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WORDS FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dear Members of the Pragjyotishpur University Community,
It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you as we have the latest edition of Kaumudi, our Newsletter, our university's beacon of knowledge and achievements. Over the past months, Pragjyotishpur University has continued its commitment to academic excellence, holistic learning, and the pursuit of truth, reflecting the profound ethos of Jñāna (knowledge), Prajñā (wisdom), and Satya (truth) that define our institution.

The academic and cultural vibrancy of our university was on full display through a series of enriching events. The two-day National Seminar on "Pragjyotishpura: History and Beyond" illuminated our past while shaping our future discourse. We also marked our Foundation Day with reverence, celebrating the vision that led to the establishment of this great seat of learning.

Welcoming new members into our fold, the Student Orientation Programme set the stage for an intellectually stimulating journey, while the Summit on NEP 2020 Implementation reaffirmed our commitment to progressive educational reforms. Our tribute to the valor of the region's great warriors found expression in the celebrations of Bir Chilarai Divas, inspiring a spirit of courage and leadership.

The Motivational Talk by Smt. Loya Agarwala on Essential Life Skills for Students provided invaluable insights for personal and professional growth, and the Awareness Programme on Human Rights and the Role of Civilians in Vikshit Bharat reinforced our responsibility towards nation-building. The Lecture Programme on "The True Narrative of North-East Bharat: A Quality Deliberation" engaged us in a critical dialogue on history and identity.

Adding to the vibrancy of campus life, Varsity Week 2025 brought forth the spirit of camaraderie and competition, while Pharmacy Education Day emphasized the crucial role of pharmaceutical sciences in advancing healthcare.

These milestones reflect the dynamism of Pragjyotishpur University—an institution that continues to strive for academic brilliance, societal responsibility, and global engagement. As we move forward, let us uphold our shared values of creativity, inclusiveness, and social responsibility, working together to shape a future that honors our rich heritage while embracing innovation.

With Regards,
Dr.(Prof) Pradeep Kumar Joshi
Chancellor, Pragjyotishpur University

Words from Vice Chancellor



Pragjyotishpur University was born during the Amṛt Kāl and is being nurtured under the visionary guidance of the Vidya Bharati family. It is swiftly emerging as a true Bhāratīya Viśva Vidyālaya, fully aligned with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Our journey is a pursuit of Jñānāmṛt, and we aspire to offer this Amṛtḥalam to society as our humble contribution toward the realization of Vikshit Bharat@2047.

For centuries, Bhārat fostered a vibrant tradition of free-flowing knowledge across generations. However, this flow was disrupted by the imposition of colonial-era policies such as Macaulay's education system. NEP 2020 seeks to restore and reconnect our education system with its roots by integrating Bhāratīya Jñān Paramparā, Bhāratīya Bhāṣā, and Bhāratīya Saṃskṛti. At Pragjyotishpur University, we have embraced these core tenets of NEP 2020 in both spirit and practice.

Our undergraduate and integrated postgraduate programs are aligned with the Curriculum and Credit Frameworks set by the UGC. We have incorporated Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into our curriculum by offering foundational courses and embedding relevant IKS components across core disciplines—amounting to nearly 10% of total credits. This integration is not just policy compliance; it is a deep commitment to nurturing appreciation and pride in Bhāratīya values.

In our next stride, we expanded our academic offerings in modern sciences—introducing disciplines such as Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Biosciences, Biotechnology, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Yoga Science—under the School of Natural and Applied Sciences.

Recognizing Northeast India's linguistic richness and its significance as the region with the highest number of endangered languages in India, we have established a dedicated School of Language, Literature, and Linguistics to focus on academic study and research in this vital area.

Our vibrant School of Pharmacy offers both Bachelor of Pharmacy and Diploma in Pharmacy programs, approved by the Pharmacy Council of India. We have state-of-the-art laboratories. We have also strengthened our academic base with the establishment of the School of Commerce & Business Management.

Looking ahead, our next goal is to enhance the employability, entrepreneurship, and start-up potential of our students. To this end, we are planning to establish a Centre for Skill Development and are actively collaborating with reputed organizations to make this vision a reality.

In step with these progressive strides, Kaumudi, the official newsletter of Pragjyotishpur University, marks its fourth edition—covering university events and achievements from October 2024 to March 2025. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the editorial team for their timely and dedicated efforts in bringing out this publication.

My best wishes are always with you.

Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha

Vice Chancellor

Pragjyotishpur University

From the Editorial Desk



Reimagining Education for Bharat's Economic Ascent – The Need for Vocational Education

As Bharat strides confidently into the Amrit Kaal, we find ourselves at a pivotal crossroads—where traditional education must evolve to meet the practical demands of a rapidly transforming economy. While academic pursuits remain the backbone of intellectual advancement, the time has come to give vocational education its rightful place at the heart of our national development strategy. Vocational education, often seen as a parallel track to mainstream academics, is in fact a powerhouse for grassroots economic empowerment. It is the bridge between education and employment, particularly in a country like Bharat, where the demographic dividend—our vast youth population—holds unprecedented potential.

Our economy is diversifying and digitizing at an accelerated pace. Sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, tourism, renewable energy, and construction urgently require skilled manpower. Yet, paradoxically, we face a skill gap that continues to limit both employability and productivity. According to various studies, only a small fraction of Indian youth receive formal vocational training. This mismatch between education and employable skills is a missed opportunity. Imagine a Bharat where every youth is job-ready, not just degree-holding; where a plumber, an electrician, a digital marketer, or a lab technician receives the same respect and opportunities as a graduate in any other field. This isn't a distant dream—it is a necessity if we are to truly become Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) and realize the goal of a \$5 trillion economy. Universities must lead the way. We must integrate skill-based modules into our curriculum, promote apprenticeships, and collaborate with industries to ensure that our students are not only educated but

also employable. Vocational education must not be seen as a fallback option, but as a mainstream path to economic dignity and growth.

Let us also remember: economic growth is not only about GDP. It is about inclusive development, about ensuring that the benefits of growth reach every corner of our diverse nation. Vocational education is the tool that can empower rural Bharat, reduce migration pressure on urban centres, and ignite entrepreneurship at the grassroots level.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has laid the foundation by advocating the integration of vocational training from an early stage. It is now upon us—educators, policymakers, students, and society—to translate this vision into action.

In conclusion, for Bharat to grow, Bharat must skill. Vocational education is not just an educational reform—it is an economic imperative. It is time we shift the narrative, from merely seeking degrees to embracing skills, and from learning for exams to learning for life.

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FOUNDATION DAY 2024



Pragjyotishpur University, a non-profit Higher Education Institution (HEI) born out of the National Education Policy 2020, observed its 2nd Foundation Day Celebration, marking two years since its establishment on 17 October 2022, under the Government of Assam's Pragjyotishpur University Act No. XLVI of 2022. Honourable Director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran, was the Chief Guest of the event. Other distinguished personalities gracing the event included

Prof. P. K. Joshi, Chancellor, Pragjyotishpur University ; Prof. S. K. Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Pragjyotishpur University ; Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita (Retd.), President of the Shankardev Education & Research Foundation, Sponsoring Body of Pragjyotishpur University; and Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University. After the formal release of the University Newsletter, Kaumudī Prof. Kannabiran delivered the Foundation Day Lecture on "Quality Higher Education for Nation Building", which complemented the event highlighting the University's commitment to offering quality education. Stating that nation-building is more about nation-rebuilding in today's context, Prof. Kannabiran said, "Higher education needs to focus more on skill development than on knowledge accumulation alone." He emphasised hard and soft skills together with life skills in the service of social responsibilities. He also emphasised the need for internationalising education in line with global educational standards. The address was followed by an Interaction Programme between Prof. Kannabiran and Vice Chancellors, College Principals, Faculty, and members of Internal Quality Assurance Cells of HEIs in and around Kamrup (Metro) District. The interaction focused on the latest NAAC Guidelines for assessment, accreditation, and other relevant issues.



“ तस्य प्रज्ञा प्रतिष्ठिता ” - श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता, अध्याय:२

NEWS & EVENTS

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON “PRAGJYOTISHPURA: HISTORY AND BEYOND”



Pragjyotishpur University, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), recently held a two-day National Seminar titled “Pragjyotishpura: History and Beyond” on 22 and 23 October 2024.

The seminar began with an inaugural session that brought together respected scholars and academicians to discuss the historical and cultural importance of Pragjyotishpura. Prof. Jogesh Kakati, Professor and Registrar of Pragjyotishpur University, coordinated the session, which was chaired by Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University. Prof. Sudeshna Bhattacharjya, Head of the Sanskrit Department at Gauhati University, gave the welcome address. The event featured Prof. Vasant Shinde, former Vice-Chancellor of Deccan College, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Himanshu Chaturvedi, Professor of History at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University and ICHR Member, as the Special Guest. Other distinguished guests included Prof. Smriti Kr. Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Pragjyotishpur University, and Dr. Pawan Tiwari, Sangathan Mantri of Vidya Bharati, Purvottar Kshetra. Shri Himadri Sarma, Daloi of Kamakhya Mandir, also attended as a Distinguished Guest, while Prof. Malinee Goswami, former Vice Chancellor of Assam Women’s University, delivered the Keynote Address. The seminar provided a platform for meaningful discussions on the legacy and significance of Pragjyotishpura, highlighting its role in the region’s history and culture.

“The end-product of education should be a free creative man, who can battle against historical circumstances and adversities of nature” – Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

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STUDENTS' ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2025



The Student Orientation Program at Pragjyotishpur University, held from January 21 to 25, 2025, was a five-day event designed to introduce students to academic life, cultural heritage, and career opportunities. Each day began with Yoga & Pranayama, followed by insightful sessions from distinguished speakers. The program was inaugurated by Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita (Retd.).

On Day 1, Dr. Rouhin Dev spoke on "The Role of Youth for a Viksit Bharat," Prof. Daisy Das on "Chanakya Niti," and Prof. Sudeshna Bhattacharjya on "Bharatiya Jiban Drishti."

Day 2 featured Yogacharjya Debdas Sinha on "Bharatiya Panchkosh," Prof. Malinee

Goswami on "Indian Literature in the Making," Prof. Diganta Biswa Sarma on "IKS: Its Contemporary and Universal Relevance," and Prof. Jyotiraj Pathak on "Understanding the Bharatiya Constitution."

Day 3 included Dr. Jagadindra Raychoudhury on "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose," Prof. Ayan Dutta on "Milestones of Science in India," Prof. Shyamantamani Hazarika on "Nyaya Logic," and Shri Basistha Bujarbarua on "Understanding Unity in Diversity."



Day 4 had Prof. Rabi Ranjan Sen on "Vivekananda and His Teachings," Prof. Tadikonda V. Bharat on "Indian Architecture," Shri Sankar Das Kalita on "Deendayal Upadhyay's Vision," and Prof. Parimal Bhattacharya on "Environmental Education."

Day 5 concluded with Shri Sharad Vivek Sagar on "Career Opportunities," Prof. Gourav Trivedi on "Startup/Employability & Entrepreneurship," Prof. Sunil Dutta on "Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev & His Relevance," and a valedictory speech by Prof. Debabrata Das.

The program successfully guided students toward academic excellence, personal growth, and national responsibility.



"Arise, Awake, and stop not until the goal is reached"-Swami Vivekananda

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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' AND TEACHERS' SUMMIT



Pragjyotishpur University, in collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, successfully hosted the School Principals' and Teachers' Summit on the Implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on 8 February 2025. The event, held at the Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University Auditorium, drew approximately 500 high school principals and teachers across Assam, marking a significant gathering of educational leaders. The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Pragjyotishpur University, who set the tone for the day's discussions. Following this, Prof. Jogesh Kakati, Professor and Registrar of Pragjyotishpur University, elaborated on the summit's purpose, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in educational reform. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, also addressed the attendees, highlighting the critical role of educators in implementing the NEP. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Ramakrishna Rao, All India President of Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan, who shared his insights on the transformative potential of the NEP. The inaugural address was given by Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director of NCERT, who underscored the need for innovative

approaches in education to meet the demands of the 21st century.

The summit featured several technical sessions, each focussing on key aspects of the NEP implementation. Prof. Ranjana Arora, Professor and Head of CIET, NCERT, delivered a session on "Teachers as Change Agents," highlighting the pivotal role educators play in driving change within schools. Shri Ramesh Chandra Jain, IAS (Rtd.) and Chairman of the Assam State School Education Board, presented practical approaches for "Implementing NCF 2023 in Schools and Classrooms". Dr. Amarendra Behera, Joint Director of NCERT, captivated the audience with his discussion on "India's Timeless Knowledge Heritage", emphasizing the relevance of traditional knowledge in contemporary education. Prof. Nilima Bhagawati, a retired Professor of Education from Gauhati University, shared insights on "Great Contributions from Bharat with Lasting Global Impacts", showcasing India's educational contributions on a global scale. Shri Gajanand Londhe, Head of the Program Office at the National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Committee, addressed the challenges and opportunities of "Schooling in the Age of Technology". Finally, Sri Rukma Gohain Baruah, Vice Chairman of the Assam State School Education Board, spoke on "Preparing Students for an Uncertain Future—Challenges & Opportunities", stressing the importance of resilience and adaptability in education. The summit provided a valuable platform for dialogue and the exchange of ideas among educators, empowering them with the knowledge and strategies necessary for the effective implementation of NEP 2020. Participants left inspired and motivated to enact meaningful changes in their schools, contributing to the future of education in Assam.

“কৰ্মময় বিশ্ব-জগতত উজ্জলিব নৱ জ্যোতি-পথ জগতৰ য'ত তীৰ্থ য'ত সত্য বাণী হৃদয়ৰ তাঁৰে তাঁৰে বাজিব আপুনি”- নলিনীবালা দেৱী

NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST VARSITY WEEK 2025



Pragjyotishpur University organised the first Varsity Week from 20 to 22 February 2025. The event aimed to foster a spirit of camaraderie, creativity, and cultural exchange among the students, faculty, and staff. A series of engaging activities marked the week-long celebration, including sports, cultural performances, competitions, and academic events. The event culminated with a prize distribution ceremony and a spectacular cultural program on the final day, leaving everyone with lasting memories. The first day of Varsity Week began with high enthusiasm, with students and faculty actively participating in various sports activities. Events such as cricket, football, basketball, and athletics were held throughout these 3 days, encouraging both competitive and team-building spirit among the participants. The sports events were followed by a series of cultural and literary performances that highlighted the rich artistic talents of the students. Competitions in fields such as debate, quiz, painting, and creative writing took place, with enthusiastic participation from students across departments. These competitions offered a platform for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge while also promoting healthy academic rivalry. The prize distribution ceremony was held in the university's main auditorium, Sankardev Sabhagriha, where the honourable Registrar, the honourable Dean of the School of Pharmacy, and faculty members congratulated the winners and encouraged all participants for their dedication and hard work. In addition to the prize distribution, the event featured a cultural program in the evening. The cultural program included performances such as a one-act play performed by students and musical performances by popular performers Shri Hirak Jyoti Sarma, Shri Sarat Raag and Smt. Tribeni Bujarbaruah. The vibrant energy of the students, coupled with their impressive talents, captivated the audience, making it a fitting conclusion to a week full of enthusiasm and creativity.

“নানা ভাষা, নানা আশা, নানা জাতি বর্ণ জিনি মই শুনো বিগি বিগি বিশ্ব-জনতাৰ এক অপূৰ্ব সংগীত”- জ্যোতিপ্ৰসাদ আগৰৱালা

PHARMACY EDUCATION DAY



The School of Pharmacy, Pragjyotishpur University celebrated National Pharmacy Education Day on 6 March 2025. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Prof. Mahadeva Lal Schroff, a distinguished figure recognized as the Father of Indian Pharmacy Education. The celebration serves as a tribute to his remarkable contributions to the field, particularly his role in establishing the first Bachelor of Pharmacy course in India at Banaras Hindu University.

The theme for this year's event was "Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice: Encouraging Innovation, Incubation Centers, and Pharmaceutical Startups." The objective was to inspire pharmacy students and professionals to acknowledge and appreciate Prof. M.L. Schroff's invaluable contributions to pharmacy education.

The event commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by speeches from the Prof. Suresh Kumar, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, Shri Diganta Talukdar Assistant Registrar of Pragjyotishpur University, and student representatives. The second session featured Debate and Quiz competitions, along with on-the-spot performances by students. The program concluded on a high note, celebrating the spirit of innovation and excellence in pharmacy education.

The essence of Ayurveda is balance. The aim is to promote health, not just fight disease

CELEBRATIONS



The National Flag unfurled at the University campus by Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha on the Republic Day 2025.



Sarasvati Puja celebrated at the University Campus on 3 February 2025

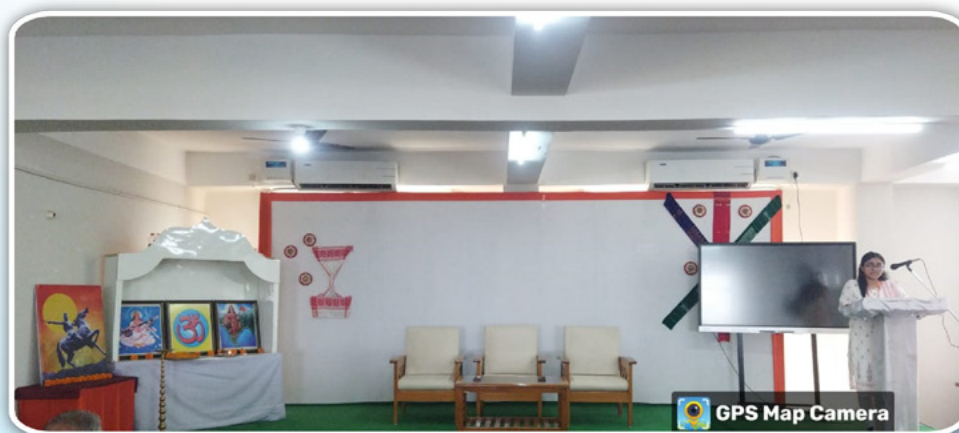
CELEBRATIONS

PARAKRAM DIVAS



The birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was celebrated at Praggyotishpur University with great reverence and enthusiasm on 23 January 2025. The celebration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday was a tribute to his legacy. It served as a reminder of his indomitable spirit, patriotism, and selfless dedication to the nation. The event inspired students to imbibe the values of courage, perseverance, and love for the country, making it a memorable and meaningful occasion.

BIR CHILARAI DIVAS



On 12 February 2025, Praggyotishpur University commemorated the Bir Chilarai Divas, honouring the birth of the Bir Chilarai (Shukladhwaja). Students of the University took the initiative of commemorating the day through a program in which they deliberated on Bir Chilarai's lasting impact on the cultural history of Assam.

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ACTIVITIES BY THE CENTRE FOR SANSKRIT LEARNING



A ten-day program on spoken Sanskrit was held at the Pancakanya Mandir, Hajongbari, from 07 to 16 December 2024. The program was conducted by the Centre for Sanskrit Learning, under Central Sanskrit University, Pragjyotishpur University Centre. During the program, Acharya Sadhan Debnath taught the students about the basics of the Sanskrit language, including the self-introduction, songs and conversation in the Sanskrit language.

Students of Pragjyotishpur University from the Sanskrit Learning Centre participated in the Prantiya Sanskrit Sammelan, 2025, on 18 January 2025 at Srimanta Sankardev Kalaksetra Society Guwahati, organised by Sanskrit Bharati, Assam.

Free study materials were distributed to the learners of the Sanskrit Learning Centre of Central Sanskrit University at the centre of Pragjyotishpur University.

A ten-day program was held on spoken Sanskrit held at Shankarguru Vidyaniketan, Panikhaiti, from 10 to 22 February 2025. The program was conducted by the Centre for Sanskrit Learning under Central Sanskrit University, Pragjyotishpur University Centre. During the program, Acharya Sadhan Debnath taught the students how to use Sanskrit Language in day-to-day conversation. In the valedictory session, Dr. Pranab Jyoti Kalita from Pragjyotishpur University delivered a lecture on the significance of the Sanskrit language and literature, emphasizing the relevance of the same in present-day society. Students performed Sanskrit songs, dramas and introductions in Sanskrit and shared their experiences during the program in the Sanskrit language.



“पठामि संस्कृतं नित्यं वदामि संस्कृतं सदा।
ध्यायामि संस्कृतं सम्यक् वन्दे संस्कृतमातरम्॥”

VISITORS & INTERACTIONS

Mananiya Shri Suresh Soni Ji interacted with students and staff of Pragjyotishpur University on Tuesday, 1 Oct 2024. An orator and prolific writer, Soni ji shared his insights on Bhāratiya values and the cultivation of an ethical, responsible, and fruitful life based on such values. His words underscored the importance of integrating these values into education systems to foster holistic development, aligning with the vision of cultivating compassionate, resilient, and responsible citizens.



Prof. Surendra Dubey ji, Vice President of Central Hindi Sansthan and former Vice Chancellor of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, visited our university on 23 November 2024. He was felicitated by Prof. Jogesh Kakati, Registrar of Pragjyotishpur University. During the visit, our faculty members had the opportunity to interact with Prof. Dubey.

Lecture program by Prof. Munesh Chandra Trivedi ji on *"Entrepreneurship and IPR: How to Start a Startup"* on 7 February 2025 was conducted to educate students and aspiring entrepreneurs about the significance of innovation, startup culture, and the legal frameworks that protect original ideas



Smt. Loya Agarwala, a renowned counsellor and personality development consultant, conducted a motivational talk on *"Essential Life Skills for Students"* on 1 March 2025. The session aimed to empower students with crucial life skills necessary for personal and professional growth. Students and teachers attended. Smt. Agarwala delivered an insightful and engaging session, emphasising the importance of life skills in navigating daily challenges and achieving success. The key points covered in her talk included Stress Management, Self-Confidence, and Self-Motivation. The motivational talk was well-received by students, who found the session inspiring and informative. Many expressed their appreciation for the practical strategies provided by Loya Agarwala, which they believed would significantly impact their personal and professional growth. Feedback from participants indicated increased confidence, better self-awareness, and a clearer understanding of essential life skills.



VISITORS & INTERACTIONS

An awareness program was held on 5 March 2025 at Pragjyotishpur University on 'Human Rights and the Role of Civilians in Vikshit Bharat' for the students and faculty members. The program was graced by Mananiya Shri Ulhas Kulkarni ji, Sadasya of Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarini, Rashtriya Swyam Sevak Sangh and Sri Priyank Konoongo ji, Honourable Member of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Bharat, along with Honourable Registrar, Prof. Jogesh Kakati. Other eminent persons present during the session were Shri Indra Chapagai ji, President, Shankarguru, Rashtriya Sewa Nyaas; Shri Abhijit Sarma ji, social activist; Smt. Joshna Devi ji, Principal of Shankarguru Vidyapeeth; Shri Bhabasindhu Saikia ji, Vice President, Shankarguru, Rashtriya Sewa Nyaas; and Sri Indrajit Bhattacharjee ji, Treasurer, Shankarguru Rashtriya Sewa Nyaas. Mananiya Shri Ulhas Kulkarni ji deliberated on the "Role of Civilians in Vikshit Bharat" and Mananiya Shri Konoongo ji delivered a speech on Human Rights. The participants included students and faculty members of Pragjyotishpur University, along with the teachers and students of Shankarguru Vidyapeeth.



"The True Narrative of Northeast Bharat: A Quality Deliberation" on Thursday, 6 March 2025, Dr. Sunil Mohanty ji, Kṣētra Pracār Pramukh, delivered an insightful talk to undergraduate students at Pragjyotishpur University, shedding light on the True Narrative of North-East Bharat. He emphasised the need to think beyond dominant discourses that often marginalise the region. Highlighting its rich cultural heritage and historical ties to the rest of Bharat, he underscored the importance of recognising the region's diverse ethnic groups and their contributions to Bharatiya history. The talk was a call to action that urged students to embrace a more inclusive understanding of the country's pluralistic identity while engaging with the region's ethnic discourses for the cause of national integration.



"The wise see knowledge and action as one. They see truly and go beyond death." — Brhadāranyaka Upaniṣad

FACULTY ACTIVITY CORNER

Prof. Smriti Kumar Sinha Professor & Vice Chancellor

- Publication of ***Freedom Lost in Rights*** (Oct 2024), a reflective collection of Bishnupriya Manipuri short stories translated into English.
- Invited as esteemed speaker for the inaugural edition of Manorama Hortus at Kozhikode, UNESCO-designated City of Literature, from 1-3 Nov 2024.
- Invited to Nalanda University, Bihar, as distinguished guest at Nalanda Gyan Kumbh 2024 (16-18 Nov 2024), which was themed on Bhāratīya Jñāna Paramparā and the Role of Indian Languages in the context of Viksit Bharat@2047.
- Invited to Janamaitri Multiple Campus, Kathmandu, as Keynote Speaker for International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Challenges and Way Forward (18-19 Jan 2025).

Prof. Suresh Kumar Dean, School of Pharmacy

- Published a research article titled ***Strategies for Improving Oral Bioavailability of Tizanidine: Solid Dispersion Approach***. International Journal of Drug Delivery Technology. October 2024. ISSN: 0975-4415.
- Published a research article titled ***Design Approaches for Enhancing the Bioavailability of Tizanidine Via Co-Crystal Formulation***. Latin American Journal of Pharmacy. October 2024. ISSN: 0326-2383.
- Participated in a Five days International Faculty Induction Programme on "Cutting-edge Developments and Future Directions in Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences", from December 17, 2024 to December 21, 2024 at School of Pharmacy, Sharda University, Greater Noida.
- Participated as a Guest of Honour in Pharmagyanav 2024 a national conference

on "Convergence of Traditional Knowledge and Advanced Technology for Drug Discovery" held on 20-12-2024 at Pratiksha Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panikhaiti, Guwahati, Assam.

- Participated as a Resource Person in Pharma Anveshan 2025 is themed "Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice: Fostering Innovation, Incubation Centres, and Pharmaceutical Startups." held on 9th March 2025 at the Institute of Pharmacy, Assam Don Bosco University, Tepesia, in collaboration with Pharmacy Council of India.

Dr. Momi Sarma Assistant Professor, Assamese

- Presented a Paper titled ***Srimanta Sankardevar Silpa Bhavana aru Bharatiya Sanskriti*** in a National Seminar titled "Contribution of Sankaradeva and Madhabdeva to the Cultural Arena" at Puri, Odisha. The paper was also published in the seminar proceedings, ISBN: 978-93-48568-89-2.

Dr. Pranab Jyoti Kalita Assistant Professor, Sanskrit

- Participated in a three day National Seminar on "Manuscript Heritage of North East India: prospects and challenges" sponsored by National Mission for Manuscripts, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Das Assistant Professor, History

- Published a research paper titled ***The Role of Women in State Affairs*** in Assam (17-18 C.E) at Kakatiya Journal of Historical Studies (Indexed in UGC Care List)
- Served as a Local Coordinator for the Two-Day National Seminar on Pragjyotishpura: History and Beyond, organized by Pragjyotishpur University in collaboration with ICHR & ICPR on 22-23 October, 2024.
- Participated in a Round Table Discussion on Cultural and Civilisation synergy of North-

East Bharat and South East Asia, organized by ABILAC at OKD Institute of Social Change and Development on 24 January 2025.

Dr. Susmita Roy Choudhury Deka
Assistant Professor, Psychology

- Invited as a resource person for the 4 week Training Programme for Officers of Revenue and Disaster Management Department organized by National Law University and Judicial Academy in collaboration with Govt. of Assam today on 20 March 2025 at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Guwahati, Assam.
- Published a research paper titled *The Panchakosha Theory of Personality: An Indian Perspective* in an international peer reviewed journal namely "International Journal of Indian Psychology on March 2025.

Shri Nirupm K. Sinha
Assistant Professor, English

- Represented Pragjyotishpur University as paper presenter at the 18th International and 54th Annual Conference of the English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI), organised from 23–26 October 2024 and themed on Exploring Languages and Literatures for Evolving Pedagogical Practices. Presented paper titled "Place, Memory, and Eco-consciousness in 'Audubon' and 'Scene of a Dismantled Village outside Pripyat'".
- Completed Workshop on Interdisciplinary Possibilities in Memory Studies, organised on 19 February 2025 by St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

Smt. Iva Kalita
Assistant Professor, Sociology

- Participated in 7 days International Research Methodology Workshop on Proposal Writing organized by RC 25: Sociology of Sports, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi from 12-18 December, 2024.

Shri Hemanga Mazumdar
Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutics

- Published a paper entitled *Banana (Musa acuminata & Musa balbisiana): India's Beloved Plant with a Wealth of Pharmacological Treasures* in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, February 2025; ISSN: 0976 – 0997
- Completed 5 days Faculty Development Program on Cutting-edge Developments and Future Directions in Pharmaceutical & Health organised by the Sharda University, Greater Noida, on 17th- 21st December 2024.
- Attended Five - Days Online Faculty Development Program (FDP) Advances in QbD, Computational Tools, Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence in Pharmaceutical Formulation Development: Current Trends & Future Prospects held from 6 to 10 January 2025, Jointly Organized by the School of Pharmacy and IQAC, The Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat, Assam.

Shri Sunmon Raj Dutta
Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutics

- Co-authored a book titled *An Elementary Book of Pharmaceutics* (For D. Pharm Part-1) ISBN 978-93-6426-048-0
- Attended 5 days Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Cutting-edge Developments and Future Directions in Pharmaceutical & Health organized by the Sharda University, Greater Noida on 17-21 December 2024.

Shri Manoj Kashyap
Assistant Professor,
Pharmaceutical Chemistry

- Published a paper entitled *An Overview of Synthetic Derivatives of Thiazole and their Role* in Therapeutics in Fabad Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Indexing in Scopus) in October 2024.
- Attended 5 days Faculty Development

Program (FDP) on Cutting-edge Developments and Future Directions in Pharmaceutical & Health organized by the Sharda University, Greater Noida on 17-21 December 2024.

- Attended 5 days Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Advances in QbD, Computational Tools, Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence in Pharmaceutical Formulation Development: Current Trends & Future Prospects organized by The Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat, Assam, held from 6 to 10 January 2025.
- Published a paper entitled *Medicinal Chemistry of Kinase Inhibitors: A Review of Recent Advances* in Cuestiones de Fisioterapia (Indexing in Scopus) in February 2025.
- Invited as a delegate in the Pharma Anveshan theme 'Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice: Encouraging Innovation, Incubation Centers and Pharmaceutical Startups' held at THE ASSAM DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY, Assam on 9 March 2025.

Smt. Bhaswati Kashyap

Assistant Professor,
Pharmacognosy

- Published a paper entitled Exploring the Therapeutic Potential of 8-Prenyldaidzein-A Comprehensive Study of its Multi-Target Efficacy in Alzheimer's Disease in the journal Current Alzheimer Research in November 2024.
- Conclusion and future prospects of cellulose-based hydrogels published in book Cellulose-Based Hydrogels Production, Properties, and Applications 1st Edition, Jan 2025, Elsevier Publishing House, ISBN: 978-0-443-22049-4
- Invited as an External Expert for the D.Pharm Part-I Regular/ Supplementary Final Practical Examination for the

subjects Pharmacognosy and Hospital & Clinical Pharmacy at NEPEDS College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gandhinagar, Tetelia, Sonapur, Guwahati on 11 November 2024.

- Attended 5-day International Faculty Development Programme on Cutting-Edge Development and Future Directions in Pharmaceutical & Health Sciences from December 17 to 21, December 2024, at the School of Pharmacy, Sharda University, Greater Noida.

Smt. Hiyashree Sharmah

Assistant Professor,
Pharmaceutical Chemistry

- Published a research paper titled "Development of RP-HPLC Method for Estimation of Indomethacin in Sustained-Release Capsule Samples" in Biochemistry and Cellular Archives, December 2024, ISSN: 0972-5075.
- Published a paper titled "Banana (*Musa acuminata* & *Musa balbisiana*): India's Beloved Plant with a Wealth of Pharmacological Treasures" in the Indian Journal of Natural Sciences, February 2025, ISSN: 0976-0997.
- Participated in a five-day FDP on "Exploring Technological Advances in Pharmaceutical Education and Research" organized by Bharat Pharmaceutical Technology, Agartala, Tripura, from October 21 to 25, 2024.
- Completed a five-day FDP on "Cutting-Edge Development and Future Direction in Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences" organized by Sharda University, Greater Noida, from December 17 to 21, 2024.
- Invited as an External Examiner for the subject Biochemistry (practical) at Rahman Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences on February 8, 2025.
- Invited as a delegate at Pharma Anveshan 2025 on the theme "Entrepreneurship & Startups in Pharma and Pharmacy Practice – Encouraging Innovation, Incubation Centers, and Pharmaceutical Startups," held on March 9, 2025, at The Assam Don Bosco University, Assam.

STUDENTS' CORNER**STUDENTS SPARK CURIOSITY BEYOND CLASSROOMS**

Pragjyotishpur University's faculty and students participated in the All-Assam 5th Khamrenga Marathon 2024, organised by the Khamrenga Akhel Parichalana Samiti to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October 2024. The marathon began at 5 am and covered a distance of 42 km. We are proud of our students for completing the event, showcasing their strong spirit for sports and commitment to fitness, in line with the Fit India initiative. We encourage all students to stay active and participate in future sports activities.



Our students participated in a cleaning drive for our natural farming field. They diligently removed stones and other unnecessary debris that could hinder farming practices. We introduced them to natural farming and encouraged their participation in the future. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to engage were truly inspiring, beginning a meaningful connection with nature and our land.

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True to our belief that learning knows no boundaries, the Maharaj Prithu Hostel has launched its Weekly Lecture Series—a student-driven platform where knowledge thrives beyond classrooms. This initiative mirrors Pragjyotishpur University's ethos: empowering students to learn, lead, and innovate in every space. By transforming hostel corridors into hubs of ideas, the university celebrates how learning isn't confined to lectures—it's a living, breathing part of the university community. This initiative embodies Pragjyotishpur University's spirit: learning thrives anywhere.

A book display program was organized on 27 November 2024 by the Pragjyotishpur University Central Library in collaboration with the South Eastern Book Agency. The event took place on the university's main campus and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and book lovers.



A wide range of books on various subjects, including literature, science, history, technology, and management, were showcased. The display provided an excellent opportunity for students to explore new academic and non-academic titles. Attendees had the chance to purchase books at special discounts and also suggest titles for the university library's collection. The program aimed to promote reading habits among students and faculty while strengthening the library's resources with relevant and up-to-date materials. Overall, the book display program served as a valuable platform for intellectual engagement and book selection, benefiting the academic community of Pragjyotishpur University.

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চকু....

দৃশ্যান্তৰৰ অকপট নিশিপালনত
 পুনৰ যেন সাৰ পাই উঠে শেষ হ'ব ধৰা দৃশ্যায়ন ...
 তেতিয়া তিৰবিৰাই উঠে চকুবোৰ
 হয়তো তেতিয়াই
 চকুৰে কথা কয় !...
 ইংগিতৰ অসততাত
 মাজে মাজে স্কন্ধ হয় চকু
 যেন সিহঁতৰো সংগ্রাম, বিপ্লৱ
 চকু.... একোটা শিথিল সংগ্রামী..
 চকুবোৰ তীক্ষ্ণ প্ৰেমিক...
 অশান্ত ভিৰৰ মাজতো বিচাৰিব জানে
 নীৰৱতাৰ প্ৰেম
 চকুবোৰ সাংঘাতিক অন্ধও...

অল্লানজ্যোতি শৰ্মা



নতুন যাত্ৰা

আজিৰে পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰিছোঁ
 এটি নতুন যাত্ৰা ।
 পাতনি মেলিছোঁ জীৱনৰ
 এটি নতুন অধ্যায়ৰ ।
 লিখিব বিচাৰিছোঁ জীৱনৰ উকা পুথিখনত
 মোৰ জীৱন স্মৃতিৰ কবিতা ।
 সাজু হৈছোঁ জীৱন নামৰ পুথিভঁৰালটোত
 প্ৰকাশ কৰিবলৈ মোৰ জীৱন মালিতা ।
 পাব বিচাৰিছোঁ আজি জীৱনৰ
 এটি নতুন ঠিকনা ।
 পাহৰিব পৰা নাই অতীতৰ
 সেই গতিহীন পৃষ্ঠা ।
 যি পৃষ্ঠাত খোজে প্ৰতি আছিল
 মোৰ জীৱনৰ সীমাহীন বিফলতা ।
 বিফলতাৰ সঁতুখন ভাগি
 গঢ়াই তুলিম সফলতাৰ যাত্ৰা ।
 নোৱাৰোঁ নহ'ব চিন্তাবোৰ বাদ দি
 আৰম্ভ কৰিম মোৰ জীৱনৰ
 নতুন যাত্ৰা ।

মৃণাল শৰ্মা

সপোন

সপোন কি ?

সপোন জানো এক মায়াৰ নাম...

নে জীয়াই থকাৰ প্ৰেৰণাৰ নাম..

হয়তো পোৱাৰ আশা, অন্যথা অপ্ৰাপ্তিৰ হতাশা;

কিন্তু এই সকলোবোৰৰ মাজত আমি জানো নিজকে
চিনিছো ...!!

হয়তো নাই,

যান্ত্ৰিক পৃথিৱীত আৱদ্ধ হৈ আমিও চাগে হৈ পৰিছো
একো একোটা ৰ'বট ।

সপোন জানো নিদ্ৰাৰ মাজত হোৱা স্মৃতি নৃত্যৰ নাম..

নে জীৱনবাটত থকা ফুলৰ দলিছাৰ নাম..!

কিন্তু সেই ফুলৰ দলিছাত খোজ পেলাবলৈ গৈ

কব নোৱাৰাকৈয়ে যেন আমি নিজকে বিক্ৰী কৰি দিছোঁ
এই কথক্ৰিতৰ পৃথিৱীত ।

আৰু ফলস্বৰূপে পাইছোঁ কেৱল

হতাশা, নিৰাশা আৰু এটি নিষ্প্ৰাণ জীৱন ।

“ভালে আছানে” বুলি সোধাৰো যেন কাৰো সময় নাই
আছে কেৱল আমাৰ সাফল্যত দৃষ্টি... ।

মাজে মাজে নিজকে সোধোঁ

এয়াই নেকি সপোন দেখাৰ পৰিণতি !!

চাগে সপোন এক বিন্দুৰ নাম

যাৰ বিস্ফোৰণে সৃষ্টি কৰে অজস্ৰ মহাকাশ সমুদ্ৰৰ

সকলো ৰঙেৰে ৰঙীণ ,সকলো স্মৃতিৰে স্বাধীন

হয়তো এয়াই সপোন যি পাৰাপাৰ বিহীন ।

দিশাংকীতা শৰ্মা

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~आधुनिक युगे संस्कृतभाषायाः महत्त्वम्~

दक्षिण - एशियायाः इतिहासे संस्कृतिषु च महत्वपूर्णं स्थानं धारयन्त्याः विश्वस्य प्राचीनतमा भाषा संस्कृतम् अस्ति। आधुनिकयुगे संमृध्यसंस्कृतेः, दर्शनस्य, साहित्यस्य च कारणात् विज्ञान-प्रद्योगिक्यां च अस्य भूमिकायाः कारणात् संस्कृतस्य महत्वं बहु अस्ति । संस्कृतसाहित्ये वेदाः, व्याकरणं, महाभारतं रामायणम् इत्यादयः महाकाव्यानि, अनेकाः दार्शनिक - वैज्ञानिक-ग्रन्थाः, श्लोकाः च सन्ति । संस्कृतव्याकरणशिक्षणेन अन्यभारतीय-भाषायाः अवगमनं सुकरं भवति । संस्कृतश्लोकान् उच्चारणेन भाषायाः स्पष्टरूपेण प्रवाहपूर्णताया च वक्तुं शक्यते ।

चिकित्साशास्त्रम्, खगोलशास्त्रम्, गणितशास्त्रम् इत्यादीनां विविधानां वैज्ञानिकविषयाणां विकाशे संस्कृतस्य महती भूमिका अस्ति । संस्कृतग्रन्थेषु प्राचीनभारतीयवैज्ञानिकानां वैद्यानां च ज्ञानं व्यवहारं च दस्तावेजीकरणं कृतम् अस्ति, ये एतेषु क्षेत्रेषु विलक्षणं योगदानं दत्तवन्तः। यथा - विश्वस्य प्राचीनतमा चिकित्साव्यवस्थायां आयुर्वेद शास्त्रे शरीररचना, विकृतिविज्ञानं, निदानं चिकित्सा च सन्ति। संस्कृतग्रन्थेषु खगोलशास्त्रस्य सिद्धान्ताः विधियः च व्याख्याताः, यथा ग्रहस्थानस्य गणना, ग्रहाणानि च सन्ति। संस्कृतग्रन्थेषु वीजगणितं - ज्यामिति - गणना आदीनि गणितस्य अवधरणाः, सूक्तयः च वर्तन्ते। वर्तमान युगे संस्कृतस्य उपयोगः IT विशेषज्ञैः विकासकैः च संस्कृततन्त्राधारितसङ्केताः, कृत्रिम बुद्धिः (AI) च निर्मातुं शक्यते ।

अनेके अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय-विद्वांसः विश्वविद्यालयाः च भाषाविज्ञाने, दर्शनशास्त्रे, विज्ञाने च संस्कृतस्य योगदानस्य कृते अध्ययनं कुर्वन्त सन्ति। अतः आधुनिक युगे संस्कृतस्य महत्त्वं सर्वत्र वर्तते इति वक्तुं शक्यते ।

शुभम दासः

**Humko mann ki shakti dena, mann vijay karein.
Dusron ki jai se pehle khud ki jai karein.**

— Gulzar





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