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Dear

Readers.

"Great Works Are Performed, Not By Strength,

But By Perseverance."

Greeting fellow readers and teachers! We are extremely privileged in conferring upon you the Second Edition of our department's newsletter "ENVISION" 2021-22.

A few days ago, The English Department Society members gave us the opportunity to have the "ENVISION" editorial team and we have not regretted a second of it. Other than the editing aspect, it has allowed us to engage with our friends and teachers in the department and Sibsagar Girls' College community, and explore the different spheres of student's life.

The newsletter must cover every recent updates of the departmental activities. Moreover as the theme of the year we have decided to focus on the current flood situation of India's north-eastern state, Assam, affecting 6.62 lakh people in 27 districts including Dima Hasao. Things started turning upside down, knocking out both rail and road transport system due to flooding and landslides. The educational institutions across many parts in Assam have been closed down and students from different localities have faced problems attending classes in the wake of the flood.

What would it take to end the trail of death and destruction that the Brahmaputra and its tributaries leave behind each year? This question answers a lot of queries that readers might have and we think the current situations in Assam resonate with that.

"ENVISION" was published to exhibit the creativity of our students and relieve the anamneses throughout the year. This newsletter is meant to provide updates on the activities and the commendable progress of the English Department Society of Sibsagar Girls' College and its development over the years. We are honoured to manifest the "ENVISION" which allows you to alleviate the academic year 2021-22 from the lens of students which offers a wide range of exhilarating flashbacks of the Department, its events and the recent achievements of the same.

The young budding students from the department have furnished information on the range of poetry, sketches, snaps, quotes and some informative and inspirational articles.

We hope that the readers will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed working on it. We welcome your comments and feedback on it.

With warm regards,

Al Yasmin Sarkar Jyotirmoyee Das

- Organized Student Oriented Talk on 10 February, 2021. Speaker: Dr. Nasmeen F. Akhtar, HOD of English Department, Dibrugarh University.
- Organized Farewell in Honour of Prof. Abdul Hamid, Vice Principal & hod OF English Department on 19th February,
- Two Days Online Career Counselling and Guidance Programme in collaboration with IQAC in associated with • Educative, Gauhati on 8th & 9th June, 2021.
- Lecture Session on "Psychological Counselling Through Mindfulness" by Alumnae Aaisabg Chetia Phukan on 15th June, 2021 in collaboration with IQAC.
- Online Talk Series on "Understanding Victorian Poetry" by Dr. Brizmohan Hazarika, Assistant Professor of English Department, DCB College, Jorhat on 19th June, 2021.
- Alumnae's Lecture Series on "How to improve Spoken English and Personality" by Priyanka Borah Talukdar on 30th June, 2021 in collaboration with IQAC.
- Invited online talk series on "Introduction to Tristam Shandy" by Dr. Sudhir K. Das, Retd. Vice Principal & HOD • of English Department, HCDG College, Nitaipukhuri on 4th • July,2021.
- Live Webinar on "American Literature" on 9th & 10th July,2021.
- Online Talk Series on "Desire and Repression in Victorian Literature" by Anjumoni Sahin, Researcher, University of London and Former Asst. Prof., Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi on 17th July,2021.
- Organized Teacher's Day on Google meet on 5th September, 2021.
- Departmental Freshers organised on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021.
- Departmental Wall Magazine won 3rd prize in College
- Departmental students of 3<sup>rd</sup> semester and 5<sup>th</sup> semester won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize respectively for Group Dance Competition in College Week, 2021-22.
- Departmental students won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Rangoli Competition in College Week, 2021-22. Departmental students won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Card Making in

College Week, 2021-22.

- Departmental students won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Drama Competition in College Week, 2021-22.
  - Organized Shakespeare Day on 23rd April 2022 in association with ELT@I, Upper Assam Chapter.
- Organized "Film Watching Session on Absurd Drama-Waiting for Godot" on 27th April, 2022.
  - Nikita Dutta won 1st runner-up of Miss SGC 2022, 1st position in Bride Competition.
- Pooja Konwar won Best Personality Title in Miss SGC 2022, got 1st prize in Lexicon.
- Jyotishna Borah got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Luko Geet, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Adhunik Geet, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Joyonto Sangeet, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Rabha Sangeet.
- Payal Sarkar got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Volleyball.
- Auslesha Dutta got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Creative Dance.
- Jyotirmoyee Das got consolation in Essay Writing (submitted).
- Samadrita Goswami got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Classical Dance.
- Tazmin Hussain got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Lexicon.
- Abhisnata Sarmah got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Classical Dance, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Lexicon.
- Rashmi Kundu got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Experience Writing.
- Jashmin Handique got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Cooking Competition.
- Shruti Upamanya 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Poem Writing(submitted), 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Story Writing(submitted).
- Gargi Saikia got 1st prize in English Poem Recitation, 3rd prize in Lexicon.
- Sanskrita Krishnatraya got 1st prize in Lexicon.
- Jharna Pachani got 1st prize in Lexicon.
- Samima Ahmed got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Cooking Competition.
- Madhusmita Gogoi got 1st prize in Assamese Poem Recitation.
- Department students Auslesha Dutta and Bonya Gogoi got elected as 'Cultural Secretary' and 'Assistant Sports Secretary' respectively and became members of Students Union body,2021.

Make the best of you: not the worst. -CHARLES DICKENS, HARD TIMES

# LITERARY AWARDS & BOOKS OF 2021-

- Pulitzer Prize for Fiction: "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich.
- International Booker Prize: "Tomb of Sand" by Geetanjali Shree
- National Book Award: "Hell of a Book" by James Mott
- Man Booker Prize: "The Promise" by **Damon Galgut**
- Man Booker International Prize: "At Night All Blood Is Black" by David Diop
- National Book Critics Circle Award: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrel
- Sahitya Akademi Award 2021: "Things To Leave Behind" by Namita Gokhale
- Women's Prize For Fiction: "Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke

steady to your purposes and firm as a rock. **MARY SHELLY, FRANKENSTEIN** 

## **ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHTS**

#### STUDENTS WHO SCORED 1ST **CLASS IN THE YEAR OF 2020**

- Karishma Mahanta
- Geetashree Gogoi Meghali Boruah
- Deepandita Phukan
- Junti Handique
- Gayatry Borgohain
- Pooja Handique



PRIYANJALI BORGOHAIN - PUBLICATION OF POETRY IN 'PARADISE' (SEPTEMBER 2021) & 'DAYDREAM' (APRIL 2022) {ANTHOLOGIES OF POETRY}

#### **DETAILS OF OUTGOING STUDENTS** PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION

- Pori Tamuli- Pursuing Masters of Library and Information Science at
- Chayanika Phukan- Pusuing MA at Sibsagar College.
- Tusti Gogoi- Taking APSC Coaching in Guwahati.
- Lunashree Diehingia- Taking 1 year Aviation Diploma Course in Jettwings,
- Anuradha Konwar- Pursuing MA in English at Guwahati University.
- Namrata Kashyap- Pursuing MA in English at MSSV, Guwahati
- Rakhi Ghosh-Pursuing MA in En glish at Assam Women's University.

#### STUDENTS WHO SCORED 1ST **CLASS IN THE YEAR OF 2021**

- Anuradha Konwar
- Arfi Begum Chayanika
- Gargee Bonia Kabyashree
- Chetia
- Nimisha Das Pori Tamuli
- Tusti Gogoi
- Yashmin Sultana

Priyam Pratikhya

Pushpalata Mili

Saikia

Priyanjali

Borgohain

Rakhi Ghosh

- Priyanjali Borgohain- Taking Coaching in Rau's IAS Academy in Bangalore.
  Pushpalata Mili- Pursuing MA in English at
- Sibsagar College.
  Azmera Ahmed- Pursuing MA in English at
- DHSK College, Dibrugarh
- Nimisha Das- Pursuing BA in Library and Information Science at Dibrugarh University
- Priyam Pratikhya Saikia- Pursuing MA at Sibsagar College.
- Arfi Begum- Pursuing MA in English at Dibrugarh University.
  Pritishna Bora- Pursuing D.EL.ED Course at
- DIET. Sonari.
- Indushree Buragohain- Pursuing MA in English at MSSV, Guwahati. Suditi Devi- Pursuing MA in English under
- Yashmin Begum- Pursuing MA in English under IGNOU & working as a teache
- Kabyashree Chetia- Pursuing MA in English at Dibrugarh University. Shehnaz Begum – Working as a teacher in a
- Gargee Bonia- Preparing for Competitive

# Feathers In One's Cap



Payal Sarkar- won National Pageant India International Star Icon & awarded in Splendid North East Award,2022





Ayusmita Dihingia- secured 1st position 'All Assam Level Art Competition'





Nikita Dutta- got selected in 'Pragya Hundori' Top 5 organized by News Live during Saraswati Puja,2022





Auslesha Dutta- won 'Special Jury Award' in Violin during Youth Festival, 2021-2022





Pahee Gogoi- secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Weight Lifting during Inter-college **Competition under Dibrugarh** University

# THEMATIC PIECE

#### THE STORY OF THE WEEPING LAND Under the bright blue sky The river is shining

Like a aquamarine stone, Reflecting the smiles of every faces Dwells on its shore. People take water from its heart, The sun takes rest on the Waste horizon of river.

It becomes a means of livelihood For the fishermen and the farmers. All of a sudden, The river swells like a monster It's caliber grows furious and wider,

Then it moves towards the land Inhabitated by the happy people, One after another, lands after lands Are coming in the trap of the monsterous river. The farmers are weeping, "ONL May report come?"

"Oh! My green crops!"
The beloved river of the people
Sweeps away the houses they build,

The students are crying,
"Oh! The place of our golden dreams!"
The communication under deep water

Taking its last breath, Everywhere there is the sound of weeping, An appeal for a fund,

Listen, listen, this is the cry from Assam. The empty stomach, landless, homeless people

Are weeping and weeping,

Every year the river swells Then there is a demand for fund, But no permanent solution has ever accured To this weeping land, Each year we hear the cries of agony

From the lands of Assam.

SHRUTI UPAMANYU, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER



#### BEAUTY OF DESTRUCTED

Haflong, a dreamland A glory of beautiful Dima Hasao Hills, Said to be Assam's Scotland Satisfy one's hunger to its fill.

Laced with mist covered hills Scenic views and lust greenery, All of a sudden the angered clouds came Flood throwed life out of gear as being From bad royalty.

Teared down the beauty, Within few conjuncture; Washed the tracks hitting connectivity, All we have to do is some prayer.

HIMADRI PRIYA GOGOI, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

# ACADEMIC MECCA

#### **EXTRAVAGANT**

Curious enough since childhood about this language that it pushed me to further and here constructing myself as a pursuer of English Literature. Now, I have lived approximately two years in this lively dream and looking back I could sense what I have obtained in all those days. The most thrilling part is the wast syllabus which I think differs from others. I could feel multiple people breathing inside me while exploring the novels, short stories and my most favourite, poems. To get the opportunity to visit amazing histories, to roam the best known ages, to immerse in poems of Keats, Shelley, Browning, has always brought enthusiasm in me. The delicacy of English Literature could be found nowhere.

#### KALYANEE DUTTA, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

#### MY LIBERATION NOTE

Take this cloak of vulnerability off my skin It's weighing me
If you can't, then rip it off
And let me flee
The jewelry made of my flows, exquisite
Let me show it off
My lingerie made of scars
From the wars I fought fiercely
Let me embrace my naked soul
All made of secret desires and lucid dreams
Let me get drunk on my sorrows today
Cry ocean inside me
I scream, I live today
I will keep on living
I dream today
I will keep on dreaming
I love today
I will keep on loving
And you all will see
You all will see

#### SAPTORSHI BORGOHAIN, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

#### BELLE

Or to be touched for pleasure
She is not an object
She is a person who feels
Who wants to feel safe
Around known faces
But why can't she?
She can't because in this world of demons
She is deprived of shelter
She is judged everyday,
For her every step
For her clothes, the way she talks, the way she laughs
She is surmised,
She has no shield to protect herself
She is asking for it.
What is she asking?
Is she asking for a better world?
Some says she is asking to get played
But does she really want that,
She wants to be guarded
To breath freely, without fearing the demons
She is a girl

AL YASMIN SARKAR, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

#### IMPORTANCE OF POETRY IN LITERATURE

"Poetry may make us from time to time a little more aware of the deeper, unnamed feelings which form the substratum of our being, to which we rarely penetrate; for our lives are mostly a constant evasion of ourselves." –

Poetry , just as in other literature contributes a major role in the development of many aspects of life. The importance of poetry in today's literature society is substantially important because it has an ability to express the thoughts and emotions of a writer through flowing words . Throughout history, poetry has been important because it gives us a historical representation of what previous generations found beautiful , important, or profound.

Poetry , the highest form of literature , influences us because it shows different shades of human beings . In fact , poetry is one of the ancient arts and also the product of human imagination. Poetry is taught in schools and colleges across the world. The reason is that poetry can tap the emotions of students and their power of imagination . When it comes to English literature , poetry is the dominant form of literature from Chaucer's period to Modern English Period .

Poetry expresses different feelings such as friendship, love, death and other human emotions. In literature, poetry stands first even today because poetry has such power to influence this world. Poetry still dominates other forms of literature such as novel, drama, short story etc. Thus, poetry has a special place in English Literature. Poetry is important because it helps us understand and appreciate the world around us.

NEETISHA KALITA,6TH SEMESTER

#### ODE TO THE LOST AND REMEMBERED

To all those smiling faces lost to the sea of time, Your joy was noted and welcomed Your joy was love and promise It was late winter sunshine Your joy was our meaning to life.

To all those sparkling eyes
Lost to cunning intention ,
Yours sparkle was divine light.
That glimmer was a thank you don't mentior
Your shining eyes were hope's manifestatior
You were a vision for worn minds.

To all those moving lips Which have been silenced for ever more Your words were our life rafts to the shore, Your words were gateways to happier realms Your words are lessons we directly need To all of you lost in time, Jost in translate.

Lost because of all of us here alive Your lives were never meaningless, sans\_sensation Your lives were glorious and sublime. Perhaps we are too late To beg for forgiveness Too late to hope for salvation

Still we apologized
It took your deaths for us to realize.

PRERANA SHARMA,4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

#### PLEASURES OF STUDYING LITERATURE

"Literature always anticipates life. It doesn't copy it but molds it to its purpose." – Oscar Wilde

Literature helps us to understand our own existence through stories. Stories are identity. Stories are a unified element of one's experience. Authors shape stories just like us and the pick up major plot points that everyone experiences. These stories help us to understand essential part of our lives; birth, death, joy, tragedy. Literature teaches us who we are, who we were and who we could be. Literature can change our lives. Its healing and gives us human connection.

Reading makes us a full man. The stories, poems, essays, novel, dramas can be read for one's advantage and growth. Reading poetry makes a man imaginative whereas argumentative prose develops local thinking. Shakespeare's dramas take us into the world of humans where realism exists side by side. Keats' poems open magic casement for us. Literature serve for delight, for ornament and for ability. It never leaves our side. We can read a book when the harsh realities of life depress us, we can read a book when we are happy. Through books splendour is change into fragrance. So literature is our identity and we must develop the habit of reading good books.

SANSKRITA KRISHNATRAYA, 6HT SEMESTER

#### NOSTALGIA

Oh the place!
That corner of my room,
The small forest infront of my table.
Momma's that chai, and those evenings.
Lam mission eventhing!

That place is the companion of many memories Sometime smiles, and sometime tears!! If I could go back to those days once, I would. Why time is the reality? Why have I grown up so much!!

DEBAHUTI BORAH,2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESETER

#### RAINY DAY

Sitting by a open window, Looking at the rain, Made me realize how beautiful it is. Tiny droplets land on green leaves, Swaying trees, rumbling leaves, A dark sky full of heavy clouds, Smell of wet soil and Sound of pitter patter fill my hearts. This scene makes me happy And it would bring Peace and delight.

MAYURI BORUAH,2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER

#### **DEPRESSION AMONG THE TEENS**

Teenage depression is actually the most fastest growing problem in the society today. It is also the major contributing factor for most adolescent problems. The statistics about teenage runaways, alcoholism, drug problems, pregnancy, eating disorders and suicide are alarming. The common link for all of crisis is often depression. The path into adolescence is a difficult one and the choices a team makes can leave lasting scars on the lives of an entire generation of young men and women. There is a growing realization that teenage depression can be life changing and even life threatening.

Depression is basically a serious mental disorder in which a person suffers long periods of sadness, loneliness and other negative feelings. Teenagers have always been vulnerable to depression for multiple reasons. It is the most crucial and the confusing period of life because the body of a teen is changing along with their relationships. Today's teen face an additional challenge. They are growing up in a world quite different from that of their parent's youth. Adolescents today are faced with stresses that were unknown to previous generations and are dealing with them in an often self destructive way.

Issues such as peer pressure, academic expectations and changing bodies can bring a lot of ups and downs for teens. But for some teens the laws are more than just temporary feelings-they are a symptom of depression.

Teen depression is not a weakness or something that can be overcome with willpower-it can have serious consequences and requires long term treatment. For most teens, depression symptoms ease with treatment such as medication and psychological counselling.

POOJA KONWAR,6TH SEMESTER

#### RHINS

There it is again
The cries and screams she once woke up to
But why does it seem more like whales and mourns,
Oh! It might just be her notion
That explains the way she motioned
Or is it because she had returned?
Returned to the place she once called home,
Yet it gives her a feeling so unfamiliar
Might be the fact that its all broken and tattered
So off she goes, to mend her hearts thats shattered
Along with all the others rathered.

EUREEKA KONWAR, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

#### THE PRESENCE

Why have I become a lone wanderer?
While all I wanted was a company
Now where will this road lead me to?
Cause I am here all lost.
I see a tunnel, whose darkness
Curtailed all the love I deserved.
Those shady trees engulfed
The beam of my happiness
The incessant rain drenched my achievements a
making my hardship futile.
This journey scares me.
The nightmares wake me.
Trembling in the middle of the night
Chanting prayers for help
Looking around for embracement
Rather I feel an unpleasant presence
What is this presence?
A demon?
Or the sorrow of
My shattered

POLINGKA KAKOTI,2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER

#### **DEAD TREES, LIVING BREATH**

Let's take out the things that are happening in my subconscious mind today. Let us give you opportunity to consider arguments that are thought to be inconsistent, unanalytical. You think I am dead, a lifeless substance that feelings don't reach. But I am alive without everyone's knowledge. I live with a new dress fair and thousands of hopes. I feel the urge to grow again when the rain of waiting soaks these dry desires. But what do you understand? You plan to eliminate me as a necessity for the sake of your own interests. Wondering if I was the main source of your survival once. You know there is no compensation for someone to destroy me or give me another ten plants like me? Maybe my feelings won't touch your heart yet I still say I want to live till I am finished, for you , want to grow up with joy ....

NOTE: Everything is possible in the world of imagination so I am trying to paint the feelings with imagination

MADHUSMITA GOGOI, 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER

# RTISTIC ENTRI



ART BY GARGI SAIKIA, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

"Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon



SNAP BY GAYATRI GOGOI, 6<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

"Everybody excels thing. Some in discover in what!"
-TENNESSEE WILLIAMS,
THE GLASS MENAGERIE



ART BY BONYA GOGOI, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER



SNAP BY FARZINA HASSAN, 4TH SEMESTER

"It is very often nothing but our own vanity that deceives us." -**JANE AUSTIN,** PRIDE AND PREJUDICE



ART BY AL YASMIN SARKAR, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know." -JOHN KEATS



SNAP BY KALYANEE DUTTA, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

actions do not, our fears do make us traitors." -WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,



ART BY JUTHIKA BORUAH, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER



SNAP BY TUSMITA BURAGOHAIN, 2ND SEMESTER

"It is said that every life has its roses and -CHARLES DICKENS, HARD TIMES



ART BY MONALI BARUAH, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER

"You may encounter many defeats, defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you

-MAYA ANGELOU



SNAP BY HIYA GOGOI, 2ND SEMESTER

"I would always rather be happy than -CHARLOTTE BRONTE,





good, would heaven seem best?" -ROBERT BROWNING

"Earth being so

## GIST OF OUR DEPARTMENT



April,2022



Organized "Film Watching Session" on 27th April,2022



WON 3RD prize in Wall Magazine 2021-2022 "AURORA"



**Student Oriented Talk** on 10th February,2021



Department students during College Week



**Cultural Rally during College Week** 



**Drama Competition** 



Department students won 3rd Prize in **Group Dance** 

### **FACULTY MEMBERS**

### **EDITORIAL BOARD**

## **ADVISORS**











**SEMESTER STUDENTS** 

A society for academic pursuits always plays a decisive role in moulding, facilitating and readying the involved group resulting in a creative gush. Such is the English Department Society. It shall continue to deliver the fresh nuances to the taught.

- By Shiva Prasad Mili, Secretary, English **Department Society.** 

