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Four Years of Growth, Discovery and Empowerment: GCU Marks Its Fourth Foundation Day

Girijananda Chowdhury University celebrated its fourth Foundation Day on October 17, 2026, with Supreme Court judge Justice Ujjal Bhuyan highlighting the role of universities in promoting constitutional values, legal awareness and the rule of law.

Justice Bhuyan graced the programme as the chief guest and delivered an address on "Role of a University in Upholding the Rule of Law". He said the rule of law is fundamental to a just and democratic society, ensuring equality before the law, accountability of those in authority and protection of individual rights. Emphasising that no individual is above the law, he highlighted the role of courts in safeguarding citizens' rights. Justice Bhuyan stressed that the executive cannot assume the judiciary's role in determining guilt and awarding punishment, warning that such actions undermine the rule of law and constitutional safeguards. Justice Bhuyan also underscored the responsibility of universities in fostering legal awareness, critical thinking and respect for constitutional values among students, helping them become responsible citizens.

The event brought together university officials, members of the judiciary, faculty members, students, alumni and former employees. The programme began with the hoisting of the national flag and an NCC salute, followed by the National Anthem, the university anthem and the ceremonial lighting of a lamp.

Addressing the gathering, GCU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kandarpa Das reiterated the university's founding vision, guided by its motto, "Equity, Empathy and Empowerment". He said a university's value lies in the quality of education it provides, the lives it transforms and its contribution to society.

Prof. Das highlighted the introduction of six new academic programmes for 2026–27, including integrated law, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Data Science, Psychology, and Medical and Psychiatric Social Work. He also cited the establishment of the School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences at Tezpur, NBA accreditation for two B.Tech. programmes and Bar Council of India approval for the integrated B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) programme as key developments.

As of October 2026, GCU has 202 faculty members, including 102 Ph.D. holders, and 259 Ph.D. scholars, according to the university. Its research output includes 148 research and review publications, 80 book chapters and 11 patents. The university also reported 78 memoranda of understanding with national partners.

Prof. Das called for continued investment in academic quality, research mentoring and institutional collaborations, stressing that future growth should remain rooted in integrity and social responsibility.

President of the Shrimanta Shankar Academy (SSA) Society Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das also addressed the gathering, recalling the vision behind the institution's establishment and stressing the importance of collective efforts to make it more inclusive and innovative.

The Foundation Day programme also recognised achievements in academics, research, student activities and institutional service through the NSS Best Volunteer Award, Students' Competition Award, Young Researchers' Award and Best Employee Award. Sanghamitra Das Bhuyan contributed books to the university's academic resources.

Several faculty members were recognised for their research contributions. Dr. Birina Bhuyan of the Department of Botany documented and formally published the plant species Ophiorrhiza assamensis, found in Northeast India. Dr. Anupam Sarma of the School of Pharmacy was recognised among the world's top 2% of scientists in pharmaceutical sciences, according to a Stanford survey.

The university also inaugurated a Legal Aid Clinic aimed at promoting legal awareness, access to justice and community engagement.

Students took part in quiz, video-making, photography and wall-painting competitions. Bitopan Anuranjan Choudhury and Kareena Goswami of Physiotherapy won the quiz competition, while Tanmitra Mahanta of Civil Engineering secured first place in video-making. Aryan Deep Singh of B.Tech. won the photography competition, and a team led by Swastika Das of B.Sc. Zoology secured first place in wall painting.

The programme concluded with a gathering of the university community to mark four years of the institution's development.



















Celebration of vision, perseverance and collective achievements: One isntitution, an inspiring journey.

Bina Chowdhury Srimanta Sankardev Heritage Festival 2026: Celebrating Assam's Cultural Legacy

The two-day Bina Chowdhury Srimanta Sankardev Heritage Festival 2026, organised by Shrimanta Shankar Academy in collaboration with Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), was held on October 8–9 at the GCU campus, Azara, Guwahati. Organised in memory of Late Bina Chowdhury, the festival aimed to promote awareness of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev's philosophy and preserve Assam's rich cultural heritage among younger generations.

Padma Shri awardee Jatin Goswami, Chief Guest at the inaugural programme, emphasised the importance of transmitting traditional knowledge and cultural practices to future generations. Kunki Choudhury of the Srimanta Sankardev Society was also present.

The festival featured inter-school competitions in Heritage Quiz, Assamese and English Essay Writing, Art, Borgeet and Sattriya Nritya. Workshops on Majuli's traditional mask-making practices and Assamese manuscript calligraphy offered participants practical exposure to the region's artistic traditions. A panel discussion featuring eminent writer and columnist Jyoti Khataniar and musician Arunabh Jyoti Malakar explored the contemporary relevance of Srimanta Sankardev's philosophy and contributions.

The Srimanta Sankardev Heritage Awards were conferred upon Bokul Vrindabon Sanskriti Gosthi of Charaideo district, led by Nobin Hazarika, and Harshitaa Ray Choudhury of Guwahati for their contributions to the preservation and promotion of Sattriya culture.

Students from various schools participated enthusiastically in the competitions, showcasing their knowledge, creativity and artistic abilities. The festival concluded on October 9 with a cultural programme and the distribution of prizes and awards to the winners.

By bringing together cultural performances, creative competitions, workshops and intellectual discussions, the festival provided a meaningful platform for engaging young learners with Assam's literary, musical, artistic and spiritual heritage, reaffirming the importance of preserving and transmitting the legacy of Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev.

















A mosaic of art, culture and the timeless spirit of Srimanta Sankardev.

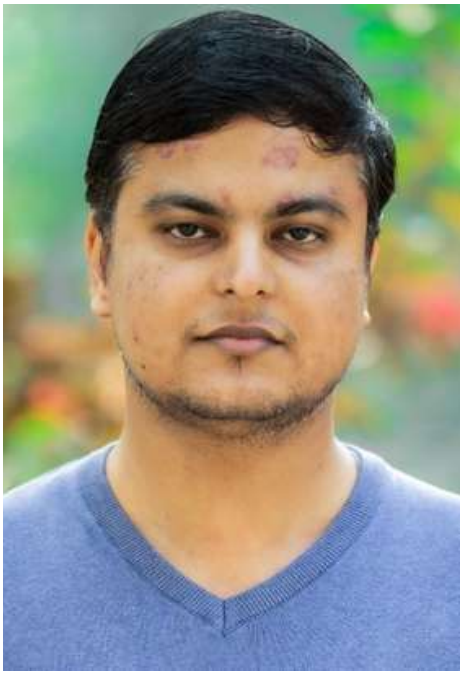
Inspiring Excellence, Advancing Science: Dr. Anupam Sarma's 2026 Achievement

Dr. Anupam Sarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, GIPS, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, has earned notable academic recognition by being listed among the World's Top 2% Scientists for 2026 in a global scientific ranking associated with Stanford University.

This recognition highlights his research contributions and reflects the growing impact of his scientific work within the research community. The ranking is widely recognised for assessing researchers based on scientific publication and citation-related indicators, providing insights into their contributions and influence across various disciplines.

Dr. Sarma's achievement represents a significant milestone in his academic and research career and brings distinction to the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Girijananda Chowdhury University. It also reflects the university's commitment to promoting research excellence, scientific innovation, and impactful scholarly contributions.





An achievement of global distinction by Dr. Anupam Sarma.

From Biological Messengers to Smart Drug Carriers: Dr. Anupam Sarma Shares Insights at VESICON 2026

Dr. Anupam Sarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, GIPS, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, delivered an invited scientific talk at VESICON 2026 – International Conference on Extracellular Vesicles, organised by the Indian Extracellular Vesicle Society at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, from October 5–7, 2026.

Dr. Sarma delivered an insightful lecture entitled "Small Extracellular Vesicles (sEVs): The Journey from Biological Messengers to Smart Drug Carriers." His talk explored the evolving understanding of small extracellular vesicles as biological messengers and their emerging potential as innovative drug delivery platforms. The lecture highlighted their role in intercellular communication and their promise in advancing targeted drug delivery and therapeutic development.

His participation in this international scientific conference reflects his contribution to pharmaceutical research and academic exchange, while providing a platform to share scientific insights and engage with emerging developments in extracellular vesicle research. This achievement further highlights the academic and research contributions of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.





Sharing expertise, inspiring minds and advancing scientific knowledge: Dr. Anupam Sarma at VESICON 2026.

GCU Inaugurates Legal Aid Clinic Promoting Access to Justice

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) marked a significant milestone in its commitment to social justice and community engagement with the inauguration of its Legal Aid Clinic on October 17, 2026, during the University's Fourth Foundation Day. The clinic was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, in a move aimed at strengthening the legal awareness and provide assistance to the wider community. Established under the Centre for Legal Studies, GCU, the Legal Aid Clinic aims to promote legal literacy, encourage awareness of legal rights and entitlements, and contribute to making justice more accessible to people. The initiative also reflects the university's commitment to extending legal education beyond the classroom while fostering a culture of social responsibility and public service among aspiring legal professionals.

The inauguration of the Legal Aid Clinic marks an important step in GCU's efforts to bridge the gap between legal knowledge and public access to justice. By promoting legal awareness and facilitating access to assistance, the initiative is expected to strengthen the University's engagement with the community while nurturing a new generation of legally informed, socially conscious, and ethically responsible professionals.















Highlights from the inauguration: Towards a new move.

Fostering a Safe and Respectful Workplace: GCU Strengthens Gender Awareness

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) organised a two-phase Gender Sensitisation and Awareness Programme to promote gender equality, workplace safety, mutual respect, and inclusivity among its employees. The initiative aimed to strengthen awareness about gender-related issues, encourage professional and respectful interactions, and foster a safe equitable working environment across the university. The programme was conducted in two phases to engage different sections of the university workforce. The first phase, was held on September 24, 2026, was organised for the teaching staff, while the second phase, conducted on October 14, 2026, focused on support staff, administrative personnel, accounts staff, and other non-teaching employees. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor of GCU, Prof. Kandarpa Das, offered a welcome address for the faculty members and staff members to take into account the important aspects of communication, conversation and approach to professionalism while working across gender. The initiative sought to establish gender sensitisation as an institutional responsibility extending across the academic, administrative, and support functions.

The first phase featured Ms. Enakshi Dutta, Co-founder of Roots to Branches Foundation, Director of IDEA NE, and Chairperson of FST and IAG Assam, as the resource person. Her session highlighted the significance of gender sensitisation in higher educational institutions, emphasising the need to challenge the gender-based stereotypes, recognise inequalities, and cultivate sensitivity towards diverse experiences and concerns in the workplace. The session also underscored the role of teachers in promoting gender equality, upholding professional ethics, and nurturing an academic environment grounded in dignity, fairness, and mutual respect.

The second phase featured Ms. Nilanj Dutta, Gender and Biodiversity Lead and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at North East Network, Guwahati, as the resource person. The session focused on gender equality, workplace safety, appropriate professional conduct, and the importance of building a respectful and inclusive institutional culture. It also highlighted the significance of understanding workplace-related rights and responsibilities, emphasising that ensuring a safe and equitable working environment requires the active participation of employees at every level of the organisation.

A key focus of the programme was familiarising participants with the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, commonly known as the POSH Act, and the Vishakha Guidelines.

The discussions emphasised the importance of preventing sexual harassment, safeguarding individual dignity, and fostering a workplace culture free from discrimination, prejudice as well as inappropriate conduct. The programme encouraged employees to reflect on their individual and collective responsibilities in promoting gender-sensitive practices as well as maintaining a professional environment. By extending the initiative to both teaching as well as non-teaching personnel, GCU reaffirmed commitment to creating an institutional culture in which equality, safety, and inclusivity remain integral to everyday professional interactions. The programme was organised by the Internal Committee and Gender Sensitisation Cell of GCU and coordinated by the Department of Social Work, GCU, Assam. The initiative reflects the university's continued commitment to raising awareness, strengthening institutional responsibility, and promoting a safe as well as respectful workplace for all members of its community.

















Glimpses from the gender sensitisation programme.

Experiential Learning through an Industrial Visit to Oil India Limited, Narengi, Guwahati

The Department of Civil Engineering, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Guwahati, organized an industrial visit to the Oil India Limited (OIL) Pipeline Headquarters, Udayan Vihar Narengi, Assam, Guwahati - 781171, for 40 students of B.Tech 5th Semester (Section A), accompanied by two faculty members, Dr. Rhitwika Barman, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Ibaiahun Nongbet Sohlang, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering.

The visit commenced with a technical briefing, introducing the students to the working principles of the petroleum pipeline network connecting source points to distribution centres across three states in the eastern region of India. This was followed by guided field exposure within the restricted operational area, where students observed the various facilities involved in the monitoring, control, and management of petroleum transportation.

During the visit, students were introduced to the mechanical control systems at pumping stations and the maintenance procedures required for their efficient operation. They also visited the scraper trap shed, where pipeline cleaning and inspection devices are launched and received, and learned about the emergency pumping arrangements designed to support fire response. Additionally, the students were introduced to the Clean Electricity Generation unit, which provides an alternative source of energy for the campus, reducing dependence on conventional grid electricity.

The students actively interacted with site engineers and administrative personnel, gaining valuable insights into the technical and operational aspects of petroleum pipeline infrastructure. The visit aimed to bridge classroom learning with industrial applications, particularly by extending students' understanding of plumbing systems beyond domestic and commercial installations to large-scale industrial pipelines, including their operation, control, maintenance, and safety requirements.

The industrial visit provided a valuable learning experience, strengthening the students' subject knowledge and enhancing their appreciation of the engineering systems essential for the safe and efficient transportation of petroleum products.







Highlights from the Industrial Visit to Oil India Limited, Narengi, Guwahati.

Promoting Cyber Awareness and Responsible Digital Citizenship among School Students

The Centre for Legal Studies, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), organised an Awareness Programme on Cyber Law, Online Safety and Related Laws on 14 October 2026 at St. Clare's Convent Senior Secondary School, Borjhar. The programme aimed to sensitise students to cybercrime, promote responsible digital practices and familiarise them with the legal safeguards available in India.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Niju Moni Das, Associate Professor, Dean In-charge and Head of the Centre for Legal Studies, with assistance from Mr. Abinash Narzary, alumnus of the Centre. Mr. Kumar Roshan Dusad, Assistant Professor, delivered a lecture titled "Cybercrime: How to Stay Safe Online in India," highlighting common cyber offences, including phishing, account hacking, online financial fraud and cyberbullying, along with their potential emotional, financial and social consequences.

The session introduced students to key legal frameworks, including the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. Practical measures for online safety were also emphasised, including protecting personal information, using strong passwords, avoiding suspicious links, safeguarding passwords and one-time passwords (OTPs), preserving digital evidence and reporting cyber incidents to appropriate authorities.

The programme strengthened students' awareness of digital safety, cyber laws and responsible online behaviour. It also reaffirmed the Centre for Legal Studies, GCU's commitment to promoting legal literacy and extending community awareness beyond the university.





School students attending the programme.

GCU Tezpur Students Secure Runners-Up Position in Intra-University Badminton Tournament

Junaid Ahmed of B. Pharm 5th semester and Vivan Sharma of B. Pharm 3rd semester from the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Tezpur Campus, participated in the Intra-University Badminton Tournament held on 22nd September 2026 at the GCU Guwahati Campus.

The students showcased commendable skill, teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, securing the Runners-Up position in the Men's Doubles category.

The GCU Tezpur Campus extends its heartfelt congratulations to the students on their achievement and appreciates their dedication and sporting spirit. The University wishes them continued success and excellence in their future sporting endeavours.





GCU Tezpur students basking in the glory of victory.

Ms. Shahnaz Alom recognized for her academic excellence

Ms. Shahnaz Alom, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Girijananda Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (GIPS), Girijananda Chowdhury University, Tezpur, has been conferred with the Academic Excellence National Award-2026 by the Gyanratna Sahitya Academy at its 14th National Conference, held on 20 September 2026 at Amal Prava Bhawan, Guwahati, India.

Gyanratna Sahitya Academy is an Assam-based literary and cultural organization that recognizes individuals for their contributions in various fields. The award acknowledges Ms. Alom's contribution to academics and education, reflecting her dedication to academic, research and teaching. GCU-Tezpur congratulates Ms. Shahnaz Alom on this achievement and wishes her continued success in her academic and research journey.





Ms. Shahnaz Alom being conferred with the prestigious award.

Educational Visit to Guwahati Biotech Park by Students of the Departments of Zoology and Botany

Students from the Departments of Zoology and Botany visited Guwahati Biotech Park on 23 September 2026 to gain practical exposure to advanced laboratory instruments, analytical techniques & biotechnology-based industrial processes. The students were accompanied by Dr. Salma Mazid & Dr. Bhagyashree Mahanta, Asst. Professors, Dept. of Zoology, & Dr. Birina Bhuyan & Dr. Himamani Kalita, Asst. Professors, Dept. of Botany. Students observed demonstrations of instruments such as rotary evaporators, spectrophotometers, gas chromatography (GC) & high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), gaining insights into their applications in sample preparation, compound separation and scientific research.

They also learned about the wine-making process, including fermentation and the role of yeast in converting sugars into ethanol and carbon dioxide.

The visit provided valuable interdisciplinary exposure to Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology, helping students connect theoretical concepts with practical applications. It also encouraged scientific curiosity and enhanced their understanding of the role of modern analytical techniques in research and industry.



Zoology & Botany students at Guwahati Biotech Park.

Aakhora: Acing the Art of Acting – An Experiential Acting Session at GCU

Girijananda Chowdhury University, Assam: The Drama Club of Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), in collaboration with the Cine and Movie-Making Club, organised "Aakhora: Acing the Art of Acting" on 13 October 2026 at the university auditorium. The session began at 1:45 PM.The title Aakhora is an Assamese word associated with rehearsal and practice, and the event was designed as a hands-on introduction to the craft of performance for students interested in theatre and film. Mr. Mahesh Das of GCU was the resource person. He shared his experience and insights on stage and screen acting. The collaboration between the two clubs brought together students from stage and film. Acting is a skill common to both, and the session aimed to help students see how theatre training can carry over to the camera.





From the space of acting and interaction.

Exploring Medical Device Innovation: Academic Participation in the Symposium at NIPER Guwahati

The Girjananda Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences-Guwahati, Girijananda Chowdhury University, participated in the two-day symposium titled "Emerging Trends in the Development of Medical Devices," held on 4–5th September 2026 at the Mini Auditorium, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati. A total of 25 students from the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences attended the symposium under the guidance and supervision of Miss Zannatun Firdousi, Mr. Niloy Jyoti Saikia, Mr. Tanmay Sarma Mr. Abdul Aziz Choudhury and Mrs. Plazapriya Rajbongshi. The participation aimed to provide students with exposure to recent developments in medical-device research, innovation, clinical applications, and regulatory science. The symposium brought together experts from academia, industry and clinical practice to discuss emerging trends in medical-device development. The first day featured sessions on Medical Device Innovation – Research to Reality by Prof. B. Ravi and MEMS and MEMS-Based Medical Devices by Prof. M. M. Nayak, along with prototype demonstrations showcasing innovative medical technologies.

The second day covered the implementation of the Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI) in Northeast India, quality and regulatory leadership in product development, and India's medical-device regulatory framework. A panel discussion on the future of medical-device innovation in India further highlighted emerging opportunities and challenges, emphasising patient safety, quality assurance and regulatory compliance.

The symposium also explored emerging technologies, including biosensors, point-of-care diagnostics, wearable devices, implants and smart medical instrumentation. Participation provided the 25 students with valuable insights into the interdisciplinary aspects of medical-device development, strengthening their understanding of the integration of pharmaceutical sciences, engineering, clinical needs and regulatory science. The experience encouraged interest in interdisciplinary research and innovation in medical-device technology.





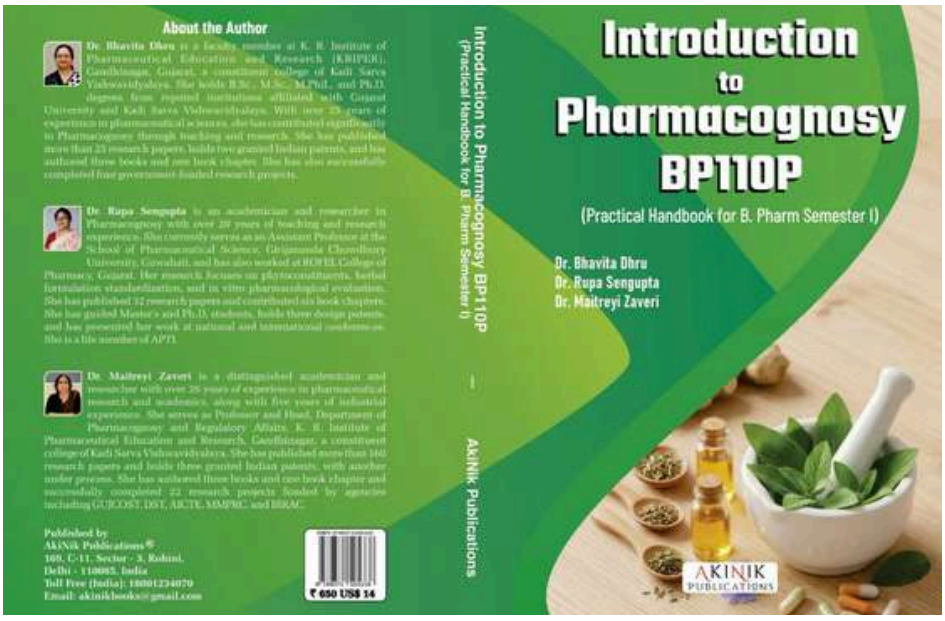
Students attending the symposium at NIPER-Guwahati.

A Valuable Addition to Pharmaceutical Education

Dr. Rupa Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy, GCU, has published a practical textbook entitled "Pharmacognosy Practical – A Laboratory Manual for B.Pharm Semester I (BP101P)", designed to meet the practical learning requirements of first-semester B.Pharm students. The book aims to support laboratory-based learning and provide students with a structured resource for their Pharmacognosy practical course.

Published by AkiNik Publications, New Delhi, in 2026, the 143-page paperback is available in English under ISBN 978-93-7150-533-8, with an e-book edition carrying ISBN 978-93-7150-534-5. The publication is also available through DOI: 10.22271/ed.book.3758.

This publication marks a noteworthy academic contribution to pharmaceutical education, supporting practical knowledge, laboratory skills, and experiential learning among budding pharmacy professionals.



A literary accomplishment celebrating scholarly contribution by Dr. Rupa Sengupta.

Exploring Weather Monitoring and Forecasting Systems: An Educational Visit to IMD

The Department of Civil Engineering, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, organized an educational visit to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Regional Meteorological Centre, Borjhar, on 7 October, 2026 for the students of B. Tech 5th Semester , Civil engineering. The objective of the visit was to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and field application, highlighting the indispensable role of Meteorology in Civil Engineering.

The session was highly insightful. IMD scientists briefed the students on how precise meteorological data forms the backbone of resilient infrastructure from hydrological design and flood management to structural safety against wind, rainfall, and temperature fluctuations. The students were introduced to the intricate process of weather forecasting and climate data analysis. This was followed by a guided tour of the observatory, where students observed the functioning of sophisticated instruments and understood the real-time recording of surface temperature, atmospheric pressure, upper-air observations, wind velocity and rainfall measurements.

The visit proved to be a valuable learning experience, enriching students with practical exposure and reinforcing the significance of integrating atmospheric science with sustainable civil engineering practices.

The visit was efficiently coordinated and led by Mrs. Anwesha Gayan, Assistant Professor and Ms. Prastuti Pegu, Laboratory Instructor, Department of Civil Engineering, GCU.


Observing, exploring and understanding the dynamics of weather.

GCU Organises Language Quiz and Trivia to Celebrate India's Linguistic and Cultural Diversity

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), under the NEP SAARTHI activity calendar, organised a Language Quiz and Trivia on 6 October 2026 in collaboration with ORATORYX, the university's Quiz and Debate Club. Conducted at the university campus, the event aimed to promote awareness of India's linguistic diversity, literary traditions and cultural heritage through an engaging and interactive quiz.

The competition featured three rounds—Paper and Pen, Knowledge and Trivia, and Advanced Trivia—testing students' knowledge of Indian languages, literature, poetry and cultural traditions. The activity encouraged critical thinking, teamwork, active participation and appreciation of India's rich multilingual identity.

Reina Das and Kaji Reshma Islam of B.Pharm 3rd Semester secured first position, followed by Mriganka Jyoti Das and Aniketh Chakraborty in second place. Bitopan Anuranan Choudhury and Kareena Goswami secured third position. The winners received gift hampers and certificates in recognition of their performance.

The programme, conducted under the guidance of quiz master Ms Riya Sen Kashyap, provided a meaningful platform for experiential learning and cultural engagement, reflecting the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and reinforcing the importance of linguistic diversity as an integral part of India's cultural identity.











A journey of knowledge, questions and learning.

Kayakalp Activity 2026: Promoting Cleanliness, Sanitation and Community Responsibility

Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guwahati, in association with NSS Unit-I, Guwahati, organised a one-day Kayakalp Activity on 27 October 2026 under Special Campaign 6. The initiative was conducted in compliance with the directives of the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. A total of 30 students and four faculty members participated in the cleanliness drive. The programme was conducted under the guidance and support of the Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU). Mr. Alakesh Bharali, Programme Coordinator, and Mr. Tanmay Sarma, Faculty Co-coordinator, coordinated the activity. Dr. Trishna Das and Ms. Zartaj Washmin Banu, Faculty members of the institute also joined the students and NSS volunteers in the initiative. The cleanliness drive covered three locations: the area near the University Boys' Hostel, Gorol village and a selected location in Azara, Guwahati.

Participants undertook sweeping, collected litter and removed dry leaves and accumulated waste to improve the cleanliness of the surroundings. The activity reinforced the importance of sanitation, environmental responsibility and collective community participation. Through this initiative, Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU Guwahati and NSS Unit-I of the university reaffirmed their commitment to fostering a cleaner, healthier and more hygienic campus and community.







Students in community action.

Dhongkho! GCU Showcases a Street Play on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Assam, presented "DHONGKHO", a street play on addiction and mental health, on 6th October 2026. The event was organised by the Drama Club, GCU, Assam, in collaboration with the Anti-Drug Awareness & Prevention Cell (Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan) and the NSS Cell, GCU, Assam. Our students and NSS volunteers showcased their talent through compelling performances, gracefully conveying a strong message against drug abuse, alcohol and tobacco use. The play broadened the conversation beyond substance addiction by highlighting excessive mobile phone use and its impact on mental well-being, relationships and daily life. Through thoughtful storytelling and expressive enactment, the participants brought attention to the consequences of addiction and the importance of awareness, timely support and responsible choices. Their performance demonstrated the power of theatre to encourage reflection and inspire social change, reinforcing our commitment to a healthier and more aware campus community.







Awareness through street and stories.

Promoting Responsible Research: Students Explore Ethical Principles in Animal Experimentation

The seventh-semester B. Pharm students participated in a one-day workshop titled "Ethical Animal Research: Understanding Form B, IAEC Expectations and Experimental Design", organised by the Department of Pharmacology, NETES Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mirza, Kamrup, Assam, on October 6, 2026.

The workshop aimed to familiarise students with the ethical principles and regulatory requirements governing animal-based research in pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

The sessions focused on the preparation and significance of Form B, the expectations of the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC), and the key considerations involved in designing scientifically sound and ethically responsible animal experiments.

The programme provided students with valuable insights into animal research protocols, ethical review procedures, animal welfare, and the importance of adhering to established regulatory guidelines.

It also highlighted the principles of responsible research, including the 3Rs—Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement—to promote humane practices in experimental research. Ms. Salema Khatun, Assistant Professor, School of Pharm. Sciences accompanied the team of students to the workshop. The workshop served as a valuable learning opportunity for the students, enhancing their understanding of research ethics and preparing them for future academic and research endeavours in pharmaceutical sciences.



A day of exploration and experimentation.

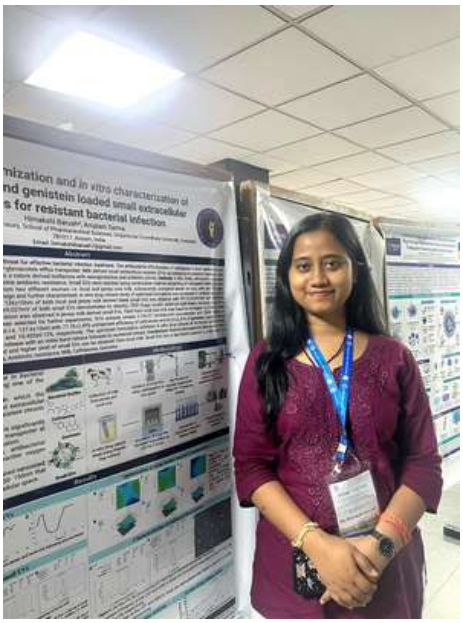
Research Beyond Boundaries: Himakshi Baruah Represents GCU at VESICON 2026

Ms. Himakshi Baruah, PhD Scholar under the supervision of Dr. Anupam Sarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, GIPS, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University, presented a research poster at VESICON 2026 – International Conference on Extracellular Vesicles, held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, from October 5–7, 2026.

Organised by the Indian Extracellular Vesicle Society, the conference brought together researchers, academicians, and scientific experts to share recent advances and emerging developments in extracellular vesicle research. The event received support from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Health Research (DHR), and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India.

Ms. Baruah's poster presentation provided an opportunity to showcase her research and engage with the scientific community in discussions on contemporary developments in extracellular vesicles and their potential applications in biomedical and pharmaceutical research. Her participation reflects the university's emphasis on fostering research excellence, encouraging young researchers, and providing opportunities for scholarly exchange at national and international scientific forums.

The achievement highlights the research engagement of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the university's continued commitment to nurturing emerging research scholars.



Himakshi Baruah with her research poster at VESICON 2026.

GCU PhD Scholar Himakshi Baruah Wins First Prize in National Poster Presentation Competition

Ms. Himakshi Baruah, PhD Scholar under the supervision of Dr. Anupam Sarma, secured First Prize in the Poster Presentation Competition at the National Conference-cum-Workshop on Advances in Biopharmaceuticals and Translational Biotechnology, held from September 1–4, 2026, at The Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat, Assam.

She received the award for her research work entitled "Developing Nose-to-Brain Targeted Bovine Milk-Derived Exosomes: A Novel Strategy for Enhanced Brain Delivery of Curcumin." The research explores an innovative drug delivery approach utilising bovine milk-derived exosomes for targeted nose-to-brain delivery of curcumin, highlighting their potential in advancing novel therapeutic delivery strategies.

The conference was sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT-CTEP), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. This achievement recognises Ms. Baruah's research efforts and scientific aptitude, bringing pride to the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Girijananda Chowdhury University.



A momnet of achivement featuring Ms. Himakshi Baruah.

Where Science Meets Standards: GCU Students at the IP 2026 Conclave

A group of 35 students from Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) participated in a one-day Scientific Conclave and Interactive Session on "Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026: Advancing Quality, Safety, and Innovation in Drugs, Food and Phytopharmaceuticals", organised by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) in association with NIPER Guwahati on August 27, 2026.

The programme featured expert sessions on the salient features of Indian Pharmacopoeia 2026, impurity reference substances, quality standards for phytopharmaceuticals, challenges in phytopharmaceutical development, and analytical method validation. An interactive panel discussion provided participants with an opportunity to engage with experts from regulatory, academic, and research institutions.

The conclave offered valuable exposure to current developments in pharmaceutical quality assurance, regulatory standards, and analytical practices, helping students connect classroom learning with contemporary industry and research requirements.





GCU Students at the IP 2026 Conclave.

Mental Health Awareness and Nasha Mukti Abhiyan observed at GCU Tezpur campus

NSS Unit 3 of Girijananda Chowdhury University, Tezpur Campus, organized a Mental Health Awareness and Nasha Mukti Abhiyan on 15th October 2026 at the GCU Conference Hall, in collaboration with the Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur.

The programme aimed to promote awareness about mental well-being, substance-abuse prevention, and the importance of leading a healthy, addiction-free life.

The event was followed by an awareness session on HIV/AIDS and Syphilis, organized by the District Administration, Sonitpur, in association with the Assam State AIDS Control Society under the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam. The session highlighted the importance of health education, prevention, and responsible healthcare practices.

The programme witnessed the participation of faculty members, students, and healthcare representatives, reinforcing the importance of collective efforts in building a healthier and more informed society.

NSS Unit 3 expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. Pradip Kumar Sarma, Psychiatrist, Nodal Officer, District Mental Health Programme, Sonitpur, and Mrs. Pinky Chutia, Psychologist, Joint Director of Health Services, Sonitpur, and Mrs. Manju Das, ICTC Councillor, Assam State AIDS Control Society, for their valuable support and contribution.

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Farak Ali, Programme Officer, NSS Unit 3 with active cooperation from Ms. Shahnaz Alom, Mr. Damanbhalang Rynjah, Ms. Debika Sarmah, Mrs. Chayanika Goswami, Mr. Sandipan Das, Dr. Shilpi Gupta and Dr. Rakibur Rahman, Assistant Professor, SOPS Tezpur campus.

The conference was sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT-CTEP), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. This achievement recognises Ms. Baruah's research efforts and scientific aptitude, bringing pride to the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Girijananda Chowdhury University.













Glimpses from the celebration of World Mental Health Day and Nasha Mukti Abhiyan at GCU Tezpur campus.

Nurturing Minds, Celebrating Cultures: An Academic and Cultural Exchange at GCU Tezpur

Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Tezpur Campus, organised an invited talk followed by a cultural exchange programme with Vidya: The Living School, Dhemaji, on October 5, 2026, at the University Auditorium.

The programme commenced with an invited talk by Dr. Pranjal Buragohain, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Dibrugarh University. He delivered a talk on the topic "Beyond the Classroom: Growth Mindset, Mental Well-being and Positive Learning in Healthcare Education." The session highlighted the importance of fostering a growth mindset, promoting mental well-being and encouraging positive learning approaches in healthcare education.

Following the invited talk, a cultural exchange programme between GCU Tezpur and Vidya: The Living School, Dhemaji, was organized. The programme is intended to provide a meaningful platform for cultural interaction, the exchange of ideas and mutual learning between the two institutions.

The initiative reflects the importance of integrating academic engagement with cultural understanding and collaborative learning, thereby enriching the educational experiences of students and faculty members. All students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff of GCU Tezpur Campus attended both sessions and participate actively making the programme a successful one.















A collage of cultural and academic events at GCU Tezpur.