

August 01 The Capacity Building Centre, Cotton University, announced to start a coaching programme for Civil Services Examinations for Cottonians and alumnis. Registration for the programme started on 5 August 2022 on first come-first serve basis.

August 02 An eye care centre - ASHWINI Eye Health Centre was inaugurated at the Medical Centre of Cotton University. This centre is funded by the State Bank of India, Guwahati Circle under its CSR programme. Professor B C Goswami, Vice Chancellor of the university and Shri Arvind Kumar Singh CGM, SBI Guwahati Circle graced the inaugural function.

August 03 An ATM of State Bank of India was inaugurated at MCB building, Cotton University by Professor B C Goswami, Vice Chancellor of the university and Shri Arvind Kumar Singh CGM, SBI Guwahati Circle for the convenience of students, staff and teachers at the university.

August 03 Meeting of the 25th Executive Council of Cotton University was held.

August 05 The University completes admission process of the Higher Secondary First Year batch, 2022. There were altogether 1014 applicants in the Arts stream and 124 students got admitted. In the science stream there were 2009 applicants and 307 students got admitted.

August 05 Honourable Vice Chancellor, Professor B C Goswami inaugurated the renovated Swaheed Ranjit Borpujari Boys' Hostel on 5 August 2022. This 120-seater hostel fulfilled long standing dream of Cottonians. The top floors of the – fifth and sixth floors are to accommodate the foreign students and research scholars.

August 10 A meeting of all Deans, Heads of Departments and Officers of the university was held on 10 August 2022 to discuss preparation for the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at the university during 13-15 August 2022.

August 12 To commemorate 75 years of Attainment of India's Independence – 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the University under the initiative of the Department of History conducted an Extempore Speech competition on Freedom Struggle of India on August 12 at Sudmersen Hall of the University.

August 12 Dr Sangeeta Borthakur, Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell, Cotton University, and Dr Muktikam Hazarika visited two of the villages adopted under UBA program, Satargaon and Kalitapara on 12th August 2022 and distributed the national flag to every household. It was explained that as per the Government notification, the tricolour needs to be displayed in every household, flying high from an elevated position, from 13 to 15 August 2022.

August 12 The Departments Botany, Economics and Statistics celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with pictorial examinations on the life and contribution of freedom fighters of the state.

August 13-15 The university celebrated the 75th Independence Day on August 15. Professor B C Goswami hoisted the National Flag and explained the essence of freedom the country has enjoyed at present with significant progress made in the fields of science and technology and how the developments have able to ensure basic needs, food security and wellbeing of the citizens.

- The national flag was hoisted on August 13 and 14 as well, as a part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Professor Maheswar Kalita Registrar In-charge hoisted the flag on August 13 and Dr. Shantanu Chakraborty, Dean In-charge, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, Cotton University hoisted the flag on August 14, 2022
- On August 15 the university organised public screening of Sir Richard Attenborough's Oscar winning film 'Gandhi' at 9.30 am in the MCB conference hall.

August 16 The admission into the undergraduate programme of the university started on online mode and the entire process was completed within a week. Altogether 553 students took admission in science stream and 537 students took admission in Arts stream. In addition, 16 students took admission in computer science and 59 students under the Liberal Studies programme of the university.

August 17 The Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Cotton University, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Cotton University hosted Prof. Achintya N. Bezbaruah, Gehrts Presidential Professor, Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering North Dakota State University (NDSU), USA on August 17, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Bezbaruah, an alumnus of the erstwhile Cotton College, shared his experiences as an academician and an environmental activist in his talk themed- "Environmental Activism: Theory to Practice".

August 19 The Department of Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies organised a photographic competition among the students at the university on the theme 'Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate World Photography Day.

August 20 The university submitted a consolidated proposal on an interdisciplinary theme with broader participation of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) departments of Cotton University to the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, under the scheme "Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence" (PURSE-2022). The main objective of the scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of Indian universities and provide support for nurturing the research ecosystem and strengthening the research and development base of the Universities of selected regions in India.

August 26 Meeting of Collegium of Deans was held.

August 27 A training programme for 10 Media Fellows from Assam was held on the issues of malnutrition, child protection and gender. The programme was organized by Cotton University with technical support from UNICEF Assam. Vice Chancellor, Cotton University, Professor Bhabesh Ch. Goswami inaugurated the training programme and appreciated the initiative that aims to improve reportage on the issues of malnutrition and violence against children. This year, Cotton University and UNICEF Assam collaborated to reach and sensitize media at the constituency level. Ten journalists (print and TV), who received the Fellowships, represent different media houses in Assam, were selected by a high-level jury that included Shri Hrishikesh Goswami, Former Media Advisor, Government of Assam; Smt. Durbha Ghosh, Manager PTI; Dr. Narayan Sharma, Child Educationist and Specialist; Smt. Pilu Hazarika, Member, ASCPCR; and Shri. Dinanth Loying, Joint Director, DIPR. The selected Fellows are expected to travel to high-burden districts and write stories over a period of 75 days.

August 31 The Capacity Building Centre (CBC), Cotton University in association with Civil Service Achievers' Point has initiated a yearlong (10 months) Coaching Programme for the aspirants of Civil Services Examination. This coaching programme under the community services initiatives of CBC is open for the alumni and students of Cotton University, as well as students from other institutions of Assam. Shri Subhash Chandra Das (IAS), former Additional Chief Secretary of Assam and presently the Vice Chancellor of Assam Skill University, Mangaldoi and Shri Diganta Borah (IPS), Secretary to the Home Department, Government of Assam and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Bhabesh Chandra Goswami graced the occasions to motivate the participants. Dr. Sangeeta Barthakur, Director in-charge of CBC, is the coordinator of the programme. Classes of the programme will be held every weekend – Saturdays and Sundays. The course fees of the course are at highly subsidised rate at Rs. 15,750/.

## Award of Ph.D. degree

• As per the resolution taken in the Executive Meeting of 3 August 2022, four research scholars were awarded PhD. Degree:

Hridaya Nanda Das, Department of Anthropology worked on 'Bio-Social Determinants of Reproductive Health among the Boro Kachari Women of Barama, Baksa District, Assam' under supervision of Dr. Tiluttoma Baruah.

Minakshi Devi, Department of Hiindi worked on 'Bachchan Ke Atmakatha Satitya Ke Vividh Paksh: Ek Samikshatmak Adhyayan', under supervision of Dr. Kusum Kunja Malakar.

Jayanta Sarmah Boruah, Department of Chemistry worked on 'Carbon Nanomaterial Tagged Bis-Mimicking System for Biomedical Application', under supervision of Dr. Devasish Chowdhury.

Jnyandeep Hazarika, Department of Chemistry worked on 'A Computational Study of the Endocrine Disruption caused by Chlorphyfrios and Its Environmental Degradation Products through Interactions with Hormone Receptors', under supervision of Professor Mausumi Ganguly.

## Examinations conducted

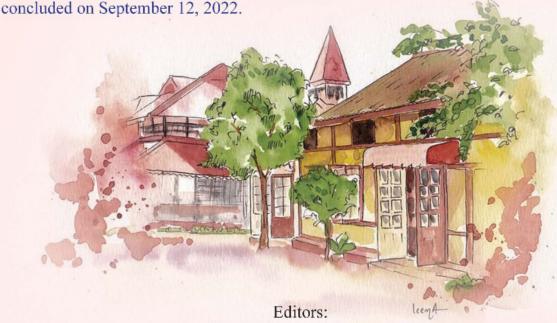
PhD viva voce of Madhurankhi Goswami, student of the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, CU, held on August 31, 2022, through virtual mode. Ms. Goswami worked on the topic 'Potentiality of biosurfactant producing microbes in plant growth promotion and inhibition of phytopathogenic fungi'

Cotton Post Graduate Entrance Examination 2022 (CPGEE, 2022) for admission into postgraduate programme was held during August 2 to 5, 2022. The University had announced 654 seats in Master of Arts, 278 seats in Master of Science, 40 seats each for Master of Computer Application and Mass Communication and Journalism, 20 seats each for Master of Law and Master of Library and Information Sciences and 15 seats for MSc. in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. The notification for Challenge of Answer Key was announced on August 9, 2022, and the result was declared on 15 August 2022.

Final examination of the Undergraduate fourth semester commenced on August 18, concluded on August 25, 2022.

Final examination of Undergraduate second semester commenced on August 26, concluded on September 3, 2022.

Final examination of the Postgraduate second semester commenced on August 26,



Arup Kumar Hazarika and Jyoti Das

Editorial Board members:

Kalyan Das

Eeshan Kalita

Raysul Hoque

Published by Registrar, Cotton University ©Cotton University email: newsbulletin@cottonuniversity.ac.in

Website: https://cottonuniversity.ac.in/