

REPORT ON RUSA 2.0/PM-USHA ASSAM SPONSORED TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME ON "MENTORING CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH IN THE LIGHT OF NEP 2020"

A two-day Teachers' Training Programme on "Mentoring Cutting-Edge Research in the Light of NEP 2020" was successfully organized by Mariani College under the sponsorship of RUSA 2.0/PM-USHA Assam in collaboration with UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Guwahati, on 14th and 15th October, 2025. The programme aimed at enhancing the research aptitude, innovation capabilities, and academic leadership of teachers in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020.

The programme commenced on 14th October 2025 with registration and breakfast, followed by the inaugural ceremony. The inaugural session highlighted the significance of research-oriented teaching, interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and quality enhancement in higher education institutions. Faculty members, researchers, and participants from various colleges actively attended the programme.

The programme began at 9.00 a.m. on 14th October, 2025, with a tribute to the late renowned Assamese musician Zubeen Garg, which was paid by Dr. Horen Goowalla, Principal, Mariani College. The gathering observed the tribute as a mark of respect for the celebrated cultural icon of Assam.

Following the tribute, invited guests and distinguished dignitaries were formally welcomed and escorted to the dais. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. Horen Goowalla, Principal of Mariani College, who delivered the welcome address. In his speech, he highlighted the significance of research-oriented teaching and the relevance of the training programme in fostering innovation, interdisciplinary research, and academic excellence in accordance with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020.

The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Jogen Chandra Kalita, Coordinator, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Gauhati University. He emphasized the transformative role of higher education institutions in promoting quality research and stressed the need for continuous professional development of teachers to meet emerging academic and societal challenges.

A special address was delivered by Rupjyoti Kurmi, MLA of Mariani Constituency. He appreciated the initiative undertaken by Mariani College and encouraged faculty members to engage in meaningful research that contributes to regional development and nation-building.

The keynote lecture of the inaugural session was delivered by Prof. Pranjal Bezborah, former Professor of Commerce, Dibrugarh University. In his insightful address, he discussed the changing landscape of higher education under NEP 2020 and underscored the importance of cutting-edge research, innovation, and collaboration in enhancing the quality and relevance of academic institutions.

The inaugural ceremony concluded at 10.00 a.m. with a vote of thanks by the IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Arupanjali Borah, marking the formal commencement of the technical sessions of the training programme.

The first technical session was conducted by Prof. Prodeep Phukan, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Director, College Development Council, Gauhati University. Delivering a lecture on “Cultivating a Research Mindset: From Curiosity to Discovery,” he emphasized the importance of inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and intellectual curiosity as the foundation of impactful research. He encouraged participants to identify research gaps and pursue innovative solutions to contemporary challenges.

The second technical session was delivered by Prof. Amarjyoti Mahanta, Professor, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University, on “Designing High-Impact Research Projects: Planning, Methodology, and Collaboration.” He elaborated on the various stages of research project formulation, methodological considerations, proposal writing, and the significance of collaborative and interdisciplinary research in achieving meaningful outcomes.

In the third technical session, Dr. Ajit Ch. Das, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat, delivered an insightful lecture on “Intellectual Property Rights in the Age of Technology and Collaboration.” He discussed patents, copyrights, trademarks, and the growing importance of protecting intellectual assets in an increasingly technology-driven research environment.

The fourth technical session was conducted by Dr. Deepjyoti Kalita, Assistant Professor, Library and Information Science, Cotton University. His presentation on “Integrating Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Research Methodologies” introduced participants to contemporary digital research tools, artificial intelligence applications, data analytics, and ethical considerations associated with the use of emerging technologies in academic research.

The second day of the programme began with the fifth technical session led by Dr. Biju Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Jagannath Barooah University. His lecture on “Creating Start-up Ecosystem for Atmanirbhar (Self-Resilient) Assam” focused on entrepreneurship development, innovation-driven economic growth, and the role of educational institutions in nurturing start-up culture among students and researchers.

The sixth technical session was addressed by Prof. Dulumoni Goswami, Professor and Head, Department of Education, Gauhati University. Speaking on “Curriculum Design, Development and Implementation of Outcome-Based Education,” he highlighted the principles of outcome-based learning, curriculum restructuring, and the alignment of educational objectives with the goals of NEP 2020.

The seventh technical session was delivered by Dr. Gobinda Deka, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. His lecture on “Fostering Innovation through Collaboration and Industry-Academia Partnerships” emphasized the need for stronger linkages between educational institutions and industry to promote research, innovation, employability, and technology transfer.

The eighth and final technical session was conducted by Dr. Utpal Deka, Assistant Professor in Economics, S. K. Bhuyan School of Social Sciences, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. In his lecture on “Building Climate Literacy: Teaching the Science and Economics of Climate Change,” he underscored the urgency of integrating climate education into higher education curricula and discussed the scientific, economic, and policy dimensions of climate change.

The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony held on 15th October 2025. Participants shared their experiences and appreciated the relevance of the sessions in strengthening their research competencies and pedagogical practices. Certificates were distributed, and the organizers expressed gratitude to the resource persons, participants, RUSA 2.0/PM-USHA Assam, UGC-MMTTC, Gauhati University, and all stakeholders for their support and cooperation.

The two-day training programme proved to be highly enriching and productive. It successfully provided participants with valuable insights into contemporary research practices, innovation, entrepreneurship, outcome-based education, industry collaboration, artificial intelligence, and climate literacy, thereby contributing significantly to the realization of the objectives of NEP 2020 and the promotion of a vibrant research culture in higher education.

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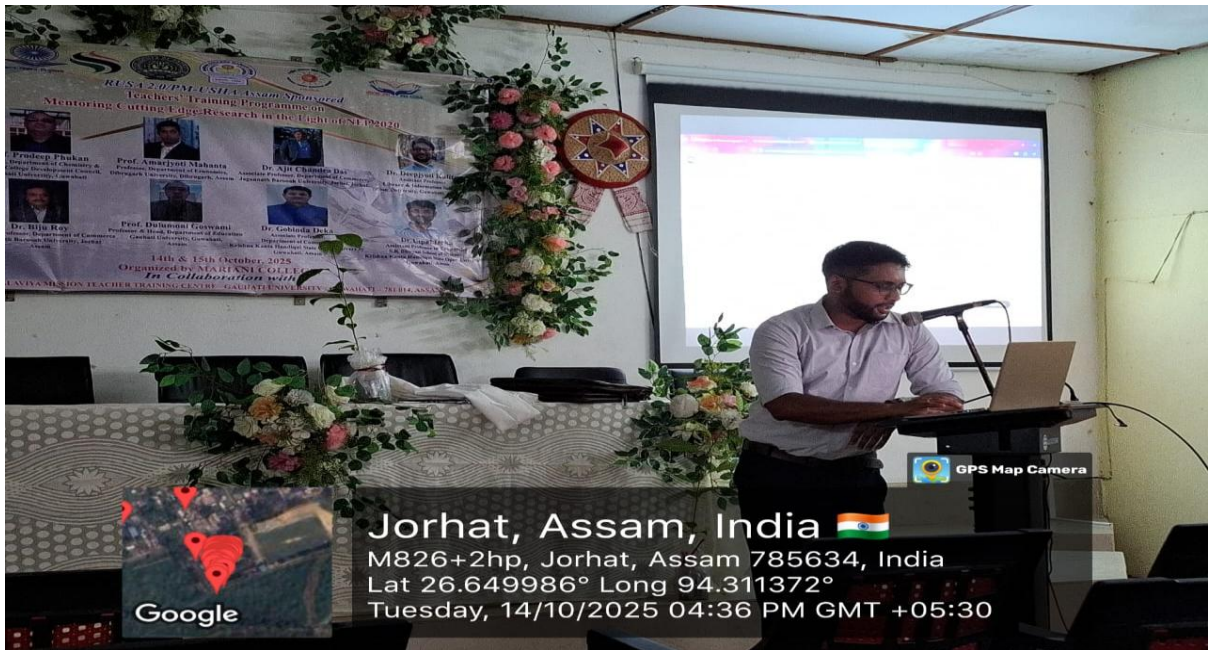
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