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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to witness the publication of the first edition of *EQUILIBRIA* for the session 2024–25. This newsletter reflects the enthusiasm and academic dedication of the Department of Economics, capturing the spirit of learning and the diverse activities undertaken throughout the year. The seminars, workshops, and cultural engagements highlighted here demonstrate the department's commitment to holistic education and active student participation.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the faculty and students for this thoughtful initiative. My best wishes to the editorial team and the Department of Economics. May *EQUILIBRIA* continue to grow in vision and inspire learners in the years to come.

Dr. Birhsh Giri Basumatary
Principal
Bijni College, Bijni

HOD'S MESSAGE



It is a pleasure to express that the department of economics is going to present the first edition of *Equilibria* for the session 2024-2025. The *Equilibria* captures the various activities , academic works of the department. During the particular session the students and faculties have engaged in wall magazine, seminar, workshops, ICT learning , Add-on Course , internship, cultural events, Educational Tour etc, which lead and help the students to acquire the quality knowledge.

I convey my heartfelt gratitude to the editorial team for this publication. I hope it will be helpful for the students and faculties to keep memories forever.

Sabita Ray
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Appreciation Note
Co-Ordinator, IQAC, Bijni College



I am pleased to witness the first edition of EQUILIBRIA, newsletter of the department of Economics, Bijni College. I value the hard work and dedication of all the members of Editorial Board in publishing the newsletter of Economics department. May EQUILIBRIA continue to strive for informing and engaging audience by delivering regular annual innovative activity updates and valuable content created by the faculty and students of the department. As I turn each page of EQUILIBRIA, may it serve as a testament to collective journey of the department and the cultivation of a vibrant academic community. Congratulations once again on this remarkable achievement. May EQUILIBRIA, newsletter of Economics Department soar to new heights!

Dr. Babul Basumatary
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Editorial



It is a pleasure to present *Equilibria*, the newsletter of the Department of Economics, Bijni College. The publication reflects our pursuit of balance, insight, and meaningful engagement with economic ideas.

This issue highlights the academic and co-curricular activities of the department, including seminars, workshops, add-on courses, and student initiatives, all aimed at fostering analytical thinking and practical learning. It also serves as a platform for students to express ideas and engage with contemporary economic issues.

We sincerely thank all contributors and participants for their support and hope this newsletter continues to inspire learning and academic curiosity.

Saurabhi Marandi
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Induction Programme for UG 1st Semester Students

The Department organised an Induction Programme on **1st August, 2024** for the newly admitted UG 1st Semester students to warmly welcome them and help them begin their academic journey with confidence. The programme began with an address by Ms. Sabita Ray, Head of the Department, who encouraged students to actively participate in academic and co-curricular activities.

Mr. Malay Kr. Chanda, Assistant Professor, introduced students to the National Education Policy (NEP), departmental facilities, and guided them on accessing the department library and book bank. Ms. Saurabhi Marandi, Assistant Professor, conducted a session on MOOCs and demonstrated the registration process, highlighting the importance of online learning for skill development and employability.

The interactive programme created a friendly environment, enabling students to engage with faculty members and clarify their queries.



Faculty Exchange Programme



Ms. Saurabhi Marandi, Assistant Professor of Economics at Bijni College, delivered an ICT-enabled lecture at the Department of Economics, Manikpur Ancholik College on **22nd August, 2024** under the Faculty Exchange Programme, conducted as part of the MoU between the two institutions.

The session focused on enhancing learning through the integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Using digital tools and interactive presentations, she explained key economic concepts, making the lecture engaging and participatory while promoting better understanding among students.

Freshers Day Celebration

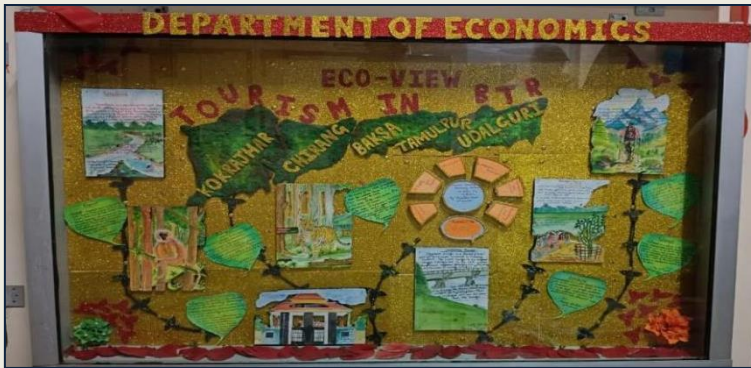
The B.C.E.A organised a Departmental Freshers' Programme to warmly welcome the new students and encourage interaction within the department on 7th September, 2024. The event also included a felicitation ceremony for the recently passed-out students, who were honoured for their achievements and shared their experiences and guidance with juniors, especially the newcomers. On the same occasion, a Career Counselling Programme was conducted jointly with the Career Counselling and Guidance Cell in association with Triumph School of Music. The session provided students with valuable insights into career opportunities and skill development, making the programme both engaging and informative.



Departmental Wall Magazine on “Tourism in BTR”

The Bijni College Economics Association (BCEA) published the Departmental Wall Magazine on 4th February, 2025 for the academic session 2024–25 on the theme “Tourism in BTR.” The magazine was formally inaugurated by Dr. B. G. Basumatary, Principal of Bijni College, who appreciated the students’ efforts in highlighting both the prospects and challenges of tourism in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR), Assam.

Students of the Department of Economics contributed a range of insightful articles focusing on eco-tourism, cultural tourism, infrastructure gaps, and policy recommendations aimed at promoting sustainable development in the region. The publication reflected students’ growing interest in regional economic issues and research-based learning. The Wall Magazine continues to serve as an important platform for creative expression and intellectual engagement, encouraging critical thinking while enhancing students’ academic and analytical skills.



Educational Tour to Mwnabili and Gelephu, Bhutan

The Bijni College Economics Association (BCEA), in association with PRERONA N.G.O. Assam (Regd. No. RS/CRG/261D/44 of 2015–16), organised an Educational Tour to Mwnabili and Gelephu, Bhutan on 8th February, 2025. A team of 25 participants, comprising students and faculty members, took part in the visit with the objective of exploring the tourism potential of the region and analysing the challenges involved in its development as a tourist destination.

During the tour, students observed the natural flora and fauna of the area and appreciated its rich biodiversity, recognizing its strong potential to attract eco-tourists and nature enthusiasts. The visit provided valuable practical exposure and enhanced students’ understanding of tourism-led regional development.



Add on Course on ‘Fundamentals of Data Analysis’

The Department of Economics, Bijni College successfully conducted an Add-on Course titled “*Fundamentals of Data Analysis*” from 13th March to 3rd April 2025. This 30-hour blended course aimed to equip students with essential skills in data handling and analysis, forming a foundation for research and entrepreneurial activities.

The course was inaugurated by Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal of Bijni College, in the presence of Sabita Roy, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Economics; Dr. Babul Basumatary, IQAC Coordinator; Mr. Malay Kumar Chanda, Course Coordinator; Ms. Saurabhi Marandi, Assistant Course Coordinator; and Ms. Moitreyee D. Baruah, Assistant Professor. A total of 30 students participated in the programme.

The curriculum covered data collection techniques, graphical representation, survey design using Google Forms, data analysis with Microsoft Excel, and an introduction to Stata software. The course concluded with a valedictory session where certificates were distributed to all participants. The Principal appreciated the department’s initiative and encouraged students to apply these skills in research and entrepreneurial pursuits.

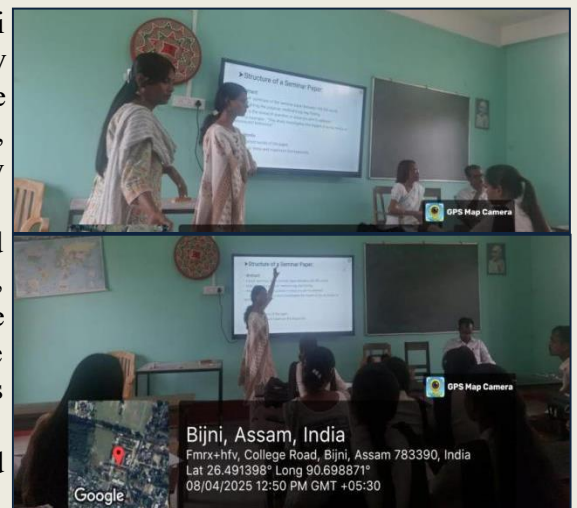


Workshop on Research Methodology

The Department of Economics, Bijni College, under the Bijni College Economic Association (BCEA), organized a one-day Workshop on Research Methodology on **8th April, 2025** in the Department Room. The workshop, attended by 32 participants, aimed to provide foundational knowledge of research methodology with a focus on APA referencing.

The session was conducted by Ms. Saurabhi Marandi, who covered key aspects of research design, data collection, academic writing, and ethical practices, along with a detailed introduction to APA style referencing. The programme was graced by Mrs. Sabita Ray, Vice Principal and Head of the Department, along with faculty members Mr. Malay Kumar Chanda and Ms. Moitreyee D. Baruah.

The interactive session was well received by participants and proved beneficial in enhancing their academic writing and research skills.



Internship on “Retail Market Operations under Bijni Municipal Board”

The Department of Economics, Bijni College, in collaboration with the Bijni Municipal Board, successfully organized a 15-day internship programme on “Retail Market Operations under Municipal Board” from 8th April to 6th May 2025. The programme engaged 28 students over 30 hours of field-based learning and was mentored by Mr. Malay Kumar Chanda, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics.

The internship offered valuable hands-on exposure to the functioning of retail markets under local municipal governance. Students observed day-to-day market operations, interacted with shopkeepers to understand pricing, supply chains, and consumer behavior, and engaged with municipal officials to gain insights into licensing, regulation, and market management. This experiential learning initiative significantly enhanced students’ understanding of local economic systems while strengthening their communication, observation, and analytical skills through real-world engagement.



Faculty Exchange Programme



The Department of Economics, Bijni College, Bijni organized a Faculty Exchange Programme on **12th April 2025** in collaboration with Manikpur Anchalik College, Bongaigaon, as per the MoU signed between the two departments. As part of this initiative, Mr. Ganesh Chandra Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Manikpur Anchalik College, delivered a lecture. The session was attended by Economics Major 2nd Semester students of Bijni College and aimed to enhance academic collaboration and knowledge sharing between the institutions.

Departmental Seminar on “Tourism in Bodoland Territorial Region”

The Bijni College Economic Association (BCEA) organized a departmental seminar on the theme “Tourism in Bodoland Territorial Region” on 23rd April 2025 at the Bijni College Seminar Hall. The programme began with a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the tragic Pahalgam attack on tourists (22nd April 2025).

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. B.G. Basumatary, Principal of Bijni College. Dr. Babul Basumatary, IQAC Coordinator, addressed the students with insightful remarks. Sabita Ray, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Economics, served as the resource person, while Saurabhi Marandi delivered the keynote address. The session was coordinated by Malay Kumar Chanda as convener, with Moitreyee D. Baruah serving as rapporteur.

A total of 65 participants presented joint papers, making the seminar highly participative and academically enriching.



Farewell Programme for “2022-23 Batch”

The Department of Economics, Bijni College, under the banner of the Bijni College Economic Association (BCEA), organized a Departmental Farewell Programme on 6th May, 2025 to bid a warm and heartfelt farewell to the outgoing 6th Semester students.

The programme was hosted by the 4th Semester students, who added charm and emotion to the occasion through speeches, songs, and heartfelt messages, expressing their affection and best memorable and nostalgic atmosphere for all present.

Sabita Ray, Head of the Department, delivered an inspiring address, congratulating the outgoing batch on the successful completion of their academic journey and encouraging them to remain committed and sincere in their future endeavors. Mr. Malay Kumar Chanda, Assistant Professor and Convenor of BCEA, highlighted the significance of staying connected with the department and wished the students continued success.

Ms. Saurabhi Marandi and Ms. Moitreyee D. Baruah, Assistant Professors, also shared their experiences and words of encouragement, appreciating the batch for their discipline and contribution. The programme concluded on an emotional note, celebrating the bond shared within the department.



