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Decoding the region

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North-East India has been attracting scholars and academicians around the world because of its rich socio-cultural and ecological treasure trove. Not many regions around the world can boast of such a diversity of culture, ethnicity and Nature that marks the region. The book, *Overview: North East India*, edited by Sikhamoni Konwar, is a significant academic statement presenting an overview on North-East India, encompassing a wide spectrum of some issues and concerns having much present-day academic relevance. The scope of deliberation and observation of the book is consolidated by as many as 22 academic writings by 25 eminent historians, social scientists, academicians, administrators (with in-field experience on North-East India), and scholars from India and abroad who have already carved a niche in their respective fields.

Overview: North East India
Sikhamoni Konwar,
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Writings like "Account of Assam in History of Kingdom of Siam" by Prof J N Phukan; "Techno-culture of North-East India: Some Aspects" by Prof Amarendra Kumar Thakur; "The Physical and Human Environment of Sikkim State within the Geographical area of Eastern Himalayan" by Olivier Chiron; "Glimpses of Assam in Post-Independence India" by S P Kar; "Theorising the Changing Terrain of Popular Culture of NE India" by Meeta Deka; "Rock-cut Sculptures of Guwahati" by Prof Paromita Das; "*Ashta-Dikpalas* in the Art of Kamrup District of Assam" by Deepi Rekha Kauli, etc., have presented different aspects of North-East India concerning the past and the present changing scenario through their research-based analysis and critical approaches. Prof Phukan's writing has brought an unknown account of Assam to the notice of the academic circle involved in the study of Assam history. Again, Prof Thakur has shown how technology and culture of North-East India have interaction between the two.

There is no doubt that the book has encompassed almost all the important facets of North-East India. However, it could have been further amplified with some more articles on some other issues like textile, wildlife, music, etc., of the region. Notwithstanding this, *Overview: North East India* will surely be an important addition to the growing academic research ventures on North-East India. Besides, in view of the increasing significance of the North-East region in the context of India's "Act East Policy" and its historical and ethnic affinity with China, Myanmar and other South-East Asian countries, the book will go a long way to excite constructive interest towards the North-East in the minds of the discerning readers and researchers.

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কৰ্মশ্ৰী হিতেশ্বৰ শইকীয়া মহাবিদ্যালয় ভ্ৰমণ জাপানী ছাত্ৰৰ

ভঞাগড়ৰ প্ৰতিবেদক, ২ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী : জাপানৰ পৰা অহা তিনি গৰাকী ছাত্ৰৰ সৈতে কৰ্মশ্ৰী হিতেশ্বৰ শইকীয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়ত ৩০ জানুৱাৰীৰ দিনা অনুষ্ঠিত হয় এক মতবিনিময় অনুষ্ঠান। জাপানৰ পৰা অহা উক্ত ছাত্ৰ কেইজন হ'ল ক্ৰমে ওচাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ কহেই কিমুৰা আৰু এহিমে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ তাৎচুয়া নাকাও আৰু নাজামি ন্যুৰা। জাপানৰ ছাত্ৰকেইজনৰ সৈতে যোগ দিয়ে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰাক্তন ছাত্ৰ ভাস্কৰজ্যোতি চেতিয়াই। মতবিনিময় অনুষ্ঠানটো উদ্বোধন কৰে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ ড° শিখামণি কোঁৱৰে। ড° কোঁৱৰে ভাৰত-জাপানৰ দ্বিপাক্ষিক সম্পৰ্কৰ বিষয়ে বৰ্ণনা কৰাৰ লগতে, ইয়াৰ গুৰুত্ব সম্পৰ্কে নিজৰ ভাষণত উল্লেখ কৰে। ইপিনে হিন্দীতে নিজৰ ভাষণ আগবঢ়াই কহেই কিমুৰাইয়ে জাপানী লোকসকলৰ কৰ্মসংস্কৃতিৰ বিষয়ে উল্লেখ কৰে। আনহাতে তাৎচুয়া নাকাও আৰু নাজামি ন্যুৰাই তেওঁলোকৰ ভাষণ প্ৰসংগত জাপানৰ ভূগোল আৰু শিক্ষা ব্যৱস্থাৰ বিষয়ে বৰ্ণনা কৰে। মতবিনিময় অনুষ্ঠানত শিক্ষানুষ্ঠানখনৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী, শিক্ষক-শিক্ষয়িত্ৰী আৰু প্ৰাক্তন ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলে অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰে।

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

Japanese students visit city college

GUWAHATI, Jan 30: Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College organised a students' interactive programme on Thursday with three visiting students from Japan, said a press release.

Principal of the college Dr Sikhamoni Konwar who inaugurated the programme, threw light on the significance of bilateral ties and exchange programmes between India and Japan.

One of the visiting students Kohei Kimura, who delivered his speech in Hindi, spoke on the work culture of the Japanese people. The other two visiting students Tatsuya Nakao and Nozomi Nyuwa spoke on the geography and education system of Japan respectively. The interactive session was attended by the students, teachers and alumni of the college.

All the three students were from Ehime University, Japan, the release further said.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

International webinar at Hiteswar Saikia College

GUWAHATI, June 13: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College here organised an international webinar on the topic 'State of Education During COVID-19 Pandemic in Morocco' on Saturday, said a press release. Prof Paromita Das, visiting professor at the Indian Studies Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco, and former HOD, History, Gauhati University, delivered the lecture on the topic as the resource person. In her speech Prof Das made a cursory inquest into different aspects of Morocco's historical background, social and cultural orientation, and its prevalent education system. She highlighted how Morocco has tried to cope with the difficulties posed by the present COVID-19 pandemic situation in the field of education, especially the hardships that the students face with the shift to the virtual mode of online teaching. In Morocco only 48 per cent of the families with children enrolled in primary school, 51 per cent in junior high school, 69 per cent in high school and 56 per cent in higher education could follow lessons using digital platform. In contrast, children in 18 per cent of families do not follow the lessons at all, Prof Das added. She called upon all the teachers to come up with innovations to make the online classes interesting for the students, and at the same time, refrain from overburdening them with too much of online activities considering the health hazards the electronic gadgets might have upon them.

Earlier, inaugurating the webinar, Dr Sikhamoni Konwar, Principal of the host college, threw light on the importance of studying and understanding the impact of COVID-19 situation in areas concerning education in different parts of the world so that strategies can be framed to deal with it in India's context. She asserted that knowing about Morocco's education scenario in this hour of crisis would go a long way in this direction.

The webinar was attended by many participants from different parts of Assam and the rest of the country, the USA, Morocco and other parts of the world.

Prof Das's lecture was followed by an interactive session among the participants that included students and academicians from the USA and Morocco. The entire session was coordinated by Dr Ranjan Kumar Bhatta, Coordinator, IQAC of the college. Dr Anup Kumar Deka offered the vote of thanks.

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হিতেশ্বৰ শইকীয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়ত পৰিৱেশ বিষয়ক উইবিনাৰ

ধীৰেনপাৰাৰ প্ৰতিবেদক, ৫ জুন ঃ 'বিগত চাৰি দশকমানৰ আগতে প্ৰকৃতিৰ ভাৰসাম্যতাৰ কথাটো বৰ চিন্তনীয় বিষয় নাছিল যদিও জনসংখ্যা বাঢ়ি অহাৰ লগে লগে প্ৰকৃতিৰ ওপৰত মানুহে অত্যাচাৰ কৰিবলৈ ধৰিলে। মানুহে কৰা অত্যাচাৰৰ ফলত অৱতৰত ৰৰষুণ হয়, খৰাং হয়' এইদৰে কয় প্ৰকৃতিবিদ তথা জ্যেষ্ঠ সাংবাদিক ভাৰ্গৱ কুমাৰ দাসে। শুকুৰবাৰে গুৱাহাটীৰ ছয়মাইলস্থিত কমশ্ৰী হিতেশ্বৰ শইকীয়া মহাবিদ্যালয়ত বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱস উপলক্ষে আয়োজিত 'লকডাউন এণ্ড ৰেচটোৰেশ্বন অৱ্ নেচাৰ' শীৰ্ষক উইবিনাৰত সমল ব্যক্তি হিচাপে উপস্থিত থাকি এইদৰে কয় জ্যেষ্ঠ সাংবাদিক দাসে। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ উমাচৰণ বনিয়া লাইব্ৰেৰী এণ্ড এডুকেশ্বন চেণ্টাৰে আয়োজন কৰা উক্ত উইবিনাৰখন উদ্বোধন কৰে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ ডঃ শিখামণি কোঁৱৰে। গ্ৰন্থগাৰিকা গীতিকা দাসে পৰিচালনা কৰা আলোচনাত অসমৰ বিভিন্ন কলেজৰ অধ্যাপক, ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী, কৰ্মচাৰী উপস্থিত থাকে।

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Hiteswar Saikia College felicitates social worker

GUWAHATI, Feb 15: On the occasion of its annual function and prize distribution ceremony, Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College honoured social worker Govind Bordoloi with the Bishesh Xeuwa Bota 2020 for his dedicated service towards the mother community of the State through his organisation Maa, at a function held at the college on Saturday, said a press release.

The award, consisting of a citation, a *gamosa* and a token cash amount, was given to Bordoloi by veteran artiste Sudakhina Sarma, who was also feted on the occasion with a *gamosa* and cash for her significant contributions towards the world of Assamese songs and music.

Sarma and her son Rishiraj sang some evergreen songs on the occasion. Singer Gitali Kakoti also presented her popular Assamese numbers.

The college also felicitated its student Nabajyoti Baishya with a citation and a token cash award for his success in national and international aainball and football competitions and bringing laurels to the college.

The cultural function held on the occasion was inaugurated by the college's Principal Dr Sikhamoni Konwar, while the programmes were conducted by Indrani Gogoi Paniphukan and anchored by Dr Marami Choudhury. The cultural function was marked by enthusiastic participation of the teachers and the students of the college, the release added.