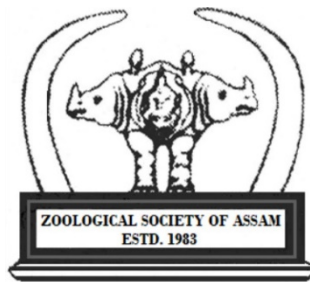


THE LUMINARIES OF ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ASSAM



*Dedicated to our reverend teachers who have inspired
and influenced us all throughout, especially in the
field of Zoology.*

Akhanda-Mandalakaram

Vyaptam Yena Characharam

Tatpadam Darshitam Yena

Tasmai Shri Gurave Namah

Meaning

**Salutations to the Guru who revealed
the power of timeless, infinite truth to
me and that transcends the Universe**

GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

1. Prof. Jasodananda Bharali



Prof. Jasodananda Bharali was born on 18th May 1927 in a highly educated and cultured family of Jorhat.

He passed his matriculation from Govt. High School of Jorhat securing 1st division in 1942 and did his B.Sc with Zoology Hons. from Ballygunj Science College, Calcutta in 1947 and M.Sc zoology from the same college under Calcutta University securing 1st class 1st position. For this brilliant result he received the University Gold medal.

Then he started his teaching career right from pre-university to P.G level under Gauhati University. He was the founder teacher as the founder head of the Department of Zoology,

GU in 1963. Before that he had been the faculty member of the Zoology dept. in Darrang College in 1950 and in J.B College in 1954.

After a few years of his service as in the dept. of Zoology G.U he left the department and joined SEBA and then AHSEC as the Education officer and completed his service life successfully.

Prof. Bharali had immense contribution in popularizing science in Assam. Apart from writing books in the subject i.e Zoology, he also edited the portion of the 'Biswakosh' published by Assam Sahitya Sabha few years during his service life.

He had published some informative books of Encyclopaedia named "kishor Gyankosh" for the age group of 8-14 yrs.

He also wrote a few interesting books on life history of some very famous scientists such as

1. Charles Darwin (Theory of Evolution)
2. The Cowherd who made the Railways
3. Henry Ford (Motor car builder)

These books are written in Assamese language in very simple and lucid manner. Prof. Bharali Sir was not only an academician but also a dramatist, musician and had an interest in cultural field as well as sports. He was a regular player of tennis under Jorhat tennis Club. During his college days he used to take part in dramas both as male and female artist. He also had a knack for classical music. He played and enjoyed outdoor games like cricket, tennis etc. and indoor games like chess. He left this mortal world on 5th April, 2005.

2. Prof. Kali Nath Sarma



Prof. Kali Nath Sarma was born in Nalbari in 1918. Prof. K.N.Sarma did his B.Sc in Botany from Presidency College in 1940 and completed M.Sc in Zoology from Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya in 1942. He joined the Department of Zoology Cotton College in August 1942. He also served as the Head of the Department of Zoology, Cotton College for some time before leaving for PhD research with government scholarship to Edinburgh University in 1957. He successfully completed PhD in 1959 and returned to resume teaching in Cotton College. Prof. K.N.Sarma joined Gauhati University in 1964 as Reader and later became the Head of the Department. Prof. K.N.Sarma was the founder President of Zoological Society of Assam. The first Annual Conference of ZSA was held in March,1985 under the Chair of Prof. K.N.Sarma. Prof. K. N. Sarma later joined the Department of Education, Govt. of Assam in 1972. He retired in 1976. Prof. Sarma was also a prolific writer and wrote books on varied subjects which won recognition at national levels. Prof. Sarma left for his heavenly abode on 8 March 2000.

3. Prof. Tarini Charan Deka



Prof. Tarini Charan Deka was born at Bamunkuchi in the Barpeta district of Assam. Prof. T. C. Deka graduated from Gauhati University with a B Sc degree with honors in Zoology in 1959. He received his M Sc in 1961 and his PhD in 1964 in Ecology and Environmental Biology from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi at the age of 25. He started his career as a Scientific Officer at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi. He then joined the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, where he spent the rest of his life as a teacher. He received India's Bachelor Gold Medal Award for academic excellence and was a fellow of the National Academy of Science, the Zoological Society of India, the New York Academy of Sciences and the Cambridge Order of International Fellowship awarded by the University of Cambridge, England. He was also awarded the Twentieth Century Achievement Award by American Biographical Institute (ABI), to be displayed at the US Library of Congress and was mentioned as one of 505 Leaders of Influence of the Twentieth Century by ABI. He has contributed to over 70 publications and more than 30 doctorate scholars have received their PhD degrees under his guidance. Prof. Deka was a scholar, a gentleman, a teacher and a mentor and above all someone who cared about people around him immensely.

4. Prof R. P. Choudhuri



Prof. R. P. Choudhuri was born in 1914 at Chenga in Barpeta District, Assam. He did B Sc from Cotton College and M Sc from Calcutta University and obtained gold medal securing First class first position. He completed Ph.D from Edinburgh University, U.K. After holding the position of Director Potato Research Institute, Shimla for some time, Prof. Choudhuri joined the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University and became the Head of the Department in 1974. He also chaired as the President in the Agricultural Section of Indian Science Congress in 1977 held in Bhubaneswar. He has many contributions in the field of Zoology. He was one of the pioneer teachers who contributed largely to the development of the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University. He published research work in many national and international journals. Prof. Choudhuri guided many research scholars to obtain their PhD degrees.

5. Prof. Maitreyee Das



Prof Maitreyee Das was born and brought up in Shillong. She did her B.Sc from Presidency College securing First class First position in 1958 and later completed her M.Sc from the same university. Prof. Das began her teaching career in Arya Vidyapeeth College for some time before joining Gauhati University in 1964. She is one of the pioneer teachers who worked hard to develop and set-up the department of Zoology, G U. Prof Das obtained her PhD in 1970. She was also the Head of The Department of Zoology, G U. Prof. Das is remembered for her in-depth teaching and motherly attitude that inspired the lives of many. 22 research scholars were awarded PhD under her guidance. Prof. Das was also the President of Zoological Society of Assam. Prof Das retired from service in 2001.

6. Prof. Subhas Chandra Dey



Prof. S.C.Dey did B.Sc from Gauhati University in 1960 securing First Class First position. He did M.Sc in Zoology & Comparative Anatomy with Specialization in Fishery Science from Calcutta University in 1962. Prof. Dey received Doctor of Science (D.Sc) degree from Calcutta University in 1976 in Functional Morphology and Fisheries of Rheophilic Ichthyo-species of North Eastern India. Prof. Dey joined Department of Zoology, GU in 1963 and retired in 2005 after forty-two successful years of Post Graduate teaching. Prof S.C.Dey held the position of Dean, Faculty of Science, Gauhati University, Head, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University, President, Zoological Society of Assam, Director, UGC Sponsored Third All India Seminar on Ichthyology, 1982. Many responsible positions were held and being held by Prof. Dey like Advisor, Fisheries Board, Govt. of Assam, Fisheries Advisor, Depts. of Sci. Tech. & Environment, Govt. of Assam, Zoology Expert, Peer Team Member, NAAC and many more. Prof. Dey has published many books and research papers on related fields in national and international levels, and guided many research scholars. Prof. Dey is always remembered by his student as very meticulous, strict yet a loving teacher.

7. Prof. Dr. Hari Chandra Mahanta.



Professor Dr. Hari Chandra Mahanta, a dedicated teacher and former Head of the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University was born in Majuli, Assam in 1943. He passed Matriculation from Kamalabari High school. He completed first year Isc. from JB College, Jorhat and 2nd year Isc. from Nowgong College. After his graduation in Science (Honors in Zoology) from Cotton College where he secured first class, Dr. Mahanta got admission as the first batch Post Graduate students in Dept. of Zoology, Gauhati University. He passed M. Sc. final examination in 1965 securing first class 2nd position. Before declaration of M. Sc. result, he was invited as guest lecturer in Arya Vidyapith College, Guwahati with initiatives of Dr. Kalinath Sharma. Subsequently, Dr. Mahanta joined as faculty as in the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University. In 1969 he joined as PhD scholar in the Leningrad State University (Presently Saint Petersburg State University), Russia. He was the recipient of the Prestigious Indo-Soviet collaboration fellowship and was the only Indian to get that fellowship for PhD work out that time. He wrote his PhD thesis in Russian Language and completed his research work to six months ahead of the scheduled period of 4 years. Dr. Mahanta got retirement from his service in Gauhati

University in 2006 and afterward he has been invited by Mizoram University to take the responsibility as founder, Head of the Department of Zoology. His dedication is acknowledged by the University for giving a good shape to this department during his one-year service. More than 15 students got Ph.D degree under his able and sincere guidance. In the tenure of this service, he conducted a number of Research projects and the author of many research papers and book chapters. From his childhood he has been inspired by Satriya culture. He performed "Bhaona" and collected prize by his role as "King Marut".

A great teacher, Dr. Hari Chandra Mahanta maintained professionalism in all areas and still he is with love and passion for teaching and learning.

8. Prof. Parimal Chandra Bhattacharya



Prof. Parimal Chandra Bhattacharya joined Gauhati University in June 1970. He pioneered wetland studies, primatology, biodiversity studies in North East India. He has been a member of several governmental and state committees on wildlife conservation

including the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), State Biodiversity Board (Assam), State Wildlife Board (Assam) and Regional Empowered Committee (North- East India) and member of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) etc. He has also served as the Director, Vivekananda Khestra Institute of Culture. He is also an erstwhile State level cricket player and was a member of State Ranji Trophy Selection Committee. Prof. Bhattacharya was the founder Treasurer of Zoological Society of Assam and held different positions at various times. Prof. P. C. Bhattacharya retired in September 2006. Many students have obtained their PhD under his guidance. At present he is serving as a Trustee and Vice-Chairman of Wildlife Trust of India.

9. Prof. Umesh Chandra Goswami

Prof. Umesh C Goswami was born in 1950 at Khatiamari Satra in Kamrup District, Assam. Prof. U. C. Goswami was the recipient of the Academic Gold Medal in 1972. After completion of his PhD from Gauhati University, he completed several post-doctoral research projects in reputed organizations like Charles University, Prague, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Michigan State University, USA, Institute of Aquaculture Research, Norway. He was associated with laboratories of University of Leiden, The Netherlands, University of Tokyo, Japan, University of Sydney, Australia, AIT-Bangkok and University of Munich, Germany. He also chaired the session for the section Animal Veterinary and Fishery Science of the 94th Indian Science Congress in 2006-07. Prof. Goswami's contribution to the field of Zoology is outstanding. He also served as Head of the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University and was instrumental in elevating the department into a UGC-Special Assistance Programme (SAP) and DST-Faculty Improvement in Science and Technology (FIST) sponsored department. Prof. Goswami completed several research projects under the sponsorship of UGC, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology(DBT), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), World Bank, Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes Dept.



of the Govt. Of Assam. He pursued collaborative research projects with Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, National Centre of Biological Sciences-Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore and Hyderabad and also with Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. Under his guideship/co-guideship, more than 40 candidates have been awarded PhD by Gauhati University and a few prominent universities outside Assam. He is the recipient of the Dr. B.M.Das Memorial Award for Life Sciences,1991;Senior Visiting Fellowship/Grant from the Norwegian Research Council,1993; 20th Century Gold Medal as Contemporary Indian Zoologist for Outstanding Achievements in Zoology and Aquaculture Nutrition,1993; Paul Hennis Fellow from Rotary International,2002; Indian Academy of Environmental Sciences Gold Medal,2003; J.S Datta Munshi Gold Medal in 2006; and B.C. Guha Memorial Award in 2006.He was also Admitted Fellow of Zoological Society of India(Calcutta),FZS,1989 &2003;Fellow of Indian Academy of Environmental Sciences, FIAES,2003;Fellow of Academy of Sciences for Animal Welfare 2003;Fellow of Nature Conservation, India 2003; and Fellow of Inland Fisheries Society of India. Under his leadership the Zoological Society of Assam was formed and he was the founder General Secretary of Zoological Society of Assam and also later held the position of President. Prof. U. C. Goswami met his untimely death in 2015 leaving behind a legacy for the upcoming Zoologists.

10. Prof. Amalesh Dutta



Prof. Amalesh Dutta did M.Sc from Gauhati University in 1971 and obtained PhD from the same University in Fisheries in 1984. Prof. Dutta started his teaching career as a lecturer in Pragjyotish College in 1972 and later joined the Gauhati University in 1972 again in November of the same year. He published 85 research papers in National and International Journals and 25 students were awarded PhD degree under his able guidance. Many national and international conferences, seminars, workshops were attended by him. Besides participating with presentation of papers also chaired sessions and acted as resource persons on many occasions. Prof. Dutta served as subject expert in APSC, State Govt. selection grade lecturer's interview, members of Academic Council, member of Committee of Courses and studies in UG and PG level. He has been a member of Several International and National Institutes of repute like Indian Science Congress Association, Zoological Society Kolkata, Indian Society of Ichthyologists, Chennai, Assam Fisheries Society Mangalore, Indian Fisheries Association, Mumbai. He was one of the prominent and designated founder executive member of Zoological Society of Assam during its foundation. He was also the working President of Zoological Society of Assam for some time.

11. Prof. Aparajita Borkotoki



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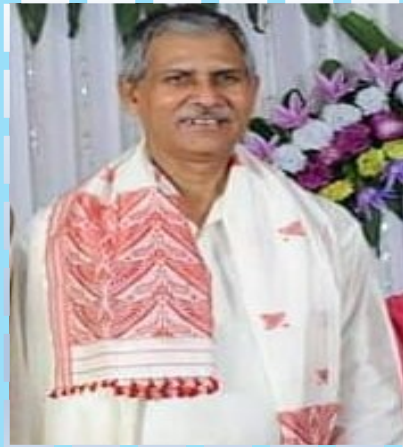
Dr. Borkotoki is a retired Professor & Head of the dept. of Zoology, Gauhati University. After retirement she was selected as the Chairman of the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee. She was the first Lady President of Zoological Society of Assam. At present she is the President of the Alumni Association of Zoology under G.U. Moreover, she is associated with different socio-literary organisations of Assam in various capacities.

She held the position of Dean, Faculty of Sciences G. U and was the first lady to acquire this in the University. She completed her Bachelors Degree in the science stream with Honours in Zoology from the Prestigious Cotton College of Guwahati, Assam securing a First class. She received the Academic Gold Medal of G.U. securing first class First Position in the M.Sc examination in Zoology in 1969 and was also a recipient of INSA fellowship, New Delhi. In addition she received the Appreciation Gold Medal from the Zoological Society of India. One of her research Papers was accepted in Manchester University and was presented by her in the seminar of INTECOL in 1994.

She has worked on UGC's Major Research Project on Indoor Rearing of Muga, supervised doctoral degrees of 23 Ph.D. students and published more than 75 research papers in National and International journals and also authorised 6 nos. of Books on zoology and other subjects, in addition to contributing articles in Journals, and "Bigyan Abhidhan" (science Dictionary). She has been closely associated with the All-India Radio, Guwahati as Guest Talker speaking on importance of zoology in everyday life. She also contributed few programs on animals and other science topics in D.D. Kendra, Guwahati.

She holds life memberships of the Indian Science Congress Association, Assam Science Society, Zoological Society of Assam, Zoological Society of India, Society of Invertebrate Zoology & INTECOL. Being an academician, she has exposed herself to new learning opportunities through her career by attending various workshops and seminars inside and outside India. She has visited renowned Global universities and shared ideas with brightest of faculty members at universities like JNU, Delhi, Calcuitta, Manchester (UK), Sydney Univ (Australia), Standford (USA), Rudgers, Princeton (USA), and kyoto university and Utsunomiya (Japan), Kunming Institute & Renmin University in China and many others. She gathered immense experience in travelling to places like USA, UK, Dubai, Bangkok, Australia, Singapore, Germany, France Italy, Holland, Belgium. Switzerland, Japan, China, Srilanka etc.

12. Prof. Dharendra Kumar Sharma



Prof. Dharendra Kumar Sharma did M.Sc from Gauhati University in 1972. He obtained Ph.D from the same University in Biochemistry 1982. He started his teaching career from Cotton College as a lecturer in 1974 and later joined the Gauhati University in 1978. He published 40 research papers in National and International Journals and 24 students were awarded Ph.D degree under his able guidance. Dr Sharma was a visiting Scientist in the Institute of Zoology, Karl Franzen University. He has chaired in many seminars and conferences and also started Bio-informatics course in Gauhati University. He was the President of 19th All India Zoology Congress held in Guwahati in 2008. He has been working in trace elements of Chelonians using both dry and wet laboratory. He is a member of Several International and National Institutes of repute. He was one of the prominent and designated founder executive member of Zoological Society of Assam since its inception. ZSA was born out of consistent and untiring efforts of some of the founder members and Prof Dharendra Kumar Sharma was one of the pioneers who contributed towards its formation and was the Second General Secretary of ZSA. He later served the ZSA at different level at various times. Under his leadership as General

Secretary the first workshop on Wildlife Conservation and Management was organized by Zoological Society of Assam from 23-25 January, 1987.

13. Prof. Mrigendra Mohan Goswami



Dr. Mrigendra Mohan Goswami is a retired Professor and former Head, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University. He has done his M.Sc with a First Class in Zoology (1973) and Ph.D. in Limnology (1985) from Gauhati University. His areas of specialization are Limnology, Fisheries and Aquaculture. He has over 104 publications in National and International journals with an extensive career in research and academics that spans for over a period of 4 decades. He started his teaching career as a Lecturer in Pragjyotish college, Guwahati (1973-1975) and Bajali College, Pathsala (1975-1982). He retired as a Professor from Gauhati University (1982- 2014). He has been a part of 7 major projects and is a life member of 7 Academic Societies. He was the Program Coordinator of UGC-SAP (DRS) Program of the department of Zoology to develop the Aquaculture and Biodiversity Centre in the university. He has produced 27 Ph.Ds. and 2 M.Phils. and has been the External Ph.D. Examiner of more than 30 Ph.D. students of other National

universities. He was actively involved in various administrative bodies. He was the elected member of Executive Council, G.U. (2000 to 2003) and the Nominated Member of G.U. Academic Council (1999 -2009). He was the prestigious Expert Member in Fisheries Working Group of National Planning Commission (2012) for 12th Plan Period (2012-2017) and nominated Member of the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) of DCFR (ICAR), Bhimtal (2013) for the projects of 2008-2015. He has made remarkable contribution to the field of Limnology and Fisheries in Assam.

14. Dr. Karabi Dutta



Dr. Karabi Dutta was former Head of the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University where she held positions of Dean, Faculty of Science. She has completed her post-graduation and Doctoral degree (in Zoology) from Gauhati University and served as a faculty for 37 years in different positions. Her field of research was Cosmetic Toxicology and Sericulture. So far, she has produced 14 PhDs, 2 MPhils and 2 candidates are still pursuing for PhD under her guidance. She was the Coordinator of Bioinformatics Facility of the Department. She has published about 65 research papers in National and

International Journals. She has extended her service in policy making of the University at different levels.

15. Prof. Jatin Kalita

Prof. Jatin Kalita did his M.Sc in 1976 from Gauhati University. After completion of postgraduation Prof. Kalita started his teaching career in Pragjyotish College. Prof. Kalita later joined the Department of Zoology, GU in 1984. Prof. J Kalita was the first research scholar of Prof. U.C. Goswami working in vitamin A research. Prof. J. Kalita was also the Head of the Department of Zoology, GU. He also held the position of Dean Faculty of Science, Gauhati University. Prof. Kalita twice served the ZSA as General Secretary. Under his leadership National level Seminars were organized by ZSA at different times. The ZSA news bulletin, "*Pranijagat*" was published under his leadership in 1996. Prof. Kalita was also the President of Zoological Society of Assam. He guided several research scholars to receive PhD and published research papers in many National and International forums. Prof. Kalita retired from service on 30th April, 2018.



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Sri Priyabrata Lahkar

President ZSA



Sri Priyabrata Lahkar, present President of ZSA is an M. Sc. In Zoology with Special paper in Entomology from GU in 1970. He also did a certificate course in Japanese language and culture in 2021. He presented several seminar papers at various organization and institution. He served as college teacher for about 18 years at Sibsagar College and at North Lakhimpur college. He served Assam HS Education Council as Deputy Secretary (academic) and as Joint Secretary (aca) for about 18 years. He served K K Handique State Open University as O. S. D. (Examination) for six years from 2008 to 2014. He was selected as Selection Grade Lecturer in 1986. He wrote several articles and published in Newspaper and magazine.

He is associated with various NGO s like Assam Sahitya Sabha, Assam Science Society, Bharat Janvigyan Jatha. Senior citizen association, Guwahati cine club, etc etc. He is associated with ZSA since its inception in 1983. He also served Govt of India as Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuvak Kendra, under the Ministry of Sports and Youth affairs for three years on lien deputation from November 1979 to October 1982. Shri Lahkar attended a four-week International Seminar on Science and Technology for Education held at Jerusalem, Israel in February 2006.

PASCHIM GUWAHATI MAHAVIDYALAYA.



Dr Balendra Kumar Das, Working President ZSA

Dr Balendra Kumar Das passed his undergraduate in science with major in zoology from St. Anthonys College, Shillong. He did his MSc in Zoology from NEHU and PhD from Gauhati University, while he did his research work Senkenberg Institute, Frankfurt, Germany. He started his career as lecturer in Pragjyotish College in 1982 and in 2004 joined as Principal of Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, Dharapur, Guwahati. He was also the President of Assam College Principal's Council. At present he is the working

President of ZSA. He was also the Secretary of ZSA. He has been the President of ACPC for three times. He is constantly associated with Gauhati University as a member in GU Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, UGC-HRDC Centre, NUEPA, SEED, Indian College Forum etc. He has over 18 research paper and authored 14 books. He is also a regular writer in different journals, magazines and newspapers. Three International Seminars, 11 A young group of researchers are pursuing PhD in Assam Don Bosco University under his guidance and already two scholars were awarded PhD. Dr Das holds executive positions in many socio-cultural organizations like Indian College Forum, Indian Science Congress Association, Axom Xahitya Xabha, ZSA, Axom Kala Tirtha. Rotary Club of Guwahati South etc. He was the Mission Leader of ICAC's Higher Education Trip To China in 2015, UK in 2017, Japan in 2019. He attended r more than 100 seminars. He was also award- Best Principal, by honourable APJ Abdul Kalam Azad, Best academician by Byatikrom Masdo. He is also a globe trekker travelling around the world and visited 23 countries. Presently he is the Director (Administration) of USTM, President Governing Body, Dispur College and LCB College, Guwahati. He was awarded "Inter Diploma in Educational Leadership- Higher Education" IDHL by SEED-CHEST, New Delhi.

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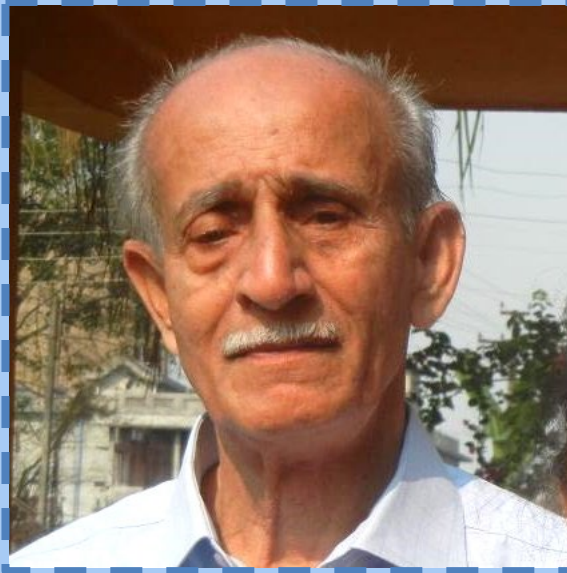
1. Dr. Balit Kumar Deka



Dr. Balit Kumar Deka was born in 1932 at Khudra Sankara in Nalbari District, Assam. He did his BSc from Cotton College and M.Sc from Calcutta University. He earned his Ph.D from Gauhati University in 1991. Dr B. K. Deka joined the Department of Zoology, Cotton College in 1958. He served as teacher and Head of the Department of Zoology from 1973-1991. He was also the Vice-Principal of the prestigious Cotton College. He has written different articles on varied topics in Zoology for Undergraduate Students. He served as the General Secretary of the Zoological Society of Assam in 1964, 1966 and as President of Zoological Society of Assam from 1989-1991. He was also

the Chairman of Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology from 1989-1990. Dr Deka worked hard for the upliftment of ZSA and his outstanding contribution to ZSA is worth mentioning. He was also felicitated by Zoological Society of India in 2008 for his outstanding academic contribution to the field of Zoology. He held the position of the Commanding Officer of 48 Assam Naval Unit(NCC) and attended All India Combined Annual Training Camps (NCC) at different Naval Establishment of India. Dr B. K. Deka expired in 2017. The Zoological Society of Assam has instituted an award in his honour and recognition of Dr B. K. Deka's contribution to ZSA.

2. Sri Chitta Ranjan Barthakur



Sri Chitta Ranjan Barthakur was born in 1939 in Sibsagar District, Assam. Sri Chitta Ranjan Borthakur did his primary schooling in Sibsagar and then completed B.Sc from Cotton College in 1960. Sri Barthakur did M.Sc from Benaras Hindu University in 1963. He joined the Department of Zoology Cotton College in the year 1964. Sri Barthakur served as head of the Department of Zoology. He also held the position of the Vice-Principal, Cotton College till his retirement in 1996. He was associated with a number of junior colleges in Guwahati after retirement. Sri Barthakur's involvement in the field of zoology is noteworthy. He was also the President of Zoological Society of Assam and played a great role in establishing the society being one of the founder members. In recognition to his academic contribution in the field of Zoology Sri Barthakur was felicitated by the Zoological Society of Assam in 2010. Sri C. R. Barthakur was also

conferred felicitation for outstanding research and academic contribution in the field of Zoology by the Zoological Society of India in 2008.

He was a passionate football and volleyball player right from his school days. He was a member of Amateur Sports Club of Sivasagar and member of Football Team of Guwahati University. He was also Professor in charge of Sports in Cotton College.

3. Dr Bharat Chandra Choudhury



Dr Bharat Chandra Choudhury joined the Department of Zoology, Cotton College in 1958. Dr B. C. Choudhury had a towering personality. He served as the Vice- Principal and later became the Principal of Cotton College from 1993-1994. He retired in 1994. He is always remembered as a donning teacher of zoology. Dr Choudhury contributed largely to the growth of the Zoological Society of Assam during the initial years of its formation.

4. Raushanara Ahmed



Raushanara Ahmed retired as HOD, Department of Zoology, Cotton College. She was born and brought up in the then capital of Assam, Shillong. She did her schooling from St. Marys Convent and passed I.Sc from St. Edmunds College. Although it was a boy's college, she was given special permission to study. She completed B.Sc in Zoology in 1964 from Cotton College and M.Sc From GU with specialization in Entomology. Even before the declaration of results, she joined Arya Vidyapeeth College and finally joined Cotton College after clearing APSC and continued teaching till her retirement in 2000. Now she is leading a happy retired life spending time amongst the flowers.

5. Dr Indra Kumar Bhattacharya



Dr Indra Kumar Bhattacharya did BSc from Cotton College and M.Sc from Gauhati University. Dr Bhattacharya Joined the Department of Zoology, Cotton College in 1973 and was also the Head of the Department for several years. Dr Bhattacharya's contribution to the teaching of Zoology in Higher secondary, undergraduate and post graduate level is immense. He has written many books which were published by renowned national level publishers. He is known among his hundreds of students as a strict teacher with a loving heart. Dr Bhattacharya acted as a ladder and helped many to climb up in their life and is still continuing. Under his leadership a National Seminar was held in Cotton College in 1992. Dr I.K.Bhattacharya also held the prestigious position of Principal of Cotton College from 2007-2011. Dr I.K.Bhattacharya played an outstanding role in the growth of Zoological Society of Assam from the initial years. He served as the General Secretary and President of ZSA at various times. During his tenure as the Principal of Cotton College an International Seminar on Bioresources and Human Sustenance was successfully organized by the Zoological Society of Assam and

Department of Zoology in 2011. Dr I. K. Bhattacharya retired as Principal Cotton College in 2011.

6. Dr. Subrata Sharma Bhattacharyya



Dr. Subrata Sharma Bhattacharyya was the former Head, Department of Zoology and retired Vice Principal of Cotton College, Guwahati (Currently Cotton University). A Ph.D. with an area of specialization in Fishery Biology and Fishery Sciences from Gauhati University, she has also completed her Post Graduation from the same University and graduate degree in Zoology from Cotton College, Guwahati. She has completed her schooling from the prestigious Rajghat Besant School, Varanasi under Banaras Hindu University as a Government of India Merit Scholar. She was one of the founder and former Vice President of Zoological Society of Assam (ZSA) and a life member of ZSA.

She has worked abroad in the General Establishment of Fisheries, Jableh, Lattakia, S.A.R with a scholarship from Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reforms, Syria.

She has served her Alma Mater (Cotton College, Guwahati) from 1978 to 2014 in various capacities as a teaching faculty, Hostel Superintendent of Nalini Bala Devi Girls' Hostel; Head, Department of Zoology and as the Vice Principal. She has successfully guided several research scholars in higher education and continually associated with many academic, social and administrative initiatives. She was the founder General Secretary of University Women's (Graduates) Association of Assam (UWAA) and later its president and an existing Executive Member. She is also an Executive Member of Gauhati University and Governing Body member of LCB College and Handique Girls' College, Guwahati.

She has a keen interest and is actively associated with several literary bodies and associations.

7. Dr. Binode Kumar Baruah



Dr. Binode Kumar Baruah obtained his Master degree in Zoology and PhD from Gauhati University. He joined as a lecturer in Zoology in 1984 in Cotton College and retired in the year in 2014. He is a life member of ZSA and served as Treasurer of ZSA for two terms.

8. **Dr Ratul Ch Rajkhowa**



Dr Ratul Ch Rajkhowa is a retired Associate Professor of the Department of Zoology, Cotton University (Erstwhile Cotton College). He holds an M.Sc. Degree in Zoology with specialization in entomology from Gauhati University. He started his service career in 1981 as Coin and Note Examiner at Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati and soon pursued

his Doctoral Degree at Regional Research Laboratory (Presently North East Institute of Science and Technology), Jorhat, a constituent Institute of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India and obtained his Ph D degree from Dibrugarh University, Assam.

He joined Cotton College, a pioneering institute of higher education in North Eastern Region of India, Guwahati as faculty in 1985 and served there for 32 years for UG and PG level teaching. Prior to this he served as an Assistant Professor at D.R. College, Golaghat, Assam for 2 years. He has authored 17 books published by leading publication houses of the country. Two books published by Macmillan Publishers India were prescribed as text books by The Manipur Higher Secondary Education Council, Manipur. He authored several research papers in national and international journals; the most popularly cited one is "Mode of uptake of sterols by *Arthrobacter simplex*" published in the World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology, Netherland. Six students obtained Ph D Degree under the guideship of Prof. Rajkhowa. His is connected with several Govt. / Non-Govt. academic bodies/societies/ organizations of the state and the country. He is a teacher par excellence and his teachings have evoked a response which is irreplaceable.

Dr. Rajkhowa is a life member of ZSA. He was the Secretary of ZSA for the period from 2009- 2011 and during his tenure the first and only international seminar "Bioresources & Human Sustenance" during 20-22 Oct,2011 under the banner of ZSA was organized at Cotton College in 2010.

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9. Dr. Karobi Bhuyan Saikia

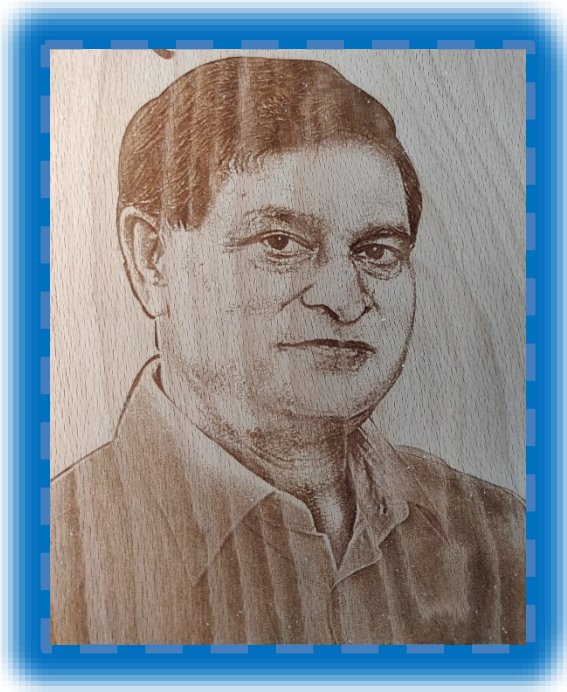


Dr. Karobi Bhuyan Saikia, Date of Birth – 24 - 09 – 1960, joined Cotton College in 1991 and served as Dean (I/c), Life Sciences; Head and Associate Professor, Department of Zoology. Dr Saikia completed ICSE 1975, from Loreto Convent, Shillong securing first class, Higher Secondary 1978, from Saint Mary's, Shillong under North Eastern Hill University securing first class, B.Sc. (Zoology Hon.) 1980, from Lady Keane Girls' College, Shillong under North Eastern Hill University, securing first class and M.Sc. (Zoology) 1982, from North Eastern Hill University securing first class. She completed Ph.D. in Zoology 2000, from Gauhati University. She received Fulbright Scholar awarded under Indo-American Environment Leadership Program (IAELP), 2006 at Columbia University, New York and University of Illinois, Chicago and was awarded RANK and BOLT (Broad Outlook Learner Teacher) Award and obtained 1 st place, Kamrup District organized by AIR India, October 15, 2004. She has carried out various minor and major research projects. One student was awarded Mphil and one has been awarded PhD under her supervision. She has been the Life member of Assam Science Society, Member of Indian Science Congress, Member of National Institute of Ecology (NIE), Member of University Women's Graduate Association, Member of Cotton College

Teachers' Association, Member of Aaranyak (NGO), Member of North East Women Aid (NGO), Member of Tropical Ecology Society.

DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY

Prof. S.P Biswas



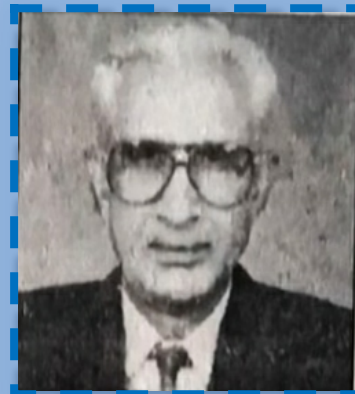
Prof. S.P Biswas joined the Department of Zoology Sibsagar College in 1982 after completion of his PhD from NEHU, Shillong. Later he joined the Department of Life Science Dibrugarh University from where he retired in 2020. His area of research is Hydrobiology in relation to fisheries and aquatic fauna. He attended over 50 seminars/symposia in the country and abroad, supervised 35 PhD scholars, published/edited 7 books and about 110 research papers so far. He was awarded merit scholarship in 1971 and received Young Scientist Award (DST) in 1985. He also acted

as PI in 10 research projects, member of river/ environment committees, life member of 10 scientific bodies and Fellow of 3 societies.

DARRANG COLLEGE

1. Prof. Buta Ram

Prof. Buta Ram was born in 1930 in Lahore in the erstwhile West Punjab. Prof. Buta Ram did his B.Sc and M.Sc from Benaras University in 1951 and 1953. After his M.Sc he came to Tezpur and joined Darrang College as lecturer in the Department of Zoology on September 2, 1953. He served the Department as its head for 8 years. He held the post of Vice-Principal of prestigious Darrang College in 1985 and thereafter served as Principal of Darrang College from 1987 and retired as Principal in 1990. He was also bestowed life-time honorary rank of Major in NCC by the President of India vide gazette of India notification dated 6th December 1980. Prof Buta Ram's contribution to the field of Zoology is vast. As a teacher he was very popular among his students. He had a fatherly affection for students who regarded him as friend, philosopher and guide. He authored several articles on Zoology and Environmental Sciences. He was one of the founding fathers of Zoological Society of Assam. Prof Buta Ram breathed his last in 2005.



2. Mr Ananda Baruah



Mr Ananda Baruah was born in a remote area of Sonitpur District (then Darrang District) in the year 1939, named Kalabari. After his Primary Education in Bihpuria, of North Lakhimpur, he got admitted to North Lakhimpur govt High School in 1950 and passed Matriculation Examination in 1958. Then he proceeded to Gauhati and was admitted to Cotton College. He got graduation with honours in Zoology, in 1963, Luckily in that year G.U. had opened M.Sc in Zoology in 1963, and he became the First batch Master Degree holder in Zoology. In 1965 he got Master Degree with Fishery Special and the same year joined Darrang college, Tezpur in October 1965. Later on, he became the Head of Department and then Vice, Principal and got retirement in January 2001.

3. Paresh Chandra Goswami



I joined Darrang College in the year 1971 and retired in September 2009 as HOD Zoology Department. At that time the zoology department was in a part of present Botany Department which later on was shifted to present .building.I took initiative to design and develop a good museum in the department. I personally collected various organs of man and animals for the museum. To increase the numbers different specimens, I gave specific dissertation talk to the honours students. This idea was later included in the GU.syllabus. I introduced taxidenny as a compulsory work to be submitted at final examination.

V.B. Dubey Memorial Library was established in the department. All the teachers and students contributed for the library. A three days exhibition was held in Darrang college at the initiative of Assam Science Society to celebrate Darrang Day. Our deptt. took part and I personally made clay models of the Various stages of human evolution. My dream to introduce Post Graduation course in Zoology was partially fulfilled . All Assam Zoological Society was formed in the department of Zoology (G.U), Late Dr. T.C.Deka was the 1"president. The Society's annual

conference was held at different colleges. I am delighted to know that a website will be launched shortly. I congratulate the present teachers and students for this initiative. I am a life member of Tezpur Environmental Society. I was actively associated with the different activities of the society from the beginning. I am also a life member of Assam Horticultural Society. I received many prizes in all Assam for many years. Wood carving is my hobby. Different wood sculptures created by me are kept at my home. Recently this work was published in daily newspaper 'Pratidin'.

4. Dr. Khargeswar Borkakoty



Dr. Khageswar Barkakaty Present address: Ghorpora Chuburi, Ward No. 16, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam Contact No. 9365151582 Education: > H.S.L.C. in 1967 from Kolabari H. School, Sonitpur > B.Sc. in 1971 with Hons in Zoology (1st class 1st in Zoology) from Darrang College, Tezpur > M.Sc. in Zoology in 1973 from Gauhati University (1st class 2nd position) > Ph. D. in 1984 from Dr. Ambedkar University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Service: ➤ Lecturer in Sibsagar College (1973-1974) ➤ Lecturer in Darrang College: Joined on 21st Jan 1975, Head of the department of Zoology from 2009 (September) to Oct, 2010 ➤ Vice principal of Darrang College from Nov,2010 to 31st March, 2012 ➤ Retired from Darrang College Tezpur as Vice principal in 2012 ➤ Presently Principal of Dimension Academy, Tezpur Activities: ➤ NCC officer 1975 to 2005 in Darrang College, Tezpur and associated with sports in the college ➤ Secretary, Assam Science Society, Tezpur Branch ➤ Secretary, Assam Zoological Society, Darrang College, Branch ➤ President, Adventure Sports association, Tezpur.

5. Dr. Pronil Kumar Goswami



Dr. Pronil Kumar Goswami Present Address: Kumargaon, 1st bye lane, Tezpur-784001, Assam Ph.No. 9435737619 Date of Birth: 10.03.1951 Academic Qualification: > B.Sc. in 1971 with Zoology hons under Gauhati University > LLB in 1982 under Gauhati University > M.Sc. in Zoology (Entomology) in 1973 under Gauhati University (1st Class 1st) > Ph.D. in Zoology (Entomology) under Gauhati University in 2002, research topic "Problems of Microcerotermes spp. In the cultivation of Tea in Assam Service > Darrang College: Associate Professor in Zoology from 01-11-1973 (joining) to 31-03- 2011 (Date of retirement) Activities: > Member of ZSA , Assam from 1985 to present > President, ZSA, Darrang College branch > Teacher member of Governing body, Darrang college in 2007-2008 > Life member of Bharatiya Siksha Mandol, Assam > Member of Assam Sahitya Sabha.

D R COLLEGE

1. Dr K. T. Joseph

Dr K. T. Joseph was born and brought-up in Kerela. Dr Joseph started his early education in Kerela. He completed M. Sc from Madurai University. Destiny brought Dr Joseph to Assam and he joined D. R. College in the Department of Zoology in 1964. He was the Head of the Department from 1965 till his retirement in 2001. Dr Joseph contributed largely to the establishment of Department of Zoology, D. R. College. Dr Joseph played an active role in organizing various events of ZSA during the initial years.

MANGALDAI COLLEGE

1. Smt. Bidyut Prava Das



Smt. Bidyut Prava Das joined the Department of Zoology, Mangaldoi College in 1972. Smt. Das became the Head of the Department of Zoology in 1974 and continued till her death in 2000. She was an executive member of Zoological Society of Assam during its inception. Her contribution to ZSA in the initial years is remembered by all. She was also a member of Assam Science Society, Gyan-Vigyan Society and many other bodies. She took part in popular scientific programs, women empowerment, programs related to health and hygiene etc. She took active part in laying the foundation of scientific temperament among students and local community of Darrang District.

ARYA VIDYAPEETH COLLEGE

1. Dr. L.C. Bharali

Dr. L.C. Bharali who was a faculty of the Department of Zoology from 1964 to 1994 was a pioneer server as an active participant with the most ideological and potent intuition, who served the Department until breathed last from the most fatal disease of cancer. Dr. L.C. Bharali was an enigmatic luminary of the Department of Zoology in his age whose contributions in the field themselves serve as the most invaluable cornerstones. Born in Puthimari, a place under Kamrup district of Assam, rural, he completed his College life in Cotton College, in Guwahati and graduation from GU, Post-Graduation from Patna University and PhD. from Gauhati University with the topic of Rersearch on Sericulture, under the guide ship of Prof. Dr. T.C. Deka, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University. With his most dreadful ailment, Cancer, in him, he carried with him the unseen courage and perseverance in his attempts of attaining PhD. Degree in his life time. On the day of viva of the most prestigious degree for any academician, he was almost on the bed of the most deadly bed riddle, who somehow completed his viva on the day. The year 1973 found him as a Working President in the Arya Vidyapeeth College Zoological Society, Presided over by then Principal of the College Late Giridhar Sarma (Founder Principal of AVC), when Arya Vidyapeeth College Zoological Society merged with the Zoological Society of Assam, as a unit. During the Headship of Dr. L.C. Bharali, "COSIP", an UGC granted programme, was initiated in the college which brought about modern avenues of the time that included the latest instrumentation of the period, for carrying out higher researches. In 1986, the 3rd Annual conference of ZSA was held at Arya Vidyapeeth College with Dr. L.C. Bharali as the working President, who was at that time the vice President of ZSA. Pervasive to the conference, Popular lecture and Seminar on Sericulture, with support from govt. of Assam, were held in the college. Ranjit Singh, then Inspector General of Forest was the resource speaker in the lecture. In 1985, a Work shop was decided to be organized in AVC, when Dr. L.C. Bharali along with some other faculties including Dr. Saibal Sen Gupta, went out to collect fund for

organizing Work Shop when many places of Fancy Bazar area served as the grounds of collection of funds as donations for the Work Shop.

2. Dr. Naba Kumar Goswami



Rtd. Professor Dr. Naba Kumar Goswami was a very senior professor of the Department of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, who served the Department for a long span of years, from 1965 to 1998. Born on 1st June, 1938, Prof. Dr. Goswami is a prolific writer who has a few linchpins to his credit, authored by him. He passed Matriculation examination in 1957 and Isc. in 1960. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1962 and was post Graduated in the year, 1965 from Gauhati University. He worked on "Effects of Disease and Nutrition of the Bionomics of Eri Culture Industry in Assam Valley districts of Kamrup and Goalpara", which earned him the honourable Degree of Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD.) in Zoology in the year 1986. Dr. Goswami in his teaching career was very popular among his students for his very lucid and simple methods of teaching that he applied in his classes.

3. Shri. Jyotish Chandra Dev Nath



Rtd. Professor Jyotish Chandra Dev Nath was born in Barpeta district in Assam, on 1st November, in the year 1940. As a teacher, he was very much illustrious, sincere and extraordinarily dedicated in his profession. He served Department of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth College, situated in the heart of the city, Guwahati, for a decade, from the year 1966 to 2000. His long teaching career and experiences seem to embrace quite easily. A wide section of the next generation, passed out from the Department of the college under his guidance. A very soft-spoken personality, as still remembered by many of his pupils today who refer him to be a very quiet teacher to such an extent that none could hear him to had uttered even a single tone in a higher pitch whatsoever situation may be before him, in his entire teaching career. As the record of his academy; it can be followed as; passed out Matriculation in 1956 in 1st division, from G.N. Bardoloi School in Barpeta district; Isc. from Cotton College, Guwahati (now Cotton University), in 1959;

Graduation in 1961 from Cotton College, Guwahati (now Cotton University) and Post-Graduation in 1966, from Gauhati University. Before joining Arya Vidyapeeth College, as a professor, he also served as an Assistant Teacher in Howly High School, in Barpeta district, for 3 years from 1961 to 1964. To mention about his authorship, he co-authored with Dr. Debabrata Ghosh, the book “Matric Standard Biology”, in Bengali and authored parts of Degree Zoology, published by Gauhati University. He has contributed one research paper on “*Ompok pabo*”, published in Gauhati University Journal, which he authored with co-author Dr. Subhash Chandra Dey. In his entire teaching profession, he was always busy with numbers of Seminars and popular talks, organized in different corners of the country.

4. Dr. (Mrs.) Jamuna Sharma



Rtd. Professor Dr. (Mrs.) Jamuna Sharma had multifaceted creditability in her entire professional and academic years. Born on 18th July, 1946, Dr. (Mrs) Sharma started her professional career in the Department of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, in the year 1970. She served her service for 36 years till her retirement in 2006 as HOD of

the Department. She devoted 16 years of her life in the field of research and has important paper publications published in the popular Journals. Before joining as a professor of Arya Vidyapeeth College, Dr. (Mrs) Sharma served as a professor in the Department of Zoology, North Lakhimpur College, Assam, from the year, 1969 to 1970. In her student life she had experienced several activities like; NCC training, Intra and Inter-college competitions and also actively participated in many Social Service activities. She also received certificates and awards in diverse fields which include; “Prathama and Prabeshika” Asom Rastrabhasha Prashar Samiti, in the year 1958 and 1961, respectively. She Matriculated in the year 1963 and completed her pre-University examination in 1964. She Graduated in 1967 and post Graduated in 1969. Her topic of thesis for Phd. was on “Effects of Unsaturated Fat Diet on Male Albino Rat”, for which she was awarded with the PhD. in the year 1995. She had membership in Zoology Text Book Cell, University Publication Department, G.U., for the term of 3 years from 1994. She also has Life-time membership with ZSA. She has to her credit numbers of publications, translations together with the honorable experience of delivering talks in All India Radio on several important educational and other social issues; since 1968.

5. Dr. Ella Bora



Rtd. Professor Dr. Ella Bora had professional career as a very dedicated teacher and an able researcher. She has many important publications to her credit. She served the Department of Zoology, Arya Vidyapeeth College, Guwahati, from 1971 to 2006. She is expertized in “Oncology”. Dr. Bora worked on “Combined effect of Cisplatin with Vitamin C and E in the Oesophageal region of White Rat when pre-exposed to known Carcinogen” and for which she was awarded PhD. in Zoology in the year 1995. She has Life membership in ZSA and Assam Science Society. Many research papers and an authored book; are to her credit. She has attended numbers of Conferences, Seminars and Workshops, organized in various parts of the country; throughout her entire professional life.

6. Dr Saibal Sengupta



Dr Saibal Sengupta did his B.Sc from Cotton College in 1974 and M.Sc from Cotton College in 1976. Dr Sengupta joined Arya Vidyapeeth College in 1977. Dr Sengupta obtained his PhD from G U in 1986. He devoted 30 years of service as a faculty in the department of Zoology and nine years as head of the same department. At the zenith of

his professional career, he became the Principal of Arya Vidyapeeth College and served the institute for almost two years. After his superannuation he continued teaching in University of Science and Technology and Assam Don Bosco University till date. He led an immaculate teaching career studded with remarkable scientific achievements contributing more than 80 peer reviewed scientific publications and ten book chapters. He produced faunal inventory reports for many protected areas in Assam. He described more than seven new species of herpetofauna of which he is known for discovery of endemic Assam Cascade Frog (*Amolops assamensis*) and Assamese Day Gecko (*Cnemaspis assamensis*). His noteworthy scientific impact was duly recognized in the form of prestigious research grants from Assam Science Technology and Education Council, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Due to his immense contribution in herpetology, he was selected as a Core faculty for teaching & training under DST sponsored School in herpetology. Moreover, He supervised 12 PhD students, many MPhils researches. He is a member of IUCN-SSC reptile and amphibian assessment group, a life member of Zoological Society of India, Zoological Society of Assam, Assam Science Society, member of Course and Syllabus committee of Assam Higher Secondary Education council and scientific reviewer of international journals such as Zootaxa. Dr Sengupta has been an Executive Member of ZSA since its inception and has carried out the responsibility of Treasurer of ZSA for the last twenty-five years. Dr Saibal Sengupta was the Editor of the First Newsletter published by ZSA.

PRAGJYOTISH COLLEGE

1. Dr Geeta Basumatary



Dr Geeta Basumatary completed her M Sc in 1972 from Gauhati University Immediately after her postgraduation she joined Pragjyotish College. With her able leadership, Honours Course was started in Pragjyotish College in 1982. She earned PhD from Gauhati University in 1988 with UGC Teachers' Fellowship. Under her behest vocational Course on Industrial Fish and Fisheries was started in Pragjyotish College and she was appointed as the coordinator of the course. In 2004 she was selected as a member APSC and took charge as the Chairman of APSC from 2007 till her retirement in 2012. She is the first lady of her community to complete M.Sc and also First Bodo women to get Ph.D degree. She is a life member of Zoological Society of Assam and worked for the uplift of the society.

2. Dr (Mrs) Antara Kalita Baruah



Dr (Mrs) Antara Kalita Baruah was born at Jorhat and completed her graduation from Cotton College with Zoology Honors and did her post-graduation from Gauhati University and secured First Class. In the year 1981 She got the UGC fellowship.

She later joined as faculty of Zoology, Pragjyotish College in the year 1983. Her PhD topic was “Ecological Study of Insect Damaging Medicinal Plants”. She was involved in many academic circles and was the guide for MPhil students. She was the life member of Zoological Society of Assam. Her husband is Dr Jatin Kalita, former Dean and HOD of Zoology Department of Gauhati University. She was the HOD till 2014. Her untimely demise during her service period created a void among the zoological fraternity. She was also a good poet and had published several poems and articles.

3. Dr Capt Angur Begum



Dr Capt Angur Begum was born in Guwahati and completed her graduation from Arya Vidyapeeth College and did her post-graduation from Gauhati University and secured first class. She was actively associated in National Cadet Corps in the Girls Wing and was elevated to the rank of Captain. She did her PhD under Dr Umesh Goswami. She joined as a faculty of Zoology, Pragjyotish College in the year 1989. She was the HOD at the time of her untimely demise in the year 2017.

A D P COLLEGE

1. Mr. Mukhtar Uddin Ahmed



Mr Mukhtar Uddin Ahmed is the founder head of the Department of Zoology of A.D.P College, Nagoan, Assam. He was one of the founding executive members of Zoological society of Assam. He was an active member and participated in the first conference of the Society. He has been a life member of ZSA. He played a leading role in establishing the biodiversity museum of A.D.P. College by personally collecting and preserving the specimens.

B BOROAH COLLEGE

1. Dr. Rekha Deka



Dr. Reka Deka, retired principal, B.Borooah College and renowned educationist of Assam was associated with the Zoological Society of Assam since its inception as a founder member. She is an active member of Zoological society of Assam from 1983 and has been working with the society for its upliftment. Dr.Deka joined as lecturer in the Biology department of the prestigious B.Borooah College, Guwahati on 19-7-1965 . Zoology subject was introduced in under graduate course in 1971 and Major course in Zoology was introduced in 1982-1983 in B.Borooah college under the headship of Dr.Rekha Deka. After serving dedicatedly as a teacher in Zoology department, B.Borooah College for 32 years and she joined as Principal of the same college in 1997. She retired as principal from B.Borooah College in 2006. During her 41 years of service in the teaching profession, she has contributed immensely in the field of academics and in the discipline of Zoology under the esteemed Gauhati University.

2. **Sayed Tariful Islam**



Sayed Tariful Islam, Associate Professor and HOD(Retd.) , Department of Zoology, B.Borooah College has been associated with ZSA. He Joined as a lecturer in the department of Zoology in 1973 after completing his postgraduation from Gauhati University. His special paper is Fishery. He was a very sincere dedicated teacher. After serving about 38 years, he retired from the service in 2011. During his tenure as Head of the department, his contribution for the development of the Zoology department of B.Borooah college is immense .

3. **Dr. Dinesh Baishya**



Dr. Dinesh Baishya, former Principal, B.Borooah College and renowned educationist, author, media commentator and social worker of Assam was associated with the Zoological Society of Assam since its inception. Dr. Baishya joined as lecturer in Zoology department of the prestigious B.Borooah College, Guwahati in 1977. After serving as a teacher in Zoology department, B.Borooah College for 29 years, he joined as Principal of the same college in 2006. He retired as principal from B.Borooah College in 2012.

4. Dr. Jagadindra Raichoudhury



Dr. Jagadindra Raichoudhury, Associate Professor and HOD(Retd.) Department of Zoology and former vice principal of B.Borooah College has been associated with ZSA. He joined as a lecturer in the department of Zoology in 1982 after completing his postgraduation from Gauhati University with specialization in cell biology. After serving about 35 years, he retired from the service in October, 2017. He has contributed immensely for the development of the Zoology department of B.Borooah College. He has been writing regularly in different newspapers and magazines. He has authored a number of short story books and novels.

5. Dr. Jolly Majumdar



Dr. Jolly Majumdar, Associate Professor and HOD (Retd.) Department of Zoology of B.Borooah College has been associated with ZSA. She Joined as a lecturer in the department of Zoology in 1984 after completing her postgraduation from Gauhati University with specialization in cell biology. After serving about 35 years, she retired from the service in July,2019. She has contributed immensely for the development of the Zoology department of B.Borooah college. PG course in Zoology was introduced in 2013-2014 in B.Borooah College during her tenure as head of the department.

6. Dr. Kamal Choudhury



Dr. Kamal Choudhury, Associate Professor and HOD(Retd.), Department of Zoology of B.Borooah College has been associated with ZSA. He Joined as a lecturer in the department of Zoology, B.Borooah college in 1986 after completing his postgraduation from Gauhati University with specialization in animal physiology. After serving about 32 years, he retired from the service in October,2018. He has contributed immensely for the development of the zoology department of B.Borooah college. He is the research supervisor of Gauhati University. One student has already been awarded Ph.D degree under his guideship and five students are doing their research under his guidance at present. He is the author of a number of books on Zoology and Biology.

7. Dr. Rashmi Mala Kakoti



Dr. Rashmi Mala Kakoti Associate Professor (Retd), Department of Zoology of B. Borooah College has been associated with ZSA. She joined as a lecturer in the department of Zoology, B. Borooah College in 1988. Her specialization is Entomology. After serving dedicatedly about 29 years, she retired from the service in August, 2017. She has contributed immensely for the development of the Zoology department of B. Borooah college. She has been writing regularly in different newspapers and magazines. Her book on flowers of Assam published by the Assam Publication Board is noteworthy.

BAJALI COLLEGE (BHATTADDEV UNIVERSITY)

1. Mr Damodar Kalita



Mr Damodar Kalita passed his M.Sc From Gauhati University in 1979 with an academic Gold Medal Mr Kalita joined Darrang College as a lecturer in 1979. Then Mr Kalita then joined Bajali College in 1982 as lecturer and completed uninterrupted service of 37 Years and retired in 2016. In 2015, Mr Kalita took the charge and retired as Principal- in Charge of Bajali College (now Bhattadev University).

2. Mrs. Sarala Talukdar

Mrs. Sarala Talukdar joined the Department of Zoology, Bajali College in 1977. She was the head of the department. Mrs Talukdar was an active member of ZSA. She is regarded as committed teacher of Zoology. Mrs. Talukdar retired as HOD, Dept of Zoology in 2013.

3. Dr. Altafur Rahman



Dr. Altafur Rahman, Former Head, Zoology Department, Bajali College, Pathsala and Retired Principal of Jagiroad College, Jagiroad, had started his teaching career in Bajali from November 1970 (now Bhattadev University). During the 30 years of his service, Dr. Rahman contributed immensely for the development of the college. He took active part in opening Zoology Honours course from 1971 session. He represented the Bajali Science Society in different capacities at academic fora, seminars and conferences at the state and national level. He took special interest in carrying forward the sports and cultural activities of the college and at the intra-varsity level. In 1977 A. Rahman was awarded a UGC teacher's fellowship for his research work leading to his Ph.D. degree under Gauhati University. At the same time, under the able guidance of Principal Late R.N. Sarma, he initiated all correspondence with G.U. and UGC and devoted his time for opening P.G. classes in Zoology in Bajali College from 1981. Dr. Rahman was also awarded the first UGC Major research project of Bajali College. He was always ready to participate in the social –reach out programs. As a lecturer and Head of Zoology Dept, he extended all possible help to the successive Principals after Late R.N. Sarma for the infrastructural and academic development of the college. In July 2000 Dr Rahman joined as the Principal of Jagiroad College, Jagiroad Assam. In Jagiroad College, which was at a tender stage than, he did his maximum for the development of college infrastructure, academics, curriculum and human resource development. He was instrumental in acquiring good amount of funds from several donors, organizations and the UGC. The college was accredited for the first time by NAAC during his time. MOU with different organizations like Tata Steel, RGVN, HDFC, NB Institute for Rural Technology, MSMEs, Nagaon Paper Mill, State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development were inked for the benefit of the college and community. He was the President of the All-Assam College Principals Council for two consecutive years. He retired on 31st December, 2008. Dr Rahman was associated with ZSA for a long time.

4. Dr. Nripendra Nath Sarma



Dr. Nripendra Nath Sarma was born in 1949. Dr Sarma took his Post Graduation in 1970 with specialization in Ichthyology from Gauhati University and obtained doctorate degree in 1996 from the same University. He is a distinguished teacher having more than 35 years of teaching experience in both Undergraduate and Post-Graduate levels in Zoology and he is a Ph.D. guide of Gauhati University under whose supervision and guidance two research scholar have been awarded with doctoral degree. Dr. Sarma served as Associate Professor and Head of the department of Zoology as well as Vice-Principal and Principal i/c in Bajali College (Now Bhattadev University, Bajali) under Gauhati University. Dr. Sarma is a life member of Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, Assam Science Society, Zoological Society of Assam and Nature Conservation India. He also holds the membership of Asian Fisheries Society of Philippines and Indian Agriculture Society of Mangalore. He presented a number of research papers in National and International Conference and seminars and has a good number of articles published in National and International Journals relating to different fish species. Dr. Sarma completed a Major research project on “Biology and Breeding of *Puntius sarana sarana* (Ham) during 1999 to 2002 with the financial assistance of UGC, New Delhi. During the tenure of his service in the college, he was also invited as resource person for various training programs conducted by different educational institutions, NGOs, Assam Science Society and Fishery training Centre of Assam Government. Dr. Sarma has two books to his credit. Arthanaitik Pranibigyan for degree course published by Viswavidyala Prakashan Parisad, Gauhati University, 1st Edn, 1993 and The Fishes of Assam specially for life science students, teachers and researchers published by EBH publisher, Guwahati (India) in 2017. This book is considered as outstanding contribution having valuable information in the field of taxonomic diversity of fish species in India. Dr. Sarma recently established a self-financed “Fish Diversity and Heritage Museum opened

for visitors on 1st Jan,2018 at Barama (Dist Baksa). Students, teachers, researchers and common people visit his museum regularly. About more than 200 important fish species of Assam have been preserved in the fish diversity section which were collected from various parts of Assam. Apart from these collections, other valuable models and animal species has also been kept displaying in its heritage section.

5. Dr. Runu Devi

Dr. Runu Devi was born in 1954 at Muguria in Bajali. She secured her bachelor's degree in Zoology from the department of Zoology, Bajali College in 1974, Pathsala. She did her M. Sc in Zoology from Gauhati University in 1976 and secured first class first position and achieved the prestigious academic gold medal. She had done her PhD from Gauhati University in 1995. She began her career in the department of Zoology, Bajali College as a lecturer on 3rd September, 1977. From 1977 to 30th August, 2004, she served as a senior and selection grade lecturer in the department of Zoology, Bajali College. On 30th August, 2004 itself she joined as the Principal in North Kamrup College, Baghmara. She served in the institution till 31st January, 2014 and retired on the same day. During her lifetime she has been an active member of Assam Science Society, Bajlai branch. Also was an active member and President of Pathsala Lekhika Chora. She has been an active member of Natmandal Pathsala and she went on to perform with them to various places of Assam and showcased her wonderful talent as an artist. She took her last breath unfortunately on 2nd July, 2015 at the age of 61.

M C COLLEGE

1. Shri. P. N. Singh

Mr Prabhu Narayan Singh was born in Kashi or Varanasi. Mr Singh did M.Sc in Zoology with specialization in Entomology from Benaras Hindu University. During sixties and seventies Assam was in dearth of qualified teachers. At that time many teachers came to Assam and Mr Singh was one of them. He joined Department of Zoology, M. C. College in 1966. He was a teacher with good personality. Besides teaching he was fond of music and played the tabla. He retired after completing his successful service in 1999.

2. Mr Dharendra Nath Bayan



Mr D.N.Bayan joined department of Zoology, M.C. College in 1970. He was a devoted and successful teacher. He had a holistic approach to course materials and his teachings resonated with the students. He was the Head of the Department of Zoology. He was very much interested in paddy cum fisheries and established one in Barpeta district. Mr. Bayan retired in 2008.

3. Mr Hari Har Singh

Mr Hari Har Singh was born and brought up in Jaunpur District, Uttar Pradesh. He did his M.Sc in Zoology with special paper in Entomology from Benaras Hindu University. He



joined the Department of Zoology, M. C. College, Barpeta in 1965, at a time when there was dearth of science teachers in the region. Besides teaching entomology, he had an expertise in almost all branches of Zoology. He was a humble, polite and dedicated teacher whom students still adore unequivocally. Mr Singh was an influencing and uncompromising member of M. C. College. Mr. Singh retired from service in 2003.

4. Mr Suroj Ch Chauhan



Mr Suroj Ch Chauhan was born and brought up in Udalguri district (previously Darrang). He did his M.Sc from Gauhati University with specialization in cell biology from Gauhati University. He joined the department of Zoology, M. C. College in 1984. He headed the department for couple of years with best quality teaching and was popular among the students and teachers. Mr Chauhan retired in 2018.

CACHAR COLLEGE

1. Mr Shyamal Kanti Paul



Late Shyamal Kanti Paul, joined the Department as the 2nd teacher on 23rd Aug., 1985 and took over the responsibility of Head of the Department after Dr. Nandi Majumdar left the College. Late Paul did his B.Sc. from St Anthony's College, Shillong securing 1st Class 2nd position in Zoology Honours and M.Sc. in Zoology (Etmology) from North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) securing 1st Class 1st position. During his student life he was elected as Joint Secretary (1982-83) and Secretary (1983-84) of Zoonie Society, of Department of Zoology, NEHU. In the Annual meet of Zoonie Society (1984) he was also elected as 'Man of the Year'. He participated in many Refresher Courses in ASCs of University of Burdwan, University of Lucknow, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan and University of Calcutta. Besides he attended many National Seminars, Workshops. During his tenure he was associated with UGC-COSIP activities of Cachar College. He was instrumental in opening the Vocational course in Industrial Fish & Fisheries and was the 1st Coordinator

of the programme. He served the Department for 29 long years. He was very energetic and enthusiastic to organize many Field trips, Educational Excursion both within and out the state, Seminars and Workshops in the Department. He was involved in broadcasting of science talks through AIR, Silchar. He was member of Cachar College Science Society and Board of Undergraduate Studies in Zoology under Assam University, Silchar. He participated as Resource person in Zonal Level Nature Study Camp organized by Assam Science Technology & Environment Council & Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatra, SOC, Assam in 2001 and many more. He died after brief suffering from Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma on 29th Sept., 2014 at the age of 55.

2. Dr Sanat Ranjan Dutta



Dr Sanat Ranjan Dutta joined Cachar College as the 4th faculty member of the Department on 16th Nov., 1987. Dr Dutta did his M.Sc., in Zoology (Endocrinology) from Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan and completed his Ph.D. on “Functional response of fresh water Perch (*Anabas testudineus*, Bloch) ovary gonadotropin” from the same University in 1994 under the guidance of Prof. Samir Bhattacharjee. Participated in many Refresher Courses in Zoology in the University of Burdwan, Banaras Hindu University, and University of Calcutta and also attended many Seminars & Workshops. He was also member of Board of Undergraduate Studies of Assam University, Silchar. He published many research Papers in National Journals of repute. After the sad and untimely demise

of Prof. S.K. Paul, Dr. Sanat Ranjan Dutta took over the charge as the Head of the Department in 2014. He retired as HoD, Zoology on 31.03.2016 after serving the Department for nearly 29 years.

HANDIQUE GIRLS' COLLEGE

1. Dr. Jagvir Kaur Grewal



Dr Jagvir Kaur Grewal was born in 1943 in Mohali, Punjab. Dr Jagvir Kaur Grewal did B Sc in 1965 from D. N. Govt. College Imphal, Manipur and M.Sc from Gauhati University in 1967. Dr Grewal obtained her Ph.D from Punjabi University, Patiala in 2000. Dr Grewal joined Handique Girls' College as a temporary lecturer in 1967 and then joined as a permanent faculty in the Department of Zoology in 1968. She served as the Head of the Department from 1970 till 2003. Her contribution to the department of Zoology Handique Girls' College in particular and to the field of Zoology in general will always be remembered. She was also the counselor in Life Science for B.Sc Degree and Technicians Diploma Course of IGNOU at Handique Girls' College Centre since 1995 till 2004. Dr Grewal was deeply associated with ZSA and was involved in various activities of ZSA.

2. Dr. Aditi Medhi



She has joined in the department in 1970. She was retired in 2008 as vice principal of the college. She published a book on birds entitled "Sorai"

3. Dr. Lekha Dutta



She has joined in the department on 18th July, 1973. From 1st March, 2007, she took the charge of Vice Principal and continued till the date of her retirement. On 31st December, 2008. She wrote a text book entitled “Jivavidya Parichaya” for degree students under Dibrugarh University. Her book- Bigyanar Nana Katha was published by Handique Girls’ College Science Society. She was the co-author of a science dictionary published by the Assam Science Society. She was also the author of two science topics (zoogeographical regions and marsupials) in assamese encyclopedia “Viswakos”

4. Dr. Alaka Chakraborty



She had joined the department on 7th September, 1976. In 2010, she took the charge of vice principal that was continue till the date of her retirement. On 7th July 2014, she retired.

5. Dr. Adity Bhuyan



Dr. Adity Bhuyan joined Handique Girl's College in 1983 & retired as the HOD of Zoology Department in the year 2013. She had completed her M.Sc.with Cell Biology as the special paper in 1976 & Ph.D.in Reproductive Biology from G.U.in 1989. Dr. Bhuyan presented a paper in the VIIth International Congress of Hormonal Steroids held in Madrid (Spain). She has attended a number of seminars and conferences. She is a LM of ASS., member of the subject editorial board of "Bigyan Abhidhan" volm 2 published by ASS. She worked in the DPEP scheme for the preparation of study material for Primary schools. Dr. Bhuyan was involved in study material preparation under Axom Sarba Shiksha Abhijan Mission, translation of NCERT textbook of Biology from English to Assamese., co-ordinator of Biotech hub of her Institute. She is involved in various activities of the college being the Convenor, V.P.of the college's students union, teacher representative of the Govetning Body , member of several committees of the college etc. She is a double

certificate holder in Bharat Natyam and was awarded as the All Assam Best Cadet (NCC) in the year 1971.

Mrs. Nirmali Medhi



She joined the department in 1983. From October, 2014 she took the charge of Vice Principal and continued till the date of her retirement. In 2015, she was the principal in-charge for three months. On 31st March, 2020, she retired.

B B K COLLEGE

Mrs Hiranmayee Medhi Gayan

Mrs Hiranmayee Medhi Gayan did her B.Sc in 1980 and M.Sc from Gauhati University in 1983 with specialization in Fish and Fishery Biology. She joined B B K College in 1986 and retired from service in 2019.

NANDANATH SAIKIA COLLEGE

1. Shri. Dibya Kamal Mazumdar



Mr Dibya Kamal Mazumdar was born in 1952. He did his B.Sc in 1972 and M.Sc in 1974. He Joined N N Saikia College in 1974 and served as the Head of the Department. He retired from service in 2012.

2. Dr. Dilip Kumar Kalita



Dr. Dilip Kumar Kalita Retired as Associate Professor from N N Saikia College. He passed M.Sc in 1977 from Jawaharlal Nehru

University and completed PhD in 1991 from Dibrugarh University. He joined Nanda Nath Saikia College in 1977 and retired in 2013. He authored a book on Spiders of Gibbon.

1. Kalpana Saikia



Kalpana Saikia joined N N Saikia College in 1977. She completed HSLC in 1971, B.Sc in 1975 from Cotton College and M.Sc in 1977 from Gauhati University. She retired as Associate Professor in 2016.

2. Dr. Anjumoni Saikia



Dr. Anjumoni Saikia completed HSLC from Puranigudam Girls' High School in 1976, B.Sc in 1981 from Nogaon College and M.Sc in 1986 from Gauhati University. She earned her PhD in 2005 from Dibrugarh University. She joined N. N. Saikia College in 1992 and retired as Associate Professor in 2019.

TIHU COLLEGE

Smt. Kamala Deka



Smt. Kamala Deka (01/12/1958), retired as Associate Professor, Department of Zoology Tihu College, Tihu. Born in Sarthebari, Dist-Barpeta, Assam, She joined Tihu College in 10/12/1983 and retired in 31/12/2018. She completed B.Sc in 1978 from Bajali College, Pathsala and Master Degree in 1982 from Gauhati University, Guwahati with (Special Paper: Fish and Fishery Biology). Presently she is perusing Ph.D. from University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya, India. Association with other Organization: Vice-President, Sadou Asom Lekhika Samaroh Samiti (2018-2020), President, Reception committee of 27th Annual Conference of Sadou Asom Lekhika Samaroh Samiti 2018. She has published 11 research papers, 15 articles and 2 book chapters.

GURUCHARAN COLLEGE

1. Prof. Sagar Chandra Das



Prof. Sagar Chandra Das was the founder HOD of Department of Zoology Gurucharan College Silchar. In his initial phase of teaching, he served as Professor in Zoology of Kadiraj College of Murshidabad, West Bengal. His B.Sc degree was from City College, Kolkata and he acquired M.Sc in Zoology from the prestigious Calcutta University. During the period from 1956-1960, he had served in Siliguri College, North Bengal. He served as HoD in the Department of Zoology Gurucharan College from 1961-1986. He has got enormous expertise on the identification of bones. He was known to identify any bone of any animal at any instance. Late Prof. Das was a sportsman and also associated with NCC.

2. Prof. Amal Chandra Bhowmik



Prof. Amal Chandra Bhowmik remained HoD of the Department of Zoology Gurucharan College Silchar from 1986 to 1995. He was very popular among his students. He was a good teacher and had expertise in Physiology. He was a sportsman and a well-known footballer.

3. Prof. Mrs. Kalpana Dey



Prof. Mrs Kalpana Dey served as HoD in the Department of Zoology Gurucharan College Silchar from 1995 to 2006. She contributed immensely in different fields apart from Academics. It was during her tenure that the first Science journal “Biovision” was published from Gurucharan College although “The Purbashree” was being published as College magazine.

4. Dr. Sankar Prasad Bhattacharjee



Dr. Sankar Prasad Bhattacharjee served as HoD in the Department of Zoology Gurucharan College Silchar from 2006-2013. He graduated from Saint Edmunds College Shillong and achieved M.Sc from NEHU. He acquired Ph.D degree from Gauhati University. He was also the Principal in charge of Gurucharan college from 2014-2015.

5. Dr. Chhayya Roy



Dr. Chhayya Roy remained HoD in the Department of Zoology Gurucharan College Silchar from 2015 to 2016. She graduated herself from Arya Vidyapeeth College Guwahati and achieved M.Sc from Gauhati University. She acquired her PhD degree from Assam University Silchar. She acted as the Zonal President of ACTA for one year. She also remained Principal in charge of Gurucharan college for a few months.

NALBARI COLLEGE

1. Sri Triken Das



Sri Triken Das retired as the Head of the Dept. of Zoology, Nalbari College. He had completed his graduation from Cotton College taking Zoology as a major subject in 1963. He completed his Master Degree from Gauhati University in 1968. He was a state-level Football Referee of the Assam Football Association. He was an Ex-member of A.F.A., A.V.A., A.A.A. Association, Assam Cricket Association & Gauhati University Sports Board. He had supervised as Referee in different football competitions of Assam Football Association, Inter College Football Competitions of Gauhati University, Bordoloi Trophy Tournament in Guwahati, Independence Day Cup Football Tournament at Nowgong, Dugar Shield at Tezpur and ATPA Shield at Jorhat. He is a sport's Pensioner of Govt. of Assam and acting as a President i/c of Assam Retired College Teachers' Association. He is intricately associated with ZSA and its activities from the past and has been contributing immensely for the upliftment of this society.

2. Prof. Mrs. Manjula Dutta Ray Barua



Mrs. Manjula Dutta Ray Barua, Associate Professor and former Head of the department of Zoology has retired as Vice-Principal of Nalbari College. She has completed M.Sc. in Zoology from Gauhati University with specialization in Fish and Fishery Biology in 1980. She has worked on the

“Biopotency of Vitamin A on certain aspects of Haemolymph and Epithelial tissues in fresh water crab, *Paratelphusa Spinigere woodmason*” and published two papers in the journals ‘The Bioscan’ and ‘Asian Journal of

Science and Technology’. Also she has completed a Minor Research Project under U.G.C.

Attended many national and District level seminars and workshops. She organized workshop in the field of Fisheries for local entrepreneur and counseling programme, delivered scientific talk as guest lecturer in some educational institutions, published some scientific topics in magazine and newspaper.

DERGAON KAMAL DOWERAH COLLEGE

1. Dr. Porag Kumar Thakur



Dr. Porag Kumar Thakur has completed his B.Sc. from Cotton College in the year 1972 and M.Sc from Gauhati University in 1974 with Entomology as his special paper. He was appointed as a Lecturer in Haflong College in 1974 and joined Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College, Dergaon in the year 1975. He retired in the year 2012 as Principal in charge of DKD College.

He was awarded Ph.D. in 2000 from Gauhati University , Department of Zoology under the Guideship of Dr.P.C. Bhattacharjee.. The title of his Ph.D. work is “An ecological study of *Porphyrio porphyrio* Linn. with reference to crop depredation in Brahmaputra valley, Assam”. He has published 10 papers, authored 2 books and edited 1 book. He was also the Vice President of Assam Sahitya Sabha. He is the Governing Body President of D.R. College, Golaghat from 2019 till date.

2. Sri J.K.Nath



Sri J.K.Nath completed his B.Sc from Debraj Roy college, Golaghat in 1977 and M.Sc. from Gauhati University. He was appointed as a Lecturer in Zoology department of Dergaon Kamal Dowerah College in 1983 in regular post. He retired as an Associate Professor and Vice Principal from DKD College in 2016.

He was also actively associated in campaign movement against “Bhopal Gas Tragedy” in 1984 along with Kerala Sastriya Sahitya Parishad and to create scientific temperament among students.

He has also completed a Major Research Project funded by UGC in 2017. In this project their team were able to isolate a poisonous chemical compound tetrodotoxin from *Tetrodon cutcutia* (Puffer fish) of Brahmaputra river and also identified three novel strains of Bacteria.

D. R. COLLEGE, GOLAGHAT

Dr. Amarendra Nath Dutta.



Dr. Amarendra Nath Dutta, M.Sc. Ph.D,Retd. Professor of Zoology, D. R. College, Golaghat -785621, Assam. (Environmental Biology). Served in Debraj Roy College as a faculty in the department of Zoology for 39yrs(1965-2004). Presently working as a lecturer of Biology in Reliance College Jr. since the last 17yrs from 2004. Total no. of research papers, research articles, popular science articles, abstracts published in books, journals, souvenir, magazines 40 (forty), 1 research article, 3 books viz., *Uroniya Xokhi; Flying Friends*, 2007, *Monograph on Golden Langur Trachypithecus geei* 2017 and *Mur Dristit Prakriti* (in press).He is also the writer of a chapter titled 'Growth and Development, Reproduction of Animals' for the text book Xadharon Bigyan of Class VIII , 2007 under Board of Secondary Education, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati. Attended XXVI International Ethological Conference in 1999 held in Bangalore, India conducted by the International Council of Ethologists, Oxford, U.K. and presented a research paper. Working as

President of BONJYOTSNA (an NGO) for conservation of Nature and Natural resources of North East India since 2004.

NOWGONG COLLEGE

1. Prabhat Chandra Kakati



He was the founder HoD of the Department of Zoology in Nowgong College. His specialization is Entomology. Zoology Department was established on 29th July, 1970 under his Headship. The Department has an attractive museum with large number of Zoological specimens in conformity with the syllabus. During his tenure, he introduced the Vocational course of Industrial Fish and Fisheries (IFF, 1996-2000) from which many became successful entrepreneurs. He had collaborated with the College of Fisheries, Raha for quality teaching. Dr. Pradip Bhuyan, Dr. Sarada Kanta Bhagawati, Dr. Manoj Das and Mainuddin Ahmed are the faculty members from college of fisheries who took classes in Nowgong College. He started commercial Honey production in the college. His Contribution is immense in developing the infrastructure of the Department. He was a strict disciplinarian.

2. Sri Bipul Chandra Kataki



After the retirement of Prabhat Chandra Kakati, Bipul Chandra Kataki took the charge of Head of the Department till his retirement. He studied M.Sc Zoology at the University of Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, with Cytology as his specialization. Sir has contributed immensely for the development of the Department in academic as well as in infrastructure. Sir also served as the Vice Principal of the College. Sir was a very active member of the Zoological Society of Assam. He was a man of perfection. He was popular among students for his punctuality and quality teaching.

3. Mrs. Bijoya Roychowdhury:



Mrs. Roychowdhury had joined the Department in 1972. She did her M.Sc. with specialization in Fish and fishery biology from the Department of Zoology, Gauhati

University in the year 1971. She was an affectionate and dedicated teacher. Madam Roychoudhury was one of the active faculties in Industrial Fish and Fishery course. She devoted her service life for the academic development of the Department.

4. Dr. (Mrs.) Biva Goswami



After retirement of Bipul Chandra Kataki, Dr. (Mrs.) Biva Goswami took the charge of Head of the Department till her retirement. She did her Masters from Gauhati University with specialization in Entomology. She completed her M.Phil in 1990. She has been awarded Ph.D. By Gauhati University in 2008 for her thesis “Study of some attributes of castor plant *Ricinus communis* L on eri silkworm *Philosamia ricini* BOISD” Her M. Phil and her Ph.D Supervisor was Prof. H.C. Mahanta, Department of Zoology. She was a teacher of repute, carried out two minor and a Major research project in her service period. She has written a practical textbook in Assamese for the HS Students and developed a Kit for study in Biology for School students for which she has awarded from DST. Departmental library was developed by the initiative of Dr. Biva Goswami. She was a very active member of the Zoological Society of Assam. She retired in 2014.

5. Sri Pabon Chandra Saikia



Sri P. C. Saikia had joined the Department in 1986 and contributed a lot for the upliftment of the Department till his retirement in 2012. He did his M.Sc. in 1982 from the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University with specialization in Entomology. He has received grants from UGC to carry out two minor Research projects on entomology. Sir has written a textbook on “Agricultural Pests and their Control” for the undergraduate students. Students still remembers his neat dissections

GUWAHATI COLLEGE

Dr Girindra Kalita



Dr. Girindra Kalita retired as Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Guwahati College. He completed M.Sc. from GU (Study centre: Bajali College) in 1982 and earned Ph.D. from GU in 2008. He has 16 Paper publications to his credit. Presently he is interested in Nature photography.

PANDU COLLEGE

Mrs. Geetali Das



Mrs. Geetali Das served as the Associate Professor of Zoology, Pandu College and Head of Department from 2014. She retired on 31 July' 21, after completing an illustrious career of 36 years. She completed her M. Sc (Cell Biology) in 1982 from Gauhati University. She is also a Life Member of ZSA. In addition to her regular service, she has been associated with the Pain and Palliative Care Society of Guwahati since 2011.

D.K. COLLEGE MIRZA

Dr Anup Kumar Chakrabarty



Dr Anup Kumar Chakrabarty, former HOD & Associate Professor of Mirza College, postgraduates from GU in the year 1977 and earned his prestigious doctorate degree from the same University in the year 2005. He served as lecturer of in Nalbari College from 1977 to 1982. Then he joined as Senior Research officer at Central Silk Board, Govt of India and served there till 1986. In 1986 he joined as lecturer in Mirza College & retired from the same in 2014. He published his research work in 3 international and 6 national journals. He published 9 books.

NORTH LAKHIMPUR COLLEGE

Dr Amiya Rajbongshi



Dr Amiya Rajbongshi, retired as Vice Principal North Lakhimpur College. She completed B.Sc. in Zoology in 1968 securing 1st class 1st from Cotton College, M.Sc. from Gauhati University securing Academic Gold Medal in 1970. She earned her PhD in 2006 from Gauhati University. She received National awarded in 2020 for outstanding efforts in Science & Technology popularization through Print Media in Assam. She has authored many books such as Reaching Womanhood, Prevention of Burns, Pranir Bibartan, Jivan Rahasya Sandhanat Keijanman vigyan Tapaswi Aru Teolokar Avadan , Gulokio Jalabayu Paribartan, Bichitra Jiva Bichatra Jivan, Sharirtatva Ba Chikittsyabigyanat Nobel Bonta Bijeta Bigyanisakal(1901-1950), Sharirtatva Ba Chikittsyabigyanat Nobel Bonta Bijeta Bigyanisakal(1951-2000), Bismoyokor ovijojan, prajatir Utpatty etc. She is also a regular writer for various magazines. She was also Ex-President, Lakhimpur Science Society, ABVP Lakhimpur unit, Ex-President Assam Science Writers' Association.

DIGBOI COLLEGE

1. Late Upendra Nath Konwar



He was founder Head and Retired Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Digboi College. He passed M.Sc from Gauhati University. He had been retired on 31/12/2001.

2. Anu Borgohain



Anu Borgohain was Retired Associate Professor and Ex-HOD, Department of Zoology,

Digboi College. She passed M.Sc in Zoology from Gauhati University. Her area of Specialization is Entomology. She has joined in her service on 16/11/1981 and retired on 31/08/2015

3. Saibal Dev



Saibal Dev was Retired Associate Professor and Ex-HOD, Department of Zoology, Digboi College. He had passed M.Sc from NEHU, Shillong. His area of Specialization was Entomology. He had joined his service on 26/11/1984 and got his retirement on 31/01/2018.