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### Principal Speaks

#### QUALITY EDUCATION



The ideal of Education has long been the improvement of the individual. A really educated person should be facilitator of social growth and development instead of being a burden on the society. Any qualitative and effective education system must make room for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for adventure of ideas, for search of truth and for march of the common people towards higher objectives of life. It has been high time for our educationists and educational planners to think over how far our Higher educational system had been successful in meeting with all these requirements.

With the changing times and declining values, the problem being faced in the arena of Higher Education is of quality. Teaching-learning process has posed the relevant question about the track being followed by teachers. Quality education, now sadly missing to some extent, should improve evolution of intellectual mind-set of learners. In the context of globalization and keeping in mind the emergence of the new situation, attempts are being made to restructure our Higher educational system to make it soci ally relevant.

Kajojan College was established in order to cater the need of Higher Education to a large number of poor, backward and rural students belonging to Teok, Kajojan and the neighbouring areas. The college aims, more particularly at uplifting these sections of society by spreading "Quality Education" amongst them.

Dr. Deepak Kr. Sarma  
 Principal, Kajojan College

### KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUE STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDY CENTRE

In order to make Higher Education accessible to all the people, to widen the reach of education to remote areas, the Government of Assam, through a resolution in the Legislative Assembly, established K. K. Handique State Open University. A study centre of this Open University was also started at Kajojan College in the year 2007 with Mr. D.K. Mahanta, HOD, English as its Co-ordinator. A public meeting was held on January 5, 2007 under the chairmanship of Dr. Deepak Kr. Sarma, Principal of the College in order to inform the public about the study centre.

### HUNOUR

A Story About Everybody

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

### 'Missionaries rendered yeoman's service to resurrect Asomiya language' 4th Dulal Chandra Khound Memorial Lecture



"An assessment of the socio-economic condition of Assam at the time of arrival of the American missionaries is must before taking any stand on their impact on Asomiya art and folklore," said Dr. Brojen Bordoloi, a retired project administrative manager of the ground train systems, New York, USA and a leading scholar on folklore while addressing the fourth Dulal Chandra Khound Memorial Lecture held at the auditorium of Kajojan College on December 20, 2006. He also said that the Asomiya people will acknowledge the fact that the missionaries rendered yeoman's service for the resurrection of Asomiya language during the 19th century.

The topic of the lecture was "The contribution of American Missionaries to various aspects of Asomiya art and folklore during the 19th century". In his impressive lecture, Dr. Bordoloi

highlighted the fact that before the arrival of the Baptist missionaries, the socio-economic condition of Assam was miserable due to the Burmese invasion. Though they also had to bear the brunt of the situation, the British and the American missionaries made significant contributions to Asomiya literature, journalism, collection and publication of historical books, textual criticism, numismatic ethnography, art and folklore. Dr. Bordoloi added.

The congregation was presided over by the Principal of the College Dr. Deepak Kr. Sarma which was well-attended by many people besides the teachers and students of the college. Prior to the proceeding, Mira Khound, wife of Late Dulal Chandra Khound, lighted the lamp and inaugurated the lecture.



You may judge a flower or a butterfly by its looks, but not a human being - Rabindramath Tagore



editorial

WHETHER ENGLISH



English, which was originally the mother-tongue of the Germanic tribes of the British Isles, enjoys the status of an international language at present. Its influence is felt everywhere on all the continents. Outside England, English is currently used as the first language such as the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and as the chief medium of communication in South Africa and India. It is now spoken as a second language throughout the world. As a link language, English plays a significant role in the East. Though historical, political and economic factors have much to do with the world-wide extension of English, there are qualities and characteristics inherent in the language itself to which English owes its ever-increasing global appeal.

English have been playing an important role in our educational system as well as in our national life. English is in India today a symbol of peoples' aspiration for quality in education and a fuller participation in national and international life. English is surely the link language of India, connecting various peoples and cultures. The language is visible everywhere in the country, from metros and cities to towns and even villages. Be it roadside billboards, cinema posters or personal greeting cards, English has become the medium of communication in a country with 18 official languages and thousands of dialects.

English is a link language in India. It is the only language which is understood by the educated people all over the country. The influence is visible in movies, music and other expressions of popular culture, which is increasingly turning to English. India is poised to become one of the largest English-speaking nations, producing hundreds of newspapers, journals and books in the language. Today, a large number of educated Indians use the English language as a medium of creative explorations and expressions of their experiences of life. Their writings have developed into a substantial body of literature which is now known as Indian English literature. Besides books, we have a wealth of written materials in English. Serious literary magazines published from various cities and towns all over the country- the numerous English news papers, journals with impressive circulations, all reveal in style and format the high standard we can achieve with the English language.

As an international language, English has created better understanding among the nations of the world and has been responsible for cultural give and take. It has facilitated mobility of teachers and students from one country to another. It has opened world-wide chances for employment. English, with its cosmopolitan outlook and easy adaptability, is poised to play an important role in the emerging global village.

I can't conclude without extending thanks to the Principal, all teachers, students as well as readers.

Happy reading!!!

Thank you and best wishes.....

*Pankaj Goswami*  
(Pankaj Goswami)

CALL TO INCLUDE SANSKRIT IN SCHOOL SYLLABUS. RASTRIYA YUVA DIVAS OBSERVED

"Sanskrit language should be made a compulsory subject in school syllabus. By removing the Sanskrit language from the school syllabus, the Education Department has destroyed the awareness of the people towards our tradition."

This was stated by Narayan Chandra Dev. Goswami, Vaishnavite scholar, Sankardev awardee and Xatradhikar of Natun Kamalabari Xatra of Majuli while addressing a function organized on the occasion of the Rastriya Yuva Divas in Kakojan College. The function was observed on 2nd January 2007 under the aegis of the Jorhat branch of Vivekananda Kendra in association with Kakojan College's Extension Services Cell.



Xatradhikar Goswami, who is also a patron of Vivekananda Schools of Assam, stated that the conscious section of the society has a major role to play for removing the errors of our educational system by paying due importance to the Indian philosophy and tradition. He also said, "We should treat all people equally by following the real essence of religion heartily."

The programme was also addressed by Dr. Deepak Kr. Sarma, Principal and Prabhat Ch. Goswami, former Principal of Kakojan College. Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Soneet Kumar Baruah, organizer of the Jorhat branch of Vivekananda Kendra.

A Krishna Nritya, presented by Papori Mahanta and a Borgeet by Snigdhanjali Kalita delighted the audiences. Bhargav Bharadwaz Krishna presented Santi- mantra and the vote of thanks was offered by Mantu Kumar Borah. A Book and Photo exhibition was also organized at the college campus on the occasion.

41ST FOUNDATION DAY OBSERVED

41st Foundation Day of Kakojan College was observed extensively on 24th July, 2007. Participating in a meeting held on the occasion, the chief guest Dr. Debabrata Sarmah, a noted writer and lecturer in English, Jorhat College delivered a lecture on the topic "Insurgent Movement in Assam: A Historic Analysis". He opined that the future of the insurgent movement of Assam is bleak and unhappy one which met similar fate in Punjab. He said that it should be resolved through a look at its historic background and through self-analysis on the part of government and



other related organizations. The meeting was attended by retired Principal Mr. Prabhat Ch. Goswami, the President of Alumni of the college and former Podadhikar of Srimanta Sankardeva Sangha Mr. Mukeshwar Saikia, and many other. At the occasion, Dr. Pabitra Gogoi and Dr. Monirul Hussain, ex-students of the college were felicitated for obtaining Ph.D. Degree. Prior to the meeting, other programmes held were flag-hoisting, plantation, "Smitir tarpon" and a get-together of Alumni.

ACHIEVEMENT OF ALUMNI

Congratulation

ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Monirul Hussain, lecturer in Sociology of Fukuting College has been awarded Ph. D. Degree by Dibrugarh University for his research work on the topic "Moriya Community of Assam: A Sociological Study".



Miss Dipanjali Hazarika, a student of the college has secured first class in Sociology (Major) in the B.A Final Examination, 2006-2007 session.



Try and stand on one leg and then you will realize what a blessing it is to have two legs - G. K. Chesterton



### WOMEN BEING DEPRIVED SINCE MIDDLE AGE



Women's Cell of Kakojan College, organized a lecture on the topic 'Legal Right and Protection of the Women' on February 10, 2007 at the auditorium of the college.

Chaired by Madhab Samah, Vice Principal of Kakojan College, Pronoti Borthakur, noted advocate of Jorhat, delivered a lecture on the various aspects of legal right and protection of women.

Addressing hundreds of women hailing from various self-help groups and Mohila Xamitis of greater Teok and Kakojan areas, advocate Borthakur made an analysis as to how women have been deprived of their deserving rights and protection since middle age.

By making references to Hindu Hereditary Law of 1956, Hindu Marriage Law of 1955 and 20 other laws regarding protection of woman, she discussed in detail about various legal rights already attained by woman.

Prior to it, Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, Co-ordinator of the cell and Sr. lecturer, Dept. of Sociology, initiated the proceeding of the discourse and Sr. lecturer Raju Baruah explained the purpose of the meet. The lecture was followed by an interaction between speaker Borthakur and other women in which she also spoke on the various aspects of emancipation of women. The lecture was also attended by teachers of Kakojan College, former teachers and students



### ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES (WOMEN'S CELL)

**Field Survey:** Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, Co-ordinator and Mrs. Archana Bhattacharjee, an executive member of the Centre for Women's Studies conducted field survey in a neighbouring village on the topic "Health Awareness among Rural Women".

**Studies on Women's Problem:** Two members of the Cell have been studying on women's problems leading to M. Phil Degree. Mrs. Jinumoni Saikia, a lecturer in the Department of Economics have been studying on the topic "Economic Role of Rural Women Towards Women Empowerment" and Mrs. Rinti Rani Samah, a lecturer in Education have been studying on the topic "Primary Education among Female Children in a Rural Area of Assam".

Mrs. Bijoy Lakshmi Neog, a senior lecturer in the Department of Education conducted a study on "Problems of Girl's Education at the Secondary Stage".

**Supervising Research Work on Women's Studies:** Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, Co-ordinator of the Centre for Women's Studies and Senior lecturer, Dept. of Sociology has been supervising research work leading to M. Phil Degree under three Universities of India. Dr. Bordoloi has been supervising 10 scholars for M. Phil Degree on Women's issues.

Dr. Kanaka Goswami, a senior member of the Centre for Women's Studies and Sl. Grade lecturer in the Department of Political Science has been supervising research work leading to M. Phil Degree.

### Congratulation



Mr. Deva Kr. Mahanta, Head, Dept. of English has obtained M.Phil. Degree from Madurai Kamaraj University. He successfully completed his dissertation entitled "The Quest for Roots in the Poetry of R. Parthasarthy" under the guidance of Prof. N.D.R. Chandra, Dept. of English, Nagaland Central University.

### ACHIEVEMENT OF FACULTY

Mrs. Runima Baruah and Mrs. Raju Baruah of Assamese Department won prizes in an essay competition for their essay entitled "Women Empowerment, Social-system and Role of Government" organised by Progotiseel Nari Sanstha on the occasion of International Women Day on the 7th March, 2007 in Guwahati.

### FRESHERS SOCIAL HELD



The freshers' social of Kakojan College was held on 5th August, 2006 with a day long programme at the college campus. It was started with the hoisting of flag by Mr. Ruhit Saikia, the President of Kakojan College Students' Union and "Smritir Tarpon" offered by the Vice-president Polash Jyoti Bora. Afterwards, an open session was held under the chairmanship of Hemanta Sharma, the Assistant General Secretary of Students' Union. The main meeting held for this occasion was presided over by Dr. Deepak Kr. Sarma, the Principal of the college. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bijoy Sarma, the Principal of J.B. College, Jorhat and Dr. Pabitra Pran Goswami, the Principal of Jorhat College refreshed the nostalgic memories of their school days and insisted on the need of reading books to nourish the mental health. They also appealed the students to remove fear from the mind in learning the English language. Mr. Membor Gogoi, the local MLA and the President of Governing Body, Kakojan College also joined the meeting as a special invitee and Mr. Madhab Sharma, the Vice-principal of the college addressed the gathering on behalf of the Teachers' Unit.



### IQAC

Under the guideline of NAAC, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Kakojan College was constituted on January 18, 2005 to promote best practices and quality assurance in the college. The cell has acted to take all possible measures to fulfill the "Vision" and "Mission" of NAAC. It has strived to work towards the goal of promoting the college as a center of excellence. The cell is expected to act as a main source in collecting and storing information about the college, to adopt best practices in the various aspects of college's education be it classroom teaching, research, co-curricular activities or extra curricular activities.



### COLLEGE MAGAZINE RELEASED

The 19th edition of Kakojan College annual magazine of the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 was released by Dr. Bijoy Sarma, the Principal of J.B. College, Jorhat on the 5th August 2006 on the eve of freshers' social of the college. The magazine published under the banner of Kakojan College Students' Union was edited by its magazine secretary Joyanta Pathok.

*The smell of flowers goes only with the wind, but the fame of good men goes even against the wind-Buddha*



ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS/DEPARTMENTAL WINGS



❖ The Department of History organized two departmental seminars during the academic year 2006-2007 on the topic "Political Condition of Assam on the eve of the 13th century A.D." and "Why Gupta Period was called the Golden Period in the History of India". A Quiz competition was also held on the occasion of Teachers Day.

❖ English Study and Literary Forum, a wing of the Department of English, organized a day long departmental seminar on January 29, 2007 on such



topics as "A Birds' Eye view on Bacon's Prose-style", "Wordsworth's Theory of Poetry", "W. B. Yeats as Symbolic Poet", "George Orwell as a Reformer of English Language", and "Origin of Sonnets and Shakespeare as a Sonneteer". Chaired by Mr. D.K. Mahanta, HOD, students of T.D.C. I, II, & III year presented papers on these topics and observation was made by the teachers. It was followed by interaction among the students and participants.

❖ Sociological Study Centre, a Departmental Wing of the Department of Sociology organized four seminars on various topics such as-"Ethnic Problems and its solutions in N.E. India", Development of Indian Sociological Thought", "Industrialization in Assam: Its Impact and Prospects", "Women and their Social Status in Modern India" in 2006-2007 academic session. Several papers were presented by the students followed by interactions. Mr. Dhiren Kalita, HOD, Sociology was the Chairperson of the seminar.



❖ The students of the Department of Education under the guidance of concerned faculty visited Prajapita Iswarya Viswavidyalaya, Jorhat centre on the day of Rakshya Bandhan and interacted with the teachers and students on that particular day. The students also made a field trip to "Prarona", a destitute-home in the same month for doing a case-study of the various physical and mental problems faced by this section of physically challenged and destitute people.



VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF NCC AND NSS

In a three day long huge Mother and Children Conference held at the Kakojan Playground in the month of December 2006 under the aegis of Srimanta Sankardeva Sangha, the members of NCC and NSS of Kakojan college under the guidance of concerned faculty members rendered necessary voluntary services at the venue. It may be mentioned that NSS and NCC wings of the college were formed with Mr. Dhiren Kolita, HOD, Dept. of Sociology as its in-charge and Mr. Lakhya Pratim Nirmolia, lecturer in History as its Care taker officer.



ACTIVITIES OF ICGC

❖ The Information and Career Guidance Cell (ICGC) of the college under IQAC has been monitoring four self funded short term vocational courses. These courses are Spoken English for Degree 1st year students, Mobile Phone Repairing or Beautician course for Degree 2nd year students and office Asst and Customer Care Executive course for Degree 3rd year students. The ICGC conducted examinations of these courses and the success rate is 62.91%, 67.44% and 60.31% respectively. The ICGC conducted counseling programmes under the guidance of the placement officers, Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi and Mrs. Archana Bhattacharjee on various academic programmes, self employment, future courses of study etc.

❖ Ten students including N.C.C. cadets of the college participated in the Army Workshop Camp held on 23rd Nov. 2006 at Rowrah, Jorhat. A seminar was also attended by the students on the topic "Indian Army and its Strength".

❖ Six students of the Degree Classes of the college cleared an examination conducted by the Govt. of Assam under the "Udyog Jyoti Scheme".

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION/FIELD STUDY

❖ A trip to Darjiling and Gangtok - A group of teachers, employers and students of the college made an educational excursion to hill city Darjiling and Gangtok, capital of Sikkim, in the last part of October, 2006.

❖ A day long field study was made by the students of T.D.C. II year under the guidance of concerned faculty members to the bird-sanctuaries located at Janjimukh, an attractive and beautiful valley of mighty river Brahmaputra in the month of January, 2007. Students submitted their field study reports to the concerned faculty members later for assessment.

❖ Sociological Study Centre organized a field trip to Meghalaya on November 2006. A team consisting of two faculty members and 18 students made an educational trip to the state of Meghalaya, a north eastern hill state.

❖ The teachers and students of Botany Department made a tour to Kaziranga National Park for doing a Botanical study in the month of January, 2007.

❖ An educational trip was made by the faculty members and students of the Department of Education to Historic Tezpur and its surrounding areas in the month of December, 2006.

PAPER PRESENTATION

❖ Mrs. Archana Bhattacharjee, sr. lecturer in English and Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, sr. lecturer in Sociology presented seminar papers in one U.G.C. sponsored international seminar and three National seminars during the academic year 2006-2007.

❖ Mrs. Bijoy Lakshmi Neog, sr. lecturer in Education, Mr. Jinumoni Saikia, lecturer in Economics and Mr. Pankaj Goswami, lecturer in English presented papers in one U.G.C. sponsored National seminar during the academic year 2006-2007.

*The two great movers of the human mind are the desires of good, and the fear of evil - Johnson*