



# NEWSLETTER

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY (A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)

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## *From the Vice Chancellor's desk...*

November was a month marked by cultural activities and seminars. December is a cold month. It is also the month for examinations. I wish all the students good luck for their exams. Study hard. Write carefully. December is also the time for exchange of gifts. Let us share our warm love with everybody. I wish everybody in Tripura University a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015. Thank you!

## News



Photo Session of first meeting of the first court of Tripura University

- The first meeting of the First Court of Tripura University was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014. Subsequently, a dinner was hosted by the Vice Chancellor at Sonar Tari State Guest House in Agartala in honour of the members of Court.
- UDBHAAS' 14, the annual cultural festival of Tripura University, was celebrated between November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with songs, dances, dramas, quizzes and debate competitions. Guest artists such as Rabindra Sangeet maestros Srabani Sen and Apala Basu, folk musicians like Tarun Khyapa and popular bands like Dohar performed.
- A symposium was organized on the topic Reflections on Present Education System in India from a Gandhian Perspective by the Centre for Gandhian Studies, Tripura University on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014. Prof. Tridip Suhrud, a renowned Gandhian scholar and Director of Sabarmati Ashram, delivered the keynote address and Dr. Krishna Anantha, Head, Department of History, Sikkim University, delivered the valedictory address for the symposium. Other speakers from outside Tripura included Prof. R.C. Pradhan (Retired, University of Delhi), Prof. Santi Gopal Pal (Retired, University of Calcutta) and Dr. Siby K. Joseph, Dean of Research, Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha. Speakers from Tripura University included Prof. Chandrika Basu Majumdar from the Dept. of Political Science, Dr. Ashes Gupta from the Department of English, Dr. Bimal Ch. Pal and Mr. Bhupesh Debbarma from the Department of Philosophy and Dr. Rajendra Prasad from the Department of Education.

## Achievement

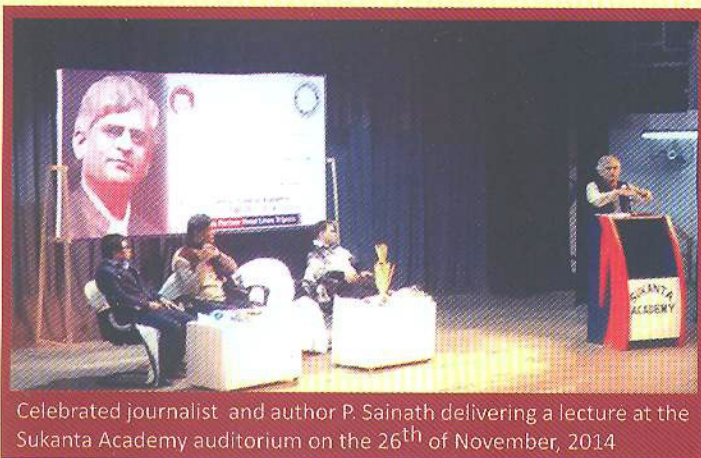
Dr. Syed Arshad Hussain, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Tripura University, has been invited to join the Editorial Board of the Elsevier Journal 'Applied Clay Science' (Impact Factor = 2.703).

## Foreigners' Visits

- The Department of Rural Management and Development organized a workshop on the topic Social Exclusion and Education: An Experience from the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. The main speaker was Prof. Ala Uddin, Chairman, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

## International Collaboration

- The Department Of Physics, Tripura University has been given a Lightning Detection System worth \$25,000 from Earth Networks, USA. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department Of Physics, Tripura University and Earth Networks, USA concerning collaborative research on Lightning Activity in Northeast India. The system is being installed in the atmospheric laboratory of the Department of Physics.



Celebrated journalist and author P. Sainath delivering a lecture at the Sukanta Academy auditorium on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014

## News

- P. Sainath, one of the world's leading experts on famine and hunger and a Ramon Magsaysay awardee journalist, delivered a series of lectures to the students of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tripura University during the period from the 21st of November, 2014 to the 28th of November, 2014. He also gave a special lecture at the Sukanta Academy auditorium on November 26th, 2014, jointly organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Tripura University and the Tripura Working Journalist Association.

## News

INSPIRE and FIST Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, sanctioned Rs. 175 lakhs to the Department of Physics, Tripura University to run FIST program under the teaching-and-research facility support. The sanction includes the purchasing of four instruments - Brewster Angle Microscope, Digital Ionosonde, Particle Size Analyzer with Zeta Potential and UV-VIS NIR Spectrometer.

## Events

- The birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was held on the 11th of November, 2014. The University felicitated senior musicians Smt. Sukhini Debbarma and Mr. Shiba Prasad Dhar on the given day.
- Tripura University celebrated the International Students' Day on November 17th, 2014, with a panel discussion on Shikshit Bharat, Saksham Bharat – Quality Education for All.
- Internationally renowned publisher Springer organized an Authors' Workshop on November 18th, 2014, at the University auditorium. It was an academic event where the speakers discussed about how to write scientific literature and improve the quality of manuscripts and increase chances of being published.
- The Directorate of Distance Education organized a seminar on Human Rights: Universalism and Cultural Relativism Debate. The key speaker was Prof. R.R. Dhamala, Dean, Jadunath Sarkar School of Social Sciences, Assam University, Silchar on November 27th, 2014.
- On November 24th, 2014, the Department of Commerce organized a seminar on New Companies Act 2013: A Move towards Better Corporate Governance. The key speaker was Prof. J.P. Sharma, Head of the Department of Commerce and Business, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- Pt. Ramprasad Chattopadhyay conducted a two-day-long workshop on Katthak in the Department of Music on November 20th and 21st, 2014.
- On November 5th, 2014, a seminar titled Bhasha Chintar Nanadik was addressed by Prof. Pabitra Sarkar in the Department of Bengali. Prof. Sarkar is the former Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati.

## Events

- The Committee of Women's Grievance Redressal along with the Women's Studies Centre of Tripura University organized a one-day workshop on the topic Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, on the 27th of November, 2014. The speakers for the event were Sri Bijan Chandra Das, the Advocate General of Tripura; Aditi Sharma Lodh, the Additional Government Advocate of Tripura; Arindam Nath, SP, Special Branch, Tripura; Monika Dutta Roy, Vice Chairperson, Tripura Commission for Women and Prof. Chandrika Basu Mazumeder from the Department of Political Science, Tripura University.
- A meeting was held on December 2nd, 2014, with the Principals of all the general degree colleges of Tripura and SDM Govt. Music College to discuss the matter relating to the 1st Sem Exam of TDP/TDP (Hon), 2014 and about 1st Sem exam evaluation.
- On November 18th, 2014, the Department of Psychology organized a seminar on the topic Importance of Counseling in Daily Life by Prof. (Retd.) Dipes Chandra Nath, Department of Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta.

## Book Publication

- Prof. Anjan Mukherjee and Sharmistha Bhattacharya (Halder) of the Department of Mathematics published a book entitled Fuzzy Set and Fuzzy Topology. The book was published by Norosa Publishing House.

## Visits

- Prof. B.K. De participated in an International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies organized by the School of Engineering, Cochin University of Technology, Cochin, between 3rd and 5th of December, 2014, to present a paper titled An approach to Detect the Region of Interest of Expression Face Images with his Ph.D. Scholar from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Tripura University.

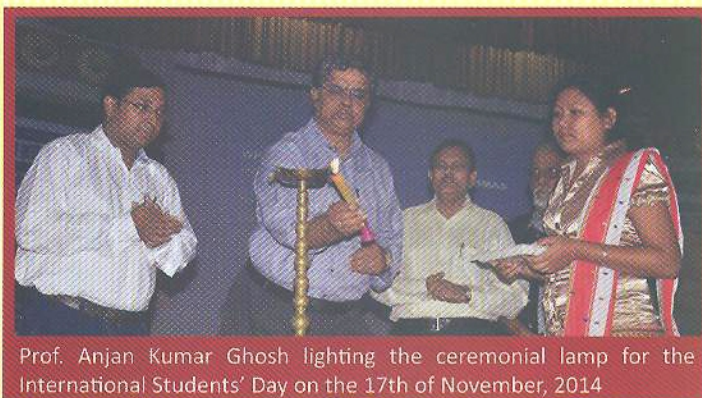
## Coming Soon

- Indian National Science Academy (INSA) sanctioned Rs. 6.36 lakhs to the Department of Physics, Tripura University, to organize a Refresher Course on Thin Film and Nanoscience during the period between 4th and 18th of May, 2015, under the auspices of the Joint Science Education Panel. This course will cover the basics with examples from topics of current interest, which can be used in teaching and research as examples to motivate students. Dr. S.A. Hussain will be the Course Coordinator and Prof. Tanusri Saha-Dasgupta, FNASc, SN Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata will act as the Director of the course.

## Paper Publication

Dr. S. A. Hussain has published the following papers in the month of December:

1. "Sensing of DNA conformation based on change in FRET efficiency between laser dyes" in : Sensors and Actuators B, 204 (2014), 746–753)  
Chemical (Elsevier journals, Impact Factor = 3.84).
2. "Development of an Ion-Sensor using Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer" in : Sensors and Actuators B, 195 (2014), 382–388  
Chemical (Elsevier journals, Impact Factor = 3.84).
3. Formation of fluorescent H – aggregates of a cyanine dye in ultrathin film and its effect on energy transfer" Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A 293 (2014), 57–64)  
Chemistry (Elsevier journals, Impact Factor = 2.291).



Prof. Anjan Kumar Ghosh lighting the ceremonial lamp for the International Students' Day on the 17th of November, 2014

## Training Programmes

- A Pedagogical Training for Mathematics Teachers (PTMT) was organized at the Department of Mathematics from the 1st of December, 2014 to the 14th of December, 2014. The programme was funded by the National Board for Higher Education, DAE, Government of India.

## Sports News

- The VIIIth Intercollegiate Athletics Competition was jointly organized by the Department of Physical Education, Tripura University and Tripura University Sports Board from November 21st to November 23rd, 2014 at the Dasarath Deb Memorial Stadium.

## Prize winners of UDBHAAS 2014

### Inter College Competitions

Rank	Name of College
1st	Tripura State Academy of Tribal Culture, Agartala.
2nd	Bir Bikram Memorial College, Tripura
3rd	Sachin Debbaman Memorial Govt. Music College, Tripura

### Inter Departmental Competitions

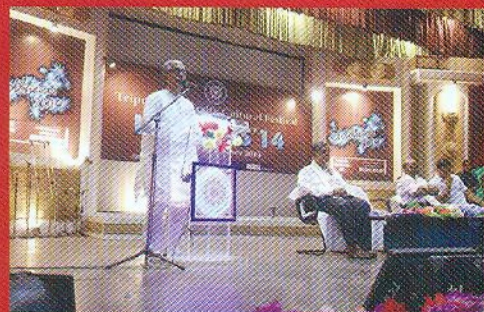
Rank	Name of Department
1st	IMD & Sanskrit Department Jointly
2nd	Geography & Forestry & Biodiversity
3rd	Psychology

### 1st Prize winner of Individual Competition

Quiz	Mr. Samir Debnath	Department of Political Science
	Mr. Sanjit Chakraborty	Department of Political Science
Debate	Ms. Imalisha Pal	Department of Forestry and Biodiversity
Classical (Vocal)	Mr. Biplab Acharjee	Department of Music
Light Classical (Vocal)	Mr. Biplab Acharjee	Department of Music
Folk Song	Mrs. Papri Das	Department of Music
Modren Song	Ms. Lipika Chakraborty	Department of Music
Panchakabir Gaan	Ms. Parijat Deb	Department of IMD
Classical Dance (Kathak)	Mr. Ratnadeep Roy	Department of Music
Flok Dance	Mr. Prakash Basfore	Department of Music
Mordern Dance	Ms. Nandita Saha	Department of Bengali
Intruemental (Classical)	Ms. Madhuparna Das	Department of IMD

## PHOTO GALLERY

### On Udbhaas' 14 & Seminar on Sexual Harassment



Manik Sarkar, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tripura, graces the last day of Udbhaas' 14



Aditi Sharma Lodh speaking during the workshop on Sexual Harassment



Opening ceremony of the workshop on sexual harassment on November 27, 2014



Prof. Chandrika Basu Mazumder speaking during the workshop on Sexual Harassment



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