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## STRENGTHENING GLOBAL BONDS: GCU ASSAM TIES UP WITH UN ASSOCIATIONS FOR NEW LIBRARY, SPECIAL DIPLOMA COURSE



AZARA, September 12: Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Assam, signed a remarkable Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Resource Centre for the UN – North East Region (RCUN-NER) on 4th September at the university campus. The agreement marks a multi-level collaboration between the two institutions in the fields of education, science, culture, communication, environment, and sustainable development. In addition, a special UN reading library has been proposed for the university campus, a move which would benefit the student community and faculty members in several ways.



Prof. Kandarpa Das, VC (left), and Dr. Aswini Kr. Sarma of UN Associations, Guwahati, addressing the audience.



Dr. Sarma of UN Associations signing the MoU with Prof. Dipankar Saha, Registrar, GCU.

As part of the MoU, both institutions shall engage in research and studies related to sustainable development in Assam and the North East, with GCU annually participating in the RCUN-NER Mission Knowledge Program. The MoU also includes provisions for GCU faculty, staff, and students to benefit from international youth hostel programs and facilitates academic enrolment opportunities for the children of RCUN-NER officials. The agreement signifies the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at fostering educational and sustainable development initiatives in Assam and the North East region, enhancing collaboration between the academia and global organizations such as the UN and UNESCO for a brighter future.

Another MoU was signed on the same day between GCU and the Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) through its Institute of UN Studies. The principal aim of the second MoU is to introduce a six-month diploma course on 'United Nations & International Understanding' for students at GCU. The MoU aims to establish a collaborative framework of providing essential resources, including course materials, question papers, evaluation services, and certification, for a distance learning program and active participation of candidates in programs of global importance. This partnership signifies a strategic collaboration aimed at providing GCU students with access to global knowledge through specialized education on the United Nations and international understanding. It reflects the university's commitment towards nurturing globally aware citizens by offering quality education and fostering connections between academic institutions and international organizations, particularly focusing on the development of students from the North-East region.



Dr. Sarma signing the second MoU (left) and posing with Chancellor Prof. Jayanta Deka, Registrar Prof. Dipankar Saha and Vice Chancellor Prof. Kandarpa Das.

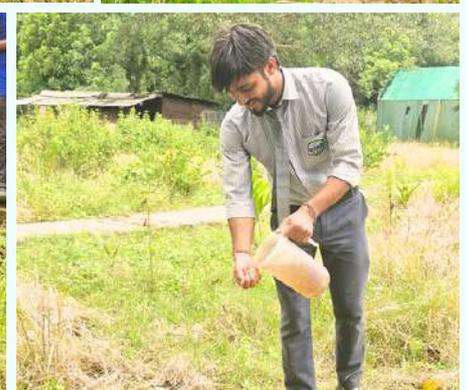


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AZARA, September 12: In another development, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Tezpur Campus, organized a plantation drive to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan (Teacher's Day) on 5th September. The initiative, led by the University Beautification Club, underscored the institution's ongoing commitment to creating a greener and cleaner campus.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Abdul Baquee Ahmed, Principal of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at GCU Tezpur. Students participated in the event by planting a variety of trees, flowering plants and medicinal herbs across the campus, significantly contributing to the campus's beautification and ecological balance. This plantation drive was a part of GCU's larger mission of integrating sustainable practices into its daily operations, aligning with the global movement toward a greener and healthier future.



Dr. Abdul Baquee Ahmed (top left), Principal of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at GCU Tezpur, planting trees along with students.



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## GCU CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY, PROMOTING MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION AND PEACE



AZARA, September 12: The Literature Club of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) celebrated International Literacy Day on 10th September 2024, with the theme, "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace." The event was graced by Mr. Samindra Huzuri, editor of the progressive journal *Nutan Prithivi*, who served as the chief guest. Mr. Huzuri delivered an inspiring speech that captivated the audience, discussing the role of multilingualism in fostering peace and understanding among diverse communities. He also touched upon the transformative power of education in society. In his address, Mr. Huzuri underscored the vital role that knowledge of one's mother tongue plays in fostering a deeper understanding of emotions and cultural heritage. He highlighted how language serves as a bridge to connect individuals with their roots and traditions.



Mr. Samindra Huzuri captivates the audience with an inspiring speech on multilingualism and the transformative power of education.



Students listening attentively to the speech.



Ipshita Bharadwaj delivering the vote of thanks.

The event began with a welcome address by Mr. Nirupam Mahanta, student coordinator of the Literature Club, who highlighted the importance of literacy and literature in shaping the socio-economic landscape of society. In line with the theme of the event, a soulful Japanese poem was recited by students Ms. Nihali Madhukalya and Ms. Reema Begum under the guidance of Ms. Nozomi Tokuma, Department of English and Foreign Languages, GCU. This performance underscored the significance of embracing linguistic diversity for cross-cultural understanding.

As part of the celebration, the Literature Club organized a short story writing competition for the students of the university. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Subrata Goswami while Arshad-Ul-Hoque and Ms. Dimpi Deka secured second and third positions, respectively. A consolation prize was awarded to Ms. Priti Moni Kalita. Additionally, student members of the Literature Club recited their original compositions, adding a personal touch to the event. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Ipshita Bharadwaj. The entire program was skilfully anchored by Ms. Priti Moni Kalita ensuring a smooth flow of activities throughout the day.



Awards presented to the top position holders of the story writing competition.