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Dr Balit Kumar Deka Award Instituted, 2018

The Zoological Society of Assam (ZSA) has instituted Dr Balit Kumar Deka Memorial Award from 2018 in memory of Dr Deka, a former Head of the Department of Zoology, Cotton College. The award is bestowed in memory of Dr Deka to a student who secures highest marks among the Zoology major students of the State in the BSc final examination appearing from any one of the universities of Gauhati, Dibrugarh, Bodoland and Assam University. The award carries a cash award of Rs 10,000 and a certificate of appreciation from the ZSA.

National Seminar on Recent Advances in Bio-sciences and Annual General Meeting of Zoological Society, 2018

A two-day National Seminar on “Recent Advances in Bio-sciences” and annual general meeting was organized by Department of Zoology, Pragjyotish College in Association with Zoological Society Of Assam from September 21-22, 2018. The seminar was attended by Hon’ble Minister Sri Siddhartha Bhattacharya. Many eminent academicians such as Prof. P.C.Bhattacharya, Sri P. Lahkar, Prof J.C.Kalita were present. Dr Jayanta Deka was the coordinator of the National Seminar. A large number of research papers were presented in different academic sessions.

National Conference on ‘Bioresources for Sustaining Life and Livelihoods in North East India’ organized by Department of Zoology, Nowgong College in association with the Zoological Society of Assam, 2018

A two-day national conference with the support of Assam Science Technology & Environment Council (ASTEC), DST, Government of Assam on “Bioresources for Sustaining Life and Livelihoods in North East India” was organised by Department of Zoology of Nowgong College in association with Institutional Advanced Level Biotech Hub, Nowgong College and Zoological Society of Assam (ZSA) on October 4 and 5, 2018. Around 120 delegates from different Indian universities, colleges and institutions participated besides a number of undergraduate and postgraduate students. The two-day conference was inaugurated by Dr Arup Kumar Misra, Director, Assam Science Technology & Environment Council (ASTEC), DST, Government of Assam. The keynote speech was delivered by Dr NC Talukdar, Director, Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology (IASST), DST, Government of India. Dr Talukdar explained how China, Vietnam and Thailand use their bioresources to develop their economies. Dr Kiran Hazarika, UGC member and Principal, Tengakhat College and Prof Priyabrata Lahkar, President, Zoological Society of Assam addressed the gathering as chief guest and guest of honour respectively in the inaugural function. Eminent speakers including Prof Prasanta Kumar Saikia, HoD, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, Prof JC Kalita, Director, HRDC, Gauhati University, Prof Karabi Dutta, Gauhati University, Prof Utpal Bora, Department of



Bioengineering, IIT, Guwahati, Jayanta Kumar Sarma, freelance consultant, Guwahati addressed the four technical sessions and chaired the respective technical sessions.

UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Modern Trends of Zoological Research in Relation to Biodiversity and Environment”, 2017

An UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Modern Trends of Zoological Research in Relation to Biodiversity and Environment” was organized by Department of Zoology, Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza in collaboration with Zoological Society of Assam from 28-29 June, 2017. The chief patron of the Seminar was DR Ramesh Ch. Kalita, Principal D. K. College. Dr Deepalee Das, Associate Professor, department of Zoology was the Co-ordinator. A Number of research papers were presented during the seminar.

National Seminar on Integrated Approach in Zoological Research & Biennial Conference of Zoological Society 2017

National Seminar on “Integrated Approach in Zoological Research” & Biennial Conference of Zoological Society of Assam, was held at Guwahati University. The seminar was organized by Department of Zoology, Guwahati University in collaboration with Zoological Society of Assam from 30-31st March, 2017. The Chief patron of the seminar was Prof. Mridul Hazarika, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University. Prof. Jatin Kalita was the Chairman of the Organizing committee and Prof. Jogen Chandra Kalita was the organizing secretary. Dr Anup Chakraborty was the General Secretary of ZSA during the seminar.

National Seminar on Integrated Approach in Zoological Research, 2017

Professor Franz Bairlein, Director, Institute of Avian Research, Germany, delivered a lecture, ‘From Route to Genes: An Integrated Approach to Study the Control of Bird Migration’, at a National Seminar on Integrated Approach in Zoological Research held at the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.

ZSA felicitates two conservationists, 2017

The Gauhati University Wing for International Relations, Gauhati University Workmen’s Union, Gauhati University Research Scholars’ Association, Zoological Society of Assam and Alumni Association of Zoology Department, GU jointly felicitated two conservationists Purnima Devi Barman and Dr Bibhuti Prasad Lahkar.

Purnima Devi Barman was honoured with the prestigious Whitley Award, 2017 (also known as Green Oscar) for efforts towards protecting the globally endangered greater adjutant stork and also for her initiatives towards conservation of birds of Assam. Associated with Aaranyak,



she has been working in Dadara, Pachariya and Shingimari villages to save the endangered bird locally known as hargila.

Dr Lahkar was honoured as IUCN's Heritage Hero. He is the first Asian to be given this prestigious honour for enormous contributions towards conservation of Nature and natural resources. He has been working to save the grasslands, flora and fauna of the Manas National Park for the past 20 years.

National Seminar on Bio-Resources of North East India and Their Conservation, 2013

UGC sponsored National Seminar on Bio-Resources of North East India and Their Conservation, was organized by Department of Zoology, Dakshin Kamrup College, Mirza in association with Zoological Society of Assam was held on 22-23 March, 2013. Dr A.K.Chakraborty, Associate Professor, was the convenor. The seminar was attended by a large number of faculties and research scholars of different colleges and universities.

International Seminar on Bio Sources and Human Sustenance, 2011

International seminar on Bio Sources and Human Sustenance was organized by the Cotton College department of zoology in collaboration with the Zoological Society of Assam from 20-22 October, 2011. Chief minister Tarun Gogoi was the chief patron of the seminar. MS Chuahan, principal scientist, Animal Biotechnology Centre, National Dairy Research Institute, Haryana was the guest of honour. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr IK Bhattacharya, Principal, Cotton College in presence of Sudarshan Baruah, vice-principal, Subrata Sharma, head of department of zoology. Dr I K Bhattacharya was the President and Dr Ratul Chandra Rajkhowa was the convener of the seminar. The seminar provided a suitable platform for exchange of ideas and views of participants from various fields of life sciences and allied subjects". The proceedings of the International Seminar Was later published with ISBN.

National Seminar on Biodiversity of North East India and Its Future Concern, 2010

National Seminar on Biodiversity of North East India and Its Future Concern, was organized by Department of Zoology, Mangaldai College in collaboration with Zoological Society of Assam on 10-11 February, 2010. The seminar had a huge participation of researchers, faculties and students. The selected research papers were published in the form of Proceedings of the seminar.

National Seminar on Biodiversity Spectrum of North East India, 2009



National Seminar on 'Biodiversity Spectrum of North East India' was organized by Dept of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati in collaboration with Zoological Society of Assam. Dr Saibal Sengupta was the convenor of the seminar. The Seminar was attended by a large number of participants. The proceeding of the seminar comprising of research papers that were presented during the seminar was later published with ISBN.

National Seminar on Zoology for Human Welfare, 2006

National Seminar on Zoology for Human Welfare, organized by Zoological Society of Assam, at GU, 2nd Feb, 2006.

National Seminar on Challenging Frontiers in Applied Zoology, 2006

National Seminar on Challenging Frontiers in Applied Zoology, 2006 organized by Zoological Society of Assam & Department of Zoology, Rangia College, Aug 25 & 26.

Prof. S. Richards Milligan's visit, 2006

On the request of Prof. J.C. Kalita, who obtained his doctorate and conducted post-doctoral research under Milligan's guidance, Prof. S. Richards Milligan, head of the reproduction and rhythms research group, division of biomedical sciences, King's College, University of London, UK, visited Gauhati University and delivered a series of lectures at different places in Assam. Milligan attended a national seminar on Application of Zoology for Human Welfare, organised by the Zoological Society of Assam (ZSA), as chief guest. Milligan delivered the plenary lecture on Hormones in the Environment: Concerns for Wildlife and Human. Conservation biologist P.C. Bhattacharjee attended the programme along with dean of the faculty of science of Gauhati University Aparajita Borkotoki, ZSA president Umesh Chandra Goswami, ZSA secretary and reader of the zoology department of Gauhati University, J.C. Kalita, and others.

Milligan delivered a talk on Environmental Chemicals and Impact on Health at an interactive session at Nowgaon College

Milligan also delivered a lecture on Environmental Endocrine Disrupters: Concerns for Animals and Humans at an interactive lecture session organised by the department of animal physiology and biochemistry of the College of Veterinary Sciences of the Assam Agricultural University on its Khanapara campus.

Milligan interacted with the students of the Faculty Higher Secondary School on its North Guwahati campus on issues such as population, population pressure and how the earth's limited resources can be utilised.

Down Town Hospital, Guwahati, in association with ZSA, organised a lecture where Milligan delivered a lecture on Phytoestrogens. ZSA president Umesh Chandra Goswami and secretary J.C. Kalita accompanied him. Gynaecologist Alaka Goswami conducted the session. Down



Town Hospital chairman-cum-managing director Naren Dutta welcomed the gathering of physicians, medical scientists and researchers.

Milligan delivered a lecture on Population and Population Pressure on the Globe at an interactive session with biology students, organised by the ZSA in association with the department of zoology, Handique College, on the college campus.

Annual Conference of Zoological Society of Assam, 2004

Annual Conference of Zoological Society of Assam held in Nalbari College on 2004.

National Seminar on Recent Trends in Applied Zoology 1995.

National Seminar on Recent Trends in Applied Zoology organized by Zoological Society of Assam, at GU. 1995.

Third Annual Conference of Zoological Society of Assam, 1988

Third Annual Conference of Zoological Society of Assam held in Arya Vidyapeeth College in 1988.

