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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
It's Vision and Mission

Brief History of the Department

The Department of History at Bijni College was established in 1969, initially offering only the Pre-University course. History was introduced as an elective subject in the B.A. programme during 1973–74 and 1974–75 with permission from Gauhati University. The B.A. Major in History was introduced in the 1991–92 session, and formal concurrence was granted by Gauhati University on 14 February 2000.

Mr. Lakheswar Brahma was the founder lecturer, joining on 21 July 1969. The department has steadily expanded its academic programmes and faculty strength since its inception.

Objectives:

1. To impart quality education among the students and equipped them for the different level of competitive examinations.
2. The main objectives of the Department is to impart knowledge on the society, culture, religion and polity of ancient, medieval and modern India as well as the world and to emphasize on the value education amongst the student.

Vision and Mission :

The department has the long term vision to visualize and empowerment of students with knowledge and skills imbibed with strong values and virtue to take challenges in a changing global society.

The department also aimed to expertise academic activities for the betterment of the students through the discussion and application of blended learning methods. For the up-liftmen of the research skills of the students the department pays attention for the field-study and project work activities.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to witness the publication of the first edition of **THE ISTORIA** for the session 2024–25. This newsletter reflects the enthusiasm and academic dedication of the Department of History, capturing the spirit of learning and the rich activities undertaken throughout the year. The seminars, workshops, and cultural engagements featured here speak to the department's commitment to holistic education and active student participation. I congratulate the faculty and students for this thoughtful initiative. My best wishes to the editorial team and to the Department of History. May **THE ISTORIA** continue to grow in vision and inspire our learners in the years ahead.

Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary
Principal
Bijni College, Bijni

APPRECIATION NOTE CO-ORDINATOR, IQAC, BIJNI COLLEGE



I am pleased to witness the first edition of **THE ISTORIA**, newsletter of the department of History, Bijni College. I value the hard work and dedication of all the members of Editorial Board in publishing the newsletter of History department. May **THE ISTORIA** 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 **THE ISTORIA**, 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 **THE ISTORIA,** newsletter of History Department sour to new heights!

Dr. Babul Basumatary
Co-ordinator, IQAC
Bijni College, Bijni

HOD'S MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to present the First Edition of The Istoria Newsletter of the Department of History, Biji College, Biji, for the academic session 2024–2025.

The Department of History has always been committed to fostering academic excellence, critical thinking, and an appreciation of our rich historical and cultural heritage. This newsletter is an important step towards documenting the department's academic journey and celebrating the achievements, initiatives, and contributions of our students and faculty.

The inaugural edition reflects the vibrant academic environment of our department through reports on seminars, workshops, educational excursions, student activities, research initiatives, and other departmental events. It serves not only as a record of our accomplishments but also as a source of inspiration for future endeavours.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the editorial team, faculty members, and students whose dedication and creativity have made this publication possible. Their collective commitment has laid a strong foundation for what I hope will become a cherished annual tradition.

I am confident that The Istoria Newsletter will strengthen communication within our academic community, encourage intellectual engagement, and motivate students to explore history with greater curiosity and enthusiasm.

I extend my best wishes for the continued success of this newsletter and congratulate everyone associated with its publication.

With best wishes!

Dr. Umananda Basumatary
HoD
Bijni College, Bijni

EDITOR'S NOTE



It is with immense pleasure and pride that we present the First Edition of The Istoria Newsletter of the Department of History, Bijni College, Bijni, for the academic session 2024–2025.

History is not merely a record of the past; it is a guide that helps us understand the present and shape the future. With this vision, **The Istoria Newsletter** has been launched as a platform to showcase the academic activities, achievements, research initiatives, and creative contributions of our students and faculty members.

This inaugural edition reflects the dedication, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit of everyone associated with the Department of History. It captures the memorable events, seminars, educational tours, departmental activities, and scholarly pursuits that have enriched our academic journey during the session.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Principal, the faculty members, student contributors, and everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this publication a reality. Their commitment and support have been invaluable in bringing this first edition to life.

I hope this newsletter inspires curiosity, promotes historical awareness, and encourages greater participation in academic and co-curricular activities in the years to come. May The Istoria Newsletter continue to grow as a vibrant record of our department's achievements and aspirations.

Happy Reading!

Mr. Pwilao Hajoary
Asst. Prof. (Guest Faculty)
Bijni College, Bijni

FORMER FACULTY OF THE DEPARTMENT

SL NO	NAME	DATE OF JOINING	DATE OF RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION
1	Mr. Lakeshar Brahma	21/7/1969	Expired on 02-09-1983
2	Mr. P.C. Das	13/2/1974	18/2/2009
3	Mr. D.K. Sharma	24/11/1983	Resigned on 08-10-1985
4	Mrs. Aruna Patgiri	16/11/1985	Resigned
5	Mr. S.U. Sheikh	18/9/1986	30/5/2020

PRESENT FACULTY OF THE DEPARTMENT

SL NO	NAME	DATE OF JOINING
1	MISS BABITA ADHIKARI, MA, M.Phil	2/9/1994
2	Dr. MAHANTA TALUKDAR, MA, PhD	23/10/1998
3	Dr. UMANANDA BASUMATARY, MA, PhD	8/8/2022
4	PWILAO HAJOARY, M.A	19/9/2024

INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR FYUGP 1ST SEMESTER STUDENTS

The Department of History organized an Induction Programme for newly admitted FYUGP 1st Semester students on **02 August 2024** at Room No. 16. The programme began at 10:30 a.m. and was attended by 45 students along with the department's faculty members.

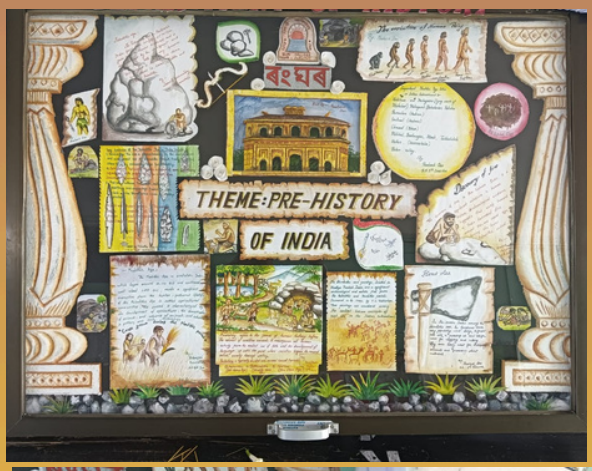
The session was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Umananda Basumatary (HoD), with Dr. Mahanta Talukdar, and Mrs. Babita Adhikary. The faculty welcomed the students and introduced them to the department, the FYUGP curriculum, academic expectations, and available facilities.

The programme concluded with an interactive session where students asked questions and shared their expectations, helping them become familiar with the department and begin their academic journey with confidence.





INAUGURATION OF DEPARTMENTAL WALL MAGAZINE "RANGHAR"– HISTORY DEPARTMENT





The History Department proudly inaugurated its departmental wall magazine on **10th September 2024**. The theme of the magazine was **"Pre-History of India."** The event was inaugurated by **Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal, Bijni College, Bijni** in the gracious presence of faculty members and students.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Birhash appreciated the initiative of the department and highlighted the importance of understanding India's prehistoric past for a deeper appreciation of human civilization and cultural heritage. Faculty members also encouraged students to engage in historical research and creative academic activities.

The wall magazine showcased informative articles, illustrations, and student contributions on various aspects of the Pre-History of India. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the successful inauguration of the departmental wall magazine.

FRESHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

The Freshers' Day celebration for the FYUGP 1st Semester was organized on **10 September 2024** in the college auditorium with great enthusiasm and joy. The programme was graced by **Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal as the Chief Guest, Mrs. Sabita Ray, Vice Principal as the Guest of Honour, Mr. Sikkim Uddin Sheikh, former Associate Professor, Department of History, attended as the Invited Guest.** The event was also attended by faculty members, staff, and a large number of students.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the newly admitted students, followed by inspiring addresses from the dignitaries, who encouraged the freshers to make the best use of the opportunities offered by the institution and to strive for academic excellence and holistic development. A vibrant cultural programme featuring songs, dances, and other performances by senior students added colour and excitement to the occasion. Interactive sessions and fun-filled activities further strengthened the bond between the senior and junior students.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the **Mr. and Miss Freshers contest.** The title of Mr. Fresher was conferred upon **Rakesh Sarkar**, while **Usha Basumatary** was crowned Miss Fresher for their confidence, talent, and impressive performances.

The celebration concluded on a cheerful note, leaving the freshers with fond memories and a sense of belonging as they embarked on their new academic journey.











FAREWELL PROGRAMME FOR B.A. 6TH SEMESTER (CBCS) STUDENTS (BATCH 2021-2024)

A heartfelt farewell programme for the outgoing **B.A. 6th Semester (CBCS) students** was organized on **10 September 2024** in the college auditorium. The programme was graced by **Dr. Birhash Giri Basumatary, Principal as the Chief Guest, Mrs. Sabita Ray, Vice Principal as the Guest of Honour, Mr. Sikkim Uddin Sheikh, former former Associate Professor, Department of History, attended as the Invited Guest**. The event was also attended by faculty members, staff, and students.

The programme began with a warm welcome to the guests, followed by inspiring speeches from the dignitaries, who congratulated the outgoing students on completing an important phase of their academic journey. They encouraged the students to pursue higher education and career opportunities with confidence, integrity, and dedication while upholding the values and traditions of the institution.

The occasion featured a vibrant cultural programme presented by junior students, including songs, dances, and other performances, as a token of love and appreciation for their seniors. Several outgoing students also shared their memorable experiences and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the teachers, staff, and fellow students for their guidance, support, and companionship throughout their years in the college.

The farewell concluded with the presentation of mementoes and best wishes to the graduating students. The programme was marked by nostalgia, joy, and emotional moments, making it a memorable send-off as the students prepared to embark on the next chapter of their lives.











WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Department of History, in collaboration with the **Research Cell and IQAC, Bijni College, Bijni**, organized a **Workshop on "Research Methodology"** on **18 September 2024 at the Teachers' Conference Hall** for the students of the Department of History. The workshop aimed to introduce students to the fundamentals of academic research and equip them with essential skills for conducting quality research.

The programme featured two distinguished resource persons: **Dr. Anindita Chakravarty, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Bijni College, Bijni,** and **Dr. Prasant Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Bijni College, Bijni.** Through their insightful presentations, the speakers discussed various aspects of research methodology, including the identification of research problems, formulation of objectives and hypotheses, data collection techniques, ethical considerations in research, data analysis, and the preparation of research reports.

The interactive sessions encouraged active participation from the students, who engaged in meaningful discussions and sought clarification on various research-related issues. The workshop provided valuable guidance on developing scientific temper, critical thinking, and analytical skills, thereby motivating students to undertake academic research with greater confidence and competence.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the resource persons, the collaborating bodies, faculty members, and students for making the workshop informative and successful.







PARENT-TEACHER MEET

The Department of History organized a **Parent–Teacher Meeting** on **21 September 2024** in the departmental classroom, attended by the faculty members, students, and parents of the department. The meeting was chaired by **Dr. Mahanta Talukdar**, Head of the Department of History.

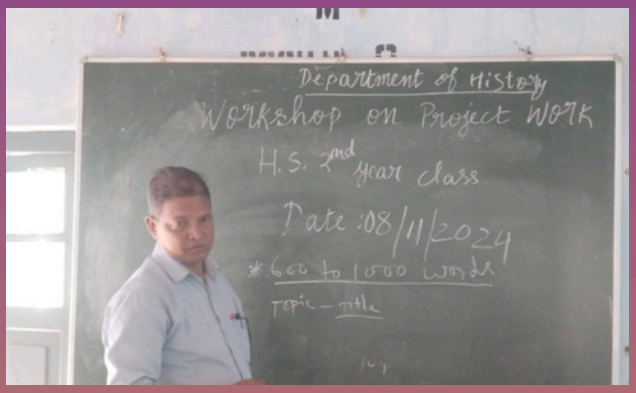
The primary objective of the meeting was to create awareness among parents about their vital role in the academic and overall development of their children. It also emphasized the importance of fostering mutual understanding, effective communication and a strong relationship between parents and teachers to ensure the holistic growth and well-being of the students.







WORKSHOP FOR H.S. 2ND YEAR ON PROJECT REPORT WRITING







A workshop on Project Report Writing was organized for the **Higher Secondary 2nd Year students on 8th November 2024** to help them develop the skills needed for preparing effective academic project reports. The workshop was conducted by **Dr. Mahanta Talukdar, Assistant Professor, Bijni College, Bijni,** who served as the resource person.

During the session, Dr. Mahanta Talukdar explained the essential components of a project report, including topic selection, framing objectives, data collection, analysis, report organization, and proper referencing. He also shared practical tips on presenting information in a clear and systematic manner, making the session both informative and engaging.

The students actively participated in the interactive discussion and clarified their doubts regarding project preparation. The workshop enhanced their understanding of academic writing and encouraged them to prepare quality project reports with confidence. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the resource person for his valuable guidance and contribution.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO AMBARI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, GUWAHATI





The Department of History, Bijni College, organized an educational tour to the **Ambari Archaeological Site, Guwahati, on 11th November 2024** for the **FYUGP 3rd Semester SEC students** as part of their course curriculum.

The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to archaeological remains and enhance their understanding of ancient history beyond the classroom. At the site, students observed structural remains, artefacts, and material evidence reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

The students were guided by the teachers of the Department of History, who explained the historical significance of the site and helped them connect theoretical knowledge with field-based learning. The tour proved to be an enriching academic experience, fostering curiosity and deeper interest in archaeology among the students.

The programme was successfully conducted under the supervision of the department, ensuring both educational value and student engagement.

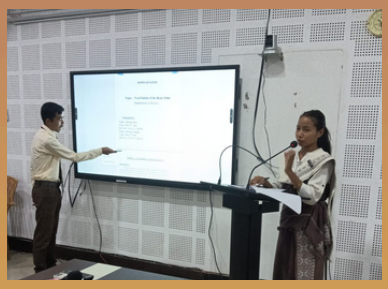
DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR

The Department successfully organized a Departmental Seminar for the **FYUGP 4th and 6th Semester (CBCS)** students on **13th and 14th November** at the Conference Hall. The seminar aimed to enhance students' academic knowledge, research aptitude, and presentation skills through insightful sessions delivered by faculty members and invited speakers.

The two-day programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who actively engaged in the discussions and interactive sessions. The seminar provided a valuable platform for learning, knowledge sharing, and academic interaction, encouraging students to broaden their perspectives on contemporary topics in the discipline.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of the organizing committee, resource persons, and students for making the seminar a successful and enriching academic programme.













CULTURAL RALLY









The Department of History, Bijni College, Bijni, enthusiastically participated in the **55th Annual College Week by organizing a Cultural Rally on 5th February 2025.** The rally was based on the theme **"Peasant Movement in India during the Colonial Period."**

The students of the department creatively portrayed the struggles, resistance, and sacrifices of Indian peasants against colonial exploitation through traditional attire, placards, slogans, and dramatic performances. The rally effectively highlighted significant peasant movements and spread awareness about their contribution to India's freedom struggle.

The event received appreciation from the college community for its historical relevance, creativity, and educational value. The rally not only showcased the students' talents but also promoted a deeper understanding of India's rich historical heritage and the importance of peasant movements in shaping the nation's history.

VIVA VOCE ON PROJECT REPORT WRITING

The Department of History, conducted a **Viva Voce on Project Report Writing** for **H.S. 2nd Year students** having **History** as a subject on **08 February 2025** at the **B.G. College Auditorium.** The programme aimed to assess students' understanding of their project work, presentation skills, and ability to respond to questions.

Students presented their project reports before the faculty members, who evaluated them on subject knowledge, presentation, and interpretation of historical themes. The viva voce provided an excellent platform for students to enhance their critical thinking, communication, and confidence while receiving constructive feedback from the examiners.

The programme was conducted successfully with enthusiastic participation from the students, achieving its objective of promoting academic excellence and improving presentation skills.

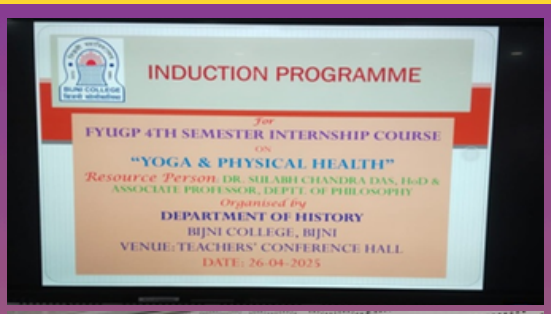






INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR FYUGP 4TH SEMESTER STUDENTS ON INTERNSHIP COURSE

The Department of History, Bijni College, successfully organized an induction programme on **26th April 2025 at the Teachers' Conference Hall for the FYUGP 4th Semester students.** The programme focused on the internship course introduced as part of the curriculum by Bodoland University.







Dr. Sulabh Chandra Das attended the session as the resource person and delivered an insightful lecture on the structure, objectives, and essential guidelines of the internship programme. He emphasized the important do's and don'ts to be followed by students to ensure effective participation and meaningful learning.

The internship topic selected for the students is **"Yoga and Physical Health,"** which will be conducted by the **Art of Living** under the YLTP initiative at Bijni Namghar, Subdivision Centre. The session concluded with active student participation and a clear understanding of the internship framework.

The programme was organized by the Department of History, Bijni College, with the aim of preparing students for practical exposure and holistic development.

INTERNSHIP COURSE

The Department of History, Bijni College, Bijni, successfully organized an internship course on **"Yoga and Physical Health"** under the **Art of Living – Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP)** at Bijni Namghar from **1st May 2025 to 7th May 2025.** The programme was conducted as a part of the course curriculum prescribed by Bodoland University.







The seven-day internship provided students with practical training in yoga, meditation, breathing techniques, and physical fitness under the guidance of experienced YLTP instructors. The sessions focused on enhancing physical health, mental well-being, stress management, self-discipline, and overall personality development through holistic practices.

The internship offered students valuable experiential learning and encouraged them to adopt a healthy and balanced lifestyle. The programme was highly beneficial and well-received by the participants, contributing to their personal growth alongside their academic learning. The Department extends its sincere gratitude to the Art of Living (YLTP) team and all the participants for making the internship a successful and enriching experience.

FIELD SURVEY FOR VAC STUDENTS



The Department of History organized a Field Survey for the **FYUGP 2nd Semester students on 5 May 2025** on the theme **"Forest Ecosystem in the Bijni Locality."** The survey was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Umananda Basumatary and Pwilao Hajoary**

The primary objective of the field survey was to provide students with practical exposure to the local forest ecosystem and to help them understand its ecological, environmental, and socio-economic significance. Through direct observation and interaction with the local environment, students gained valuable insights into forest resources, biodiversity, conservation practices, and the relationship between forests and human communities. The survey enriched their academic learning by combining classroom knowledge with field-based experience.

FAREWELL FOR B.A. 6TH SEMESTER STUDENTS (BATCH 2022-2025)

The Department of History organized a Farewell Programme for the **6th Semester (CBCS)** outgoing students on **9 May 2025** in the **B.G. Basumatary Auditorium.** The programme was attended by the faculty members and students of the department.

The Programme was graced by **Dr. Babul Basumatary, Co-ordinator, IQAC** and **S.U. Sheikh, Former Associate Professor, Department of History, Bijni College.**

The event was conducted to bid a warm farewell to the graduating students and to celebrate their academic journey in the department. Faculty members shared words of encouragement and wished the students success in their future academic and professional pursuits. The outgoing students expressed their gratitude to the teachers and the department for their guidance, support, and memorable experiences throughout their years of study.

The programme concluded with the presentation of mementos, cultural performances, and a vote of thanks, making it a memorable occasion for both the students and the faculty.











ACHIEVEMENTS



Prakash Das, representing Bodoland University from Department of History, Bijni College Bijni, secured **3rd Position** in the P**oster Making Competition at the 38th Inter-University North-East Zone Youth Festival 2024–25,** organized by the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** and hosted by **The ICFAI University, Tripura,** held from 27th to 31st January 2025. This certificate recognizes his outstanding creativity and artistic excellence at the inter-university level.



Prakash Das, representing Bodoland University from Department of History, Bijni College Bijni, secured **Third Position in the Poster Making Competition** at the **38th AIU Inter-University National Youth Festival 2024–25**, held at **Amity University Uttar Pradesh** from **3rd to 7th March 2025.** His achievement is a matter of great pride and inspiration.



Highest C.G.P.A Holder in the Department(2024-25)
CBCS 6th Semester
C.G.P.A- 8.71
LAILA TOUFIKA

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