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National science film fest kicks off at GU

GU first varsity to host prestigious event; NSFFI 2018 is part of golden jubilee celebrations of Department of Communication & Journalism



Press meet on NSFFI 2018 at Guwahati Press Club on Sunday

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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY, Feb 19: Adding another feather to its cap, Gauhati University is hosting the 8th National Science Film Festival of India on February 20-24, 2018, the first varsity in the country to host this prestigious event. The 5-day film festival is being organised by Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and Department of Communication and Journalism, Gauhati University. Prior to this, the NSFFI was organised at Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Lucknow, Mumbai and other places in the country. Organising NSFFI 2018 forms a part of the year-long golden jubilee celebration of GU's Department of Communication and Journalism, established in 1967.

"The national film festival is organised with the objective of promoting scientific temper and spirit of enquiry and reform, as enjoined in the Directive Principles of our Constitution. Our endeavour is to bridge the gap between scientists and science institutions on one side and society on the other," said Nimish Kapoor, Director NSFFI as well as Head of Science Films' Division', Vigyan Prasar at a press meet organised on Sunday in Guwahati. Dr Ankuran Dutta, Convenor of NSFFI 2018 and Head, Department of Communication and Journalism, GU spoke in detail

to media persons about the event. Basudev Mandal, Regional Director, Science Museum and Regional Science Centre, Khanapara also addressed the press meet.

Altogether 82 science films have been pre-selected from 215 entries this year. These, along with 17 international science films from countries like US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Norway, Switzerland and South Korea, will be among the total 101 films to be screened in NSFFI 2018.

The festival is bringing together around 200 filmmakers, film critics, scientists and 500 student participants from across the country. The festival is partnered by altogether 20 national and international organisations including UNICEF, IIT Guwahati, Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, National Science Museum, CSIR-NISCAIR, British High Commission, Research Councils of UK, Institute Francais (India) and Dr Anamika Ray Memorial Trust. Rajya Sabha TV and News in Science are the two media partners along with Doordarshan as the television partner in the festival.

NSFFI 2018 will be inaugurated on Tuesday at 12.45 pm by

Keshav Mahanta, Minister of Science and Technology, Government of Assam, and will grace the occasion as chief guest. The inaugural function will be presided over by Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, GU while Dr Suresh Kumar Nath, Registrar, GU will deliver the welcome address. Dr. Mike Pandey, 3-times Green Oscar winner and Prof. Sambhu Nath Singh, Director, School of New Media Studies, IGNOU, New Delhi will attend as guest of honour. Dr Manoj Kr. Patariya, Director of CSIR-NISCAIR, New Delhi will deliver the keynote speech. The award winning film 'Forest - Securing the Future' by 3-times Green Oscar winner Dr. Mike Pandey will be screened

in the inaugural session of the festival. Along with the screening of films at PD Hall and AT Hall in GU campus, a number of workshops, panel discussions and master classes will be held over the five days. A parallel session of film screening will also be held at Regional Science Centre, Khanapara.

The award ceremony will be held on the 24th of February in which Chander Mohan, Director as well as Advisor to the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Dr Tushar Rane, Chief of UNICEF, Assam, Dr. Mike Pandey as chairman of Jury members and Prof. Hari Prasad Sharma, Rector, GU, will be present. ■



Department of Communication & Journalism, GU in its 50th year

GU gets Centre for Brahmaputra Studies



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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY, Feb 19: The Centre on Brahmaputra Studies is launched

by Gauhati University in the two-day National Conclave on Brahmaputra held recently with the sponsorship from the

Ministry of DoNER. Speaking to GU Times, Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University, said, "Till now the process is at the planning stage. The structural formation of the Centre is yet to be finalised. The matter will be threshed out at the inter-ministerial meeting on 19th February". "The main objective of the Centre is to find out solutions to the challenges posed by river Brahmaputra as per ideas gathered from experts. The project will be funded by North Eastern Council (NEC)", he added. Earlier in the 25th GU convocation, DoNER Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh had announced

that the Centre would soon be set up in GU. The formal proposal of the Centre sent to the State's Planning Department was issued for an advisory to the NEC which was recently forwarded to the DoNER Ministry. Professor Parag Phukon, who heads the Geological Science Department of GU, spoke about the technical perspective: "The Centre on Brahmaputra Studies is expected to give research backing to engineering solutions of the Brahmaputra basin. It will act as a centre of basic research on the Brahmaputra which has a trans-boundary character. The Centre has already been opened at the top floor of Geological Science

Department, GU though its formal functional structure is yet to be finalised".

"All issues related to the Brahmaputra from its upper stream to the lower will be dealt with at this Centre. Exchange of ideas between students and experts from different parts of the world will be facilitated here. Sufficient training will be provided to cope with the trans-boundary character of Brahmaputra river. We may later approach relevant institutes for tie-ups to develop models", added Professor Phukon. ■