

PROFORMA

1. **Name of the College with address:** Cotton University, Panbazar, Guwahati – 781 001

2. **Day and Date of the event:** Monday, 9 October 2023

3. **Detail of the Resource Person:** Name: Dr Samudra Gupta Kashyap.

Designation: Chancellor, Nagaland University

Contact Number: 94350 48049

4. **Theme & Topic:** “Amrit Kaal Vimarsh: Viksit Bharat@2047”

“Mother Tongue, Knowledge Formulations and making of Naya Bharat”.

5. **Key points of the Lecture** (describe in maximum 500 words)

Dr. Kashyap in his talk affirmed significance of mother tongue, how one at ease can communicate to express own ideas. He cited advantages with examples how mother tongue helps to release emotional expression with effective communication in addition to the identity a community derived from mother tongue.

The three language formula adopted in India based on the recommendation of Kothari Commission, 1956, continued to inherit the dilemma in the case of hill states of Northeastern India having hundreds on languages and communicate with their lingua franca within specific physical and cultural boundaries. Dr. Kashyap cited, Shri Bhima Kanta Barua’s work on - Evolution use and feature of Nagamis Language, the lingua franca among the communities of Nagaland too has a rich system of expression.

Dr. Kashyap discussed how the NEP, 2020 now has highlighted the rich heritage of eternal Indian languages and promotes the multilingual approach in teaching and learning; and affirmed quality education can be ensured only through own mother tongues at primary level of teaching and learning developing the curriculum from locality specific cultural, economic and ecological settings. Once a firm based of learning is established, promotion of multi - linguisticism not only ensure has big cognitive benefits to students, but multi-linguicism also promotes unity; however, put a caveat that no language should be imposed on people and communities.

Dr. Kashyap said, as languages are to be best to express our best thought, what will happen if our language is poor to express our thought and reflected how we have been impoverishing our mother tongue in favour of English and need to get rid of the mental slavery, that – we can’t do without English, English somehow become a language to expression of power in India; which is otherwise a language to link us globally.

Mother tongues are being the most appropriate for concept formulation, comprehend ideas, develop cognitive thinking and formulate understanding. One cannot do away with mother tongue to develop our human capital. Imparting science education in local language to encourage creativity and hence the medium of instruction need to match with mother tongue. Language cannot be the barrier in learning process, to learn and comprehension of ideas.

Dr. Kashyap during his lecture raised a weighty question? Why we have failed to tell the world our rich histories, certain very specific and pertinent ideas that could have been placed and give identity to lesser known communities? Dr. Kashyap cited many stories of unsung heroes of India's struggle for freedom in the context of states of Northeastern region, that it is because of not having recorded history, that could have been written by people in their own languages. Many incidences of histories, small but interesting and significant, are not told, but not recorded, so not revealed, and discovered.

It is the time to review our potential, the rich histories, evaluate what went wrong, rebuild solidarity, find the unifying threads of the communities.

6. Details of Attendance:

Students	Faculty	Staff	Others	Total
250	75	25	-	350

7. Feedback and Testimonials by students & participants:

The teachers and students gained immensely from the lecture as reported.

8. Copies of Advertisement and Media Coverage carried in the Local, Regional and National Newspaper. (Kindly share the photos & videos or a link of the full lecture in the Google Drive)

Links of You Tube and Facebook

<https://youtube.com/live/zh5yjBW2zFI?feature=share>

<https://www.facebook.com/cottonuniversityguwahati>

Guwahati floods: Experts for dredging of

RITURAJ BORTHAKUR

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The "first step" towards a practical solution to the recurring problem of flash floods in Guwahati, particularly in the Bharalu basin, is to dredge the Bharalu - the main natural water channel of the city, according to experts.

"The carrying capacity of Bharalu presently is negligible. So is the case with its channels. As of today, the gradient of the Bharalu and Brahmaputra at Bharalumukh is around 4 metres," Principal of Barak Valley Engineering College Dr Diganta Goswami said.

While Guwahati is plagued by the absence of an integrated drainage network, the natural drainage of the city comprises mainly of Bahini, Basistha, Bharalu, Mora Bharalu and Bondajan channels. Bharalu basin is the most flood prone amongst the six catchment basins constituting Guwahati.

The 6.2-km Bharalu joins

the Brahmaputra at Bharalumukh. The bed level of the channel at Bharalumukh is 44

"No work has been done so far in this regard (dredging). Raising the height of the guard

which indicates that they too have exhausted their carrying capacities. Pumping is no so-

in the past, said.

The city in recent years has been witnessing flash floods even after moderate rainfall of 30 mm-40 mm rainfall.

He felt that the Bharalu can be dredged for up to 10 to 15 metres vertically using sheet piles. "We will need a sluice gate at Bharalumukh to stop the backflow of Brahmaputra during high floods", he said.

While the dredging is "very much practical", one issue which may come in way, according to Goswami, is the bridges and culverts over Bharalu. "Their foundations are very shallow. The authorities may have to dismantle them," he added.

Professor Bipul Talukdar, who specializes in Water Resources Engineering, also agreed that dredging of the Bharalu and increasing the carrying capacity of the channels could bring some relief from the problem.

"The city has been lacking proper urban planning. Unsustainable constructions in the



File photo

metres. In contrast, even during the lean period, the Brahmaputra river level is about 43.900 m.

wall will only compound the problem. Even the drains connecting Bharalu are filled with water throughout the year,

lution as it will mean directing the water to another area." Dr Goswami, who had studied the urban flood problem of the city

WEATHER GUWAHATI

Generally cloudy sky with few spells of rain or thundershowers. Maximum and minimum temperatures are most likely to be 30°C and 24°C respectively.

TEMPERATURE:
 Maximum 27.8°C
 Minimum 23.2°C

Talk at Cotton varsity

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The Cotton University is hosting a dialogue at the Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha auditorium of the university on October 9.

It is an initiative of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi on the theme - 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh: Vksit Bharat@2047'.

Chancellor of Nagaland University Dr Samudra Gupta Kashyap will deliver a talk on the theme - 'Mother tongue, knowledge formulations and making of naya Bharat' on the occasion. - Staff Reporter

OBITUARY

M Badaruddin Ahmed

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Matin Badaruddin Ahmed, an advocate of the Gauhati High Court passed away at his Lachit Nagar residence this morning following a heart attack. He was 67.

He was closely involved with the historic Assam Movement. A forerunner in social causes, he was associated with various socio-cultural organizations.

He leaves behind his wife and a daughter besides relatives and well-wishers.

His *janaza* was performed at the Guwahati Kabrasthan at Athgaon this evening.

TMC takes State govt to task over artificial flooding in Guwahati

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The Manata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Friday accused the State government of failure to solve the problem of artificial flooding in the city.

"For years, the people of Guwahati have been subjected to hellish conditions caused by artificial floods. Despite government promises to resolve the issue, these commitments have proven to be mere illusions. Despite the allocation of crores of rupees for artificial flood mitigation, the problem persists. Mismanagement by the State government has led to Guwahati residents enduring a nightmarish ordeal due to the relentless artificial floods. The root cause of this predicament lies in the failure to promptly clean

the city's drainage system, leaving its inhabitants grappling with the aftermath of flooding," TMC Assam unit Media department chairman, Dilip Kumar Sarma, said.

He accused the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) and the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) of not taking timely action.

"According to a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), authorities failed to utilize Rs 209 crore last year. Specifically, the GMC and GMDA neglected (to spend) Rs 15 crore allocated for drainage cleaning, Rs 12 crore for solid waste management, and Rs 16 crore for artificial flood control. An alarming revelation emerged in October 2021 when Guwahati Smart City Limited purchased 10

super-suckers at a staggering cost of Rs 26 crore, with the intention of deploying them to clean the city's drains. However, due to inadequate management, these valuable assets have been abandoned, leaving large areas of the city, including Anil Nagar, Nabin Nagar, RG Baruah Road, Hatigaon, etc., in a pitiable state. Guwahati Development Minister Ashok Singhal has come under scrutiny as the primary individual responsible for this dire situation. Notably, he claimed just a few days ago that the city's residents are celebrating their freedom from artificial floods. The question now stands - where have those claims gone?" Sarma said.

The TMC also demanded a thorough investigation into the utilization of funds allocated for tackling artificial flooding in the city.

Police high-handed NewsClick condemns

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: The Axom Nagarik Samaj and Bharat Jodo Abhiyaan, Assam have condemned the police high-handedness meted out to the digital platform NewsClick.

In a statement, they demanded that Prabir Purkayastha, the founder editor and Amit Chakraborty, administrative officer of the news platform be released immediately.

"A number of media personalities and academics directly and indirectly associated with the media platform were harassed and their homes were raided the other day without following due process of law only because sometime back The New York Times wrote an article accusing the media platform of receiving some funds from foreign sources for ulterior motives," read the statement.

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essed crete step being taken to
cue dispose of the waste, which
now lies around on the

Meanwhile, the district
administration has issued
a helpline number for peo-
ple facing problems relat-
ed to water logging.

Entrepreneur of AIFMP

Entrepreneurs from Assam received
the late Ramendra Narayan
Baruah and Dibyajyoti Kalita, cur-
rent president of the All Assam Press
Association. Dutta Baruah is now
taking the task of leading this estab-
lishment at the national level.
He was Vice President East in 2018-
19, Secretary in 2019-20, and Gen-
eral Secretary in 2022-23. He is currently
the president of the All Assam Press Own-
ers Association. His leadership and vision
played an important role in shaping the
the printing industry in India,
especially after the contraction of the
1990s period, stated a press release.

CC stages protest

... Lok Sabha elections and resort
to such cheap tactics through
their notorious IT cell. The BJP
cannot alter the positive percep-
tion of Rahul Gandhi in the
hearts and minds of the people."

The protest saw the partici-
pation of distinguished leaders,
including Assam Pradesh
Women's Congress President
Mira Borthakur, Kamrup (M)
District Congress President
Naba Talukdar, Pradesh Con-
gress General Secretaries Ra-
manna Baruah, and Bipul Go-
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CU to host development dialogue on Oct 9

GUWAHATI, Oct 6: Cotton
University (CU) will be host-
ing a dialogue on October
9 at the Kalaguru Bishnu
Rabha Auditorium of the
university. This develop-
ment dialogue is an initia-
tive of the Indian Council
of Social Science Re-
search, New Delhi, on the
theme 'Amrit Kaal Vimarsh:
Viksit Bharat@2047'.

The dialogues shall be
initiated by a talk by the
Chancellor of Nagaland
University, Dr. Samudra
Gupta Kashyap, on the
theme "Mother Tongue,
Knowledge Formulations,
and the Making of Naya
Bharat".

The lecture series on
the theme 'Amrit Kaal Vima-
rsh: Viksit Bharat@2047'
aims at generating public
discourse towards having
appropriate policies and
programmes for inclusive
growth and development
for various sectors of so-
ciety and the economy
and for the transformation
of the nation into a devel-
oped economy, stated a
press release.



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9. Details of Expenditure

1. Recording, Facebook, and you tube live -	Rs. 12,000/
2. Banner, Flex and Standees	Rs. 6965/
3. Tea and Refreshments	Rs. 9450/
4. Miscellaneous	Rs. 1000/

Total expenses - Rs. 29,415/

10. Any other details/ Observation's: