

## PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### 1. Background and introduction

The Department of History was established at the time of inception of the Sibsagar College i.e. in 1947. The Department was started initially with one teacher - Sri Amio Kr. Sarma. In the subsequent periods the Department obtained sanctions of additional posts. The teachers who had served in the Department in different times were - Late Prafulla Kr. Barua, Late Mihir Kr. Barua, Late Muhi Ch. Gohain, Late Sarat Mahanta, Sri Nirode Barua and Mrs. Mitali Borkakoty. The Department has been offering Honours/ Major in History to the students since 1962-63. The present seat capacity in Major at each level of study is 35.

### 2. Present faculty members

The faculty members at present - Dr. Diganta Kr. Sarma, Mrs. Kalyani Baruah, Dr. Tridib Mahanta, Mr. Suka Muni Das and Mrs. Nabamallika Hondikoi - are quite competent to deliver the curriculum of Under-graduate study under recently introduced semester system. Altogether, there have been more than 54 publications of them in different books and journals. The number of seminars in which they have participated and presented papers is 107. There are 4 minor and 1 major projects carried out by them. The individual competency level of the faculty members on the basis of their qualification, area of specialization, interest etc. are as follows -

Dr. Diganta Kr. Sarma : Dr. Sarma joined the College in 1987 and became Head of the Department in 1998. He did Ph.D on the topic "Religious Policy of the Ahorn Rulers of Assam during 1228 - 1826" in 1996. His area of specialization is History of Medieval Assam. He has already published a few research papers and articles in different journals and periodicals besides regularly attending seminar and conference held across the nation. He completed a Minor Research Project sponsored by the UGC in 2008. He is a supervisor of a number of candidates doing both Ph.D and M.Phil level of research under different Universities of India. Eight such candidates have so far been awarded M.Phil. Dr. Sarma has been continuously involved in the examination process of the College and the Dibrugarh University in different capacities - examiner, scrutinizer, paper setter, moderator etc. He is a member of the Board of Studies of the University at Under-graduate level. He has also been serving as one of the Vice Chancellor's nominee as Subject Expert in different selection committees/screening committees of the neighbourhood colleges constituted for selecting persons for appointment as Assistant Professor in History and for promoting to next higher grade/stage as well. He is the Coordinator of the College running various PG programmes of the Dibrugarh University under ODL system. He is also involved with various planning and development works of the College. Currently, he is a member of different Committees of the College which includes Internal Quality Assurance Cell,

Admission Committee etc. The experience of Dr. Sarma in both teaching and research have led to overall academic growth and development of the Department.

Mrs. Kalyani Baruah : Mrs. Baruah joined the College in 1992. Her area of specialization is History of Ancient India. She has already published a few research papers and articles in different journals and periodicals besides regularly attending seminars and conferences. She completed a Minor Research Project sponsored by the UGC in 2010. Mrs. Baruah has been continuously involved in the examination process of the College and the Dibrugarh University in different capacities - examiner, scrutinizer, paper setter etc. She is also involved with various planning and development works of the College. She was the teacher-in-Charge of the Sibsagar College Students Union Body for Girls (Common Room during 2010). The experience of Mrs. Baruah in both teaching and research have led to overall academic growth and development of the Department. Mrs. Baruah earlier served as the Head of the Department which she did with utmost sincerity and success.

Dr. Tridib Mahanta : Dr. Mahanta joined the College in 1993. He was awarded Ph.D by the Dibrugarh University for his research on the topic "Military Organisation of the Ahern State 1228 - 1826" in 2011. His area of specialization is History of Medieval Assam and India. He has already published a few research papers and articles in different journals and periodicals besides regularly attending seminars and conferences. He completed a Minor Research Project on "Metallurgy in Medieval Assam" sponsored by the UGC in 2010. Recently, he submitted thesis of a Major Research Project entitled "Weapons and Armours of North East India in Early and Medieval Times" which was funded by the UGC during 2014-16. Dr. Mahanta has been continuously involved in the examination process of the College and the Dibrugarh University in different capacities - examiner, scrutinizer etc. He has been serving as the Vice Chancellor's Nominee as Subject Expert in different Selection Committees of the neighbourhood colleges constituted for - 1) selection of persons for appointment as Assistant Professor in History and 2) recommending the Assistant Professors to next higher grade/stage. He was the Coordinator of the College running various academic programmes affiliated to Indira Gandhi National Open University under Convergence Scheme till its nation-wide closure later. Since joining in 1993, Dr. Mahanta has been shouldering the responsibility of the Teacher-in-Charge of the Sibsagar College Students Union Body in Music and Culture. He is also involved with various planning and development works of the College. Currently, he has membership in a number of committees of the College which includes UGC Committee, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Admission Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Library Advisory Committee and many others. The experience of Dr. Mahanta in both teaching and research have led to overall academic growth and development of the Department. Currently, Dr. Mahanta is officiating as the Head of the Department.

Mr. Suka Muni Das : Mr. Das joined the College in 1996. His area of specialization is History of Modern India. He has already published a few research papers and articles in different journals and periodicals besides regularly attending seminars and conferences. He was a Co-investigator of a Minor Research Project sponsored by the UGC which was completed in 2010. Mr. Das has been continuously involved in the examination process of the College and the Dibrugarh University in different capacities - examiner, scrutinizer etc. He is the Coordinator of the College coordinating various academic programmes of the Krishna Kania Handique State Open University under ODL system. He is also involved with various planning and development work of the College. Currently, he is a member of different Committees of the College which includes Admission Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Board of Examination etc. He has been shouldering the responsibility of the Teacher-in-Charge of the Sibsagar College Students Union Body in Sports. The experience of Mr. Suka Muni Das in both teaching and research have led to overall academic growth and development of the Department. Currently, Mr. Das is officiating as the Warden of Jaya Chatri Nivas, the girls' hostel of the College.

Mrs. Nabamallika Hondikoi : Mrs. Hondikoi joined the College in 1999. Her area of specialization is History of Modern India. She has already published a few research papers and articles in different journals and periodicals besides regularly attending seminars and conferences. Mrs. Hondikoi has been continuously involved in the examination process of the College and the Dibrugarh University in different capacities - examiner, scrutinizer etc. Besides direct teaching-learning process, she is involved with the Women's Studies and Development Cell (WSDC) of the College. She is the Editor of the Magazine 'Shreejani' of the year 2016 being published by the WSDC. The experience of Mrs. Hondikoi in both teaching and research have led to overall academic growth and development of the Department. Currently, Mrs. Hondikoi is officiating as the In-charge of the Departmental Library.

3. Student profile - entry level competencies, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, end programme outcome, career progression and information about alumni.

The competency of the students at entry level i.e. to get admitted is that they are all Higher Secondary examination pass outs, mostly from Assam Higher Secondary Education Council and few others from different Councils/Boards of the Country usually the CBSE. From the current academic session the seat intake of the Department in Major Programme has been increased from previous year's 35 to 50 students, while the existing intake of 150 students for Non Major course has been retained. The students are admitted on merit basis. Admission criteria stipulates minimum percentage of marks for Major Programme at 50% in History, but there is no such minimum limit of percentage for admission into History as Non Major subject.

The social status of the students is not uniform rather heterogeneous. While majority of the students belongs to Other Backward Community, say 60%, 10% belong to Scheduled Castes and 10% to Scheduled Tribes. Remaining 20% form General Category. Out of general category students, 20% belong to Minority Community. Despite this mixed social status there is no ill feeling and/or any complexity problem among the students, rather a kind of social integrity and harmony, and mutual cooperation, respect and love amongst them is always noticed.

The economic status is also varied. Since, majority of the students are coming from rural background, many of them, say 60%, either belong to marginalized section or to BPL community. While 20% students are from middle class background and remaining 20% belong to affluent or high middle class families.

Regarding language proficiency of the students whether the major or non-major, most of them are proficient and at ease to communicate, read and write in vernacular language i.e. Assamese. But, at the same time, a few students, for being taking English as medium of instruction at primary and secondary levels, are conversant and fluent in English besides Assamese. Hindi is, however, familiar to many students at colloquial and informal level only.

The overall trend in the success of the students of the History Department in last five i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is satisfactory and their drop-out rates have been marginal in case of Major course, but slightly higher in Non-Major. The Department keeps record of career progression for pass-outs and also takes care of this aspect right at the time of they being in the College. They are given career counseling through the Career Counseling Cell of the College as well as in the Department itself about the future prospects both in terms of further academic scopes and placements for shaping their future. The statistics provided through the following tables for the last five years show their entry to the Department, progression in the middle and the exit finally.

Table A : Enrollment

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total enrollment at entry level	M = 20 NM = 42	M = 21 NM = 44	M = 27 NM = 32	M = 29 NM = 25	M = 47 NM = 58
Intake capacity	35	35	35	35	50

Table B : Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities

Year		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Activity (in nos.)	N.C.C.	3	3	2	4	2
	N.S.S.	5	6	5	7	5
	Sports	4	3	2	3	2
	Performing art	3	4	3	4	4
	Literature	3	3	2	2	3
	Debate/quiz/speech	1	0	1	1	2
	Union leadership	1	1	0	1	0
	Others	0	0	0	0	0

Table C : End programme outcome

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Total appeared	14	5	9	13	14
Total pass-outs	14	4	8	9	11
Pass-outs in %	100%	80%	90%	69%	78%
1 <sup>st</sup> Class holders	3	1	8	9	7
Top rank	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 4 <sup>th</sup>

Table D : Career progression of pass-outs

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Pursuing further studies	3	2	6	8	7
Taking placement or profession	1	1	1	1	0

#### 4. Basic facilities

##### (A) Departmental Library

Apart from making use of the HIPM Library (main library), the Department has a separate library with a collection of around 450 nos. of books, 3 journals and 1 newsletter. Books and journals are supplied by the college authority routed through the

HPM Library. The faculty members also try at their own initiative to procure books and journals from other sources. In the last two years, the Department has procured 100 nos. of books, one journal and one newsletter.

*(B) Equipments*

The Department of History has one desktop computer, a laptop computer, a laser printer and a still camera to its credit which are housed in and functioning from the Departmental office for the larger benefit of both teaching and learning community. It has an internet connection of VPN over Broadband under Govt. of India's NMEICT scheme at the bandwidth of 512 kbps.

5. Academic and other activities

*(A) Organisation of Seminars/Workshops etc.*

The Department has pursued different academic activities including holding of departmental seminar, group discussion, field work, faculty exchange programme etc. besides holding events in a larger platform, an exemplary being the national level seminar on the theme - "Ethnic Migration and Social Assimilation in the North East India" organized a few years back sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). In the year 2008 the Department has organized one day session of North East India History Association in collaboration with the Department of History, Dibrugarh University. It has organized the State Level Inter College Students' Seminar on "Historical Monuments : Their Past, Present and Future" on 08/10/2015 in which Dr. Milan Kr. Chauley, Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey India, Guwahati Circle and Dr. Chandan Sarma, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Dibrugarh University acted as resource persons. Apart from the students of the Department of History, Sibsagar College, the students of the colleges under Dibrugarh University participated in the event and presented papers there. The Department has organized a national level seminar on the theme "Revisiting the Sources of the History of Assam : Horizontal and Vertical Spaces" to be held on the 9th and 10th January, 2017. Altogether, 80 Participants from across the nation participated in the Seminar. Eminent historians, Prof. Jogendra Nath Phukan, Prof. Sristidhar Dutta, Prof. Amrendra Kr. Thakur and Dr. Milan Kr. Chauley.

*(B) Participation/contribution of teachers in academic activities including teaching, consultancy and research*

The teachers of the Department are deeply motivated and dedicated to the teaching-learning process of the College. Apart from conventional blackboard method, they are accustomed to use of ICT tools and gadgets.

Regarding research in History, all five teachers have already piled up good amount of

experience and made notable contribution in historical research which are in the forms of attaining and pursuing Ph.D and M.Phil research, taking up and completing Minor and Major Research Projects etc. as those find place in initial paragraphs. Moreover, they are publishing research articles and papers in various books and journals across the country. Altogether, they have to their credit of so far publishing a good number of articles, chapters and papers.

On the matter of consultancy/guidance, one teacher of the Department is recognized Ph.D guide of Singhania University, Vinayak Mission University, Madurai Kamraj University and Global University, Nagaland, and another is the one of Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University and guide of PG Programme of Indira Gandhi National Open University. However, all five teachers are involved in consultancy in the subject of History for other teachers of the College as well as neighbouring colleges, however, in an informal manner. All of them have been supervising the small curriculum related research projects of their students.

#### *(C) Participation/contribution of students in academic activities*

Like the teachers, the students of the Department too take part in various academic activities like participation in departmental seminar, group discussion, field study etc. There is one paper for the 6<sup>th</sup> Semester non-major students taking skill based course 'Tourism and Travel management' in which they have to submit a project report based on field study/survey as mandatory requirement for partially fulfill the curriculum which they have been doing successfully over the years. Moreover, the students under the supervision of the teachers are publishing a wall magazine being named 'Sachipat' in which many subject related and other write-ups find place and thereby give them space to articulate their ideas, innovations, creativity etc.

#### *(D) Collaboration with other departments/institutions/organisations*

The Department has been for last few years doing many academic and non-academic activities within a collaborative framework with the national organization/department, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The Department fondly recalls its long association with ASI Guwahati Circle while transacting some academic and awareness programmes such as seminar at the College (8/10/2015), World Heritage Week at Charaideo (19/11/2014), Swachh Bharat Abhiyan programme at Rangghar site (2015) etc and the recently concluded collaborative national seminar on Revisiting the Sources of the History of Assam : Horizontal and Vertical Spaces to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Besides, the teachers and the Department as a whole keep good contact with the History teachers of neighbouring colleges and universities in drawing and intellectual resources for the benefit of selves and the students of the Department and remitting the same in a reciprocal manner and vice versa situation.

6. Student support and benevolent initiative for their progression and wellbeing

The Department as a whole and the teachers individually are committed towards the progression and wellbeing of the students. They are offered career and personal counselling so that they can move forward to achieve desired goal in life being successful pass outs and take up suitable career and profession in future. In addition to the normal help and cooperation as mentors in respect of their academic pursuits, the needy students are often offered financial help and syllabus oriented books from the individual capacities and resources of the faculty members. They are even offered help and cooperation while they pursue studies farther including that of monetary assistance to those needy.

7. The priority areas of research

The priority areas of research of the Department are - political and administrative history, military history, religious history, socio-cultural history, economic history, gender studies, historical tourism, history of science, technology and environment - primarily in the perspective of North East India, more particularly Assam.

8. Present batches of students

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Major

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Ms. Tina Gogoi
2.	Ms. Meghna Borah
3.	Ms. Sudarshana Hazarika
4.	Mr. Utpal Nath
5.	Ms. Tribenee Gogoi
6.	Ms. Jyotishmoni Neog
7.	Mr. Moina Jan Mili
8.	Mr. Bablu Konwar
9.	Ms. Shaneen Rohman
10.	Ms. Shilpika Baruah
11.	Ms. Mayurakhi Chetia
12.	Mr. Koilash Chetia
13.	Mr. Parhiz Rohan Hazarika
14.	Mr. Abhijit Gogoi
15.	Mr. Bhargav Nath
16.	Ms. Sumilakhi Borah
17.	Mr. Abhijit Bora
18.	Ms. Arnisha Rani Dhar



19.	Mr. Dipu Saikia
20.	Ms. Dikhita Neog
21.	Mr. Pinku Borah
22.	Ms. Sikha Moni Ozah
23.	Mr. Pranjit Nath
24.	Mr. Parag Borgohain
25.	Mr. Uttam Gogoi
26.	Mr. Madhurjya Bora
27.	Ms. Prarthana Gogoi
28.	Ms. Puja Borah
29.	Ms. Manashi Borah
30.	Mr. Manash Buragohain
31.	Mr. Pranjal Chetia
32.	Mr. Jitul Borah
33.	Mr. Palash Pratim Konwer
34.	Mr. Jolly Buragohain
35.	Ms. Rajmalashree Gogoi
36.	Ms. Deepika Saikia
37.	Mr. Palash Nath
38.	Ms. Pronamika Bordoloi
39.	Mr. Deep Jyoti Kashyap
40.	Ms. Bondita Baruah
41.	Ms. Krishnali Dutta
42.	Ms. Manash Protim Neog
43.	Mr. Satyajit Hazarika
44.	Ms. Dharitry Boruah
45.	Mr. Partha Jyoti Dutta
46.	Mr. Mriganka Borah
47.	Ms. Gita Moni Gogoi

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Semester Major

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Mr. Partha Pratim Baruah
2.	Mr. Parag Saikia
3.	Ms. Happy Moni Buragohain
4.	Mr. Kumar Giri
5.	Mr. Nani Gopal Baruah
6.	Mr. Basanta Nath
7.	Mr. Kishor Dutta

8.	Mr. Biswajit Baruah
9.	Mr. Nayan Moni Gogoi
10.	Ms. Parismita Dutta
11.	Ms. Lakhi Moni Saikia
12.	Ms. Preeti Shikha Bhuyan
13.	Ms. Nabanita Baruah
14.	Mr. P. Baruah
15.	Mr. Samujjal Baruah
16.	Ms. Parismita Gogoi
17.	Mr. Janardan Mahanta
18.	Ms. Pinky Kalita
19.	Mr. Rupam Dutta
20.	Mr. Pallab Jyoti Barpatra
21.	Mr. Lal Prasad Giri
22.	Mr. Dhananjay Sarkar
23.	Mr. Ankuman Chetia
24.	Ms. Junmoni Konwar
25.	Ms. Jubi Arandhara
26.	Mr. Nabajyoti Borah
27.	Ms. Madhusmita Bhuyan
28.	Ms. Sruti Rani Dutta

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Semester Major

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Ms. Ananya Konwar
2.	Mr. Bhargab Borah
3.	Ms. Namrata Kakati
4.	Ms. Charja Kakati
5.	Mr. Pankaj Das
6.	Mr. Hemanta Kr. Das
7.	Mr. Bibhuti Bhushan Kalita
8.	Mr. Lalit Mili
9.	Mr. Ruhit Gogoi
10.	Md. Waseem Rohman
11.	Ms. Priyanka Chutia
12.	Ms. Ankita Bhuyan
13.	Mr. Bishnu Jyoti Bailung
14.	Mr. Partha Chetia
15.	Md. Masud Ahmed

16.	Ms. Ananya Dihingia
17.	Ms. Rashmi Borah
18.	Ms. Rekhamoni Das
19.	Mr. Anupam Chutia
20.	Mr. Rupam Jyoti Gogoi
21.	Mr. Preeti Papori Borah
22.	Mr. Sankar Jyoti Baishya
23.	Ms. Pratyushi Bhuyan
24.	Mr. Kalyan Das
25.	Mr. Mukunda Borah
26.	Mr. Kaushik Dutta
27.	Ms. Tabassum Parveen

#### 9. Information about some notable alumni

Sl. No.	Name	Present status/position
1.	Prof. Jogendra Nath Phukan	Retd. HoD, History, Gauhati University and eminent historian of India
2.	Late Sarat Mahanta	Former Member of Assam Human Rights Commission & former HoD, History, Sibsagar College, Joysagar
3.	Ms. Archid Barua	Asstt. Prof. in S.B. Deora College, Guwahati
4.	Mr. Khagen Gogoi	Asstt. Prof. in Jagirod College, Jagirod
5.	Mr. Dulen Gogoi	Asstt. Prof. in D.R. College, Golaghat
6.	Mr. Pranjal Gogoi	Asstt. Prof. in S.M.D. College, Charing
7.	Mr. Prabin Sarma	Asstt. Prof. in Sibsagar Girls' College, Sivasagar
8.	Ms. Ajanta Gogoi	Associate Prof. in S.P.P. College, Namti
9.	Mr. Pabitra Bora	Asstt. Prof. in S.P.P. College, Namti
10.	Ms. Lutfun Nahar	Principal i/c, Dikhowmukh College, Dikhowmukh
11.	Mr. Paras Moni Dutta	Associate Prof. in Dikhowmukh College, Dikhowmukh
12.	Ms. Himashree Gogoi	Asstt. Prof. in Dikhowmukh College, Dikhowmukh

13.	Mr. Naba Jyoti Sarma	Asstt. Prof. in B.L.B College, Sivasagar
14.	Mr. Rajib Chetia	Asstt. Prof. in B.L.B College, Sivasagar
15.	Mr. Arpan Jyoti Gogoi	Asstt. Prof. in Tingkhong College, Dibrugarh
16.	Mr. Plaban Bhuyan	Research Scholar of Dibrugarh University
17.	Mr. Sunanda Das	Asstt. Prof. in Jhanji H.N.S. College, Jhanji
18.	Mr. Nipon Panging	Asstt. Prof. in Lakhimpur Girls' College, North Lakhimpur
19.	Mr. Bitul Chetia	Deputy Superintendent of Police, Govt. of Assam, Sadiya
20.	Mr. Nayan Borah	Sales Tax Superintendent, Govt. of Assam, Jorhat
21.	Ms. Anannya Baruah	Asstt. Teacher, Dibrugarh & Research Scholar of Dibrugarh University
22.	Mr. Rajdeep Gogoi	Research Scholar of Assam University (Diphu Campus)
23.	Mr. Donald Gilfillon	ACS Officer, Govt. of Assam
24.	Dr. Jahnabi Gogoi Nath	Professor in Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh
25.	Mr. Jitendra Handique	Senior Executive, Vasir Sultan Tobacco Company, Andhra Pradesh
26.	Mr. Parikshit Baruah	Senior Executive in an MNC posted at Nagpur
27.	Mr. Nani Gopal Borthakur	Asstt. Prof. in Manipal University, Sikkim
28.	Mr. Bidyut Bikash Bahgawati	Fashion Designer, Guwahati
29.	Mr. Jogendra Phukan	Former national weight lifting champion
30.	Mr. Sourabh Gogoi	Former national weight lifting champion and silver medalist in Junior Commonwealth Championship
31.	Mr. Toufiqur Rahman	Advocate, Sivasagar
32.	Mr. Mehbuba Sultana	Advocate, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati
33.	Mr. Bidyut Dutta	Advocate, Sivasagar