August 2023



On August 26, 2023, the Department Meeting of the Economic Forum (2023-24) was convened under the guidance of the HoD, Assistant Professor Dr. Padma Sarkar, with the presence of all faculty members in Room No. 14 starting from 1 pm onwards. The President of the Meeting addressed various important aspects regarding the forum and other departmental issues, including seminars and debates on current economic topics. Assistant Professors Dr. Padma Sarkar, Dr. Rabin Jayoti Khatanar, Ritul Talukdar, and Sujata Das were present, alongside students from the 1st, 3rd, and 5th semesters. Dr. Rabin Jayoti Khatanar proposed diversifying the forum's activities to include seminars, discussions, and other economic topics. Additionally, new members of the Economic Forum were chosen and the department reaffirmed its commitment to publishing the department wall magazine, E-magazine, newsletter, and exploring various other topics for dissemination of knowledge and engagement within the academic community.

Teachers' Day Celebration

5 September 2023



On September 5, 2023, the 5th semester students of the Economics Department gathered to celebrate Teachers' Day with heartfelt reverence. Students expressed their gratitude by presenting traditional Assamese gamusas to their teachers, symbolizing respect and appreciation for their guidance and mentorship. The occasion provided an opportunity for students to seek blessings for their academic and professional endeavors, as they reflected on the invaluable role their teachers played in shaping their educational journey. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and a sense of unity, as students and teachers shared memorable anecdotes and exchanged words of encouragement. It was a day marked not only by celebration but also by a deep appreciation for the bond between teachers and students, which forms the foundation of a nurturing academic community.

Debate Competition

14 September 2023



On September 14, 2023, a spirited debate competition unfolded at the seminar hall of B.H. College, Howly. Organized by the Economics Department, the competition centered around the theme "Privatization of public sector units is the only way to make India an economic superpower." A total of 26 participants engaged in this intellectual debate, with 9 advocating in favor and the remaining 17 opposing the motion.

The esteemed Prabin Maheshwari, sir, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Dr. Sultan Ali Ahmed and Dr. Dipmani Das, professors from the English department, served as the judges for the event. Tushar Saha secured the 1st rank, followed by Pragyan Kaushik in 2nd place and Majidul Islam in 3rd place. Vice Principal Ranjit Bhuyan, along with Dr. Padma Sarkar, Shailen Kumar Kakoti, Dr. Rabinjyoti Khatanar, Ritul Talukdar, Abhijit Dakuah, and Sujata Das actively participated in the event, demonstrating the collective enthusiasm and engagement of both teachers and students in the debate competition.

Departmental Freshers

📅 30 September 2023



A freshmen party was held on September 30, 2023, organized by the Department of Economics at B.H. College, Howly. It was an excellent way to welcome all the newcomers to the Economics family. Senior students from the 3rd and 5th semesters of the department organized the event, gifting welcome letters and tokens to the newcomers. The program was followed by various activities like dancing, singing, and acting. Dr. Rodali Talukdar, Assistant Professor of the Chemistry Department, was invited as the chief guest and delivered an extremely valuable speech. All faculty members of the Economics Department shared their thoughts and encouraged students to maintain the dignity and decorum of the Econ family. Senior students charmed the newcomers with their performances, and gifts were presented to them as a token of love. The interactive party, which began around 12 p.m., concluded successfully in the evening.

Annual Week

📅 1-6 February 2024



The annual week held from 1st to 6th February 2024 was a resounding success, uniting students from all departments in a week-long celebration of spirited competitions and cultural festivities. Students enthusiastically engaged in a diverse array of activities, including singing, dancing, writing competitions, and various games. The Department of Economics left a notable impression, with students from the 2nd, 4th, and 6th semesters showcasing their talents and clinching top positions in several competitions. The cultural rally, a highlight of the week, played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of unity among participants, transcending departmental boundaries and strengthening bonds within the college community. Overall, the annual week was a memorable experience that will be cherished for years to come, embodying the spirit of camaraderie, talent, and celebration that defines our college culture.

Cultural Rally

3 February 2024



The cultural rally held on 3rd February 2024 saw enthusiastic participation from the Economics Department, which passionately presented the theme "Assamese Books." Students from the 2nd, 4th, and 6th semesters brought beloved literary characters to life through dynamic performances. Characters from iconic books such as "Oximot Jar Heral Xima," "Mrityunjay," "Iyat ekhon aranya asil," and more were vividly portrayed by the talented students. Their dedication and creativity infused the rally with energy, captivating the audience with their engaging acts. The Economics Department's involvement not only showcased their literary prowess but also underscored their commitment to honoring Assamese culture and literature on a grand platform.

Educational Excursion

11 February 2024



On February 11, 2024, our department organized an educational excursion to Bhutan Chowki, attended by 26 students and guided by teachers Ritual Talukdar and Dr. Padma Sarkar. Led by the 6th-semester students, the trip provided a captivating experience, blending learning with enjoyment amidst the scenic beauty of the destination. Through guided exploration, we deepened our understanding of the environment and local culture, fostering unity and gratitude among participants. This excursion exemplified our department's commitment to holistic learning and collaborative engagement.

As we returned, enriched with new knowledge and fond memories, the educational excursion to Bhutan Chowki stood as a testament to the solidarity and dedication of our department towards nurturing well-rounded individuals.

Wall Magazine

30 March 2024



The inauguration of the 'Economic Mirror' wall magazine on March 30, 2024, marked a significant moment for the Economics Department. Several burning topics, such as Chandrayaan 3, the economic bubble, government jobs versus entrepreneurship, and making India financially sustainable, were presented in the wall magazine. Usha Das, Associate Professor of the Assamese Department, was invited as the chief guest for the inauguration. Principal Dr. Bhushan Ch. Pathak was also present as a chief guest, delivering a speech highlighting the significance of the Economics Department.

The event not only showcased the department's commitment to fostering intellectual discourse but also underscored its role in shaping economic thought and policy for the future.


Entrepreneurship Seminar

30 March 2024



On March 30, 2024, the Economics Department, in collaboration with the IQAC, organized a seminar titled "Inauguration of the EDP Certificate Course and Orientation Program on Small Entrepreneurship Development." The seminar commenced with the inauguration by Principal Dr. B.C. Pathak. Priyanka Sharma from the Department of Economics at PDUAM, Tulungia, graced the event as a speaker. Her insightful speech emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship in today's world, shedding light on its importance and relevance. Resource persons Dr. Kripanjali Pradhani and Vaneela Rani Das from the Department of Management, delivered presentations on entrepreneurship, offering valuable insights into its various aspects, including challenges, opportunities, and strategies for success. The seminar proved to be informative, providing students with valuable insights into entrepreneurship and its dynamics. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of entrepreneurial concepts and were motivated to explore entrepreneurial opportunities.

Teachers' Achievements


 2023-24

Dr. Padma Sarkar

Here are few achievements of Dr. Padma Sarkar, the HoD of our department, during the 2023-24 session:

1. From June 30 to July 6, 2023, Dr. Padma Sarkar engaged in a seven-day short-term course organized by HRDC, Nainital, focusing on "Gender Equality." Through this intensive program, she deepened her understanding of gender issues and strategies for promoting equality, further enhancing her contribution to academic and societal dialogue on gender equity.
2. Dr. Padma Sarkar showcased her expertise on December 9, 2023, at an international seminar where she discussed the "Economic and Social Status of Tiwa Women." Her research shed light on the socio-economic challenges faced by Tiwa women, providing valuable insights for addressing their needs and promoting inclusive development.
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Abhijit Dakuah

Here are few achievements of Abhijit Dakuah of our department, during the 2023-24 session:

1. Abhijit Dakuah actively participated in an online one-week Faculty Development Program (FDP) focusing on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in higher educational institutions. The program was organized by TLC, Tezpur University, and took place from April 26 to May 2, 2023. His involvement reflects his dedication to staying updated on contemporary educational reforms and enhancing his professional skills.
2. Abhijit Dakuah further enriched his expertise by participating in a UGC-approved short-term Professional Development Programme on the implementation of NEP 2020 for university and college teachers. The program, organized by IGNOU, was held from June 10 to June 16, 2023. His active engagement in this initiative underscores his commitment to professional development and excellence in education.
3. Abhijit Dakuah demonstrated his global perspective and commitment to gender equality by participating in an international seminar on "Education, Equity, and Empowerment: Transforming Women in the 21st Century." Organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, Bodoland University, the seminar took place on November 9-10, 2023. His participation highlights his dedication to promoting inclusive education and empowering women in today's society.

Teachers' Achievements


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Dr Rabinjyoti Khatoniyar

Here are few achievements of Dr Rabinjyoti Khatoniyar of our department, during the 2023-24 session:

1. Dr Rabinjyoti Khatoniyar contributed to two publications in CARE, demonstrating his scholarly contributions to the field.
2. Additionally, Dr. Khatoniyar mentored two research scholars who successfully obtained their Ph.D. degrees— one from Assam Royal Global University and another from Assam Down Town University.
3. Furthermore, under his guidance, one scholar has submitted a thesis for a Ph.D. degree under Gauhati University, highlighting Dr. Khatoniyar's commitment to nurturing research talent and advancing knowledge in the academic community.

Students' Achievements

 2023-24

Academics

It's indeed a proud moment for our department and the entire college as we celebrate the remarkable achievement of our former student, Tanupriya Kalita, who secured the 2nd rank in Economics Hons among all students at Gauhati University. Her dedication, hard work, and academic excellence serve as an inspiration to all students, showcasing the high standards of education and commitment to excellence upheld by our institution.

Annual Week

Some of the major achievements of our department's students in the recently organised Annual Week are:

- Jayanta Sangeet
2nd Prize - Madhusmita Saikia - 4th Sem
- Panit-Parot
2nd Prize - Hiyamoni Mazumdar - 6th Sem
- Bhupendra Sangeet
2nd Prize - Hiyamoni Mazumdar - 6th Sem
3rd Prize - Madhusmita Saikia - 4th Sem
- Parvati Prasad Geet
3rd Prize - Madhusmita Saikia - 4th Sem
- Jyoti Sangeet
3rd Prize - Hiyamoni Mazumdar - 6th Sem
3rd Prize - Madhusmita Saikia - 4th Sem
- Western Singing Competition
3rd Prize - Nabojyoti Ray - 6th Sem

Others

- Debate Competition
1st Prize - Tushar Saha - 6th Sem

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen



Amartya Sen was born in Santiniketan, Bengal on November 3, 1933. He is an Indian economist and philosopher who has taught and worked in the UK and US since 1972. Sen has made significant contributions to welfare economics, social choice theory, economic and social justice, economic theories of famines, decision theory, development economics, public health, and measures of well-being in countries. Sen began his career as both a teacher and a research scholar in the Department of Economics at Jadavpur University in 1956.

Amartya Sen, a prominent figure in the realms of economics and philosophy, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998 for his groundbreaking work in welfare economics and social choice theory. This prestigious accolade solidified his status as one of the most influential intellectuals of the 20th century. The Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences stands as a testament to the enduring relevance of his ideas in addressing the most pressing challenges facing humanity.

As the world continues to grapple with complex socio-economic issues, the legacy of Amartya Sen serves as a guiding light, inspiring scholars, policymakers, and activists to strive for a more just and equitable society. His unwavering commitment to human dignity and social progress continues to shape the discourse on development and welfare economics, leaving an indelible mark on the intellectual landscape of our time.

Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee



Abhijit Banerjee, born on February 21, 1961, is an Indian American economist renowned for his groundbreaking work in alleviating global poverty. Alongside Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2019 for their experimental approach to tackling poverty. Banerjee earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Calcutta in 1981 and his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University in 1988. He has held teaching positions at prestigious institutions such as Princeton University, Harvard University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he currently serves as the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics.

Throughout his illustrious career, Banerjee has received numerous accolades for his contributions to economics. In 2013, he was honored with the John Bates Clark Medal, recognizing him as the best American economist under the age of 40. Additionally, he has been the recipient of prestigious awards such as the Infosys Prize in Social Sciences in 2009, the Albert O. Hirschman Prize from the Social Science Research Council in 2018, and the Padma Shri in 2012. Banerjee's research focuses on poverty, education, and healthcare, reflecting his commitment to addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity. His work continues to shape the field of economics and inspire future generations of scholars and policymakers alike.