

Voices of Excellence: GCU's Young Debaters Win Inter-College Debate Championship

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Guwahati appreciates the achievement of Mr. Soumyadeep Ghosh and Ms. Bhaswati Flowrina Kashyap, students of B. Pharm 5th sem for securing first position at the Inter-Pharmacy College Debate Competition organized by the Institute of Pharmacy, Gauhati Medical College, as part of the 64th National Pharmacy Week celebrations held on 19th and 20th November 2025.

The debate, centred on the contemporary and thought-provoking topic "AI is a Threat to Human Creativity and Originality," witnessed spirited participation from pharmacy colleges across the region. Amid strong competition, the duo from School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU stood out for their well-researched arguments, confident articulation, and ability to address complex ethical dimensions surrounding artificial intelligence.

Their outstanding performance not only highlighted their academic excellence but also reflected the university's emphasis on nurturing critical thinking, communication skills, and innovation among its students. The achievement has brought pride to the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the entire GCU fraternity.



A Day of Ideas, Inspiration, and Interaction.



Mr. Soumyadeep Ghosh and Ms. Bhaswati Flowrina Kashyap, Bring Home the Championship Trophy.

Celebration of National Pharmacy Week at GCU: Promoting Herbal Wisdom and Environmental Stewardship

The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Guwahati, celebrated National Pharmacy Week (NPW) on 22nd Nov 2025 with the theme "Pharmacists as Advocates of Vaccination."

A day long workshop entitled "Preserving Nature's Pharmacy: A workshop on Medicinal and Endangered Plants" was conducted on this occasion which was organized in collaboration with the NSS Unit-1 of the University that aimed at creating awareness on the therapeutic value of medicinal plants and the need for conserving endangered species.

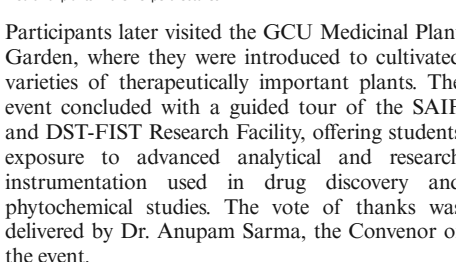
The celebration began with an inaugural session graced by eminent dignitaries. Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, President, Shrimanta Shankar Academy (SSA) delivered the welcome address. This was followed by insightful speech from Prof. Jayanta Deka, Hon'ble Chancellor who highlighted the importance of integrating traditional medicinal knowledge with modern pharmaceutical education. The expert talk session featured eminent speakers including Dr. Barnali Dutta from the Institute of Pharmacy, GMCH, and Dr. Birina Bhuyan from the Department of Botany, GCU. Both experts emphasized the scientific relevance of medicinal plants, their conservation challenges, and the role of young pharmacists in safeguarding India's vast phytopharmaceutical heritage. The inaugural programme concluded with a vote of thanks. As part of the celebration, a display of seasonal medicinal plants was arranged, drawing keen interest from students and faculty members. The exhibition showcased various locally available species with their documented medicinal properties. Students and volunteers of NSS Unit-1 led a Tree Plantation Drive across the GCU campus, reaffirming the University's commitment to environmental sustainability through its "Go Green" initiative.



Shri. Jasoda Ranjan Das, President, SSA delivering the welcome address.



Prof. Jayanta Deka, Hon'ble Chancellor highlighting the importance of integrating traditional medicinal knowledge with modern pharmaceutical education.



Participants later visited the GCU Medicinal Plant Garden, where they were introduced to cultivated varieties of therapeutically important plants. The event concluded with a guided tour of the SAIF and DST-FIST Research Facility, offering students exposure to advanced analytical and research instrumentation used in drug discovery and phytochemical studies. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Anupam Sarma, the Convenor of the event.

The celebration of National Pharmacy Week at GCU reflected a blend of academic insight, environmental stewardship, and experiential learning underscoring the crucial role of pharmacists in promoting both healthcare and ecological conservation.



Students articulating the significance of medicinal plants while responding to expert queries.



An enriching academic visit to the world of modern analytical techniques at the DST-FIST Lab.



A step towards environmental responsibility: planting with purpose.

The Hindu's Vice President sparks leadership dialogue at GCU

Girijananda Chowdhury University hosted an interactive session on “Leadership and Career Growth” on 14 November 2025, drawing a packed audience of students and young professionals in Guwahati. The programme was led by Mr. Sridhar Aranala, Vice President and Head of Sales & Distribution at The Hindu Group, and was co-organized by GCU's Department of Journalism & Mass Communication and the Department of Business Administration.

In his keynote, Mr. Aranala outlined practitioner-led frameworks for getting leadership-ready, taking on larger responsibilities, and aligning individual capabilities with institutional goals. Drawing on more than three decades across media, telecom, and FMCG, he urged learners to be proactive, persistent, and purpose-driven, and described failure as a constructive “first attempt in learning”. Reinforcing the session's core message, Mr. Aranala underlined that leadership begins with character and everyday choices, noting that anyone committed to people, learning, and responsible action can demonstrate leadership in role and context. He urged students to “lead others the way you would want to be led,” and to cultivate initiative, patience, and integrity.

The session saw energetic participation from students, who posed numerous questions on career pivots, team-building, and ethical decision-making in fast-moving industries. Building on the momentum, the university's student media collective recorded a post-event podcast with Mr. Aranala to distill key takeaways for wider campus audiences.

The interactive session highlighted GCU's commitment to industry-linked, multidisciplinary education. Such experiences, anchored in GCU's student-centric pedagogy, build communication, critical thinking and ethical decision-making — capabilities central to the university's mission of empowering Northeast India's next generation of professionals.



Honouring Mr. Sridhar Aranala for his inspiring presence and invaluable insights.



Dignitaries and students sharing a common space of knowledge, inspiration, and dialogue.



Moments of mentorship that ignite purpose: Mr. Sridhar Aranala interacting with GCU students.

Pre-Christmas Celebration fosters inclusion and cultural pride among Northeast students

Girijananda Chowdhury University hosted a Pre-Christmas Celebration on November 22 dedicated to Northeastern students from states outside Assam. The vibrant programme highlighted cultural pride and inclusion through spirited performances, interactive segments, and guided conversations that addressed the challenges of adapting to campus life away from home, including language, culture, and university norms.

Students from across the Northeast—particularly from Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Tripura—led the programme, with Hon'ble Chancellor Prof. Jayanta Deka and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Kandarpa Das in attendance to encourage sustained cross-cultural engagement.

One of the day's most anticipated activities was the Christmas Gift Exchange, where each student brought a beautifully wrapped present. The surprise element of the exchange added excitement and laughter, making the hall echo with festive cheer. The event also featured a sequence of traditional and modern song-and-dance performances by Northeastern students, and an interactive quiz on iconic state attires, foods, animals, and birds.

The interactive quiz used rapid-fire rounds and visuals to test cultural literacy across Northeastern states, fostering camaraderie and excitement.

A dedicated inclusion segment created space for personal interactions to identify challenges faced by students from outside Assam, including language, cultural orientation, and navigating university systems, and surfaced needs around mentorship, peer networks, and language facilitation. Adding to the visual vibrance, students turned up in colorful traditional attire representing diverse cultures. This inclusive dress code reflected the celebration's theme of unity and joy, capturing the multicultural essence of the campus community.

The celebration aimed to strengthen belonging for Northeastern students studying in Guwahati by combining festive camaraderie with meaningful dialogue and cultural literacy. By centering voices from states other than Assam and pairing performances with interactive learning, the programme sought to translate seasonal cheer into everyday inclusion on campus.



When celebration meets sweetness — the Christmas cake ritual.



A chorus of festive joy.



Wrapped with love, exchanged with smiles: The magic of Christmas captured in a heartfelt exchange.



Cultural rhythms adding colour to the pre-Christmas celebrations.



Industrial Visit to Technology Innovation Hub, IIT Guwahati

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam, organised an industrial visit to the Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) at IIT Guwahati on 11th November 2025, with 22 students (from the 2024-28 and 2025-29 batches) and 3 faculty members. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to ongoing technological research and innovation in electronics and related areas. During the visit, students were briefed about the objectives and activities of the TIH under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) by Dr. Pratiksha Sarma. The experts from IIT Guwahati demonstrated various research projects and startups incubated under the hub, highlighting applications in Drone technologies, ROV systems, 3D printing technologies, Robotics, AI, IoT systems, and PCB fabrication. Students interacted with researchers and faculty members, gaining insights into advanced research methodologies, industrial collaborations, and the innovation ecosystem that bridges academia and industry. The visit helped students understand the relevance of interdisciplinary learning and its role in solving real-world engineering problems. Overall, the industrial visit was highly informative and motivating. It enhanced students' awareness of cutting-edge technological developments and encouraged them to pursue innovative research and entrepreneurship in their future careers. The industrial visit was coordinated by Mr. Abhinandan Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, GCU Assam.



Students gaining insights into current technological research and innovation in electronics.

National Unity Day observed at GCU-Tezpur campus

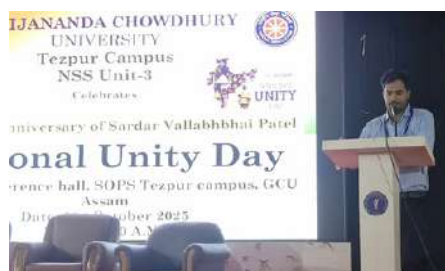
NSS Unit 3, SOPS Tezpur campus, GCU Assam proudly celebrated National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The program began with our volunteers taking the Unity Pledge, reaffirming our commitment to the spirit of oneness and integrity of the nation.

An Essay Writing Competition on "Unity in Diversity of India" was also conducted to encouraged participants to reflect on the strength of our nation's cultural harmony.

The event concluded with an energetic Run for Unity, symbolizing the collective determination of youth towards a united and strong India. The program was coordinated by Mr. Farak Ali, Program Officer, with active cooperation from Ms. Shahnaz Alom and Mr. Damanbhalang Rynjah.



NSS Volunteers take part in the pledge taking ceremony commemorating the day's celebration.



Mr. Farak Ali, Program Officer hosted the event.



NSS volunteers participating in Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Unity in Diversity".



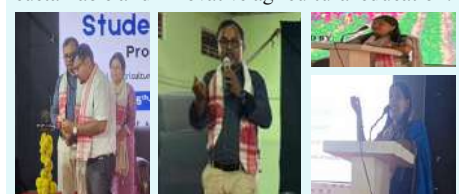
NSS student volunteers also take part in the Unity Run, spreading the spirit of unity in the society.

SIP-2025 for School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Tezpur Campus

The School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Tezpur Campus, successfully organized the Student Induction Programme 2025 for the B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture 1st Year, 1st Semester students from 15th to 24th October 2025. The programme began with the inaugural session and lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by a warm welcome address by Prof. Abdul Baquee Ahmed, Controlling Officer, School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, GCU-Tezpur. The opening day also featured an engaging lecture by Dr. Rabindra Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Darrang College, Tezpur, who spoke on "Pests and Pesticides: Impact on Pollinators and Sustainable Food Production."

On the following days, the students attended a series of enriching lectures by eminent speakers, including Dr. N. D. Namsa from Tezpur University, who discussed "Biotechnology in Agriculture," and Dr. Angana Sarmah, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Sonitpur, who shared insights on "Commercial Horticulture." The students further had the opportunity to visit Panchoi Agrotech, gaining practical exposure to agricultural innovations and sustainable practices. An inspiring address by the Shri. Jasoda Ranjan Das, President, SSA and Prof. Jayanta Deka, Hon'ble Chancellor, GCU, motivated the students to embrace academic excellence and research-oriented learning. The event concluded with a talk by Dr. Kasturi Sarmah, Entrepreneur, Panchoi, on "Mechanization in Agriculture," which emphasized modern approaches in agricultural entrepreneurship.

The entire programme was anchored and coordinated by Ms. Shahnaz Alom and Dr. Bidya Rani, Faculties of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences, GCU-Tezpur whose dynamic presentation and seamless organization ensured the success of the event. The induction programme provided the new students with an excellent platform to connect with experts, explore the scope of agricultural sciences, and understand the university's vision of promoting sustainable and innovative agricultural education.



Lighting of the Dignitaries delivering their thoughts on the auspicious lamp. current trends of agricultural techniques.



Farm visit to Panchoi Agrotech, Tezpur.

