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## GCU GOES GLOBAL, VICE CHANCELLOR ATTENDS BRICS UNIVERSITIES FORUM AT MOSCOW

*Slew of MoUs Signed With Universities From Across the World*



AZARA, November 05: In a development that provides a major boost to the global standing and reputation of Girijananda Chowdhury University, GCU Vice Chancellor Prof. Kandarpa Das has signed a slew of memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with a number of international universities from all over the world. The agreements were signed during the prestigious BRICS University Rectors Forum held in Moscow, which Prof. Das was invited to attend as an honoured guest.

The BRICS University Rectors Forum was held on 17-18 October at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia. The conference was attended by around 250 university Vice Chancellors, Presidents, Rectors and Ministers representing 20 BRICS member countries such as Russia, India, Brazil, China, Egypt, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia and South Africa as well as several other countries like Belarus, Bahrain, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Palestine and Sudan.



Hon'ble V-C Kandarpa Das participating in the BRICS university forum at Moscow.

The inauguration of the two-day Forum of BRICS Universities was held on 17th October, 2024 under the chairmanship of President of the Russian Union of Rectors, Rector of Moscow State University, Prof. V.A. Sadovnichy. GCU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das, was invited to be part of Presidium of the Inauguration ceremony and greet the participants along with Rectors, Ministers and officials from different countries. The participating Vice Chancellors discussed strategic partnership in education, science and technology. The participants exchanged notes on best practices in promoting scientific knowledge, demonstrating their commitment to deepening humanitarian cooperation across borders.



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As part of the programme, Prof. Kandarpa Das conducted a series of networking meetings with the Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Ministers and representatives of various BRICS universities. Girijananda Chowdhury University successfully established contact with universities from Russia, Brazil, South Africa, Iraq, Ethiopia and Belarus.

Among these eminent institutions is Mari State University (MarSU), a premier centre of higher studies in Russia, which signed the MoU with Girijananda Chowdhury University at the BRICS Forum on 17th October. The tie-up between the two universities is expected to boost educational collaboration, facilitating student exchanges, joint research projects and deeper academic ties that would benefit Indian students aspiring to study MBBS in Russia. In addition, Prof. Das signed MoUs with Al-Kut University College in Iraq as well as the University of South Africa (UNISA), the oldest and largest open distance learning institution in Africa.

Last month, Girijananda Chowdhury University signed yet another MoU, this time with HELP University, Malaysia, a well-known private university aimed at providing affordable quality educational opportunities to its students. The partnership between the two educational institutions promises to open up exciting avenues for collaboration, including faculty and student mobility as well as joint research and academic collaboration.



*Prof. Das with top administrators and dignitaries of various universities from across the world.*





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## GCU MARKS 79TH UN DAY WITH GREAT FANFARE



AZARA, November 05: Girijananda Chowdhury University celebrated the 79th United Nations Day with great enthusiasm and zeal on October 24. The event was organised in collaboration with the Indian Federation of UN Association.

Dr. Sandip Bordoloi, coordinating officer of GCU - UNESCO unit, delivered a warm welcome address in which he emphasized the significance of the UN in promoting peace, security, and cooperation among nations.

The program began with the lighting of the lamp by President of the SSA society, Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, Chancellor of GCU, Prof. Jayanta Deka, Registrar Prof. Dipankar Saha as well as delegates of UN association, Guwahati. The delegates included Dr. Aswini Sarma, the Secretary General of United Nations Association, Assam and Mrs. Marami Goswami, Academic Officer of UNESCO Association, Assam. Also invited among others for the occasion were Dr. Nitul Gogoi, IPS, Ex-IGP (Assam Police) and Dr. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Principal, West Guwahati College, Guwahati, who are also the life members of UNESCO Association, Assam.

The highlight of the event was a perceptive discussion undertaken by the team of experts from the UN Association, who shared their insights on the significance of the UN Day. Dr. Aswini Sarma, Secretary General of the UN Association, Assam, delivered the message of the UN Secretary-General to the audience. He also highlighted the UN's accomplishments in sustainable development, human rights, and humanitarian law.

Dr. Nitul Gogoi delivered a talk on the benefits of being the life members of the UNESCO association and the scopes and opportunities the UNESCO membership provides. He also motivated the students to take up civil service as their career as public service gives an individual lots of opportunities to excel in their career path.

In her speech, Dr. Manisha Bhattacharyya offered her gratitude to Girijananda Chowdhury University, and also asked the students to work for peace and sustainable development. The celebration was attended by a large pool of students and faculty members, including the life members of UNESCO association and staff, who showed great enthusiasm and interest in the event.



Dr. Nitul Gogoi, Ex-IGP (Assam Police), being felicitated by the Chancellor.



Dr. Nitul Gogoi, former IGP (left) and Dr. Manisha Bhattacharyya, Principal, West Guwahati College, delivering their speech.