also argued that since Karbi Anglong Hills side is occupied by human beings and illegal stone quar-

guided by ecological principles and not by the economics of contractors, Choudhury said.



W Lakshahira Das receiving the 'Life Time Achievement Award from Vice-President M Venkaidh Naidu in presence of Governor of the golden jubilee celebrations of Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, on Tuesday.

Career counselling programme held

GUWAHATI, April 18: A oneday counselling programme was organised by 'Prayash, Beyond the boundaries: Xikim aru Xikam' of Nabajyoti College, Kalgachia recently, in collaboration with the 'Helpline Foundation', Kalgachia on 'Career Counselling and Entrepreneurship Development Path', a press release stated.

Dr Shahjahan Ali Ahmed, Principal of Nabajyoti College, presiding over the programme spoke on the importance of career development. Merina Ahmed, coordinator of Prayash, highlighted the objectives of the programme followed by the felicitation of the invited guests by Panchalee Baishya.

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Ranjan Kumar Baruah, career mentor and motivational speaker, was the resource person of the programme. Baruah called upon the students to become human resources and advocated for building entrepreneurship.

Dergaon AASU celebrates Mukali Bihu with fervour

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DERGAON, April 18: The fifth edition of the Mukali Bihu under the aegis of Dergaon branch of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) was celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm on April 16 at the Naren Sarma memorial field here.

The programme began with the hoisting of the Bihu flag by the president of the Bihu Celebration Committee Prabhat Ch Mahanta and the flag of AASU by the president of Dergaon AASU Polash Bora. That was followed by *swahid tarpan* by the secretary of Dergaon AASU Milonjyoti Khataniar and the plantation of saplings was done by the working president of the celebration committee Dr Khireswar Loying. After that Bihu was presented by the DKD College AASU unit and students' union and that was followed by the Bihu dance presented by the participants of the Bihu workshop organised by Dergaon Central AASU unit.

In the special 'Bihu Sewa' programme as many as 100 senior citizens of different fields of greater Dergaon were honoured with traditional items like gamosa etc. Af-

ter that the Bihu presentation was started where several ethnic groups presented their performances. Inaugurating the Bihu celebration, the Editor of News 18, North East Assam Poragmoni Aditya opined that innovation of Assamese Unicode is the only way to save Assamese language as well as the Assamese nation in today's digital age.

The souvenir Borgoch edited by journalist Sanjoy Kr Hazarika published on the occasion was released by the general secretary of the All Assam Students' Union Lurinjyoti Gogoi. He urged the large gathering to be more sensitive in NRC update process as well as Citizenship Bill 2016. The meeting was also addressed by noted litterateur, Sahitya Akademi Award Winner Jayanta Madhab Bora, Commandant of Battalion Training Centre as well as a writer Abu Sufian, the editor of Borgoch as well as Journalist Sanjoy Kr. Hazarika where the meeting was attended by the working president Dr. Khireswar Loying, AASU leader Monuar Hussain, Raju Phukan, Mridul Saikia, Abhivartan Goswami, Jitumoni Bora, Monsum Bora, Diganta Nath, Jadumoni Gogoi, Ratul Dutta etc.

Rajasthan gets a Rongali Bihu touch

GUWAHATI, April 18: Around 40 Assamese families living in Jaipur came together to celebrate Rongali Bihu and Assamese New Year on April 14 at Mansarovar in Jaipur, stated a press release.

The daylong programme included flag hoisting by Manoj Kumar Talukdar, Deputy General Manager of PGCIL, Jaipur. Sukumar Misra, Deputy General Manager of PGCIL, while addressing the gathering, expressed satisfaction at the solidarity of the Assamese people living in Jaipur and shared what this unity can do for the community in future.

The Programme Director, AIR Jaipur, Sunil Gunjoo, was delighted to be part of the programme as Assam and Rajasthan have come into collaboration for cultural exchange under the Central Government initiative called 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat'.

It was followed by a colourful cultural programme which included 'Husori' by the children of the organisers. The women performed the 'Shreemoy Axomi' chorus whereas several stunning Bihu dances were performed by young women living in Jaipur.

Ujjał Gogoi of IOC, entertained with his fantastic rendition of poetry bridging the gap between his mechanical profession and poetic personality.

The core organizing members included Amal Pathak, Nabin Bordoloi, Luit Chetiya, Lalit Kumar Dole, Gautam Goswami, Chandra Shekhar Baruah, Shantanu Barash Roiseh Goswami. The

