

GCU hosts 2nd Lex Imperium Moot Court Competition



Assam Rising, Guwahati, April 27: The legal acumen of the region's brightest law students was on full display at the 2nd Lex Imperium Moot Court Competition, organized by Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) on April 25. The prestigious event saw active participation from 66 aspiring lawyers comprising 22 groups from across the Northeast, culminating in a spectacular victory for JB Law College. The competition was coordinated by Dr. Niju Moni Das, Dean of Centre for Legal Studies at GCU. The opening ceremony commenced with welcome speeches delivered by the President of SSA, Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, Chancellor Prof. Jayanta Deka of GCU; and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kandarpa Das. The session featured an inspiring address by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Kaushik Goswami, Judge, Gauhati High Court. Delivering his speech, Justice Goswami advised the aspiring lawyers to focus on preparedness above all else. "Moot court is not just a competition; it

is a rehearsal of life in law," he observed. "Courtrooms do not forgive unprepared lawyers. Losing with integrity is honourable, winning without integrity is not." Following the remarkable opening, the competition rapidly moved into high gear. The preliminary rounds kicked off, where teams were judged by a diverse panel consisting of High Court advocates and faculty from various law colleges across Assam. By the afternoon, the competition was narrowed down to six teams for the semi-final round.

The fierce legal battles culminated in the final round, held in the Moot Court Hall, where the top two teams went head-to-head. Dr. Khyad Uddin Ahmed, Senior Advocate of the Gauhati High Court, and Mr. Kishor Kalita, Advocate of the Gauhati

High Court, presided as the judges for the final round. Ultimately, the exceptional arguments and thorough preparation of Agastya Kashyap, Jishnu Pratim Kashyap, and Pragyan Patowary earned JB Law College the coveted Best Team Award, while Jishnu Pratim Kashyap took home the Best Mooter award. The team from NEF Law College finished as a strong runner-up.

The successful day of legal proceedings wrapped up with a prize distribution ceremony, where trophies were awarded to the triumphant participants, celebrating both their competitive spirit and their commitment to legal integrity. Through initiatives like Lex Imperium, GCU continues to foster legal excellence by providing a vital platform for students to gain practical, real-world courtroom exposure.

Assam CM Praises Dr Shekhar Suman Bora for Global Innovation Award in US



Assam Rising, Guwahati, April 27: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma lauded young scientist Dr Shekhar Suman Bora for securing international recognition after being honoured with the 'University Innovator Award' at the Texas Innovation Conference & Awards 2026.

In a statement shared on social media, the Chief Minister described the achievement as a matter of pride for both Assam and the nation, noting that Bora's recognition on a global platform reflects the growing contribution of Indian researchers in advanced scientific

research and innovation. Currently a research scientist at the University of Texas, Dr Bora received the award for his work in developing technologies with practical, real-world applications. The honour is conferred on researchers whose innovations demonstrate tangible societal impact. The conference, held across Dallas and Fort Worth, brought together leading scientists, innovators and industry experts to showcase advancements in emerging technologies.

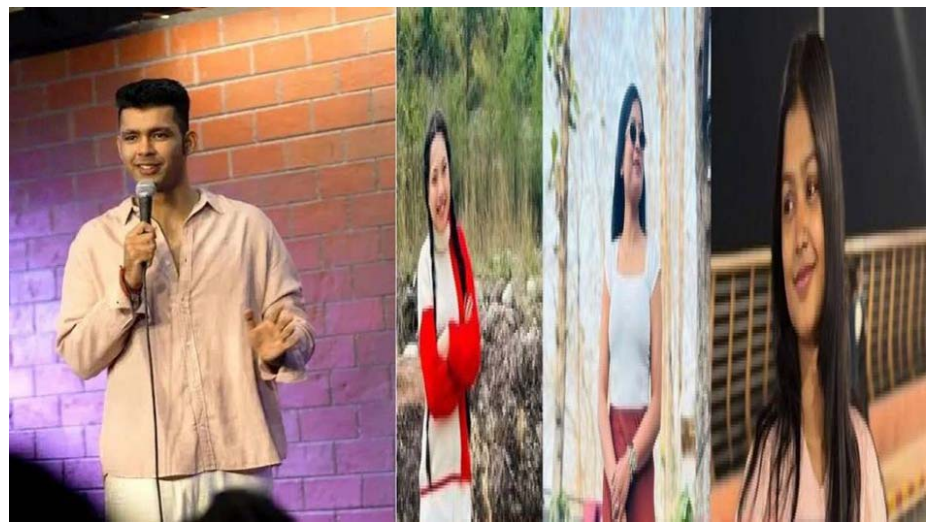
Before relocating to the United States, Dr Bora was associated with the Bhabha

Atomic Research Centre, one of the country's premier scientific institutions. His research spans micro-electronics, UAV-based sensing, artificial intelligence and low-power intelligent systems, with a particular focus on agricultural applications.

A native of Tezpur, Dr Bora's work centres on integrating advanced technologies into agriculture to enhance productivity and efficiency. His recognition has been widely viewed as a significant milestone, highlighting the rising global presence of researchers from Assam.

Comedian Manhar Seth dedicates Kolkata show to Guwahati crash victims, expresses deep grief

Assam Rising, Guwahati, April 27: Stand-up comedian Manhar Seth on Monday, April 27, expressed profound sorrow over a tragic road accident in Guwahati during a live performance in Kolkata. The comedian dedicated his show to three young women who lost their lives just hours after attending his earlier performance at Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati. During his address, Seth appeared visibly emotional as he spoke about the heartbreaking incident, calling it one of the most distressing experiences of his life. He shared that he had been struggling with a sense of guilt since learning about the tragedy, wondering if the victims might have avoided the accident had they not at-



tended his show that evening. Seth revealed that media reports linking the victims to his performance had deeply affected him. He admitted feeling overwhelmed and conflicted about whether to go ahead with his scheduled show in Kolkata. However, after much thought, he decided to continue with the per-

formance and dedicate it to the memory of the deceased. In an emotional appeal, the comedian urged his audience to prioritise safety, especially while travelling late at night. He also emphasised the importance of responsibility and compassion in everyday life, highlighting how unpredictable circumstances can be

and how vital it is to value human connections. The tragic accident took place late Sunday night in the Mathgharia area of Guwahati. According to reports, a speeding Maruti Suzuki Swift Dzire crashed into a stationary truck near Gate Hospital. The impact was severe, leaving the occupants critically injured. The vic-

tims were identified as Akanksha Saikia, Puja Saha, and Neha Khan. Police confirmed that two of the women died at the scene, while the third succumbed to her injuries at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Shamim Ahmed, reportedly survived the crash due to the deployment of airbags but allegedly fled the scene immediately after the incident. Authorities have since launched a search operation to locate him and are continuing their investigation into the circumstances leading to the accident. Seth concluded his remarks by offering prayers for the victims and extending his heartfelt condolences to their grieving families, hoping their souls find eternal peace.

Assamese Film 'Moromor Deuta' Set for May 15 Releases

Assam Rising, Guwahati, April 27: A new Assamese feature film, *Moromor Deuta*, adapted from a celebrated work by Bhabendra Nath Saikia, is scheduled for theatrical release on May 15, the makers announced. The film draws from one of Saikia's widely read stories, originally published in the children's magazine *Saphura* during 1989-90. Known for its emotional resonance, the story has retained its relevance across generations of readers.

Director Himjyoti Talukdar said the adaptation seeks to reinterpret the original narrative for contemporary audiences while pre-

serving its core essence. He noted that translating the emotional depth of the story to cinema posed creative challenges, but the team aimed to remain faithful to its spirit while presenting it through a modern cinematic lens. The film's trailer, poster and title track were unveiled at a programme held on Saturday evening, marking the start of its promotional campaign. Speaking at the event, Preeti Saikia described the adaptation as a meaningful tribute, stating that the work holds personal significance and that its cinematic retelling brings the legacy of the late author to a new generation.

Saikia, a distinguished

academic, writer and filmmaker, was honoured with multiple accolades during his career, including seven National Film Awards, the Sahitya Akademi Award and the Padma Shri.

The film features a mix of emerging and established actors from the Assamese film industry, including Bodhisattva Sharma, Mintu Baruah, Aparna Dutta Choudhury, Arun Nath, Gaurav Bora and Kuldeep. The makers said *Moromor Deuta* is expected to deliver an emotional and nostalgic cinematic experience, rooted in a story that continues to occupy a significant place in Assamese literature.



Opposition parties inspect strong room in Tezpur

Assam Rising, Tezpur, April 27: Representatives and candidates of opposition parties, including the Congress and the Rajgor Dal, inspected the strong room set up at Darrang College here on Monday.

It may be mentioned that a committee

constituted by the Congress to monitor the condition of strong rooms across the State has been entrusted with the responsibility of inspecting Strong room facilities in the districts on the north bank of the Brahmaputra. Members of the committee, led by Dr. Joy

Prakash Das, visited the Darrang College premises as part of this exercise. Among those present during the inspection were Sonitpur District Congress president and Rangapara candidate Kartik Kurmi, Dhekiajuli Congress candidate Batas Orang, and Rajgor Dal's Tezpur candidate Alok

Nath. The team reviewed the security arrangements of the strong room. Speaking on the occasion, Rajgor Dal candidate Alok Nath said that he had earlier apprised the concerned authorities about certain measures required for the strong room, adding that the administration had taken steps accordingly.

Meanwhile, Dhekiajuli Congress candidate Batas Orang expressed confidence over the outcome of the election results scheduled to be declared on May 4, stating that he was optimistic of securing the required number of votes for victory.

Flood Preparedness Meeting Held in Tamulpur

Assam Rising, Tamulpur, April 27: A meeting on flood preparedness in view of the upcoming monsoon season was held today at the conference hall of the Office of the District Commissioner, Tamulpur. The meeting was chaired by the District Commissioner and Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Simi Karan, IAS. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on coordination of emergency services, protection of critical infrastructure, road communication systems, management of relief camps, damage assessment, and reporting mechanisms. Departments including Women and Child Development, Education, Veterinary, Social Welfare,



Public Health Engineering (PHE), Public Works Department (PWD), Water Resources, Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Power, Health etc. were urged to remain fully prepared and alert. The District Commissioner also called upon the concerned departments to inspect potential relief camp

sites. She emphasized that all departments should be prepared in advance to effectively deal with any flood situation and keep their respective departmental disaster management plans ready. The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Bidisha Bora, District Project Man-

ager Dr. Sushanta Borgohain, along with officials from the Police, SSB, and other security agencies, as well as officers from the concerned departments. This information was shared with the media by Sub-Divisional Information and Public Relations Officer Bijoy Bezbaruah.

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