

## A REPORT ON NSS ORIENTATION COURSE FOR PROGRAMME OFFICERS



After being appointed as an NSS Programme Officer, we took the opportunity to undergo an Orientation Course for the NSS Programme Officers held in IIE (Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship) held from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 16 July, 2016. The course emphasises on the importance on the students' community to take active participation in the society other than merely pursuing academic learning.

National Service Scheme (NSS) is not an old concept. It is under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India, and popularly known as NSS. It was launched in Gandhiji's Birth Centenary Year 1969, in 37 Universities involving 40,000 students with primary focus on the development of personality of students through community service. Today, NSS has more than 3.2 million student volunteers on its roll spread over 298 Universities and 42 (+2) Senior Secondary Councils and Directorate of Vocational Education all over the country. From its inception, more than 3.75 crores students from Universities, Colleges and Institutions of higher learning have benefited from the NSS activities, as student volunteers.

In India, the idea of involving students in the task of national service dates back to the times of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation in order to understand their social responsibility. The first duty of the students should be, not to treat their period of study as one of the opportunities for indulgence in intellectual luxury, but for preparing themselves for final dedication in the service to the nation. The University Grants Commission headed by Dr. Radhakrishnan recommended introduction of national service in the academic institutions on a voluntary basis with a view to developing healthy contacts between the students and teachers and community. The idea was again considered by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) at its meeting held in January, 1950. First Five year Plan adopted by the Government of

India in 1952, the need for social and labour service for students for one year was further stressed. In 1958, the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his letter to the Chief Ministers, mooted the idea of having social service as a prerequisite for graduation. He further directed the Ministry of Education to formulate a suitable scheme for introduction of national service into the academic institutions. In 1959, a draft outline of the scheme was placed before the Education Minister's Conference. The Conference was unanimous about the urgent need for trying out a workable scheme for national service. In 1960, at the instance of the Government of India, Prof. K.G. Saiyidain studied national service by students implemented in several countries of the world and submitted his report under the title "National Service for the Youth" to the Government. The Education Commission headed by Dr. D.S. Kothari (1964-66) recommended that students at all stages of education should be associated with some form of social service. The Vice Chancellors' Conference in September, 1969 welcomed this recommendation. In May, 1969, a conference of the students' representatives of the universities and institutions of higher learning convened by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission also unanimously declared 'that national service could be a powerful instrument for national integration. On September 24, 1969, the then Union Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao, launched the NSS programme in 37 universities covering all States and simultaneously requested the Chief Ministers of States for their cooperation and help.

### **BASIC CONCEPTS**

The overall aim of National Service Scheme as envisaged earlier, is to give an extension dimension to the higher education system and orient the student youth to community service while they are studying in educational institution. The reason for the formulation of this objective is the general realization that the college and +2 level students have a tendency to get alienated from the village/slum masses which constitute the majority of the population of the country. The educated youth who are expected to take the reins of administration in future are found to be unaware of the problems of the village/slum community and in certain cases are indifferent towards their needs and problems. Therefore it is necessary to arouse the social conscience of the students, and to provide them an opportunity to work with the people in the villages and slums. It is felt that their interaction with the common villagers and slum dwellers will expose them to the realities of life and bring about a change in their social perception.

### **The Coverage of NSS:**

Started initially in 37 universities involving 40,000 volunteers, the scheme has grown over the years and it is implemented today with an involvement of more than 2.6 million volunteers spread over in 200 Universities, Polytechnics and +2 Systems. The efforts of NSS volunteers have been widely acclaimed by the community, universities, colleges and general public as the NSS volunteers have been rendering selfless service to the community.

### **The Motto of NSS:**

The Motto of NSS "***Not Me But You***", reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service. NSS helps the students develop appreciation to other person's point of view and also show consideration to /other living beings. The philosophy of the NSS is well doctined in this motto, which underlines/on the belief that the welfare .of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of the society on the whole and therefore, the NSS volunteers shall strive for the well-being of the society.



### **The Symbol of NSS:**

The symbol for the NSS has been based on the giant Rath Wheel of the world famous Konark Sun Temple (The Black Pagoda) situated in Orissa, India. The wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release and signifies the movement in life across time and space, the symbol thus stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social change.

### **The Badge of NSS:**

The NSS Symbol is embossed on the badge. The eight bars in the wheel represent the 24 hours of a day. The red colour indicates that the volunteer is full of young blood that is lively, active, energetic and full of high spirit. The navy blue colour indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of the mankind.

### **NSS Day**

NSS was formally launched on 24th September, 1969, the birth centenary year of the Father of the Nation. Therefore, 24 September is celebrated every year as NSS Day with appropriate programmes and activities.

### **NSS Song**

During Silver Jubilee Year the NSS theme song has been composed. All NSS volunteers are expected to learn the theme song and sing the song during NSS programmes and celebrations. The theme song cassette is available and the theme song is given in the end of the Manual.



### **Enrollment of NSS Volunteers**

The strength of a unit will be 100 NSS volunteers normally. The strength of the NSS unit can be extended up to 120 volunteers in exceptional cases where second unit cannot be raised due to constraints. It is always preferable that a separate unit is started instead of enrolling more NSS volunteers.

In exceptional cases where the total strength of students enrolled is very small, a smaller NSS unit can be started with the strength of 75 NSS volunteers.

At college level the NSS volunteers will be enrolled from the first and second year degree-class students. Preference should be given to the students who have worked as NSS volunteers at +2 level also.

Students belonging to minority communities, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes should be encouraged to participate in NSS. They should be given due representation where more students desire to join NSS.

In co-educational colleges the girls should be motivated to join NSS.

The students from foreign countries studying in Indian universities should also be encouraged to join NSS so that they may share the experiences of national reconstruction and community work.

NCC cadets will not be allowed to join NSS. Similarly NSS volunteers will not participate in NCC or any other youth organisation as long as they are in NSS. Same restriction will apply to the NSS Programme Officers also.



### **PROGRAMME OFFICER – APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS**

The Programme Officer is expected to motivate student youth to understand the values and philosophy of NSS. The overall functions of Programme Officer are to help the students to plan, implement, and evaluate the activities of NSS under his/her charge and give proper guidance and directions to the student volunteers.

### **Regular Activities and Special Camping Programme**

**The Programme Officers have been given certain set of functions. They are entitled to--**

- Plan NSS Regular Activities and Special Camping Activity (Activities)
- Ensure that NSS volunteers complete prescribes hours of Regular Activities and Special Camping Activity
- 20 hours devoted to Orientation.
- Maintain necessary records and registers.
- Utilize the grant as per guidelines
- Submit the reports to Programme Coordinator, RC.
- Liaise (ink/Interact) with other departments.
- Convene NSS Advisory Committee meeting

### **CONCLUSION**

The Orientation Course for the NSS Programme Officers was very informative and the resource persons that were invited to reinforce us with their practical and theoretical knowledge were able to give us the maximum in regard to NSS. The Orientation Course made us realise our responsibility and return to our society which provided us with everything. They suggested us to work with the community more, for the community less. Our approach must be like providing most priority to the

person in our front, not on ourselves. We were advised to form a College/Institution Level Advisory Committee immediately as soon as possible following the structure given below.

- Chairperson : -Principal
- Members (2) : -2 staff members having social work Background
- Member: : - One representative of the Development department
- Member: : -One representative from the adopted Village
- Members: (2) : -2 NSS student leaders
- Member Secretary : -Programme Officer, NSS

In the closing of the Orientation Course on all the NSS Programme Officer were given a certificate for participation and involvement in all the activities. Additionally we were gifted with a piece nice Art Frame from IIE.

### **A report on Plantation Programme organised by NSS Unit**

NSS Unit of the college organized a **Plantation Programme** within the campus and some saplings were planted within the campus by teachers and students on August 13, 2016.

The programme was headed by Kamaruj Jaman Programme Officer of NSS Unit. The Plantation Programme started at 11am and closed at 12 pm.



A Report on NSS Volunteers taking part in the 70<sup>th</sup> '**Independence Day**' Celebration on 15th August, 2016



**A Report On "Cleanliness Drive Programme" In Beltola College**



In response to the theme- “AZADI-70, YAAD KARO KURBANI”, Beltola College organized Day long programmes according to the instruction. On August 13th a “CLEANLINESS DRIVE PROGRAMME” was conducted inside and outside campus from 10 am onwards. The programme was headed by Mrs Sadhana Kalita, Md Kamaruj Jaman, (NSS Programme officer), Himangshu Das, Priyanka Basumatary, Kabita Choudhury and Mitali Lahkar along with some associate faculty members and many of the active students. Taking initiative to the programme and keeping in view of the motto- ‘Cleanliness is next to Godliness’, Md. Jaman prepared an awareness banner in relation with the cleanliness programme. The programme started with an inaugural speech by Md Kamaruj Jaman, addressing the student community and attempting to create an awareness of cleanliness and its importance in day-to-day life. The programme set off with the Principal- Dr. Ajit Borkotoki’s cleaning of an area under the banyan tree with a broom followed by a troupe of student-volunteers eagerly ready for the programme. After cleaning every nook and corner of the college campus, the team headed for the outside including the peripheral and adjoining areas. They cleaned a part of the Beltola College Road, front part of Dakhin Beltola High School and Dakhin Beltola Shiva Temple. The team conducted awareness demonstration by cleaning the used and left out and thrown papers to the Paani Puri sellers and vendors (who sell edibles to the students) appealing them to maintain large dustbins in order to minimize garbage production near the college campus.



**A REPORT ON “BELTOLA COLLEGE NSS UNIT” FORMATION.**

**24 SEPTEMBER, 2016**

On the occasion of auspicious NSS DAY, that is 24<sup>th</sup>September, Beltola College forms its unit entitled as: "BELTOLA COLLEGE NSS UNIT" under Programme Officer Md. Kamaruj Jaman, Assistant Professor, Department of English. As the title shows, NSS means NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME and all the volunteers are entitled to give hand for the society. With the presence of a great number of enthusiastic NSS Volunteers, the formation of "BELTOLA COLLEGE NSS UNIT" was done. Narrating the objectives of NSS, the Programme Officer Md. Jaman made a speech emphasising the importance of giving service and helping hand to the needy. A short term cultural programme was also conducted in which student volunteers delivered speeches, sang songs relating to NSS.





## **A Report on Cleanliness Drive Programme conducted by NSS Unit of Beltola College**

A **Cleanliness Drive Programme** within and outside of the college campus was organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit on October 5, 2016. All the NSS Volunteers were present in the programme. The programme was headed by Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer of NSS Unit. The Programme started at 11am and closed at 1 pm.



## **Plantation Programme by Beltola College NSS Unit in Collaboration with Dream Zone NGO**

Date: 23 November, 2016: Beltola College NSS Unit held a plantation programme in collaboration with noted NGO named "DREAM ZONE" in the college campus on 23 November. The saplings for plantation were donated by the NGO, keeping in relation with its "GREEN WEEK" theme. With the active participation of the NSS Volunteers and faculty members, 5 saplings of Neem and Krishna Chura plants were planted in the college premise. Along with all the faculty members, Ankita Sharma and Kamaruj Jaman, Assistant Professors in the Department of Environmental Studies and English respectively, planted two plants near the administrative building. The programmes came to a close at 1 pm.



## **A REPORT ON BELTOLA COLLEGE NSS UNIT'S ATTENDING "DIGITAL BANKING AWARENESS PROGRAMME" AT GAUHATI UNIVERSITY.**

05 December, 2016: A team of NSS Unit of Beltola College went to Gauhati University under the leadership of Md. Kamaruj Jaman, Assistant Professor, Department of English and NSS Programme Officer, Beltola College to attend the inaugural Function on "DIGITAL BANKING AWARENESS PROGRAMME" to be held in Gauhati University Campus at Phanidhar Sharma Seminar Hall on 5th of December.

The Inaugural Programme started at 12 pm with the presence of Mr Sarbananda Sonowal, Honourable Chief Minister, Assam, Naba Kumar Doley, Minister of Sports & Youth Welfare, Cultural Affairs, and high level dignitaries of State Bank India. The hall was already full with NSS Programme Officers and Volunteers coming from the colleges of different parts of Assam. All the speakers including Mr Sonowal paid importance on digital literacy specially on Digital Banking and the role of NSS Volunteers to literate people digitally.

The second session of the Programme emphasised on the practical implementation of the digital banking by using internet either in computers or Mobile Phones (smart phones). In this session 15 Venues in Guwahati were selected in order to literate people digitally with the help of NSS Volunteers. A demonstration based power point presentation was also done focusing on how to use ATM in different purposes other than just withdrawal of money, how to use POS (Point of Sale), how to install and use SBI supported Apps like SBI BUDDY, SBI PAY, SBI ANYWHERE etc.





## 'Republic Day' Celebration

NSS Volunteers took part in the 68<sup>th</sup> 'Republic Day' Celebration on 26 January, 2017. Also NSS Volunteers took part in the Cultural Rally organized in connection with the 68th 'Republic Day' on 26 January, 2017





NSS Volunteers took active participation in the Brahmaputra Literary Festival held on 28 and 29 January, 2017.



## **A Report on Awareness Campaign: Dream Mission- Beltola College: The Cleanest College**

An Awareness Campaign: Dream Mission- Beltola College: The Cleanest College was conducted by NSS on March 2, 2017. All the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff and student volunteers were present in the programme. The programme was inaugurate by Dr. Ajit Borkotoky, Principal of the college, and headed by Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer of NSS Unit. The Programme started at 11am and closed at 1 pm.



## Observance of 'World Environment Day'

'World Environment Day' was observed on June 05, 2017. Teachers, Students' Union and students, especially NSS Unit took active part in the programme, emphasizing on afforestation and preservation of forest.



### বেলতলা কলেজত বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱস পালন

গুৱাহাটী, ৫ জুন : বিগত বছৰবোৰৰ দৰে এইবাৰো ৫ জুন তাৰিখে বেলতলা কলেজত বিশ্ব পৰিৱেশ দিৱস পালন কৰা হয়। কলেজৰ পৰিৱেশ সজাগতা কোষ, এন এছ এছ ইউনিট, ইংৰাজী আৰু হিন্দী বিভাগ, ছাত্ৰ একতা সভা, সকলো শিক্ষক শিক্ষয়িত্ৰী আৰু ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰী সহযোগত পৰিৱেশ সজাগতা সভা তথা বৃক্ষৰোপণ কাৰ্যসূচী পালন কৰা হয়। কলেজৰ পৰিৱেশ সজাগতা কোষৰ তৰফৰ পৰা ভাৰতী দেৱী আৰু বৰ্ণালী মোহনৰ তত্ত্বাৱধানত মাৰ্বিপাৰা প্ৰাথমিক বিদ্যালয়ত সজাগতা সভা তথা বৃক্ষৰোপণ কাৰ্যসূচী পালন কৰা হয়। ইংৰাজী আৰু হিন্দী বিভাগৰ যথাক্ৰমে পংকজ কলিতা, কামাৰুজ জামান আৰু দিব্যজ্যোতি ডেকা আৰু ৰমেশ ৰায়, লগতে বেলতলা কলেজৰ এন এছ এছ ইউনিটে তুলি লোৱা পামহীৰ মইনাখোৰোং গাওঁত গৈ গাঁওবুঢ়া নদীন নাংহ্ৰাঙৰ সহযোগত গাঁৱৰ খেলপথাৰৰ সীমাত সজাগতা সভা তথা বৃক্ষৰোপণ কাৰ্যসূচী পালন কৰা হয়। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ছাত্ৰ একতা সভা সকলো শিক্ষক শিক্ষয়িত্ৰী আৰু ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰীয়ে কলেজ চৌহদ পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰে।

## Celebrated the 'International Yoga Day'

Beltola College NSS Unit celebrated the 'International Yoga Day' on June 21, 2017 at the College Auditorium. All the college teachers, office staff, students and members of the Students Union Body, NSS Volunteers attended the programme.



## 'Independence Day' Celebration

71<sup>st</sup> 'Independence Day' celebrated on 15 August, 2017 by NSS Volunteers. 17. NSS Volunteers took part in the Cultural Rally organized in connection with the 71<sup>st</sup> 'Independence Day', 2017



## Relief Materials Distributed To Flood Victims by NSS Unit and Disaster Management Cell, 2017

To respond to the emergency call of time, i.e. Flood of Assam, NSS Unit and Disaster Management Cell of Beltola College organized a relief material collection programme within the Beltola College Community under the leadership of Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer, NSS Unit and Himangshu Das, Co-Ordinator, Disaster Management Cell, from 18 August to 22 August. With the collective effort of the NSS Volunteers along with Students Union Body, collected a considerable sum of food materials including rice (175 kg), beaten paddy (2 sacks), pulses (10 kg), biscuits (500 packets), drinking water bottle (6 cartons) milk (15 packets), gram, sugar, oil (10 packets) and some other daily needed materials like soap (20 pieces), shampoo, candles( 20 packets) etc. were collected. The chief donors of the materials are the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and Students Community. After collection, the materials were handed over to leading regional News Channel: DY 365 authority, who have been doing great work by their contributions to the flood victims.



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## Observance of 'Rashtriya Ekta Divas'

The National Service Scheme Unit of the college observed 'Rashtriya Ekta Divas' on 31 October, 2017 to commemorate Sardar Ballabhbhai Patel, the Iron-Man of India. All the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff and student volunteers were present in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Borkotoky, Principal of the college, and headed by Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer of NSS Unit. Teachers and students created a giant human chain which is symbolic of National Unity. The Unit also conducted a cleanliness drive within college campus which is the symbol of 'Swachchata' or cleanliness of heart. The Programme started at 11am and closed at 1 pm.



## বেলতলা কলেজত 'ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় একতা দিৱস'

গুৱাহাটী, ৩১ অক্টোবৰ : ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় প্ৰেক্ষাপটৰ লগত সংগতি ৰাখি মহানগৰীৰ বেলতলা কলেজৰ ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সেৱা যোজনা গোটে ৩১ অক্টোবৰত চৰ্দাৰ বল্লভভাই পেটেলৰ জন্মবাৰ্ষিকীত 'ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় একতা দিৱস' উদ্‌যাপন কৰে আৰু ভাৰতীয় স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনত আগভাগ লোৱা লৌহমানৱগৰাকীৰ ত্যাগ আৰু দেশপ্ৰেমক শ্ৰদ্ধাৰে স্মৰণ কৰে। ১১ বজাত কলেজৰ অধ্যক্ষ ড° অজিত বৰকটকীয়ে 'মহাবিদ্যালয় চৌহদ পৰিষ্কাৰণ' অনুষ্ঠানটোৰ শুভাৰম্ভ কৰে। প্ৰতিগৰাকী শিক্ষক-শিক্ষয়িত্ৰীৰ সক্ৰিয় অংশগ্ৰহণ আৰু প্ৰায় পাঁচ শতাধিক ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীয়ে ভাগ লোৱা এই অনুষ্ঠানটোৰ নেতৃত্ব দিয়ে 'ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সেৱা যোজনা'ৰ পোগ্ৰেম অফিচাৰ কোমাকৰুজ জামান আৰু বুৰঞ্জী বিভাগৰ সহকাৰী অধ্যাপিকা ৰশ্মিৰেখা হাজৰিকাই। শিক্ষক-কৰ্মচাৰী তথা বহুসংখ্যক ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী মিলি এক বিশাল মানৱশৃংখল সৃষ্টি কৰে আৰু একতাবদ্ধ হৈ কাম কৰাৰ আৰু 'মহাবিদ্যালয় চৌহদ পৰিষ্কাৰণ'ৰ জৰিয়তে মনৰ আৱৰ্জনা আঁতৰাই স্বচ্ছতাৰ প্ৰতীক হিচাপে প্ৰকাশ কৰে।





# বেলতলা কলেজত 'ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় একতা দিবস' উদ্‌যাপন

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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THE ASSAM TRIBUNE, GU

**WEATHER GUWAHATI**

**LOCAL FORECAST:**  
Mainly clear sky to partly cloudy sky. Shallow fog/mist is very likely to occur in the morning. Maximum and Minimum temperature are most likely to be 28°C and 19°C respectively on Wednesday.

**TEMPERATURE:**  
Max 27.8°C  
Min 17.6°C

## Tree uprooted near DC office, 3 injured

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 31: Three persons were injured when a tree suddenly got uprooted and fell down on the road near the Kamrup (Metro) DC office here this afternoon.

The incident took place around 2.30 pm, said an official of the district administration.

Among the injured were a woman and a child. They were passing through the area when the incident happened, but none of them came directly under the falling tree.

All the injured persons

## Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed

GUWAHATI, Oct 31: "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's contribution towards India's freedom struggle and consolidating India's unity in the post-Independence period will always remain a milestone in the history of the evolution of Indian Nationalism. He is the epitome of India's unity and integrity."

This observation was made by Dr Kashmiri Gogoi Baruah, Head, Dept of History of Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia College, in her lecture on 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's Contribution to India's Freedom Struggle' organised by the NSS Unit of the college on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas today commemorating the 142nd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Dr Baruah referred to American journalist William Shirer who talked highly of Sardar Patel and rated him to be the most influential figure in India, next to Mahatma Gandhi.

Throwing light on Sardar Patel's life and political career as freedom fighter, and later as the first deputy prime minister and first home minister of independent India, Dr Baruah showed how close an accomplice and confidant Sardar Patel was to Mahatma Gandhi.

The Iron Man of India played a crucial role in India's fight for independence at different stages, like the Non-cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, Quit India Movement and Peasants' Movement in Gujarat, she further said.



Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas: A Run for Unity' programme, at the Latasil field in Guwahati on Tuesday. - UB Photos

Earlier on the occasion, the College Principal Dr Sikhamon Konwar spoke on the sacrifices made by Sardar Patel and urged all to emulate him and work for national unity and integrity.

Assistant professors Dr Kanan Medhi Patgiri, Dr Saswati Baruah Bhuyan and Dr Anup Kr Deka, and many students also shared their views on Sardar Patel.

The day was also marked by a training programme organised by the college's Bharat Scouts and Guides Unit. The programme was conducted by Ranajit Basu, State Organising Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Assam. As many as 30 students of the college took part in the

daylong training programme.

Earlier a lecture titled 'Bharat Scouts and Guides - a Platform for Social Service' by Ranajit Basu was held in the inaugural session of the event. Basu spoke in detail on Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell and how they founded Scouts and Guides to serve humanity at large.

Dr Konwar threw light on the role played by Bharat Scouts and Guides in serving society in general. The programme was anchored and conducted by the college's Bharat Scout and Guides coordinators Biju Rajkhowa and Rajab Ali.

**At Beltola College:** Beltola College observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the

birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today.

On the occasion all the teaching and non-teaching staff and students, especially the NSS volunteers and Students' Union of Beltola College created a giant human chain to symbolise national unity. A cleanliness drive was also conducted to symbolise *swachhata* or cleanliness of heart.

The programme started with the cleaning of an area by Dr Ajit Borkotoky, Principal of the college. It was conducted under the in-charge of Rashmirekha Hazarika, Assistant Professor and Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer, NSS Unit, Beltola College.

The programme threw light on the life and works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel along with the sacrifices he made during the freedom struggle.

**Ekta Diwas at RSC:** The Regional Science Centre (RSC), Guwahati today observed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at its Khanapara premises here.

On the occasion, the staff of RSC and others took a pledge which was administered by project coordinator Basudev Mandal.

A drawing and poster competition for school children was held on the occasion. There was also a quiz programme and prize distribution ceremony.

Meanwhile, the Maligaon-headquartered NF Railway also observed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas today.

## Home loan celebration to mark milestone 1,000 beneficiaries

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Oct 31: Re-

iterating the State government's commitment to fulfil the fundamental requirements of food, cloth and shelter to every citizen for a dignified life, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today said that the government has taken up the 'Apon Ghar' home loan scheme in partnership with the State Bank of India to ensure that all permanent government employees can build their own house.

The Chief Minister said this while taking part as chief guest in the celebration to mark the milestone of one thousand beneficiaries and Rs 1,000 crore at a programme held at the Rabindra Bhawan here today.

"All State government employees must work with integrity and dedication. You must improve your skills to suit the requirements of modern-day work culture and be motivated by a sense of social responsibility while discharging your duties," Sonowal

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## **A REPORT ON 'WORLD AIDS DAY' CELEBRATION AT BELTOLA COLLEGE**

BELTOLA, GUWAHATI, December 1: In a dignified way World AIDS Day has been celebrated at Beltola College on December 1, 2017, organized by the IQAC Cell and NSS unit of the college. The programme started at 11:30 am with the inaugural speech of Rashmi Rekha Hazarika, Co-Ordinator, IQAC Cell, who stated the importance of this celebration and observation of this day. Chief Guest Dr Habibul Islam, Professor, Tripura Medical College addressed a host of students and gave a very relevant speech on AIDS, HIV and causes of them, symptoms and ways to cure them. His speech included various ways how a youth can protect the society through awareness and prevention. The positive sign was the students' including the NSS Volunteers concentration and eagerness towards the problems caused by AIDS by demonstrating placards in regard to stay safe from this deadly disease. President of the programme, Dr Ajit Borkotoky, principal of the college gave concluding speech and appealed the students to stay aware and spread awareness among people and lead a safe healthy life. In the end Kamaruj Jaman, Programme Officer of NSS Unit and Assistant Professor, Department of English gave vote of thanks to all. The programme came to a close at 12:30 pm.



NSS Volunteers took part in the 69<sup>th</sup> 'Republic Day' Celebration on 26 January, 2018. NSS Volunteers took part in the Cultural Rally organized in connection with the 69th 'Republic Day', 2018



## World Environment Day' observed at Beltola College

Beltola College NSS Unit took part in observance of the 'World Environment Day' on June 5, 2018, highlighting the importance of preservation of forest and harmful impacts of environmental degradation. A Cleanliness Drive Programme within and outside of the college campus was done. A Plantation programme was done by the NSS inside the college and at the adopted village.



## A Report on Observance of International Day of Yoga at Beltola College

With connection to the 4<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga, Beltola College also celebrated the same on June 21, 2018, at the College Auditorium. All the college teachers, office staff, students and members of the Students Union Body, NSS Volunteers and some students of the nearby LP School attended the programme. The programme was coordinated by the IQAC cell and NSS Unit of the college. The programme started with various yoga asanas. The importance and usefulness of yoga was discussed and all the participants are requested to practice yoga in their day to day life. The programme came to a close at 11:00 am.



## Participation in 'Role of youth in Cancer Control: Making Assam a Tobacco Free State' Workshop

NSS Programme Officer took part in the Workshop on 'Role of youth in Cancer Control: Making Assam A Tobacco Free State' on 24 July, 2018. The programme was held at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara.

