

OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY AND DECLARATION OF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE TO GOALPARA COLLEGE

8th September, 2023

International Literacy Day was celebrated on 8th September 2023 in Goalpara College organised by Goalpara College in collaboration with IFUNA (Indian Federation of UN Association). The event was presided over by Dr. Subhash Barman, Principal of Goalpara College and coordinated by Rashmi Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography. The event was graced by Dr. Robin Kumar Sarma, advisor to the USTM and former scientist head of the Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat, Dr. Ashwini Kr. Sarma (Secretary-General & regional Coordinator of UNESCO Association Guwahati & Executive Director of Resource Centre for UN – NER) and Dr. S N Sarma, Former Vice Principal of Goalpara College along with faculties and students from various departments. The Principal emphasized upon the importance of literacy and encouraged students to spread awareness among people about literacy so that everyone knows about their individual and social rights also talked about SDGs and focused on students and larger societies who must be partners in fulfilling the SDGs. He also said that literacy is as important as food to live.

A Centre of Excellence was declared to Goalpara College at this event. Dr. Ashwini Kr. Sarma and Dr. Robin Kumar Sarma presented the award of recognition to the Principal of Goalpara College, Dr. Subhash Barman. Life membership cards for UNESCO Association Guwahati were also distributed to the faculties of Goalpara college. The declaration of Goalpara College as the **Resource Centre – United Nations North East Region Centre of Excellence** will open many doors of collaboration and development activities in the region. Many welfare projects like United Nations Officials (Delegation) visit to the university, Workshops, and Seminars on various issues to be conducted in association with UNESCO Association Guwahati, etc. to name a few.

The event also covered a range of topics like the future scope of work, areas of collaboration, outreach activities under the CoE, and the sending of delegation from Goalpara College to UN/ UNESCO.

