

## **BRIEF ACCOUNT ON CELEBRATION OF THE 30 YEARS OF DBT AT B.BOROOAH COLLEGE, GUWAHATI : ASSAM**

B. Borooah College is one of the premier colleges of NE India. It has been conducting two schemes under the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India. These are – i) Institutional Biotech Hub since 2011, and ii) Star College Scheme since 2012. Presently, the college has got the opportunity to commemorate the 30 years contribution of DBT to Biotechnology getting financial assistance from said department of Govt. of India. The college fraternity took collective responsibility to conduct the celebration programmes.

With the initiatives of the Principal of the college, Dr.S.N.Barman and the co-ordinator of the Star College Scheme, an organizing committee was constructed to celebrate the 30 years of DBT comprising of faculty members from various science Departments of the college. The committee decided to celebrate the occasion on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.



### **26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

1. ***Inauguration*** : Programmes of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of celebration were started with science exhibition, which was inaugurated by Dr.I.M.Das, eminent scientist, former HOD of USIC, Gauhati University and President of Governing Body, B.Borooah College.



2. **Science Exhibition** : A total of 23 student teams from various schools like Assam Jatiya Bidyalaya, Miles Bronson Residential School, Maharshi Vidya Mandir and undergraduate students of different science Departments of B.Borooah College participated in the science exhibition. All exhibits were judged by the expert faculty members of Cotton College, Guwahati.



3. **Quiz competition** : The quiz competition was in two levels –
- High School level, in which about 15 groups of competitors from various schools including DAV school, MVM high school, Miles Bronson Residential School, Assam Jatiya Bidyalaya participated.
  - UG/ PG level, in which 36 groups of students from the higher institute like B.Borooah College, Gauhati Medical College and Cotton College participated. Mr. Sailen Baishya and his team conducted and mastered the quiz competition using all modern audio-visual techniques.



**27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

1. ***Art Competition*** : The art competition was also held in two levels. For high school level the themes were 'Save Green' or 'Industrial Fair'. The competitors were from different schools like Faculty High School, Happy Child High School, Maharshi Vidya Mandir, Anand Academy, New Gauhati Adarsh High School, Holy Child School, Assam Jatiya Bidyalay and Miles Bronson Residential School.

In college level art competition 31 students belong to higher secondary and Degree classes of B.Borooah College took part. Themes of this standard were 'Non Renewable Energy and Industries' or Robotic Engineering'.

Judges of this competition was Aminul Hoque from Guwahati Artist Guild.



2. ***Popular talk*** : The speaker of this popular talk was Dr. J. Kalita, HOD of Zoology, Gauhati University. The subject of his speech was 'Biotechnology & biodiversity'. More Than 150 students of schools and colleges attended in the talk held in the lecture gallery of the college.





3. **Cultural Programme** : To the end of the two-day long celebration, programme an open meeting was held in Dr. Bhupen Hazarika auditorium of the college followed by a cultural programme. Winners of various competitions were awarded in the meeting. Dr. Balendra Chandra Das, Principal of Paschim Guwahati College and President of Assam College Principal's Council (ACPC) who is also the member of B.Borooah College Governing Body alongwith Dr. S.N.Barman, Principal, B.Borooah College distributed the prizes (as prize money and trophy) to the winners. In the cultural programmes teachers and students of participating schools and college performed colourful dance, skit, song etc. These include folk dance (Manipuri), Rabindra sangeet, Assamese song, mime on virus, skit on Ebola and Influenza war etc. The programme ended with vote of thanks to all concern, by the Principal of the college.

The B.Borooah College fraternity is thankful to the department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India for funding the entire programmes in our college.