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A BIENNIAL NEWSLETTER OF BIRJHORA MAHAVIDYALAYA □ BONGAIGAON □ ASSAM

From The Principal's Desk



It is believed that 'Destiny' conducts tests from time to time among its believers about how they could overcome their tough days of sadness. Patience makes them rough and tough both mentally and physically. Gloomy skies cast its dismal shadow over Birjhora Mahavidyalaya during the whole month of November, 2012. Birjhorians found it hard to believe that their dearest Medhi Sir, dearest colleague was no more. Birjhora has lost a disciplined teacher, an actor by nature, an artist and above all a good human being of the society. Birjhorians have to wait for

several years to compensate the loss due to the sudden demise of Dr. Medhi.

With tearful eyes we can merely say 'We are proud of you Dr. Medhi. You had shown us that acting was truly in your blood; otherwise you would not have left us so dramatically. You will be remembered by the Birjhorians in their journey for excellence.

Yet, as the new year looms ahead we have to learn to move forward in spite of tragedy. Let us put a start to this year with hopes anew. I wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year 2013 where we continue working in a positive manner.

Principal
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NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OFFICE

- Inspection of the laboratory of Physics department for research level work was carried out on 19th September 2012 .Prof Barin Sarma, Gauhati University and Prof Nimai Singh , H.oD. Physics, Gauhati University carried out the inspection and expressed satisfaction. Prof Singh delivered a popular lecture on the topic ‘In search of the Higg’s Boson’

- On November 21st 2012, a three member team from Gauhati University comprising Prof. J.C. Kalita, Director i/c, College Development Council, Prof. S. P.Goswami, HoD Philosophy, and Dr A Sarmah, Dept of Hindi visited Birjhora Mahavidyalaya in connection with the temporary affiliation of different subjects offered by the college. The team met the teaching staff of the college. Dr Kalita spoke on the necessity in maintaining a close cooperation between Gauhati University and its affiliated colleges for all-round development of the colleges. The Principal, Governing Body members and members of the teaching staff apprised the team of their experiences and the ground level situation in the college and put forward their suggestions for rectifying certain anomalies.

The interactive session provided the platform for sharing ideas which would go a long way in advancing the development and growth of undergraduate colleges.

COLLEGE DIARY

- **Freshers’ meet:** The Birjhora Mahavidyalaya family formally welcomed the newly admitted students of first semester during the Freshmen social function held on 11/08/2012 . The new comers gave their introduction and displayed their talents in various fields.

A meeting was held under the president ship of the Principal Dr.K.K.Sarma. The chairperson of the college Governing Body Mrs B L Brahamachoudhury was the chief guest and addressed the students. She welcomed the newly admitted students and wished them success during their stay at the college. All the teachers present addressed the students with positive messages.



A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step Confucius

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• **Foundation Day :** On September 1st, the twenty-seventh foundation day of the college was celebrated with a day long programme. Sri P. B. Choudhury, Hon'ble M.L.A , Bongaigaon and founder president of the college hoisted the college flag amidst a gathering of members of the governing body, the teaching and non-teaching staff and students. In his address Sri P. B. Choudhury reiterated that this college had established itself as a leading college of Lower Assam and to a certain extent fulfilled the vision that the citizens of Bongaigaon had during the formation of the institution. He also asked all the newcomers to keep alive the good name of the college and work towards its development .

Founder principal Dr. Mrigen Das mentioned that the quality of knowledge obtained by undergraduate students of this college was

commendable and this consistently high standard of teaching learning should be upheld in the future also. He further emphasized that apart from the usual study of different subjects, it was also important that the concept of 'learning to live together' as envisaged in UNESCO's mission was a part of the education received in this college.

The President of the college Governing body Mrs Bijoya Brohmochoudhury said that in the past twenty-seven years, the college has achieved in producing a rich group of human resource for imparting science education in the interior places of this district and its surroundings. She further advised the students that they had an important role in using their science education to reform society.

A Preeti Bhoj was organized on this occasion.



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Students' Union Body Formation:

On twenty first September, 2013, the Birjhora Mahavidyalaya Students' Union Body for the session 2012-2013 has been constituted as per approved composition and procedure for the purpose in a day long exercise by the subcommittee along with students of the college. The following students are selected by the students for the Students' Union Body against the portfolio as mentioned below

Sl. No.	Portfolio	Name of the student & Class
1	General Secretary	Sri Bodhaditya Roy, B.Sc. 3 rd Semester
2	Asstt. General Secretary & Secretary of Social Service	Sri Raju Roy, B.Sc 1 st Semester
3	Cultural Secretary	Miss Priyanka Roy, B.Sc. 3 rd Semester
4	Asstt. Cultural Secretary	Sri Sandeep Kr. Roy, B.Sc.1 st Semester
5	Literary Secretary	Sri Sayantan Ghosh, B.Sc. 1 st Semester
7	Major Games Secretary	Sri Anupam Roy, B.Sc. 3 rd Semester
8	Asstt. Major Games & Multi-Gym Secretary Sri Rajat	Kr.Gupta, B.Sc. Part-III
9	Minor Games & Boys' Common Room Secretary	Sri Ranabir Biswas, B.Sc. 1 st Semester
10	Girls' Common Room Secretary	Miss Suravi Chakraborty, B.Sc.3 rd Semester.
11	Asstt. Girls' Common Room Secy.	Miss Lipika Das, B.Sc 1 st Semester.
12	Executive Members	Sri Alokesh Barman, B.Sc. 1 st Semester. Miss Ankita Singha, B.Sc. 3 rd Semester Sri Saurav Das, B.Sc. Part-III



Gandhi Jayanti: The college family paid rich tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his birthday on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October. Members of the Governing Body, Principal, staff and students of the college offered flowers in front of a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. The principal, Dr K.K Sarma gave a speech about the significance of the day. A meeting was also held to mark the occasion where various speakers spoke on the life and works of Gandhiji and impact on the Indian society.



WOMEN'S CELL PROGRAMME

The Women Cell of Birjhora Mahavidyalaya conducted awareness programmes on health and legal issues related to women on 28th and 30th September 2012 at Seminar Hall, Birjhora Mahavidyalaya. Welcoming the gathering, the co-ordinator Mrs HB Ray Barman gave a brief preview of the women's cell and its functioning in the college. On the first day Mrs Chandana Choudhury delivered a lecture covering various topics dealing with common problems faced by women such as Hindu Marriage Act, Hindu Succession Act, Hindu Maintenance Act. She stressed on awareness of all matters concerning the wellbeing of girls and women and explained the relevant legal provisions that exist in this connection. A lively question and answer session followed the discussion. Mrs Purnima devi delivered the vote of thanks. Next day a talk on health awareness was held. Dr N. Baruah introduced the resource person Dr Gautam Kr. Das who works in Chilarai Hospital of Bongaigaon. Dr Das explained the different health problems of women with the help of slide show. He emphasized on the girl students to be aware of their health to lead a normal healthier life. Dr Ranu Roy delivered the vote of thanks.

REFRESHER

COURSE/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

- Dr A . K Deka attended a workshop on "Demographic Health Survey" at the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata from October 10th to October 13th, 2012.
- Mr Hemanta Kumar Saud, Asstt. Prof. Dept. of Economics had participated in a two day long workshop on "Quality Assurance in Open and Distance Learning: Role of Student Support Services" organized by IDOL, Gauhati University, on 30th and 31st March 2013.

BMTA NEWS

- A Peace March was held by BMTA involving all members of staff and students of the college at 12 noon on 4 August, 2012, under the aegis of all units of ACTA on the prevailing situation in the state. Later on members of the unit handed over memorandum to the Honourable Governor and Chief Minister of Assam through the Deputy Commissioner demanding their immediate interventions in order to ensure durable social order, justice, peace and amity in Assam.

EXTENSION WORK

- Dr Ranu Roy and Dr A. Borah were the subject experts during the orientation of Secondary school teachers on environment education for Bongaigaon District from 6th to 8th November, 2012. Dr A. Borah also took part in similar programmes on 1st November, 2012 at Kokrajhar. He participated as a judge of science model competition (school level) at BGR HS school, Dhaligaon on 9th November.
- Mr H. K. Saud delivered a lecture on "Income generation activities for rural Development" on 20th Feb, 2013 at District Agriculture Office, Bongaigaon. Altogether 50 nos. of participants from different Organisations, working for agricultural development in the State attended the programme.

• Mr Manabendra Das, HoD, Mathematics, Dr A.K .Deka and Dr. A Mech attended 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Srinivasa Ramanujan observed by the Assam Academy of Mathematics, Bongaigaon centre at the district library auditorium. Two special lectures on related issues were delivered by Prof. Ram Charan Deka and Dr Prabin Das of Gauhati. The programme included extempore speech competition for secondary level students which was coordinated by Dr. Amal Deka and Dr Arundhati Mech.

The learning and social skills of our students were further developed by the college excursion held in the first week of October.

The educational tour was sponsored by the Government of Assam and held from 2nd October to 5th October 2012. The third year B.Sc students were accompanied by five teachers on the trip to Gangtok and nearby areas. Tashi view point, Botanical Gardens, Rumtek Monastery, Namchi were some of the places visited by the group.



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION



YOUTH FESTIVAL

Rongman Das, a student of 3rd Semester, Botany Major represented the college at the Youth Festival held in Gauhati University in the first week of October 2012. His participation in song competitions of various categories was much appreciated by all.



IN MEMORIUM

On 5th November 2012, the Birjhora Mahavidyalaya family witnessed the tragic and untimely demise of Dr. Ghana Kanta Medhi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics.

Dr G K Medhi who was a devoted fan of Dr Bhupen Hazarika was paying his tribute to the legendary artist on the occasion of his first death anniversary at a function organized in the college. In the midst of his emotional rendering of the life and works of the great singer, he succumbed to a massive heart attack.

A condolence meeting was held on 7th November, 2012 in the Seminar Hall. Governing Body members, Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, students, alumni and well-wishers paid tribute to the departed soul. The grief-stricken gathering shared their memories of late Dr.G.K.Medhi. The students of the college organized a Naam-Prasonga on 19th November, 2012 where prayers were offered to the departed soul. The college administration observed one month shradha ceremony on 5th December, 2012 where Naam-Prasonga was organized on the occasion.

The college family offers its heartfelt condolences to Dr G K Medhi's family in their time of sorrow and offers their prayers to the Almighty for the peace of the departed soul.

The passing of Dr Ghana Kanta Medhi will leave a void in the lives of the entire Birjhora Mahavidyalaya family, yet he will continue to live on in our hearts and memory. Rest in peace, Dr Ghana Kanta Medhi.



The editor's pen ...

The phrase "A healthy mind in a healthy body" defines the well established relationship between mental health and physical health. Health is more than physical wellness. Our mental health is about how we think, developing a disciplined approach towards our personal goals, our emotions, our outlook on life and how we cope with challenges whether it is study related as in the present and later on in different stages of life too. So it is important to inculcate a positive state of mind while still young.

May we all look forward with hope in our hearts to positive changes in our lives in the coming year. The editorial board extends their best wishes towards a healthy and happy new year 2013 to all members of the Birjhora family.

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