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GCU Hosts International Conference Blending IKS with Global Scientific Vision

Girijananda Chowdhury University hosted a major international conference on January 22 and 23, 2026, bringing together a distinguished assembly of scholars and academicians to deliberate on the theme "Bridging Sacred Wisdom and Scientific Vision: Re-envisioning Knowledge Discourses from Global Perspectives with emphasis on the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)". Prof. Amarendra Kumar Das, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Tezpur University, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, and Ms. Ekaterina Tyurina, Vice Consul at the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata, was invited as Guest of Honour. The international conference was held in collaboration with prestigious Russian institutions such as the Centre for South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow and Mari State University, Russia.

The conference, co-sponsored by Supertek, Vaagmine Scientific, Krishna Enterprise and D S Enterprise, focused on integrating indigenous worldviews with scientific inquiry to guide humanity toward ecological balance and moral harmony. The proceedings commenced on the morning of January 22 with a prestigious inaugural ceremony, where Shri Jasodaranjan Das, President of the SSA Society, delivered the welcome address, followed by institutional visions shared by Prof. Jayanta Deka, Chancellor of GCU, and Prof. Kandarpa Das, Vice Chancellor of GCU, who emphasized the university's commitment to bridging indigenous wisdom with global academic standards and international cooperation. Prof. Alexander Stolyarov, Director, Centre of South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, and noted expert on early medieval Indian history, delivered the keynote address, providing an expansive look at the past, present, and future of Indian Knowledge Systems.

The high-level plenary sessions of the first day featured luminaries such as Dr. Sanjib Kumar Borkakoti, noted expert in Sankaradeva studies, Dr. Sidharth Shankar, former Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University, Ziro, Dr. Aditya Kiran Kakoti from Lieden University, Holland, Dr. Andrey Konkov from Sirius University, Russia as well as Prof. Mikhail V. Dubinin and Prof. Konstantin Belosludtsev from Mari State University, Russia. The second day of the conference saw a surge in academic exchange through multiple parallel sessions. These sessions, conducted in a hybrid mode to accommodate both offline and online presenters, spanned a diverse array of sub-themes including Indian culture and civilization, Vedic science, and traditional medicine-inspired approaches to drug discovery. This remarkable confluence of global perspectives reinforces GCU's position as a premier hub for multidisciplinary research and international exchange in Northeast India.



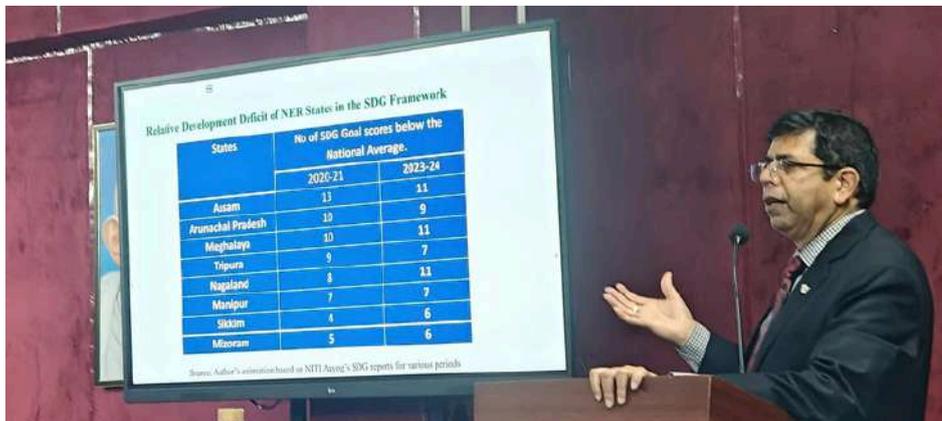
Snippets from the Two-Day International Conference.

Special Talk on SDG in the Context of North East: Achievements and Challenges

The Department of Economics and Commerce, GCU organized a special talk on “Sustainable Development Goals in the Context of North East: Achievements and Challenges” on 30th January, 2026. The talk was delivered by renowned Economist Prof. Bhagirathi Panda, Director, ICSSSR-NER & Professor, Department of Economics, NEHU. His lecture shed light on the Economic, Social and Environmental Goals, constitutive of the three dimensions of SDG, and their performance in the Northeastern states in terms of SDG score at the national level. Furthermore, the speaker dwelled on the importance of innovation and institutional reforms in realising the SDG goals in true spirit. The talk concluded with an active participation of faculty members, students and research scholars.



Prof. Bhagirathi Panda receiving a token of appreciation from Dr. Manoj Khaund.



Prof. Bhagirathi Panda delivering his talk on “Sustainable Development Goals in the Context of North East: Achievements and Challenges.”

States	No of SDG Goal scores below the National Average.	
	2020-21	2023-24
Assam	13	11
Arunachal Pradesh	10	9
Meghalaya	10	11
Tripura	9	7
Nagaland	8	11
Manipur	7	7
Sikkim	4	6
Mizoram	5	6

Source: Author's estimation based on NITI Aayog's SDG reports for various periods.

Promoting legal awareness and gender equality: Center for Legal Studies, GCU marks National Girl Child Day

The Centre for Legal Studies at Girijananda Chowdhury University marked National Girl Child Day on January 24, 2026, with an impactful awareness programme hosted at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School. The event was specifically designed to promote the rights, dignity, and empowerment of the girl child while addressing the persistent challenges of gender discrimination.

The programme commenced with an address by Mrs. Pooja Kalita, a faculty member from Centre for Legal Studies, who outlined the history and vital significance of the day. She emphasized the necessity of ensuring equal opportunities for girls in every sphere of society. Following this, LL.M. student Mr. Abinash Narzary delivered a comprehensive session on the legal landscape, explaining the constitutional rights to equality and education. He further detailed the specific legislative protections enacted to ensure the safety and health of girls, urging the audience to challenge outdated social stereotypes.

Coordinated by Dr. Niju Moni Das, Head of the Department at the Centre for Legal Studies, the initiative was supported by Ms. Larbin Rongpipi and school faculty members Mrs. Alakananda Chakraborty and Mrs. Anima D. Ekka. The event concluded with an interactive dialogue involving the students and faculty, reinforcing the university's commitment to legal literacy and social advocacy.



Voices for equality-Faculty members of the Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, with school authorities at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School.

Legal Awareness to Combat Trafficking: Centre for Legal Studies, GCU Supports SSB Training Initiative

Mr. Abinash Narzary, LL.M. Student, Centre for Legal Studies, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, served as a Resource Person in a Two-Day Workshop on Anti-Human Trafficking organised by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). The workshop was held at the Headquarters of the 23rd Battalion, SSB, at Lalpool, Bichimari, Assam, on 5th January 2026.

Mr. Narzary delivered thematic sessions on “Introduction to Human Trafficking” and “Legal Framework and Policies” on Human Trafficking. His sessions addressed the Indian legal framework on the prevention of human trafficking, key international instruments, including the United Nations Palermo Protocol and the SAARC Convention, and relevant national and State-level policies concerning prevention, rescue, protection, and rehabilitation of victims.

Personnel of the Sashastra Seema Bal from four battalions participated in the workshop. These included the 23rd Battalion, headquartered at Lalpool, Assam; the 37th Battalion, headquartered at Mangaldoi, Assam; the 61st Battalion, headquartered at Bhairabkunda, covering the Balem sector in Arunachal Pradesh; and the 73rd Battalion, headquartered at Sen Thuk, Shergaon, Arunachal Pradesh.

The workshop aimed to sensitise participants, enhance their understanding of human trafficking, and strengthen their operational capacity to effectively identify, prevent, and respond to trafficking cases. It was specifically curated for personnel of the Sashastra Seema Bal deployed in Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs), those manning trade and transit routes and traditional movement corridors, as well as personnel performing duties along the Indo-Bhutan Border (IBB) and the Indo-Nepal Border (INB).



Mr. Abinash Narzary, LL.M. Scholar from GCU Addressing SSB Personnel on Anti-Human Trafficking Laws.

GCU, BOPT (ER) Ink MoU to Strengthen Apprenticeship of Students

A landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) and Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) on 29th January 2026 to fundamentally enhance the apprenticeship and employability landscape for students in Northeast India. The formal agreement was executed by Shri Govind Jaiswal, IAS, Chairman of BOPT(ER), and Prof. Dipankar Saha, Registrar of GCU, marking a collaborative commitment to integrating high-quality industrial training into the academic journey.

The Board of Practical Training (BOPT), specifically the Eastern Region branch based in Kolkata, is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It facilitates National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) for fresh engineering graduates and diploma holders to enhance their employability through industry exposure. Under the framework of this cooperation, BOPT (ER) and GCU are working to integrate Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) into the university curriculum. This initiative ensures that students don't just graduate with theoretical knowledge but complete at least six months to one year of On-the-Job Training (OJT) in reputed industrial establishments.

Beyond simple placement, this initiative focuses on the long-term employability of the region's youth. The Board of Practical Training (ER) provides the necessary framework for industry-standard certifications, while GCU acts as a hub for orientation and skill development. This synergy not only enhances the resumes of young engineers and diploma holders but also supports the industrial growth of Assam by providing a steady stream of pre-trained, competent professionals.



MoU exchanged Between GCU and BOPT (ER) to Support Youth Employability in Assam.

GCU-ASG Hospital Eye Check-Up Camp in collaboration Benefits University Employees

As part of its commitment to employee health and wellness, the University organized a Free Eye Check-Up Camp in collaboration with ASG Hospital on 20 January 2026 at the GCU Wellness Centre, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The camp provided basic vision screening and eye health assessments, conducted by qualified eye care professionals from ASG Hospital. The initiative received an encouraging response from university employees. A total of around 110 employees participated in the screening. The camp helped in early identification of vision-related issues and promoted awareness about eye health among staff members.

The University appreciates the support of ASG Hospital and the active participation of employees, making the camp a successful health and wellness initiative.



Prof. Srinivasan Felicitating the eye care professionals of ASG Hospital.



Experts providing eye care service to patients.

UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS: GCU Clinches SITM Cricket Trophy in Last-Over Thriller

Girijananda Chowdhury University were crowned champions of the SITM Inter-College Cricket Tournament Season 4, following a dominant five-wicket victory over the Regional Institute of Science and Technology (RIST), Meghalaya. The final, held at the Scholars Institute of Technology and Management (SITM) campus ground in Guwahati on 28th January, saw GCU bowlers restrict RIST to a total of 76 runs before the batting unit comfortably chased the target in just eight overs.

This championship win capped an undefeated campaign for GCU, who won all five of their matches during the tournament. A defining moment of their journey occurred in the semi-final against Downtown University, where the match came down to the final over. Abdul Rahim, a 4th-semester Civil Engineering student, successfully defended just four runs, conceding only one run and taking a critical wicket to secure GCU's place in the final.

For his outstanding performance throughout the event, Abdul Rahim was awarded both Man of the Match in the final and Best Bowler of the Tournament. Other individual honours for GCU included Bhupati Patowary, named Man of the Series, and Jintamani Kalita, who received the Best Batsman award. This victory marks a significant milestone for the university, which previously finished as runners-up in Season 3 of the same competition.



Upholding the title with pride and honor.

CWES Launches First Newsletter and Vermicompost Production Initiative at GCU

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) marked a significant milestone in its sustainability and conservation journey with the launch of the first newsletter of the Centre for Wildlife and Environmental Studies (CWES) and the formal inauguration of vermicompost production to be marketed by the University. The programme was held on the GCU campus and reflected the institution's growing commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable innovation.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Shri Jasodaranjan Das, President, Shrimanta Shankar Academy Society. This was followed by an address by Prof. Jayanta Deka, Chancellor, Girijananda Chowdhury University, who outlined the Centre's vision for advancing wildlife research, conservation, and sustainable practices. The event was graced by eminent academicians, conservation experts, and dignitaries, along with representatives from leading print and electronic media.

The inaugural newsletter showcases the Centre's academic vision, ongoing research activities, student engagement, and outreach initiatives related to wildlife, biodiversity, and environmental stewardship in Assam and the North-East.

A major highlight was the launch of vermicompost production with active student participation, promoting the concept of "waste to wealth" through a circular economy model that converts biodegradable campus waste into eco-friendly manure. The vermicompost initiative represents a significant experiential learning opportunity for students, integrating sustainability practices with skill development and environmental responsibility. Through hands-on involvement in production and future marketing, students gain practical exposure while contributing meaningfully to campus sustainability.

The launch event reaffirmed Girijananda Chowdhury University's commitment to responsible education, environmental stewardship, and sustainability-driven innovation, with CWES playing a pivotal role in shaping a greener and more environmentally conscious future.



Dignitaries launching the new vermicompost product and CWES Newsletter.

From Campus to Kamakhya: GCU Hosts Durga Stotra Assembly Prelude to Grand Spiritual Samapan

Girijananda Chowdhury University's campus is set to become the epicenter of a massive global spiritual movement this week as it hosts hundreds of participants for the historic Durga Tandav Stotra. On the evening of January 30, 2026, the university's Azara campus shall welcome mothers from nineteen Indian states and various international locations for a high-profile collective practice session organized by the Foundation for Holistic Development (FHD). The practice session shall serve as the critical staging ground for the grand Samapan of the Durga Tandav Stotra at Madhyamkand, North Guwahati, on the banks of sacred Brahmaputra river near Maa Kamakhya Shaktipeeth. Following the intensive rehearsals at the university, the participants will move to the banks of the Brahmaputra near the Maa Kamakhya Shaktipeeth for the final sunset Samapan on January 31.

The FHD, a non-profit dedicated to the spiritual well-being of women, has spent years training mothers in sacred recitations to promote the ideals of Vishwashanti (World Peace) and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Past events have seen over 1,500 mothers assemble at Dhanushkodi, 1,000 at Hampi, and hundreds more at the Vivekananda Rock in Kanyakumari. Beyond the spiritual aspect, the foundation reports significant social impact. Participants — many of whom are elderly — have transitioned from digital novices to tech-savvy educators, conducting their own online recitation classes and traveling solo across state lines for the first time.

The university and FHD organizers are extending an open invitation to the local community and all interested citizens to witness this historic gathering at the GCU campus. This event not only underscores the university's commitment to cultural integration but also celebrates the transformative power of motherhood on a global scale.



Highlights from the Durga Stotra Assembly.