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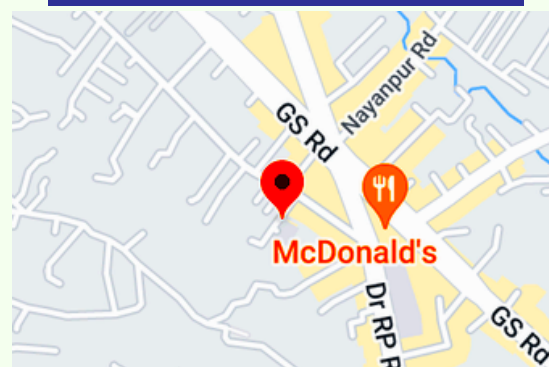


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Success comes to those who work hard and stays with those who don't rest on past laurels. DISPUR COLLEGE started its journey in the year 1978 with the aim of providing education and empowering youth so that they can be financially independent, socially conscious, morally upright and emotionally balanced. Dispur College is an amalgamation of competent teachers, state of the art infrastructure and an experienced and efficient Management, safe and supportive environment for its students to provide a perfect balance of academics, sports, artistic and social opportunities.

Genuine concern of our institution is to ensure students emotional growth along with intellectual excellence. This empowers them to develop their self-esteem, self-awareness and self-confidence. Our student population is multi-cultural and multi linguistic, hence we teach students, the importance of tolerance and respect for each other's language and culture. Discipline, values and integrity are the foundation of this Institution. Our vision is to produce conscientious, confident citizens of India who will go out into the world and make us proud.

Come on, let's give our best and make this Institution a modern temple of learning through our diligence, devotion and dedication. I wish the best of fortune, peace and prosperity to all those who contribute to the noble task of spreading education and its manifest qualities, aims and objectives.

Best wishes for their future endeavors.

Principal
Dr Navajyoti Borah
Dispur College

Editor's Desk

Formal education received in colleges is very important for all round development of the children along with informal education received from home and society. Both the parents and teachers play a great role in the personality development of a child. Adolescence is a stage of different types of development such as –physical, mental, social, emotional and so on. It is also considered as a stage of great turmoils and confusion for the youths regarding their life and careers. It is very important to provide them proper guidance and for this both teachers and parents have to work hand in hand. We ,at Dispur College fully believe in this and ,therefore, regularly hold meetings with the parents of every student.



The Bulletin is an attempt to make the stake holders aware of the activities undertaken by the institution for the development of its students.

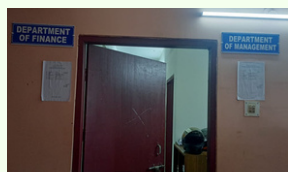
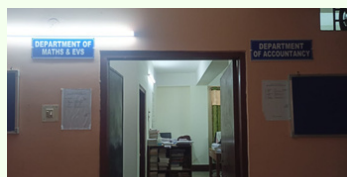
With hope that the readers with accept the bulletin and give their valuable suggestions for improvement.

Dr. Sunita Agarwalla
Editor

- On the 1st of March, 2022, Dr. Navajyoti Borah joined as the incumbent Principal of the college. Upon taking charge, he immediately set about inspecting the campus and monitoring the different college activities.



- On the 2nd of March, four departments of the Commerce stream—Accountancy, Finance, Management and Mathematics—were each allotted a new, separate room.



- The same day, members of Dispur College fraternity also visited former Principal, Dr. Nareswar Sarma at his residence and felicitated him.
- Yet another activity that took place on the day was the Tally Programme examination that was conducted in the computer lab of the college and in which 225 students of the Department of Accountancy appeared

- On the 3rd of March, the department of Philosophy brought out its annual wall magazine on yoga philosophy titled “Love of Wisdom.” The magazine was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah.



- With the intention to have a comprehensive understanding of the college, its cells and committees, staff and primarily the dreams and aspirations of its students, newly joined Principal, Dr. Borah convened a formal meeting with the staff, DCSU secretaries and teachers-in-charge of various cells on the 4th of March. While the meeting was called for to better acquaint Dr. Borah with the internal matters of the college, the Teachers' Unit took it as an opportunity to formally felicitate and welcome him into their midst.



- In keeping with the theme of International Women's Day, 2022 “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow,” the Women Cell in association with the IQAC of the college organized an exhibition cum sale of “Homemade and Handmade Products” on the 8th of March. The programme meant to popularise and promote the ‘domestic’ sphere as a potential source of income and employability was preceded by a formal meeting in which Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah, during his inaugural speech, stressed on the humongous role played by women in the progress of the society. Chief Guest, Dr. Jayanta Biswa Sarma, noted physician and social worker, too, emphasized the indispensability of maintaining gender balance for a progressive society.
- On the 10th of March, the Department of English organized a student seminar in which six select students of the department presented their papers. The theme of the seminar was kept open and hence the papers presented were on myriad topics relating to literature and culture. The seminar was chaired by HoD, Dr. Sanjib Kumar Sarma and all other faculty members of the department—Ms Papori Haloi, Ms Sushismita Sharma and Mr Gunjan Das—were also present to guide and encourage the students.

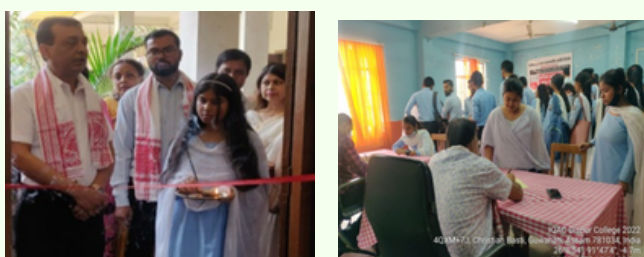


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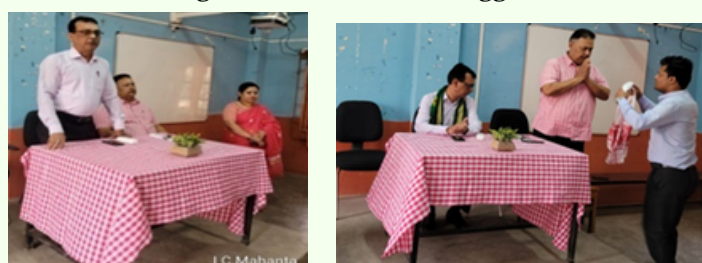
- This was followed by the Parent-Teacher Meets of the Departments of Economics and English on the 12th of March. In the meetings held separately for each department, attending parents and the teachers pledged to collectively keep striving for the growth and betterment of the students. Moreover, both the departments reported that the parents have requested them to hold such meetings at regular intervals.
- On the 13th of March, students of the college participated in two parallel events organized by two different external bodies. On one hand, students represented the college in the “44th Arm Wrestling Competition” organised by Kamrup Arm Wrestling Association in Guwahati. Winners of the competition were Barsha Deka and Mridul Rajbonshi. On the other, students from the college also participated in a Folk Dance organised as a part of “Alcheringa”—the annual cultural fest of IIT, Guwahati.



- On the 14th, the Extension Education Cell of the college in collaboration with Assam Healthcare Cooperative Society Ltd. organized a free health check-up camp for the students, faculty members and office staff of the college. Two doctors and two nurses from Down-Town Hospital attended the camp and checked the general health parameters including blood pressure and blood sugar of 23 faculty members, 83 students and 3 office staff. Mr. Samujwal Bhattacharyya from Assam Health Care Co-Operative Society also checked the BMI (Body Mass Index) of students, warning them of the health issues posed by obesity.



- A Faculty Exchange Programme with the History department was organised by the Department of Political Science on the 15th of March. During the exchange programme, which was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah, Mr. Ratul Borah, Associate Professor, Department of History enlightened the students from Political Science department on “The Emergence of Indian National Congress and Freedom Struggle.”



- On the 16th of March, representatives of the Dispur College Teachers’ Unit visited the residence of former Principal, Dr. Reba Kanta Hazarika and in loving memory of him, felicitated his wife, Mrs. Phulo Prabha Hazarika.



- The same day, students from the Dept. of Economics along with faculty members visited the Horticulture Growth Centre, Panjabari.
- On the 17th of March, a staff meeting was convened by Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah to discuss the division of classes and the drafting of time-table for the coming odd semester.
- A Rangoli competition was also organized on the same day by the Dept. of BBA in which several students from across different disciplines participated.



- A workshop on “Make-up and Mehendi” was inaugurated by Dr. Navajyoti Borah, Principal of the college on the 21st of March. It was attended by teachers, DCSU members as well as other students. Ankuri Biswas was the trainer for make-up and Rituparna Abang was the trainer for mehendi work. The workshop came to an end on the 25th of March when the participants demonstrated the skills learned by engaging in a self-make-up session.



- The Department of History also organized its Parent-Teacher Meet on the same day during which matters relating to students’ progression and growth were elaborately discussed and strategies decided to boost their overall development.

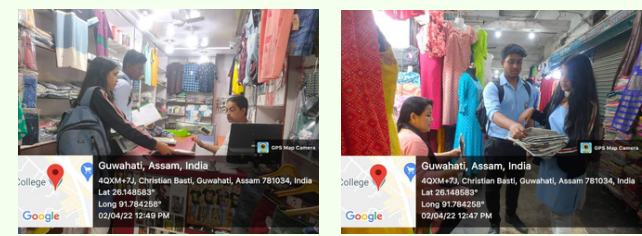


- On the 22nd of March, Mrs. Dharitri Thakuria, HoD, Department of Political Science along with two students of the department attended a lecture program on the topic “Ukraine-Russia War: Perspective on Global and National Implications” held at Administrative Staff college, Khanapara. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Harsh V. Pant, Professor, Department of International Relations, King's College, London and renowned Strategic and Security Expert. The program had been organized by the Centre for South-East Asian Studies & Dept. of Political Science, Guwahati University in collaboration with Dept. of Higher Education, Government of Assam.
- The same day, two departments—that of Assamese and BBA/BCA—organized their Parent-Teacher Meets. Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah supervised the meet of the BBA/BCA department. In the case of Assamese department, two guardians were selected as representatives of the guardian community who would regularly communicate with the departmental administration.
- On the 23rd of March, 2022 the NSS Unit of Dispur College organised a “Workshop on Handicraft,” which was inaugurated by Dr. Navajyoti Borah, Principal and attended by IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Ajoy Mitra and Vice Principal, Dr. Sunita Agarwalla. The volunteers, promoting the message of usefully recycling used goods, made paper bags out of old newspapers and used cartons.
- The same day, an Essay Writing Competition on the topic “Holi—The Festival of Colour” and a “Workshop on Debate” were also organized by the DCSU.
- Furthermore, the Department of Management also conducted a viva during which the students presented their reports on the entrepreneurship development project they had been directed to work upon, “Business Idea for a Promising Business Venture.”
- On 24th of March, multiple activities were carried out. For one, the Auction Committee of the college conducted an auction of some old but usable furniture and electronic equipments, such as desktop computers, monitors, CPUs, fans, photocopier machine, steel book shelves, and steel almirah. Many of the items were purchased by needy students and staff members at a nominal rate.
- The Department of History also organized a lecture on the interdisciplinary area “Drama- Its Origin and Development: East and West” on the 24th. Dr. Sanjib Kumar Sarma, HoD, Dept. of English delivered the lecture.
- Lastly, the Parent-Teacher Meet of the Department of Finance was organized the same day.
- On the 26th of March, the Department of Assamese organized a lecture on “Assamese Drama.” Dr. Tanayjyoti Duwara, Assistant Professor, Pandu College was invited as the distinguished speaker for the programme. In his lecture, Dr. Duwara took special care to give a comprehensive account of Assamese drama—including in his speech both folk and absurd drama.
- On the 28th of March, Dr. Jyotish Goswami, Department of Accountancy, was invited as an external examiner at NERIM Commerce College where he conducted the viva-voce and practical lab exam of B. Com. 3rd semester students having Income Tax Law and Practice as a core paper.
- On the 29th of March, IQAC, Dispur College organized a Lecture on “Academic and Administrative Audit.” The resource person invited for the purpose was Dr. Jogen Chandra Kalita, Professor and current HoD, Department of Zoology, Gauhati University who highlighted various aspects relating to NAAC assessment process. The lecture was attended by teachers, office Staff as well as library staff of the college.



- The same day, Dr. Jyotish Goswami along with twenty students having Accountancy Honours went to Pragjyotish ITA Cultural Complex, Machkhowa to attend a day-long session of the State level Conference on “Investor Education and Awareness” being held there. The conference which was organised jointly by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt of India and IEPFA had been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof Jagdish Mukhi.
- On the 30th of March, the Departments of BBA and BCA organized a one-day seminar on the topic, “Attitude and Skills Required for IT and Management Graduates for the New Hiring Era.” The resource persons for the purpose were Mrs Jonalee Barman Kakati, Assistant Professor cum Placement Officer, NERIM and Mr Sagar Saikia. During the seminar, the participants, who comprised of both faculties and students of BBA/BCA, were trained on different soft and hard skills to be attained in order to successfully face any interview or to upgrade the general graph of one’s career.

- Dispur College’s commitment towards promoting eco-friendly practices got reflected in two initiatives undertaken by the college in the first week of April. On the 2nd of April, the NSS unit of the college organized an awareness drive on “The Use of Paper Bags” at Ganeshguri market area, Guwahati. As part of the campaign, handmade paper bags were distributed to shopkeepers and customers alike of the area.



- This was followed by a “Tree Plantation Programme” organized at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati on the 4th of April by the Department of History in collaboration with Pegasus Sports and Youth Welfare Club, Guwahati. Different species of indigenous plants such as Xilikha, Neem, Amla etc. were planted so as to emphasize the indispensability of trees in maintaining ecological balance.



- An eight-days’ workshop on Bihu starting from the 5th of April was initiated by the Alumni Association and Students’ Union of the college under the aegis of Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah and Vice Principal, Dr. Sunita Agarwalla. The venue for the workshop was the college auditorium.



- On the 6th of April, a group of delegates from the college including Governing Body President, Dr. Bolendra Kr. Das, Principal Dr. Navajyoti Borah, and Vice-Principal, Dr. Sunita Agarwalla visited Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Honorable Advisor of Education, Government of Assam and appraised him regarding different issues of the institution.



- On the 7th of April, Dr. Ajay Mitra, Co-ordinator, IQAC, Dispur College attended a session on “Infrastructure Development Grant and NAAC Accreditation Process, 2022” organised by RUSA.
- Eleven (11) teachers from the college were assigned duty as Protocol Officers for the “Commonwealth Parliamentarians Conference,” India Division, held at Guwahati on the 8th of April. The delegates for the conference consisted of representatives from the different commonwealth nations including India.



- On the same day, i.e., 8th of April, Dr. Monalisa Choudhury, HoD, Dept. of Management was invited by the Department of Philosophy to deliver a lecture on the topic “COVID 19 and Its Impact on Agriculture Tourism of Assam.”



- A Community Awareness Programme on “Plastic Ban” was organised at Dispur Vegetable Market on the 10th of April by the Extension Education Cell, Dispur College in collaboration with Rajasthan Jute Udyog.



- On the 12th of April, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell, Dispur College in collaboration with Rajagiri Business School, Kochi organised a session on “Group Discussion and Interview” with the purpose of grooming students and making them future-ready.



- On the same day, an MoU was signed with Assam Health Care Cooperative Society Ltd. with a view to facilitate better access to healthcare and medical support for the students, staff as well as locals of the area.



- On the 19th of April, 2022 IQAC, Dispur College organized a special lecture on “National Education Policy: Opportunities and Challenges in Higher Education.” Dr. Bibhash Das Purkayastha, former Principal, Pandu College delivered an insightful lecture on different aspects relating to NAAC assessment process. He also suggested different measures to be adopted and implemented by the college authorities in order to maintain quality education as per NEP, 2020



- On the 20th of April, a team of delegates from Dispur College comprising of Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah, G.B. President, Dr. B. K. Das along with two other faculty members and the General Secretary, Dispur College Students’ Union, 2021-2022 visited Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Honourable Chief Minister, Assam and discussed with him various strategies relating to overall development of the institution



- Students from the Dept. of English, Dispur College participated in a virtual lecture on “Surveillance Capitalism meets the Pandemic: Surveillance Challenges for the Social Contract” organised by the English Dept. of Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi on the 22nd of April. The lecture was presented by David Lyon, former Director, Surveillance Studies Centre, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario.
- On the 23rd of April, the college participated in a State Sponsored Special Program organised to honour war heroes from the state of Assam for their undaunted valour, sense of sacrifice, and service rendered to the nation during the Indo-Pak war, 1971. The war veterans were honoured in the presence of Honourable Union Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh, Honourable Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Honourable Lt. COL. Quazi Sajjid Ali Zahir and Honourable Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma.



- Parallely, students from the Dept. of Management paid a visit to the 7th India Industrial Fair, “Udyam 2022” which was held from 23rd April to 25th April, 2022 at the veterinary playground, Khanapara. The visit was instrumental in making student participants aware about the various MSME units of Assam and other states of India.



- On the 28th of April, Dr. Himangshu Kalita, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics and Dr. Mousumi Devi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Management participated in a workshop on “Enhancing Quality, Envisioning Better Grade: Role of IQAC in the Light of NEP 2020.” The Resource Person for the Workshop was Dr. Santanu Kumar Baishya.



- On the same day, an Awareness Programme on “Different Career Opportunities and Avenues” was organized by the Career Counselling and Placement Cell, Dispur College in association with the Commerce stream of the college. The programme was conducted by the Institute of Company Secretary of India.

On the 29th of April, Co-ordinator of the NSS wing, Dispur College, Dr. Malavika Bhattacharya along with a group of volunteers attended a day-long session on “Importance of Child Safety and Child Rights” organised at Hotel Royal D’Casa, Beltola, Guwahati, Assam.



- The Media and Publicity Cell of Dispur College, under the aegis of Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah and in conformity with the Government of India’s “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” campaign, organized an event on the 7th of May to celebrate the country’s glorious progression to its 75th year of independence.

During the event, all brave heroes who had sacrificed their lives during India’s freedom struggle were solemnly remembered and heartfelt tributes paid to them. Amongst those felicitated were State President of Freedom Fighters’ Association of Assam and India, Krishnakanta Lahkar of Rangia, late Lakhi Hazarika’s eldest son Jatin Hazarika of Barhampur, late Lohit Chandra Lahkar’s wife Tarulata Lahkar of Nalbari, late Krishnakanta Sarma’s son, Mohini Sarma of Kamrup and Jatin Goswami of Silpukhuri.



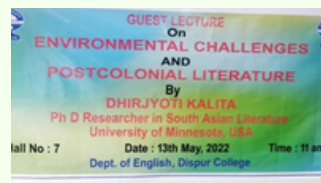
- On the 9th of May, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell, Dispur College in association with MAYA Academy, Lachit Nagar, Guwahati arranged a workshop on “Motion Graphics VFX and Animation.” The convenor of the Cell, Dr. Sanjib Sarma delivered the welcome address of the workshop.



- With the intention of helping create a friendly and collaborative learning environment within and beyond the campus, the college, in association with Assam Healthcare Cooperative Society, organized a workshop on “Building a Peer-Safe Circle by Developing a Supportive Ecosystem for Students and Teachers” on the 10th of May.



- On the 13th of May, the Dept. of English invited Dhirjyoti Kalita, Research Scholar and Graduate Fellow in South Asian Literature, Dept. of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota, USA to deliver a lecture on the topic “Environmental Challenges and Postcolonial Literature.” Students of the department actively interacted with the invited speaker and were enlightened on the growing demand for environmental consciousness in literary studies.



- A 40 hours Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Mentoring Pedagogy and Classroom Delivery Enhancement Technique” was organized by the Internal Quality Assessment and Assurance Cell (IQAC), Dispur College in collaboration with Skill Finity, Guwahati from the 15th of May to the 20th of May, 2022.



- On day 1, i.e., on the 15th of May, Resource Person, Mr. Anjan Choudhury, enlightened the teacher participants on various strategies and processes related to NAAC Accreditation of Higher Education Institutes.
- On day 2, the focus was laid on activity-based training whereby participating teachers were made to engage in different hands-on sessions. They were trained on Effective Communication, which equates to not just speaking but listening skills, so as to make them better able to enhance the overall teaching-learning process and deliver more productive outcomes.



- On day 3, Personality Assessment Tests were conducted that helped enable the participating teachers to better analyze their own behavioural traits. They were also trained on mentoring and counselling skills.



- On day 4, interactive sessions were held and the participants were trained on personality and leadership development. Assessment tests including practical assignments were also conducted.
- On day 5, new methods and models of designing lesson plans were discussed in addition to rounding things off.
- On the final and 6th day, the FDP was formally concluded with a Valedictory Programme. Moreover, under the leadership of Principal, Dr. Navajyoti Borah and in the presence of all faculty members, an MoU was signed with Skill Finity at 3 PM in the Conference Hall



- From the 20th of May to the 22nd of the same, the IQAC of the college started another workshop on the topic “Workplace Management and Professional Ethics” with the intention to orient, educate, train, and motivate its non-teaching staff towards maintaining ethical standards and a healthy work environment. The workshop was conducted in a highly interactive and engaged manner with various hands-on sessions, mind games, and question-answer rounds.



- The National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of the college held a ten days-long Adventure Camp in National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh from the 22nd of May to the 31st.



- Teacher and student representatives from the Dept. of Philosophy, Dispur College paid a visit to the Philosophy dept of KKHSOU, Guwahati on the 23rd of May in order to jointly celebrate the “Indian Philosophers’ Day.” A lecture was organized in which invited resource person, Sibnath Sarma, Retd. Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Gauhati University talked on the theme, “Escape from Absurdity Scrabbling the Indian Narrative.”



- On the same day, the Department of English also organized a Student Seminar on the broad area “P. B. Shelley and the Romantic Imagination.” Students of the department presented papers on such wide topics as “Pantheism,” “Paganism and the Romantic spirit in Shelley’s Poems,” “Autobiographical Elements in Shelley’s Poetry” etc.
- Yet another milestone achieved on the day was the formation of the college’s Innovation Council. The members of the newly formed council pledged to work dedicatedly towards promoting the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship and thereby, create a vibrant local innovation ecosystem.



- On the 24th of May, the Dept. of English organized a Parent-Teacher Meet of the students of the sixth semester. Apart from discussing students’ progression, performance and other issues related to their academic as well as personal lives, opinions were sought for the annual interdisciplinary journal on literature and cultural studies of the department, Mosaic. Mr. Atul Baruah, a veteran artist and guardian member of the department offered one of his paintings—a thought-provoking abstract piece of art—for use as the cover page of the journal.



- The same day, the faculty members of the college also gathered to take an oath on maintaining menstrual hygiene.

- On the 25th of May, Stakeholders meet of greater Ganeshguri area to felicitate newly elected ward commissioners of GMC and to discuss some pertinent issues of the area was held in the Dispur College Auditorium . The meeting was presided over by the Principal Dr. Navajyoti Borah.



- On the 30th of May, non -teaching employee of the college, Mrs. Niharika Saikia performed in the popular morning program of News live, 'Breakfast Liv.'



- On the 31st of May, Vice Principal, Dr.Sunita Agarwalla along with a number of students of the college participated in the celebration of World Tobacco Day. During the programme, Dr. Agarwalla was successful in earning the certificate of "Tobacco Free Institution" for Dispur College, thereby bringing glory to the college. A Poster Making Competition was organized as part of the programme in which a student of the college got the 1st prize.





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