

# The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the IQAC

## 2014-2015

### DIGBOI COLLEGE, DIGBOI, ASSAM

#### Part – A

#### I. Details of the Institution

1.1 Name of the Institution

DIGBOI COLLEGE

1.2 Address Line 1

ITAVATA

Address Line 2

City/Town

DIGBOI

State

ASSAM

Pin Code

786171

Institution e-mail address

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Mobile:

IQAC e-mail address:

1.3 NAAC Track ID (For ex. MHCOGN 18879):

1.4 NAAC Executive Committee No. & Date:

1.5 Website address:

Web-link of the AQAR:

#### 1.6 Accreditation Details

Sl. No.	Cycle	Grade	CGPA	Year of Accreditation	Validity Period
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	B+	78.60	2004	5 years
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle				
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle				
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Cycle				

1.7 Date of Establishment of IQAC: DD/MM/YYYY

**1.8 AQAR for the year (for example 2010-11)**

2014-15

**1.9 Details of the previous year's AQAR submitted to NAAC after the latest Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC ((for example AQAR 2010-11 submitted to NAAC on 12-10-2011)**

- i. AQAR 2009-2010 submitted to NAAC on 27.3.2014
- ii. AQAR 2010-2011 submitted to NAAC on 23.05.2014
- iii. AQAR 2011-2012 submitted to NAAC on 23.05.2014
- iv. AQAR 2012-2013 submitted to NAAC on 23.05.2014
- v. AQAR 2013-2014 submitted to NAAC on 02.06.2014

**1.10 Institutional Status**

University State  Central  Deemed  Private

Affiliated College Yes  No

Constituent College Yes  No

Autonomous college of UGC Yes  No

Regulatory Agency approved Institution Yes  No

(eg. AICTE, BCI, MCI, PCI, NCI)

Type of Institution Co-education  Men  Women

Urban  Rural  Tribal

Financial Status Grant-in-aid  UGC 2(f)  UGC 12B

Grant-in-aid + Self Financing  Totally Self-financing

1.11 Type of Faculty/Programme

Arts  Science  Commerce  Law  PEI (Phys Edu)   
 TEI (Edu)  Engineering  Health Science  Management   
 Others (Specify)

- BPP and BA courses under KKHSOU, Guwahati, Assam.
- Human Rights Education Certificate Course (UGC sponsored)
- BA & PG (under distance education) courses in English, Education, Economics, Assamese and Mathematics.
- CoC in Communication Skill.
- Diploma course in “Wild Life Conservation”.
- D.El.Ed. courses under KKHSOU, Guwahati, Assam.

1.12 Name of the Affiliating University (*for the Colleges*)

Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam

1.13 Special status conferred by Central/ State Government-- UGC/CSIR/DST/DBT/ICMR etc

Autonomy by State/Central Govt. / University	NO		
University with Potential for Excellence	NO	UGC-CPE	NO
DST Star Scheme	NO	UGC-CE	NO
UGC-Special Assistance Programme	NO	DST-FIST	NO
UGC-Innovative PG programmes	NO	Any other ( <i>Specify</i> )	UGC approved course in Human Rights Education and wild life conservation
UGC-COP Programmes	YES		

## **2. IQAC Composition and Activities**

2.1 No. of Teachers	<input type="text" value="06"/>
2.2 No. of Administrative/Technical staff	<input type="text" value="03"/>
2.3 No. of students	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.4 No. of Management representatives	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.5 No. of Alumni	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.6 No. of any other stakeholder and community representatives	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.7 No. of Employers/ Industrialists	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.8 No. of other External Experts	<input type="text" value="01"/>
2.9 Total No. of members	<input type="text" value="15"/>
2.10 No. of IQAC meetings held	<input type="text" value="02"/>
2.11 No. of meetings with various stakeholders:	No. <input type="text" value="21"/> Faculty <input type="text" value="14"/>
Non-Teaching Staff Students	<input type="text" value="02"/> Alumni <input type="text" value="01"/> Others <input type="text" value="04"/>
2.12 Has IQAC received any funding from UGC during the year?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, mention the amount	<input type="text" value="3 lakhs"/>
2.13 Seminars and Conferences (only quality related)	
(i) No. of Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/Symposia organized by the IQAC	
Total Nos.	<input type="text" value="08"/> International <input type="text" value="0"/> National <input type="text" value="0"/> State <input type="text" value="0"/> Institution Level <input type="text" value="08"/>
(ii) Themes	<input type="text" value="Departmental and Interdepartmental seminars on the subject related topics"/>

## 2.14 Significant Activities and contributions made by IQAC

The IQAC has taken significant steps towards quality enhancement and development of the college. These are enumerated as: -

- For enhancement of ICT, a SMART Board has been installed in a class room.
- An awareness programme for entry into services was organized on 23.08.2014. Mr. Jogesh Baruah (ACS). Addl. Deputy commission Tinsukia and Mr. Rakesh Agrawal, course coordinator, Career Solution for Bank, SEE and competitive exams were the resource persons.
- Organized coaching classes for entry into services on 10.04.2015. Arup Kr. Deka, Career Counselor and Columnist of Guwahati was the resource person.
- An entrepreneurship awareness programme was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014 in association with Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati. Mr. L.M. Adhikari and Mr. R.K.Deori, faculties, IIE, Guwahati, were the resource persons.
- A popular talk on “Wildlife Conservation with reference to laboratory for conservation of endangered species” was organized by Zoology Department on 06.08.2014. Mr. Shyamal Dutta, Director, Resource of Aranyak, Guwahati and Dr. Karthikeyan Vasudevan, senior Principal Scientist, Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered species (La CONES) of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad was the resource person.
- The college and Sahitya Academi jointly organized a unique programme “KAVISANDHI” on 28.08.2014 at Digboi College. Dr. Karabi Deka Hazarika, convener of Assamese Language Advisory Committee, Sahitya Academi and Mr. Hare Krishna Deka, renowned poet, critic and ex DGP, Assam were the resource persons.
- A three month course on “Computer Hardware and Networking” (Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme) sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and IIE, Guwahati was conducted on and from 25<sup>th</sup> oct, 2014. The course was attended by 30 students of surrounding area.
- A UGC funded certificate course on “Wildlife Conservation” was inaugurated by Mr. Rackybul Hussain, Minister of Forest, Environment and Panchayat and Rural Development, Govt. of Assam on 28.10.2014.
- A four days programme of Civil Defence Training Camp – Exercise. Demonstration and Workshop was organized from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. 50 students participated in the programme.
- A three days training on cutting and embroidery was imparted to girl students on and from 23.06.2015 by Ms. Deepali Dutta, owner of “Gamkharu”, Designer and Entrepreneur, Digboi. The programme was conducted by Digboi College Women Welfare Cell (DCWWC). 46 girl students participated in the training.
- An All India NSS mega camp was held at Digboi College on 28.01.2015. 400 numbers of students and teachers from 27 states of India participated in the programme.
- IQAC, Digboi College and State Bank of India, Digboi Branch jointly organized an interactive session “i-collect” among heads of institutions of Digboi on 26.09.2014.
- A four days Wildlife Exhibition and a Quiz was organized on and from 20.10.2014, jointly by Digboi College and the NGOs “Aranyak” and “Evergreen”.
- IQAC and Department of Education organized a workshop on teaching in elementary education from 23.02.2015 to 08.03.2015. Amor Upadhayaya, Asst Prof. Deptt of Education, Dibrugarh University, Radha Kanta Gogoi, Retired Head Master, Homnath Upadhayaya, Assist. Prof. Ledo College were the resource persons. 67 students participated in the workshop.
- The International Yoga camp was held centrally at Digboi College on 21/06/2015. The camp was organized by NCC unit of Digboi College. A good number of students from different institutions of Digboi participated in the programme.

## 2.15 Plan of Action by IQAC/Outcome

The plan of action chalked out by the IQAC in the beginning of the year towards quality enhancement and the outcome achieved by the end of the year is as follows:

<b>Plan of Action</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
Internet connection through satellite.	The college could not connect satellite network due to constraint of fund.
Setting up of Departmental self-service portal (DSSP)	The DSSP software has already been developed and will be implemented very shortly.
To provide LCD projectors to all the departments for enhancing ICT.	LCD projectors were installed in 7 rooms.
Installation of SMART BOARD facilities.	SMART BOARD has already been provided in one class room only.
Construction of conference Hall in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of the library with provision of video-conferencing facility.	The plan could not be materialized due to paucity of fund.
Celebration of Golden Jubilee of the college.	The college has been celebrating Golden Jubilee with yearlong programmes.
Opening of UGC sponsored Community college and B.Voc course.	UGC has already sanctioned community college centre. Proposals for B. Voc course has been submitted to UGC.
Organization of National and International seminars.	Could not be held.
Completion of ongoing projects of Zoology and Chemistry Laboratories and Indoor Stadium.	The Zoology laboratory is completed, the Chemistry laboratory is in the final stage of completion and the Indoor stadium is under progress.
Construction of "Guest House" in the college plot of land of the Old Principal's quarter.	The boundary wall of the guest house has already been erected.
Construction of new girls' common room and class rooms with double storied provision adjacent to Zoology Department.	The govt. of Assam has released the fund very recently and the process is being started.
Construction of new dining hall in girls' hostel.	The construction is in the final stage.
Enhancement of Extension activities as Institutional Social Responsibility.	The college fraternity is mostly involved in organizing awareness camps and conservation of wildlife.
Organization of more number of coaching classes for entry into services and higher studies.	Organized coaching programmes for entry into services on 23.08.2014 and 10.04.2015. Mr. Jogesh Boruah ADC, Tinsukia District, Mr Rakesh Agarwal, course coordinator, Career Solution for competitive services, Tinsukia and Mr. Arup Kr. Deka, Career Counselor and Columnist, Guwahati were the resource persons.
Installation of community Radio.	The process is in surveying stage.

*\* Attached the Academic Calendar of the year as Annexure - I. (see page -31)*

2.16 Whether the AQAR was placed in statutory body Yes  No   
 Management  Syndicate  Any other body  IQAC

Provide the details of the action taken

The reconstituted IQAC meeting held on 03/09/2015 and college governing body meeting held on 03/09/2014 accepted the AQAR (2014-2015) for this session as per revised guidelines of NAAC effective from 01-01-2014.

**Part – B**  
**Criterion – I**  
**I. Curricular Aspects**

1.1 Details about Academic Programmes

Level of the Programme	Number of existing Programmes	Number of programmes added during the year	Number of self-financing programmes	Number of value added / Career Oriented programmes
PhD				
PG	05			
UG	04		01	03
PG Diploma	01		01	
Advanced Diploma	-			
Diploma	01		01	
Certificate	01	01	-	
Others				
<b>Total</b>	12	01	03	03
Interdisciplinary	03			
Innovative	-			

1.2 (i) Flexibility of the Curriculum: Core /Elective option

(ii) Pattern of programmes:

Pattern	Number of programmes
Semester	04
Trimester	0
Annual	01



1.3 Feedback from stakeholders\* Alumni  Parents  Employers  Students   
*(On all aspects)*

Mode of feedback : Online  Manual  Co-operating schools (for PEI)

*\*Provided an analysis of the feedback in the Annexure- II (see page – 33)*

1.4 Whether there is any revision/update of regulation or syllabi, if yes, mention their salient aspects.

The university designs, revises and updates the curriculum.

1.5 Any new Department/Centre introduced during the year. If yes, give details.

- Yes, UGC sponsored six months course in wildlife conservation has been introduced. 18 numbers of students have been enrolled.
- UGC sponsored Certificate Course on Communication Skills will be started in the next session.

## Criterion – II

### 2. Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

2.1 Total No. of permanent faculty

Total	Asst. Professors	Associate Professors	Professors	Others
65	40	21		

2.2 No. of permanent faculty with Ph.D.

22

2.3 No. of Faculty Positions Recruited (R) and Vacant (V) during the year

Asst. Professors		Associate Professors		Professors		Others		Total	
R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V
02	04							02	04

2.4 No. of Guest and Visiting faculty and Temporary faculty

01	0	04
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2.5 Faculty participation in conferences and symposia:

No. of Faculty	International level	National level	State level
Attended	0	04	0
Presented papers	09	03	0
Resource Persons	0	0	0

2.6 Innovative processes adopted by the institution in Teaching and Learning:

- Conducted remedial classes for weaker students
- Organised seminars/ quiz/ debate/ talks/ group discussions etc for promoting leadership, quality of the students and enhancement of their communication skill.
- Frequent class tests, assignments, one to one interaction with students, group-wise guidance by guardian, teachers etc. are some activities for quality enhancement.
- Meritorious students were felicitated by awarding prizes and certificates.
- The teachers obtaining M. Phil., Ph. D., research projects were also felicitated.
- The teachers were encouraged to participate in orientation courses, refresher courses, short term courses for their knowledge up- gradation.
- The teachers were trained to use modern technologies in the class rooms.
- Modern technological tools such as LCD projectors, SMART BOARD are used in some class rooms.

2.7 Total No. of actual teaching days during this academic year

180

2.8 Examination/ Evaluation Reforms initiated by the Institution (for example: Open Book Examination, Bar Coding, Double Valuation, Photocopy, Online Multiple Choice Questions)

University system is followed

2.9 No. of faculty members involved in curriculum restructuring/revision/syllabus development as member of Board of Study/Faculty/Curriculum Development workshop

01

2.10 Average percentage of attendance of students

80%

2.11 Course/Programme wise distribution of pass percentage:

Title of the Programme	Total no. of students appeared	Division				
		Distinction %	I %	II %	III %	Pass %
BA	118		16.1	32.2	1.7	50
BSc	39		66.67	-	-	66.67
BCom	44		38.64	43.18	-	81.82

## 2.12 How does IQAC Contribute/Monitor/Evaluate the Teaching & Learning processes:

The IQAC takes up the following measures:

- i) Monitors regular holding of classes by teachers through HoDs.
- ii) Performance of teachers assessed through students' feedback on teaching and learning process.
- iii) Analyses the feedback and intimates the teachers for up-gradation wherever needed.
- iv) Takes stock of the needs of the departments, the library and the laboratories and takes the necessary steps to meet the needs.
- v) Analyses results of internal and university examinations and takes measure to improve the quality.

## 2.13 Initiatives undertaken towards faculty development

<i>Faculty / Staff Development Programmes</i>	<i>Number of faculty benefitted</i>
Refresher courses	02
UGC – Faculty Improvement Programme	0
HRD programmes	0
Orientation programmes	0
Faculty exchange programme	0
Staff training conducted by the university	02
Staff training conducted by other institutions	0
Summer / Winter schools, Workshops, etc.	0
Others (Short term Courses)	03

## 2.14 Details of Administrative and Technical staff

Category	Number of Permanent Employees	Number of Vacant Positions	Number of permanent positions filled during the Year	Number of positions filled temporarily
Administrative Staff	19	04	01	18
Technical Staff				

## Criterion – III

### 3. Research, Consultancy and Extension

#### 3.1 Initiatives of the IQAC in Sensitizing/Promoting Research Climate in the institution

- The college felicitates the teachers who obtains M. Phil., Ph. D. degrees.
- Encourages faculty members to procure Major and Minor research projects.
- The faculty members have been encouraged to publish books, articles and to participate in National/ International seminars/ workshops etc.
- The faculty members have been advised to takes up small projects to be done by the students.

#### 3.2 Details regarding major projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number	01	02	0	01
Outlay in Rs. Lakhs	5.696	0	0	0

#### 3.3 Details regarding minor projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number	04	10	0	04
Outlay in Rs. Lakhs	5.0	22.89	0	5.0

#### 3.4 Details on research publications

	International	National	Others
Peer Review Journals	23	10	2
Non-Peer Review Journals	0	0	0
e-Journals	0	0	0
Conference proceedings	0	0	1

#### 3.5 Details on Impact factor of publications:

Range  Average  h-index  Nos. in SCOPUS

3.6 Research funds sanctioned and received from various funding agencies, industry and other organisations

Nature of the Project	Duration Year	Name of the funding Agency	Total grant sanctioned	Received
Major projects	0	0		
Minor Projects	1 ½ yrs	UGC	22,88,995/-	18,58,995/-
Interdisciplinary Projects	0	NA		
Industry sponsored	0	NA		
Projects sponsored by the University/ College	0	NA		
Students research projects <i>(other than compulsory by the University)</i>	0	NA		
Any other(Specify)		NA		
Total			22,88,995/-	18,58,995/-

3.7 No. of books published i) With ISBN No.  Chapters in Edited Books

ii) Without ISBN No.

3.8 No. of University Departments receiving funds from

UGC-SAP  CAS  DST-FIST   
DPE  DBT Scheme/funds

3.9 For colleges Autonomy  CPE  DBT Star Scheme   
INSPIRE  CE  Any Other (specify)

3.10 Revenue generated through consultancy

3.11 No. of conferences organized by the Institution

Level	International	National	State	University	College
Number	0	0	0	0	08
Sponsoring agencies	NA	NA	NA	NA	College

3.12 No. of faculty served as experts, chairpersons or resource persons

3.13 No. of collaborations International  National  Any other

3.14 No. of linkages created during this year

3.15 Total budget for research for current year in lakhs :

From funding agency  From Management of College   
Total

3.16 No. of patents received this year

Type of Patent		Number
National	Applied	0
	Granted	0
International	Applied	0
	Granted	0
Commercialised	Applied	0
	Granted	0

3.17 No. of research awards/ recognitions received by faculty and research fellows  
Of the institute in the year

Total	International	National	State	University	Dist	College
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3.18 No. of faculty from the Institution who are Ph. D. Guides and students registered under them

3.19 No. of Ph.D. awarded by faculty from the Institution

3.20 No. of Research scholars receiving the Fellowships (Newly enrolled + existing ones)

JRF  SRF  Project Fellows  Any other

3.21 No. of students Participated in NSS events:

University level  State level   
National level  International level

3.22 No. of students participated in NCC events:

University level	<input type="text" value="0"/>	State level	<input type="text" value="25"/>
National level	<input type="text" value="46"/>	International level	<input type="text" value="0"/>

3.23 No. of Awards won in NSS:

University level	<input type="text" value="0"/>	State level	<input type="text" value="0"/>
National level	<input type="text" value="0"/>	International level	<input type="text" value="0"/>

3.24 No. of Awards won in NCC:

University level	<input type="text" value="0"/>	State level	<input type="text" value="0"/>
National level	<input type="text" value="16"/>	International level	<input type="text" value="0"/>

3.25 No. of Extension activities organized

University forum	<input type="text" value="0"/>	College forum	<input type="text" value="10"/>		
NCC	<input type="text" value="01"/>	NSS	<input type="text" value="01"/>	Any other	<input type="text" value="0"/>

3.26 Major Activities during the year in the sphere of extension activities and Institutional Social Responsibility

- National Science Day at Pawoi ME school.
- State level chemistry Olympiad.
- District level prize money science quiz competition.
- Hosted inter college badminton tournament conducted by Dibrugarh university.
- Skill development course on computer hardware and networking under ministry of MSME, Government of India.
- All India NSS mega camp.
- Workshop on commercialization of Ravi crop organised by Digboi College Teachers' Unit.

## Criterion – IV

### 4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources

#### 4.1 Details of increase in infrastructure facilities:

Facilities	Existing	Newly created	Source of Fund	Total
Campus area	25.85 acres	0	0	25.85 acres
Class rooms	30	0	College	30
Laboratories	11	0	College	11
Seminar Halls	1	0	0	1
No. of important equipments purchased ( $\geq$ 1-0 lakh) during the current year.	0	0	0	0
Value of the equipment purchased during the year (Rs. in Lakhs)	NA			
Others i) Chemistry Laboratory ii) Indoor Stadium iii) Dining hall in Girls' hostel	03	0	0	03

#### 4.2 Computerization of administration and library

- The official works had already been computerised
- Internet facility has been provided for students in the new library.  
10 computers were provided for internet browsing centre
- Departmental Self Service Portal (DSSP) has been developed and will be implemented very shortly.

#### 4.3 Library services:

	Existing		Newly added		Total	
	No.	Value (Rs.)	No.	Value (Rs.)	No.	Value (Rs.)
Text Books	29860	3089483/-	1587	280595/-	31447	3370178/-
Reference Books	681	258578/-	39	10500/-	720	269160/-
e-Books	0	0	0	0	0	0
Journals	1119	18690/-	169	15785/-	1288	34475/-
e-Journals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Digital Database	0	0	0	0	0	0
CD & Video	50	55000/-	--	--	--	--
Others (Magazine)	2998	49560/-	195	8055/-	3193	57615/-



#### 4.4 Technology up gradation (overall)

	Total Computers	Computer Labs	Internet	Browsing Centres	Computer Centres	Office	Departments	Others
Existing	89	15	07	10	20	10	20	07
Added	04	--	--	--	--	--	04	--
Total	93	15	07	10	20	10	24	07

#### 4.5 Computer, Internet access, training to teachers and students and any other programme for technology up-gradation (Networking, e-Governance etc.)

- The college purchased 19 computer sets out of which 10 for browsing centre, 4 for departments and 1 for office. The browsing centre was installed in the library and the students were provided free access.
- The internet connections provided to all the departments.
- Departmental self service portal (DSSP) has been developed for data mobilization and will be implemented very shortly.

#### 4.6 Amount spent on maintenance in lakhs :

i) ICT	0.20
ii) Campus Infrastructure and facilities	34.44
iii) Equipments	2.70
iv) Others	--
<b>Total :</b>	<b>37.34</b>

## Criterion – V

### 5. Student Support and Progression

#### 5.1 Contribution of IQAC in enhancing awareness about Student Support Services

The awareness about student support service has been enhanced through the college prospectus, website, hoardings, notice board etc. The students are also informed in the freshman social function about their support services.

#### 5.2 Efforts made by the institution for tracking the progression

- The college adopted some measures for tracking the progression.
- Organised induction programme for the freshers at the beginning of the session.
  - The weak students were identified and remedial classes were arranged for them.
  - Tutorial classes, test series, departmental seminars, group discussions are regular features.
  - The students are provided free internet access and coaching classes for entry into services and higher studies are organised.
  - The library was enriched with more new books and journals and allowed open access in the library.
  - Some new awards were introduced for meritorious students and felicitated with cash prize, certificate and mementos.
  - The teaching faculties obtaining PhD degree, research projects and creating international linkage were felicitated and encouraged them for knowledge up-gradation, career progression and research works.
  - The office staffs were also deputed for training for enhancement of work efficiencies.
  - The salaries of the employees serving in non sanctioned posts were enhanced from its self generated fund.
  - Started some projects for infrastructural growth.

#### 5.3 (a) Total Number of students

UG	PG	PhD	Others
1057	29	0	0

(b) No. of students outside the state

125

(c) No. of international students

0

Men	No	%	Women	No	%
	654	61.9		403	38.1

Last Year						This Year					
General	SC	ST	OBC	Physically Challenged	Total	General	SC	ST	OBC	Physically Challenged	Total
332	50	60	405	00	847	410	68	95	484	00	1057

Demand ratio 1:1.5 Dropout 28.57%

#### 5.4 Details of student support mechanism for coaching for competitive examinations (If any)

The college has a career counselling and placement cell and this cell looks after the aspects of career coaching, guidance etc by organising coaching classes, workshop and talks etc.

#### 5.5 No. of students qualified in these examinations

NET  SET/SLET  GATE  CAT   
IAS/IPS etc  State PSC  UPSC  Others

#### 5.6 Details of student counselling and career guidance

Organise coaching classes for entry into services on 23-08-2014 and 10-04-2015. Mr. Jogesh Boruah, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia, Mr. Rakesh Agarwal, course coordinator Career Solution, Tinsukia, Mr. L. M. Adhikari and Mr. R. K. Deori, faculties, IIE, Guwahati were the resource persons.

No. of students benefitted

#### 5.7 Details of campus placement

<i>On campus</i>			<i>Off Campus</i>
Number of Organizations Visited	Number of Students Participated	Number of Students Placed	Number of Students Placed
0	NA	NA	NA

#### 5.8 Details of gender sensitization programmes

NIL

## 5.9 Students Activities

### 5.9.1 No. of students participated in Sports, Games and other events

State/ University level  National level  International level

No. of students participated in cultural events

State/ University level  National level  International level

### 5.9.2 No. of medals /awards won by students in Sports, Games and other events

Sports: State/ University level  National level  International level

Cultural: State/ University level  National level  International level

## 5.10 Scholarships and Financial Support

	Number of students	Amount
Financial support from institution	47	115330/-
Financial support from government	--	--
Financial support from other sources (DCTU)	27	40500/-
Number of students who received International/ National recognitions	--	--

### 5.11 Student organised / initiatives

Fairs : State/ University level  National level  International level

Exhibition: State/ University level  National level  International level

5.12 No. of social initiatives undertaken by the students

5.13 Major grievances of students (if any) redressed:

- Renovation of cycle stand.
- Construction of a new dining cum community hall in the girls' hostel.

## Criterion – VI

### **6. Governance, Leadership and Management**

6.1 State the Vision and Mission of the institution

**Our Vision:**

The college has a vision of imparting quality education. Quality education would create holistic atmosphere for the students to cater to the demands of a modern technological and global world while inculcating in them the values and cultural heritage, India is known for.

**Our Mission:**

The college aims at-

- i) Educating its students to become responsible, competent and ethical citizens of the world with the skill to think creativity analyse critically and communicate effectively.
- ii) Encouraging the students to pursue their courses with resolute determination, equanimity of mind and honesty of character.
- iii) Fostering global competency among students so that they can prepare themselves for the opportunities and challenges of life.
- iv) Stimulating the academic ambience for quality sustenance and quality enhancement
- v) Building strong bonds with all the stake holders through dedicated team work, innovative strategies and commitment to excellence.

6.2 Does the Institution has a management Information System

The common information systems are Notice Board, Web-site, group SMS etc. Notices are circulated among teaching and non-teaching staff in urgent need. The authority also discusses the important issues by convening meeting with HoDs, staff members and the students whenever necessary.

6.3 Quality improvement strategies adopted by the institution for each of the following:

6.3.1 Curriculum Development:

The curriculum is designed by the University. However, teachers take part in the meetings of Board of Studies and Undergraduate Board as invitees.

### 6.3.2 Teaching and Learning

#### 6.3.2 Teaching and Learning:

For quality improvement in the teaching learning process, the college adopts the strategies of remedial coaching, departmental seminar, GD, Field trip, one to one contact, class for stratified groups, interactive class, solving of previous years' questions. The teachers are encouraged to participate in OC, RC, various staff training programme, workshop on discipline related areas,. Necessary and up to date teaching materials are provided for continuous improvement of teaching – learning activities. In this session the following facilities are procured-

- (1) New Computer sets have been provided to Mathematics and Chemistry and Commerce departments
- (2) Free internet access provided to teachers and students.
- (3) SMART BOARD has been installed in a class room.

#### 6.3.3 Examination and Evaluation:

A group of teachers (Examination conduction committee) conducts the university examinations in our college centre. The teachers appointed by Dibrugarh University take part in paper setting, paper examiners, scrutiny, head examiners , internal and external practical examiners etc. As per university guidelines the internal examinations are held. The examined papers are shown to students for verification and mark sheets are displayed in the notice board.

#### 6.3.4 Research and Development:

The college encourages the teachers to procure Major/ Minor Research Projects, FIP etc. Sanctions leave to the research scholar; adjusts classes with flexi-timing and exempts them from some other co-curricular activities. Also encourages attending National/ International seminars/ Workshop/ Conference etc.

A budgetary provision has been made for allocation of fund for departmental / inters disciplinary research projects.

#### 6.3.5 Library, ICT and physical infrastructure / instrumentation:

- During this session, 1587 text books, 39 reference books, 169 journals and 195 other periodicals have been enriched in the library.
- One SMART BOARD has been installed.
- The ongoing projects are Indoor stadium, Chemistry department.
- Renovation of the auditorium, girls' common room, cycle stand, examination conduction room, canteen, NCC office, Union office has been completed.
- An orchidarium for Botany department is under construction.

6.3.6 Human Resource Management:

The IQAC keeps vigilance so that the classes are regularly held; the office staff and library staff render their help towards the benefit of the students. The IQAC keeps close contact with departments, office, library and the hostels and assesses the man power. If any shortage found, then immediately brings it to the notice of the authority for early recruitment. Sometimes it takes time to fill up the permanent posts owing to official formalities and during this period the posts are generally filled up on ad – hoc basis so that the system is not disrupted.

The teachers have been assessed by the students for their quality improvement. They are also encouraged to carry out research works, upgrade and update knowledge by attending refresher course, orientation course, short term course etc. The teachers have also been facilitated for their carrier progression.

The office staffs has been deputed to attend workshop for their enhancement of work efficiency

6.3.7 Faculty and Staff recruitment:

The college authority adopts fool- proof policy in case of faculty and staff members. It publishes the vacancy through News Papers/ employment exchange and screens by a committee constituted as per the Govt. Rules. Roster system is strictly followed. The recruitment process is a lengthy procedure. First, prior permission is to be taken for advertisement of the vacant posts from Govt of Assam. After selection, approval of the appointment is compulsory from the Govt of Assam.

6.3.8 Industry Interaction / Collaboration:

Some of the students visit the neighbouring industries with teacher – guide for their project works.

6.3.9 Admission of Students:

The college takes steps for wide publicity through notices, hoardings, banners, prospectus, web-site etc. The students are selected on the basis of merit. However, follows the reservation norms as laid by the Govt.; special consideration for disadvantaged students is taken.

6.4 Welfare schemes for	Teaching	DCTU Fund and Staff Benefit Fund
	Non teaching	Staff Benefit Fund
	Students	Students' Aid Fund, General Insurance Scheme, DCTU Assistance

6.5 Total corpus fund generated 24, 23, 940/-

6.6 Whether annual financial audit has been done    Yes     No

6.7 Whether Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) has been done?

Audit Type	External		Internal	
	Yes/No	Agency	Yes/No	Authority
Academic	No	NA	Yes	Principal, IQAC
Administrative	No	NA	Yes	Governing Body

6.8 Does the University/ Autonomous College declare results within 30 days?

For UG Programmes    Yes     No

For PG Programmes    Yes     No

6.9 What efforts are made by the University/ Autonomous College for Examination Reforms?

The college has been running with semester system. The course curriculum were revised/ updated by the university at the time of its implementation w.e.f 2011 – 12 sessions. The University’s Board of Studies have now been organising meetings with college teachers for further modifications of the syllabus.

6.10 What efforts are made by the University to promote autonomy in the affiliated/constituent colleges?

Dibrugarh University has only the academic control over its affiliated colleges; no financial control; hence cannot promote for autonomy of its own.

6.11 Activities and support from the Alumni Association

Digboi College Alumni association organised their Grand “Alumni Meet” (28/09/2014) with a day long program. Released the Souvenir “AISHANU”, organised “Deoboria Adda” under the auspices of NEWS LIVE TV channel and ‘Face to Face’ program where many alumni from different parts of the country participated actively.

Dr. Dipen Borthakur, medical practitioner, an alumnus, extends services in health check-up and care.

Many alumni help in organising different sports and cultural activities.



#### 6.12 Activities and support from the Parent – Teacher Association

The three guardian members of the GB always help in developmental works. Many parents help voluntarily in organising sports and cultural activities. The Parent Teacher Association discusses the problems of the college and put suggestions for effective management and quality enhancement.

#### 6.13 Development programmes for support staff

The college extends all possible supports to teaching staff for their career progression and research works. The non-teaching staff are also deputed for training to enhance their efficiency. The college revises the salary of the temporary workers time to time to relieve them from growing market cost.

#### 6.14 Initiatives taken by the institution to make the campus eco-friendly

The college has taken plantation programme to make the campus more greenery and has declared the campus as polythene free zone. Moreover, the NCC cadets take up cleaning programme every now and then.

## Criterion – VII

### 7. Innovations and Best Practices

#### 7.1 Innovations introduced during this academic year which have created a positive impact on the functioning of the institution. Give details.

messaging

- The college has introduced a mentoring system. The students are divided into some small groups on random basis and a teacher in charge interacts with them, tries to explore their problems, hidden talents and future expectations and advises them accordingly.
- A software namely “Departmental Self Service Portal” has been developed displaying the following data:
  - (i) Performances of the students in the various tests/examinations in college and university level, screening test for admission to major courses in the departments.
  - (ii) Salary components of staff.
  - (iii) Teachers’ daily attendance.
  - (iv) Messaging from the principal to the teachers’ and vice versa.

7.2 Provide the Action Taken Report (ATR) based on the plan of action decided upon at the beginning of the year

The college plans works to be done for the session at the beginning and places in the Governing Body and the different sub- committees of the college constituted by GB. The college has achieved in materialising its plan of works which have been mentioned in 2.15 of part ‘A’ of this AQAR.

7.3 Give two Best Practices of the institution (*please see the format in the NAAC Self-study Manuals*)

### **Best practice – I**

**1. Title of the Practice:**

***Wildlife Rescue and Awareness Drive***

**2. Goal:**

Digboi College is not far from Dehing Patkai Reserve Forest and is a hot spot of biodiversity. Some rare species are found in this region. Sometimes the animals come out of the forest, enter the village area and fall into prey. A team of faculty members of the college has been extending yeomen’s service to rescue the animals and also organizes several awareness camps on wildlife conservation, rescuing measures etc.

**3. The Context:**

After implementation of semester system in the college, the faculty members have to keep busy themselves with their up-to-date routine works. Therefore, they have little time in the college hours and cannot give full-time devotion. But then, the team has been facing the challenges and rendering their services to their best.

**4. The Practice:**

This year, the team has rescued an injured giant flying squirrel near Margherita College, a female leopard near Digboi, an elephant calf at Saraipung, another female elephant calf at Raffiala Tea Estate (Pengree), a female sub-adult common leopard at Ma-Kali Tea Estate (Borjan) and another flying squirrel (Digboi). Moreover, the team has rescued a good number of snakes of various species and releases into the forest. The people of Digboi and its vicinity call over phone and the team rushes to the spot and captures the snake even at night.

The team has been organizing or involved in several awareness camps in this locality. Digboi College has MoU with Aaranyak, an NGO. The college has set up a “**Wildlife Conservation Extension Centre**” at Saraipung under the auspices of Digboi Forest division. The college has organized awareness camps several times on conservation of Wild Life in the forest village of Saraipung.

Mr. R. R. Tariang of Zoology department has been imparting training to Forest Guards of Makum in a number of occasions on conservation of Snakes and First Aid measures to be adopted in case of snake bites. Mr. Tariang has been undertaking a research project based on Asian Elephant in Dehing Patkai Reserve Forest under Asian Elephant Research & Conservation Programme under Aranyak.

(Details in Annexure- III, page No 34)

#### **5. Evidence of Success:**

It has been noticed that the college fraternity, the villagers from local and surrounding areas are now highly conscious about conservation of Wild Life. Many students of the college have been trained to identify non-venomous/ venomous snakes and handling it. Many people of the surrounding areas call over phone and the team rescues the animals and releases them into the forest after taking care. The team has also been busy with birding and has organized several awareness camps which are attended by many people.

#### **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

To carry out this practice, time and money are important factors as the team has to go distant villages, tea gardens etc. Moreover, it is difficult to impart training to the illiterate people at initial stage.

#### **7. Notes:**

It is most obvious that wild life conservation is not one man’s business. It must be a concomitant and joint effort. Until and unless the practice is pervaded to every strata of the society, the success is far behind. In fact, it must be a concerted venture. Just as the drops of water together create a sea, such a practice of college fraternity may ripple far and wide.

### **Best practice – II**

#### **1. Title of the Practice:**

*Financial support to poor and distressed students*

#### **2. Goal:**

The college is situated in a backward area and many of the students come of poor family. For them higher education is like a day dream only. In view of this the college and the teaching staff raise funds to provide financial support to the poor but meritorious students. Moreover, every effort has been made so that maximum number of students can enjoy Govt. Scholarships.

**3. The context:**

As the number of students coming from lower income group is more, so it is really a complicated problem for addressing their acute hardship and the college has to face a challenging problem.

**4. The Practice:**

The college has created an “Aid Fund” collecting a very nominal amount from the students annually. A sub-committee constituted from this Fund invites application from the poor, meritorious students with proper supporting documents. After screening, the committee selects a number of genuine students and distribute cheques among them. The “Digboi College Teachers’ Unit” has also raised a “Fund” by contributing an amount monthly. The Teacher Body also adopts similar procedure to disburse the fund among the selected students. In 2009-10 session 55 numbers of students have been supported by the institution and 142 numbers of students were able to get Govt. Scholarship. Due to financial constraints limited number of students has benefitted. The college has also granted free-ship to some students from its own fund.

**5. Evidence of success:**

Due to this financial support many students are able to pursue for higher studies. Some of them have been graduated as a result of this practice.

**6. Problems encountered and Resources Required:**

The college and the Teachers’ Body have to face a lot of problems in generating the Fund to a desired level. Moreover, the number of students from lower income group is also high. So, the quantum of support is not sufficient.

**7. Notes:**

In India many families are still below poverty line and at the same time literacy rate is not satisfactory. In this context, more financial support from any organisation may catalyse the process.

7.4 Contribution to environmental awareness / protection

- The college observes “ World Environmental Day” every year in association with Assam Science Society, Digboi Branch, in various schools in and around Digboi, catering to environmental awareness and protection. Tree sapling have been collected from Forest Department, Govt of Assam and planted in different institutions/organizations. Organised rallies with slogans and placards to make aware of the common people of their responsibilities towards environmental protection and check pollution.
- The college campus had already been declared as polythene free zone and communicates the various institutions to adopt this measure and convey message through the pupils of the hazardous effect of polythene.
- Mr R. R Tariang and Mr Gauri Buragohain, faculties of the college have been emphatically involved in caring the injured snakes and protecting them and have organised several awareness programme in neighbouring areas. The details have been shown in **Annexure III (Page no 33)**.

7.5 Whether environmental audit was conducted?

Yes

No

7.6 Any other relevant information the institution wishes to add. (for example SWOT Analysis)

The college has clear vision and mission. Learning environment is conducive for thinking and creativity. The college ensures effective curriculum delivery, has adequate programme options, and caters to diverse groups. The admission process is transparent. The college has strong concern about gender, ragging, environmental issue etc. Students are provided hostel facilities, internet browsing, common rooms, pure drinking water, health insurance, financial assistance to poor and distress ones, student free- ship, cultural and literary exposures etc. The NCC unit is very active and some cadets have been awarded. The college has in practice of awarding to best graduate of the college, toppers of all stream, most regular students, best library user etc. Moreover, from this year Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam memorial financial help to the poor but meritorious students has been introduced for their progression. The college has competent and dedicated staff.

Despite all efforts made, the drop-out rate is still high. The library could not be fully digitalized, no formal linkage with National Knowledge Network. The college has no MoU with institutions of National/International importance, other universities or corporate houses till now.

The college is situated in an area surrounded by Oil and Coal industries, tea gardens and deep forest areas. Hence there is enough scope for opening some diploma or certificate courses related to these sectors. The college has not yet been able to open PG regular courses. The college has also opportunities for interaction, consultancy and collaboration with the neighboring giant industries.

The college has to take urgent steps in dwindling student dropout rate, to provide more ICT enabled class rooms, to organize more coaching classes and exchange programmes. The faculty members also have to procure more major and minor research projects. The college must have MoU with neighboring industries and to open employment generated courses.

## **8. Plans of institution for next year**

Plans of the Institution for the next year

The IQAC has taken up the following plans for the next year:

- Construction of a double storied building adjacent to the Zoology Department.
- Erection of the college boundary wall to the west border.
- Construction of a water reservoir in the low land area of the college.
- Establishment of a “Wild Life Care and Treatment Unit”.
- Establishment of an “Ethnic Cultural Centre”.
- Installation of a Solar Power Unit.
- Organization of national / international seminar.
- Completion of Indoor Stadium and new Dining Hall in the girls’ hostel.
- Construction of a conference hall in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library equipped with video conferencing facility.
- Opening of UGC sponsored community college and B.VOC courses.
- Enhancement of extension activities as institutional social responsibility.
- Organization of intensified coaching classes for entry into services and higher studies.

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*Signature of the Chairperson, IQAC*

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**ACADEMIC CALENDER for the Odd Semester 2015**

(Recommended by the Academic Planning Committee, Dibrugarh University & Assam Higher Secondary Education Council)

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Event(s)</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015 (Monday)	Commencement of 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Classes of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes
20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2015 (Thursday)	Observation of Rabha Dibas
22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2015 (Monday)	Commencement of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Classes of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes & HS 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr ( Arts/Science/ Commerce)
1 <sup>st</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	<b>Semester End vacation</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2015 (Wednesday)	<b>College Foundation day</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (Friday)	Last date for submission of Filled in Registration Forms of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Students
15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (Saturday)	Observation of Independent Day
18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (Tuesday)	<b>Merit awards distribution &amp; Fresher's Social</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015 (Saturday)	Students' Union Election
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug– 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.2015</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sessional Examination</b> of the 1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Classes of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes
	<b>Unit Test-I for HS 1<sup>st</sup> Year &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Friday)	Observation of Teacher's day
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 2015 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last date of notification of the marks of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sessional Examination in the departmental notice boards</li> <li>• Counselling for the BA/B.Sc./B.Com 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Students and Mid Semester Feedback Assessment</li> </ul>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2015 (Saturday)	Last Date for Assignment Submission by the students (if any) of the BA/B.Sc./B.Com Programmes in the Semester System
<b>September 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)</b>	<b>Submission of examination forms for HS Final Exam. 2015</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> September, 2015</b>	<b>Internal Assessment of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes through Seminar/ Group Discussion etc.</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2015 (Wednesday)	Last date for submission of Exam-Form Fill up of the 1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Classes of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com for End Semester Examinations 2014
<b>10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sessional Examination</b> of the 1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Semester Classes of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes
	<b>Unit Test-2 for HS 1<sup>st</sup> Year &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last date for notification of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sessional Examination Marks in the Departmental Notice Board</li> <li>• Completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> Semester Classes of the B.A./ B.Sc./B.Com Programmes</li> </ul>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015</b>	<b>End Semester Exam of the BA/ B.Sc./ B.Com Programmes</b>
	<b>Test Examination for HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015</b>	<b>Semester End vacation &amp; Golden jubilee conclusion ceremony</b>

## LIST OF HOLIDAYS: Odd Semester 2015

### FOR OFFICES AND CLASSES OF DIGBOI COLLEGE

<u>Date (Day)</u>	<u>Festival</u>
15 <sup>th</sup> August (Saturday)	Independence Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September (Wednesday)	Tithi of Shri Shri Madhavdeva
5 <sup>TH</sup> September (Saturday)	Janmastami
23 <sup>rd</sup> September (Wednesday)	Janmotsav of Shri Shri Sankardeva
25 <sup>th</sup> September (Friday)	Id-Uz-Zuha
2 <sup>nd</sup> October (Friday)	Birth Day of Mahatma Gandhi
18 <sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)	Kati Bihu
20 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> October (Tuesday to Friday)	Durga Puja, Vijaya Dashami
26 <sup>th</sup> October (Monday)	Lakhmi Puja
10 <sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday)	Kali Puja & Dewali
24 <sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday)	Lachit Divas
25 <sup>th</sup> November (Wednesday)	Birth Day of Guru Nanak
2 <sup>nd</sup> December (Wednesday)	Asom Divas (Su-Ka-PhaDivas)
25 <sup>th</sup> December (Friday)	Christmas Day



**Analysis of the Students' Feed back**

The teachers are assessed by the students of various subjects on 10 point scale through some questionnaire as designed by NAAC in random basis. The IQAC collects the forms, analyse thoroughly and identifies the areas where performance of some teachers is below desired level. The Principal convences a meeting of the teaching staff and discusses openly and narrates the findings on the Students' Feedback. He, then, advises the teacher community that needs improvement to rectify themselves and to cope with the changing situations for quality enhancements.

Extension activities on Wild Life

2014-2015

**09/03/2014**

**The Assam Tribune**

**Injured giant flying squirrel rescued**

Correspondent

DIGBOI, March 10 – An injured giant flying squirrel was rescued from the house of one Pranjal Saikia adjacent to Margherita College, Margherita at 4.15 pm on March 5 last. After receiving the information of the injured animal from Dr Amarjit Saikia, Associate Professor in the Dept of Sociology of Margherita College, Rajib Rudra Tariang, a wildlife biologist and assistant professor in the Dept of Zoology and Dipesh Mondal, assistant professor, both from Digboi College rushed to the site to rescue it.

The squirrel which bore injury marks on its left arm was successfully captured and brought to the Digboi Forest Range office. Dr Nupur Buragohain, a wildlife veterinary doctor of the Wildlife Trust of India was informed of the capture of the injured squirrel. Dr Buragohain suggested immediate first aid treatment, and provided medicines and fruits. After the first-aid treatment, the injured animal was transferred to Dhola Wildlife Rescue Centre for further treatment.

**08/06/2014**

**The Telegraph**

**Leopard rescued near Digboi**

AVIK CHAKRABORTY

**Dibrugarh, June 9:** A female leopard (*Panthera pardus*) was today rescued around 11am from the house of Brajanti Gogoi, a resident of Torajan, around 25km from Digboi.

Torajan tea estate is under Digboi forest division in Tinsukia district.

Rajib Rudra Tariang, assistant professor, department of zoology, Digboi College, who assisted the NGOs in the rescue mission, said, “The leopard got trapped inside a cage, which was made by Brajanti to capture it. The cage was made of wood with two chambers separated by wire nets. Brajanti kept two puppies inside the cage as bait.” Tariang said when the leopard went inside the chamber to eat the puppies, which were kept in the other chamber separated by wire nets, the trap door dropped shut.

The local forest department staff was informed yesterday around 10.30pm and they arrived this morning to inspect the captive leopard.

The animal was released in Upper Dehing reserve forest, 20km from Digboi.

**15/06/2014**

**Field Trip to Saraipung was organized for the HS Science Students of Digboi College.**

**04/07/2014**

**Wildlife Awareness Programme Held at Pengaree TE by Aaranyak.**

From our Correspondent

DIGBOI, July 3: An awareness programme on wildlife conservation was organized at the Pengaree TE staff club for school students, sardars, workers and office staff on Wednesday. The awareness programme was an initiative of Apeejay Tea Ltd to mark the occasion of Van Mahotsav – an annual tree-planting forest festival in India celebrated in the first week of July.

Mousami Bharali, Welfare Officer of the Pengaree Tea Estate introduced the invited wildlife experts from Digboi and Tinsukia and explained the purpose of the meeting. The tea garden officials, school children, sardars, women forum, along with the Guest of Honour planted around 100 saplings in the eco-park areas of the tea garden.

Meanwhile, Sailendra Mohan Das, the Upper Assam Coordinator of Aaranyak delivered a talk on global warming and the urgent need of rapid forest coverage by mass planting. Das also talked on myths and beliefs on animals, especially on monitor lizards and on jackals. He also highlighted the importance of preservation of the remaining flora and fauna and suggested steps that need to be immediately adopted locally.

Later, Rajib Rudra Tariang, Assistant Professor of the Department of Zoology, Digboi College and also a life member of Aaranyak, delivered his lecture on the topic 'Issues of Biodiversity and its Conservation'. Tariang also highlighted the wildlife laws and their application so that hunting and killing could be reduced.

Gauri Buragohain, Assistant Professor, of the Department of English, Digboi College also explained about snakes in Assam, their ecological importance related to food chain and first-aid-measures for snake bite.

In the end Nasfiq Rahman, Deputy Manager of the garden urged the participants not to kill any wild animals.

Talking to The Sentinel, Rahman said that his garden authorities have been leaving no stone unturned to educate the local people on biodiversity conservation so as to maintain balance in nature.

The four resource persons also highlighted few measures on how to mitigate the human-animal conflict, especially wild pachyderms and leopards, which is a common issue in the entire State. There was also an interaction among the students and the other participants during the programme. A few leaflets and posters on snake identification, conservation measures and first-aid remedies were also distributed among the participants, sponsored by Aaranyak, Guwahati.

**17/08/2014 to 19/08/2014**

**World Photography Day: Photo Exhibition : 17th to 19th Aug, 2014**

Mr. R. R. Tariang, Asst Prof, Department of Zoology, participated in the photo exhibition on the occasion of World photography Day at SAHITYARATHI LASHMINATH BEZBORUAH BHAWAN, DIBRUGARH and presented an audio-visual demonstration programme on conservation of snakes and first-aid-measures to be taken in case of snake biting.

**13/09/2014**

**Wildlife Conservation & Issues: by DIGBOI COLLEGE & AARANYAK**

Popular talk on Wild Life conservation and issues was organised by IQAC, Digboi College in collaboration with AARANYAK on 30/09/2014 for the students of Botany and Zoology departments. Mr. R. R. Tariang, Dept of Zoology, Mr. K. N. Timsina, Vice-principal, Digboi College, Mr. G. Buragohain, dept of English, Subhasish Arandhara and Rubul Tanti (both students of Digboi College) were the resource persons. Mr. H. N. Sarma, Honourable Wild life Warden of Tinsukia district also delivered a talk on the importance of wild life conservation.

**17/09/2014**

**Class at Makum Forest Guard School, Makum, Tinsukia.**

Mr. R. R. Tariang, dept of Zoology imparted training to Forest Guard of the front-line staffs on Biodiversity Issues and on Snake Identification, conservation, rescue measures and first-aid measures. Also distributed leaflets on snake conservation along with coloured pictorial guide. An interaction session was also carried out

**Rescue of Common Palm civet:**

R. R. Tariang, Dept of Zoology, K. N. Timsina, VP, Jitu Borah, dept of Pol. Science, Subhasish Arandhara (Student) rescued two Common Palm Civet on 21/09/2014 and 24/09/2014 at Digboi along with some local people and released at Digboi College campus.

**02/10/2014**

## **The Sentinel**

### **Elephant calf rescued at Saraipung**

From our Staff Correspondent

DIBRUGARH, October 5: A one-and-half month old male elephant calf was rescued from a forest village under Saraipung Range of Digboi Forest Division recently. This calf was wailing for his mother since two days but none of the herds of wild elephant came for his rescue.

Early morning on Thursday, the calf ran towards some villagers who were guarding their paddy fields from the wild pachyderms' depredation. The calf went towards the house of Nabin Murah, adjacent to the paddy fields under forest village of Saraipung. Immediately, Dilip Phukan, forest guard of Saraipung was informed. Wildlife biologist and Assistant Professor of Digboi College who is also a life member of Aaranyak, Rajib Rudra Tariang, forest officials, veterinary doctor Dr Prasanta Boro of Lakhimpur Veterinary College, Samsul Ali of CWRC (Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation) at Kaziranga reached the spot and rescued the calf. Bijoy Gogoi, Raju Raj Sonowal, Biraj Gogoi and Mahesh Borah of Evergreen Foundation also lent their assistance to the forest staffs.

The rescued calf, as per doctor's advice, was served with only electrolyte drink instead of milk. The calf was later shifted to the orphanage section of CWRC, run by Wildlife Trust of India, in Rajib Rudra Tariang's Mahindra hard top Jeep. The Digboi Forest Department had provided the fuel/food expenses required in the transportation and deputed two staff to accompany the team. The team members were Rajib Rudra Tariang, Bijoy Gogoi, Hemanta Das, Dilip Phukan and Ganesh Konwar.

Tariang thanked the forest department staff, the villagers, the members of Evergreen Foundation, Vice-principal of Digboi College KN Timsina, Hira Phukan and others for their support for the noble cause. According to the latest report, the calf is fine.

**Envis Centre, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India**

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### **Elephant calf rescued**

From our Staff Correspondent

DIBRUGARH, October 5: A one-and-half month old male elephant calf was rescued from a forest village under Saraipung Range of Digboi Forest Division recently. This calf was wailing for his mother since two days but none of the herds of wild elephant came for his rescue.

Early morning on Thursday, the calf ran towards some villagers who were guarding their paddy fields from the wild pachyderms' depredation. The calf went towards the house of Nabin Murah, adjacent to the paddy fields under forest village of Saraipung. Immediately, Dilip Phukan, forest guard of Saraipung was informed. Wildlife biologist and Assistant Professor of Digboi College who is also a life member of Aaranyak, Rajib Rudra Tariang, forest officials, veterinary doctor Dr Prasanta Boro of Lakhimpur Veterinary

College, Samsul Ali of CWRC (Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation) at Kaziranga reached the spot and rescued the calf. Bijoy Gogoi, Raju Raj Sonowal, Biraj Gogoi and Mahesh Borah of Evergreen Foundation also lent their assistance to the forest staffs.

The rescued calf, as per doctor's advice, was served with only electrolyte drink instead of milk. The calf was later shifted to the orphanage section of CWRC, run by Wildlife Trust of India, in Rajib Rudra Tariang's Mahindra hard top Jeep. The Digboi Forest Department had provided the fuel/food expenses required in the transportation and deputed two staff to accompany the team. The team members were Rajib Rudra Tariang, Bijoy Gogoi, Hemanta Das, Dilip Phukan and Ganesh Konwar.

Tariang thanked the forest department staff, the villagers, the members of Evergreen Foundation, Vice-principal of Digboi College KN Timsina, Hira Phukan and others for their support for the noble cause. According to the latest report, the calf is fine.

**Source: *The Sentinel, Guwahati, Monday, October 06, 2014***

**21/10/2014**

### **Wildlife Exhibition & Quiz; Digboi College, Aaranyak, Evergreen Foundation.**

Wildlife Exhibition & Wildlife Quiz; conducted by Digboi College, Aaranyak, Evergreen Foundation, Digboi. Special Occasion for 50 years celebration of Digboi College & 25 years of Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India; Winners of the wildlife Quiz Competition were 1st Niraingkham Gogoi, Vishal Gupta, Rajarshi Das of Little Star School, Digboi, 2nd winner were Pritam Sharma, Migon Doley, Panaz Sonowal of Delphi Public School, Duliajan, and 3rd Winners were Ashimjyoti Sonowal, Deep Gogoi, Siddhant Bharali of Digboi College (Amaar Digboi College) & jointly by Rahul Saha, Subhajit Sarkar, Shivarpan Das of Little Star Seniors School, Digboi. Altogether 15 team participated from various school of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia District. Quiz Master was Dr. Jyoti Das of Aaranyak. Programme Inaugurated by Dr. Dip Saikia, Principal Digboi College.

**16/11/2014**

### **Aaranyak & Digboi College assisted study tour; Sologuri ME School**

Programme on Wildlife for School Students by Digboi College and Aaranyak  
Dated: 16/11/2014; Sunday; Saraipung

A team of 41 students and 5 teachers of the Sologuri ME, Tingkhon visited today Saraipung under Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, of Digboi. It was part of their school curriculum for such visits and organized by Digboi College and Aaranyak. The school team also visited the Digboi Centenary Museum and Digboi College. Initially, in the morning hours, the team was guided by the three eminent naturalists of Digboi, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Professor, Mr. Gauri Buragohin, Asst. Professor of Digboi College and member Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India and Mr. K.N. Timsina, Vice-Principal of Digboi College. The student team were briefed with valuable information related to importance of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary by Mr. Tariang. The students also witness a few species of animals like Capped Langurs, Capped Langur, Malayan Giant Squirrel, and most interestingly a pair of the rare crab-eating mongoose, many birds, butterflies and other insects. The students were also taken to the Interpretation

Centre, at Saraipung where the photographs of various wildlife of Dehing Patkai regions has been donated by various wildlife enthusiasts meant for exhibition for all days. Mr. Dilip Phukan, a forest guard also interacted with the students. This interpretation center is also maintained by the Department of Zoology, Digboi College. Mr. Buragohian and Mr. Timsina also gave their valuable speech on the endangered and threatened species of Assam. The students also visited Digboi College and an audio-visual slide show was also specially conducted by Digboi College. Mr. Tariang spoke on Biodiversity issues and Snake Conservation in his valuable 1 hour demonstration. A coloured pictorial guide poster on snakes of Assam, few leaflets on snakes, turtles; stickers were also distributed to the students published by Aaranyak and Digboi College. An interaction session was also carried out and all the students were benefited. Later the students also visited the Digboi Centenary Museum. Head master of the school, Punaram Gogoi, Lakhinandan Phukan, Science teacher, Lakhimi Chutia Gogoi, Asst. Teacher, Mausumi Bhagawati, Asst. Teacher, Mr. Pubajyoti Gogoi, Asst. Teacher and Mr. Suresh Bakat, President of the school accompanied the student groups.

### **20<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**

A team of Digboi College jointly with with Digboi Forest Departments and Digboi Police Department controlled the vehicular traffic for safe passage of Wild Elephants from Upper Dehing East Block to West Block through NH 38 at Bogapani Elephant Corridor, Digboi.

**24/11/2014**

#### **A female elephant calf probably 4-7 day rescued**

An elephant calf was rescued, at 5.am on 24/11/2014 and informed by a villager name Mr. Bolin Chetia of Bramajan Tinali, sighted an elephant calf in a ditch of a tea garden of Raffiala TE, Pangeery, which is approximately 1.5 km away. A total of 4 NGOs of this region assisted the Forest Department of Doomdoma Forest Division of Khatangpani. The NGOs were Aaranyak Assam, Evergreen Foundation, Digboi College, and the Wildlife Trust of India, Dholla Branch. Mr. Porikshit Dutta, of Brahmajan had informed Mr. Abhijit Boruah, a researchers working for Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India, who then alerted Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, a member Aaranyak & Asst. Prof., of Zoology Department of Digboi College. Immediately, Mr. Tariang informed to DFO, Mr. Siraj Ahmed and Dr. Samshul Ali a veterinary surgeon working for CWRC, Kaziranga under Wildlife Trust of India. The wildlife enthusiasts and the wildlife activist immediately rushed to the spot and took all care to restore the dehydrated elephant calf. Electrolyte were provided and Dr. Samshul Ali, examined medically to the calf. The calf was very very young, and had been away from its mother for almost 14 hrs. and we tried our level best to look and reunite with the mother. Even we allowed the calf to call its mother and the calf did called, but no sigh by her mother. We also tried making a small temporary cage made of bamboo and sticks to keep the calf within it, as per norms and we were away from the sight, to make a way for the mother to come and take away the calf. The calf was crying for the mother, but no sign. I have also notice the tear drops of the baby elephant in her eyes, still I remember the moments and feeling very sad. At night, we decided, to shift to CWRC, Kaziranga, the calf, which had already become weak, and it was shifted to Kaziranga at midnight. The DFO, Mr. Siraj Ahmed provided a vehicle with three staffs, to shift it to the CWRC, Kaziranga. Dr. Samshul Ali and Hemanta Das of Wildlife Trust of India accompanied the calf to the CWRC, Kaziranga. The team reached at 4.30 am and the calf is fully taken care.

**20/12/2014**

**A female sub-adult Common Leopard was rescued by Maakali TE**

Maakali TE garden officials, Tinsukia Wildlife Division operated capturing of this strayed Common Leopard at the edge forest area of Borajan Near Maakali TE. Later a team from Digboi Forest Division and Evergreen Foundation of Digboi, visited the spot after capture. It was later released back to nature at Dehing Patkai WLS, after carefully inspecting the female leopard ('Sub-adult). The inspection was done by Dr. Samshul Ali, of Wildlife Trust of India, Dholla. The members of Evergreen Foundation Bijoy Gogoi, Biraj Gogoi, Raju Raj Sonowal, Manoj Thakuria, and other members accompanied the team. Kedar Nath Timsina, Vice-Principal, Digboi College, and Rahul Phukan accompanied the team.

**27/12/2014**

Mr. R. R. Tariang, Dept of Zoology, imparted training to forest guards on identification, conservation of snakes and first-aid-measures. Leaflets were also distributed to the participants.

**03/01/2015 to 05/01/2015**

A 3 Days Nature Orientation Camp was held at the interpretation Centre, Saraipung Forest Range under Digboi Forest Division; Organized by Irab Kirab; Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India; Digboi College; Wildlife Conservation & Study Center, Jeeva Suraksha, Evergreen Foundation, Digboi Forest Division for students and nature lovers. Various Topics discussed in short were

1. Rain-forest of Assam and Dehing Patkai WLS,
2. Introduction to Moths,
3. Studying of Moth Diversity with aid of Light in fields,
4. Biodiversity and its issues;
5. Wildlife Photography Techniques and Ethics, 6. Butterfly Diversity of Upper Assam,
7. Snakes of Assam, Conservation and First-Aid-Measures if bitten by a snake,
8. Environmental Issues,
9. Orchid Diversity,
10. Birds of Digboi and Dehing Pakai WLS,
11. Wildlife Conservation and management in NE India,
12. Conservation of wetland and fishery resources in Assam through community participation,
13. Vulture Conservation,
14. Nature Trailing Techniques.

**28/01/2015**

**The Sentinel**

**Biodiversity of NE, importance of snake conservation highlighted.**

From our Correspondent



DIGBOI, January 29: About 400 NSS students and faculties from different colleges of India visited Digboi College for a wildlife conservation motivational programme recently. The students from different colleges of India, with their respective State-level coordinators, attended the programme.

Kanchan Konwar, Programme Officer of the NSS unit of Digboi College, welcomed the guest participants and the Principal of Digboi College delivered the inaugural speech. Kedar Nath Timsina, Vice-Principal of Digboi College, who is also a naturalist, showed his 157 clippings of birds in the Digboi College campus and surrounding areas while Rajib Rudra Tariang, Assistant Professor of the Department of Zoology and wildlife biologist delivered a lecture on the biodiversity of the Northeast and the biodiversity of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary and its surroundings.

Tariang and Gauri Buragohain, Assistant Professor of the Department of English, Digboi College, jointly gave a presentation on snake conservation, its importance in the ecosystem and the first-aid measures during snake bites.

The unique species of this region was focused upon and the conversational initiatives of Digboi College since 2008 were also highlighted, citing some practical demonstration on how to save a wild animal when the need arises.

Tariang also highlighted how the human chain formation helped to save wild animals. All the participants vowed to plant more trees and turn India into a Green India Vision. A wildlife photo exhibition was also displayed for their knowledge on the flora and fauna of Digboi and Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary.

#### All India NSS Mega Camp at Digboi College

About 400 NSS students and faculties from different colleges of India visited Digboi College for a Wildlife Conservation Motivational Programme here at Digboi College. The student groups from different colleges of India with their respective State Level Co-ordinators visited the Digboi College. The participants were from 27 states - Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tellingana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Punjab. The entire team was escorted and guided by the Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, followed by logistic support by the various faculty members of Digboi College such as Dr. Arun Chandra Dutta, Dr. Bikash Baruah, Jayanta Deep Dutta, Dipesh Mondal, Jitu Borah, Banjit Das, B. S. Baruah, Janarhan Borah and Gauri Burgohain

Dr. Kanchan Konwar, Programme Officer of the NSS unit of Digboi College had welcomed the guest participants. Dr. Dip Saikia, Principal, Digboi College, had delivered the inaugural speech and enlightened the participants with his resourceful speech. Later, Mr. Kedar Nath Timsina, Vice-Principal of Digboi College who is also a naturalist showed his 157 clippings of birds of Digboi College Campus and surrounding areas. Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Prof., Department of Zoology and Wildlife Biologist had delivered his lecture with power point presentation in his 150 slides along with a few video on the Biodiversity of Northeast, Biodiversity of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary and its surroundings. Later Mr. Tariang and Gauri Buragohain, Asst. Prof., Department of English, Digboi College jointly presented another topic on Snake Conservations issues, their importance in ecosystem and the first-aid-measures if bitten by any snakes. This presentation was a part to motivate them to wildlife conservation with showing how the North Eastern Region is rich in Biodiversity. The unique species of this region was focused and the steps on the conversational Initiatives of Digboi College since from 2008 were also highlighted cited with some

practical demonstration on how to save a wild animal when the need arises. The Mr. Tariang also highlighted how the human chain formation helped to save wild animals from the irritated mobs who want to kill such needy helpless wild animals, etc. Coloured Snake Poster prepared by Digboi College, Aaranyak, Rufford, Digboi Forest Division, Dibru-saikhowa Jungle Camp and Assam Computers were also distributed. How the global warming issues can be minimized by planting fully trees with other remedies were also highlighted. At the last, all the participants vowed to plant more trees and had committed to turn India into a Green India Vision. A wildlife photo exhibition was also displayed for their knowledge on the flora and fauna of Digboi and Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, Photos credits, Digboi College and Aaranyak.

For photos visit the college website or click the link:

**01/02/2015**

### **Educational Trip: Dibru-Saikhowa National Park from Digboi College**

A day long field trip was organized by Digboi College, Nakshatra (House Boat) and Aaranyak Assam for the students of Digboi College at Dibru Saikhowa National Park and Biosphere Reserve.

**02/02/2015**

The Sentinel

World Wetland Day observed

From our Correspondent

DIGBOI, February 2: Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in Northeast India, celebrated World Wetland Day, 2015 in Digboi in collaboration with Digboi High School, Digboi College, Digboi Forest Division and Evergreen Foundation on Monday with a day-long programme.

The programme started with a speech by Prof. Hitendra Nath Sarma, retired Principal of Margherita College, who is also the Honorary Wildlife Warden of Tinsukia district and president of the governing body of Digboi College. Subsequently, there was procession which was flagged off by Siraj Ahmed, the DFO, Digboi with the theme 'Wetlands for our Future'.

Altogether 400 students from Class VI to Class X of various schools participated in the procession holding placards with different slogans on wetland conservation. Later, a talk on the importance of World Wetland Day was delivered by Dr Jyoti Das and Abhijit Baruah of Aaranyak. The programme ended with an essay competition held among the students. The winners of essay competition will be given a free trip to Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary as award within a week.

A similar talk was also conducted at Digboi College by Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst Professor of Digboi College for the fourth semester students of Digboi College on this occasion.

In yet another programme, an educational tour was conducted for the students of Digboi College recently at Digboi College. The students were excited to see the Gangetic River Dolphin in the River Dibru with many migratory birds. Sanjay Das, a nature lover who hails from Guujan, and Director of the Nakshatra (House Boat) and Asst Co-ordinator of Aaranyak's Upper Assam Zone, spoke about the National Park and

biosphere of Dibru Saikhowa. He also delivered his speech on the importance of Gangetic River of Assam with special reference to Dibru Saikhowa. An interaction session was also conducted among the students.

**5/02/2015 (Sunday)**

**Motivational Talk: Climate Change & Livelihood To front-line Staff**

A talk on Climate Change & Livelihood was organized by Digboi Forest Division and Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Prof., Department of Zoology was the resource persons for the front forest staffs.

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Wildlife Photographic Competition cum Exhibition was organized by Digboi College, Aaranyak, Irab Kirab, Wildlife Conservation and Study Centre, Eden and Dibrugarh District Authority. Various students of Digboi College participated in the said exhibition. Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Professor of Digboi College got the first prize, Mr. Gauri Buragohain, Asst. Professor of Digboi College got the consolation prize along with Suman Barman, a student of Zoology Department of Digboi College.

**08/03/2015**

**BACK TO NATURE: Conflict & Conservation in the Contemporary World**

Dated: 8th March, 2015; Time 11 am to 3:00 pm; Venue Ramkrishna Kinder Garden School, Joypure:

A seminar talk BACK TO NATURE: Conflict & Conservation in the Contemporary World by Mr. Ritesh Bhattacharjee, Retd. Conservator of Forest, Padma Shri Jadav "Molai" Payeng, Dr. Kashmira Kakati, Wildlife Biologist, Dr. L. R. Saikia, Prof. Department of Life Sciences, Hari Charan Das, Arranya Suraksha Shamiti of Kaziranga and Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang of Digboi College. Mr. Tariang spoke on Climate Change and its impact on Global Biodiversity.

**10/03/2015**

**3 Days Photography Training Workshop, at Namphakey Gaon, Naharkatia**

A three days nature and wildlife photography was organized for various participants of Assam, held at Joypure, Naharkaiya, Assam. Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Professor, Department of Zoology was one of the resource person.

**15/03/2015**

**Awareness Programme at Dibru-Saikhowa National Park and Biosphere Reserves:**

An Educational Tour for Gojai Janajati School, Dibrugarh at Dibru Saikhowa National Park, organized by Sonowal Kachari Unit, Lezai, Dibrugarh. The programme was conducted on the house boat of Sanjay Das, named Nakshatra (The Dolphin Safari) and also field trip inside the park. Mr. Primthi Gohain, of the Sonowal Kachari Council introduced resource person. He also gave a lecture on how to do field trips, importance of nature preservation, etc. Mr. Sanjay Das, the Asst. Coordinator of Aaranyak, a society for

biodiversity conservation in northeast India, Eastern Assam Zone, delivered his speech on Dibru Saikhowa history, various flora and fauna. Mr. Das also further highlighted the importance of Gangetic River Dolphin, the National Aquatic Mammal as well the State Aquatic Mammal. Later, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, delivered his speech on Climate Change, its ill impact, Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Issues, how locally certain problem can be solve. Mr. Tariang further also urged to make Green India Mission, by planting as many trees but with 100% security of the planted trees atleast for 3-4 years, by caring them by providing water when needed, protect those planted trees from being eaten by cattle. Mr. Tariang also highlighted how global warming can be reduced locally. Later, another elderly person Mr. Dipok Rudra Tariang, who was also present, urged the student groups to preserve the nature when ever then can do it, locally. An interaction session was also carried out. The groups could see the Gangetic River Dolphin, in the river in two locations.

**16/03/2015**

### **Re-union of Parti-Coloured Flying Squirrel**

Digboi College and locals reunited a flying squirrel. Yesterday morning, 16/03/2015, It was reported that two babies of Parti-Coloured Flying Squirrel *Hylopetes alboniger* had felled from a tree *Livistona jenkinsiana* (Locally called as Toko Gos), along with branch. On being informed immediately refereed it to Dr. Samshul Ali of WTI. As per his suggestion, and as per norms of rehabilitation, the team tried to place it on same tree, but it glyed down in the daylight and there was no sign of the mother then. Later in the afternoon, after my college duty, I join the rehabilitation team. Dr. Samshul Ali suggested to provide certain drops of electrolyte with dropper, as they may be thirsty. Nice to see them taking the drops from the droppers. Just before dark, we sighted the mother in the next tree and we immediately placed her babies in that tree and we immediately moved back to a far distance and the mother came took her babies in her lap and A successful REUNION with the mother and the two babies were observed from far distance, without any use of camera flash/ lights and the mother came took back its babies. Team members were Abhijit Boruah, Subhashis Arandhara, Bijoy Panikar, Gokul Tanti, Dipak Das, Sume Bhowmick, Sanatan Majhi, Lal Tanti.

**17/03/2015**

### **Hakhati High School, Dholla visited Digboi College:**

Mr. Kedar Nath Timsina, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang explained the students about the importance nature conservation. They also highlighted about the food chain, food web and other ecosystem relationship.

**21/03/2015**

### **Awareness Drive on Wildlife Conservation, Saraipung Forest Village:**

**Phase I:** Digboi College, ARANYAK and Saraipung Forest Range Office conducted motivational camp among the forest villagers at Saraipung Forest Village. More than 250 public gathered in the programme. Resource persons Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang dept of Zoology, Digboi College, Mr. Abhijit Boruah and Phuneswar Phukan dealt on snake conservation, elephant conservation and conservation issues of nature respectively. An audio-visual program was also held on forest ecosystem.

**12/04/2015**

**Phase II: Saraipung Forest Village; Conservation of Birds & Moth**

Guest Speakers were Mr. Kedar Nath Timsina, Vice Principal, of Digboi College, and Subhasish Arandhara, member Aaranyak spoke on the topic of the Birds of Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary. A film on Forest Conservation "Delhi Safari" was also shown.

**21/04/2015**

**Phase III: Programme at Saraipung Forest Village**

The 3rd Phase on wildlife conservation among the Saraipung Forest Villagers was completed; Organized by Digboi College, Aaranyak and Saraipung Forest Village in collaboration with Digboi Forest Division. Rajan Kr Das, DFO, Digboi Forest Division, Retd. Prof. Hitendra Nath Sarma, Honourary Wildlife Warden and Mr. Rubul Tanti of Aaranyak were the resource persons.

**24/04/2015**

**Phase IV: Wildlife Conservation Program at Saraipung Forest Village**

The 4th phase on wildlife conservation among the Saraipung Forest Villagers was conducted by Digboi College and Aaranyak successfully. Resource persons were Mr. Sailendra Mohan Das, Coordinator of Upper Assam Zone of Aaranyak, and Dr. Samshul Ali of IFAW, WTI. Mr. Sailendra Mohan Das explained on the Superstitious belief and its ill effect on biodiversity, followed by Vulture Conservation. While Dr. Samshul Ali, discussed on the Leopard-Human Conflict, which is burning topic. A short documentary on Monsoon India's God of Life was also shown.

**29/03/2015**

**Climate Change and its impact on Biodiversity**

A programme was organized by District Administration, Tinsukia and Digboi Forest Division; and the resource persons were Mr. Puru Gupta, IAS, DC, Tinsukia, Mr. Ranjan Kr. Das, IAS, DFO Digboi Forest Division, Retd. Professor, Prof. Hitendra Nath Sarma, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Professor, Digboi College and also life member Aaranyak, Mr. Sailendra Mohan Das, Coordinator, Upper Assam Zone of Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India.

**19/04/2015**

**Awareness drives for members of JFMS of Digboi Forest Division**

Awareness drives for members of JFMS of Digboi Forest Division held at Digboi College; The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. Dip Saikia, Principal Digboi College, by giving the inaugural speech and planting trees saplings, followed by Retd. Prof. H. N. Sarma, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Das, DFO, Digboi and various others. Slide presentation was also carried out by Mr. Ranjan Kumar Das, DFO, Digboi, on Rhino, Butterflies, Dehing Patkai WLS, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, on Climate Changes and its impact on

Biodiversity, Mr. Gauri Buragohain and Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, jointly on Snake Conservation, Mr. Baputi Handique on Birds of Tinsukia District.

**26/04/2015**

### **Plantation & Awareness Programme At Jagun By Digboi DFO**

Green Tinsukia District: DFO, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Das, IFS, of Digboi Forest Division, Digboi, does the plantation and awareness programme on wildlife conservation at Rose Bud School, 9th mile, Jagun, Tinsukia, Assam, India. Retd. Prof. Mr. H.N. Sarma, and also Honorary Wildlife Warden, Subhasish Arandhara, Rubul Tanti, Sourav Baidya, Raju Raj Sonowal, and many others attended the Programme. Rajib Rudra Tariang, presented slides on Climate Change and its impact on Biodiversity.

**05/05/2015**

### **Drive for Green Tinsukia at Pawoimuk, Margherita by DFO Digboi**

Resource Persons were Retd. Prof., Hitendra Nath Sarma who is also Honorary Wildlife Warden of Tinsukia District, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Das, IFS, DFO, Digboi, Mr. Abhijit Baruah, Research Scholar of Aaranyak, a society for biodiversity conservation in northeast India, Mr. Baputi Handique of Society for Conservation of Assam, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang, Asst. Professor, Department of Zoology, Digboi College, and Life Member of Aaranyak.

### **Programme on Fishery Techniques for Saraipung Forest Village, Digboi**

**Date 17/05/2015.**

Resource Persons were Retd. Prof. H.N. Sarma, Honorary Wildlife Warden of Tinsukia, Mr. Ranjan Kr. Das, IFS, Digboi Forest Division, Mr. Rubul Tanti of Aaranyak, Mr. Rajib Rudra Tariang of Digboi College and Dr. Samshul Ali of WTI. Topics discussed were on Man-Elephant Conflict; Man-Leopard Conflict along with mitigation measures, Elephant status in Assam and behaviour, Wildlife Laws, Forest Acts, Snake identification, Conservation, Handling techniques, first-aid measures.

**19/06/2015**

The Assam Tribune

### **Green Brigade raised at Digboi**

Correspondent

DIGBOI, July 19 - In the concluding function of the Van Mahotsav Week held on the premises of the Oirawat Bhawan at Kherjan area of Digboi, a 340-member strong Green Brigade comprising many women, from as many as nine joint forest management committees (JFMCs) and eight eco-development committees (EDCs) was raised amidst a large gathering. The gathering consisted of the inhabitants of the forest villages under Digboi Division, NGO members, conservationists, wildlife activists, mediapersons, local public and forest officials.

The declaration of the raising of the brigade was announced by RK Das, DFO of Digboi Division on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia district, Puru Gupta who attended the function as the chief guest. The distinguished guests included the Wildlife DFO of Tinsukia, Mridul Dhar, HN Sarma, wildlife activist, Rajib Rudra Tariang, wildlife biologist.

This Green Brigade is the first of its kind in the State. The youths in 17 platoons of 20 each staged an impressive march-past before the chief guest at the start of the function.

The purpose of the function was stated by Krishna Gogoi. RK Das in his address, gave a detailed account of the conservation initiative undertaken by the Digboi Division of Forests since March 29 till date – a plethora of activities ranging from Green Tinsukia and Save Wildlife drive on Sundays in the interior villages of the division, development of nurseries, add-on plantation in the Digboi Arboretum, motivational drives among the forest villagers, etc. The division highlighted the rich biodiversity of the Dehing-Patkai region, by giving a new nomenclature to the Digboi-Duliajan Road as the Patkai Biodiversity Road. The stretch of road from Kherjan Beat Office up to Pengeri has been renamed as the Oirawat Path. He also mentioned that the process was on to raise the status of the Dehing-Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary to a national park.

Puru Gupta in his speech lauded the organised efforts of the Digboi Division of Forests towards conservation of forests and protection of wildlife. He urged the public to render full cooperation to the majestic natural heritage of Tinsukia district with 39 reserve forests, four sanctuaries and one national park. He suggested that DFO Das should introduce a ranking system among the EDCs and JFMCs for giving awards.

HN Sarma, RR Tariang, Manoranjan Das, secretary of the Tinsukia District Journalists' Association also addressed the gathering. At the end, the DC made a field visit to the Digboi Reserve Forest.

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