

## **Bhattadev University Organizes National Seminar on Bioscience for Sustainable Future**

**Bajali, February 28:** The Institutional Biotech Hub of Bhattadev University, in collaboration with IQAC, organized a two-day National Seminar on “Advancements of Bioscience Research for a Sustainable Future (ABRSF-2026)” on 27–28 February. Prof. Dhanapati Deka, Vice-Chancellor of Bhattadev University inaugurated the seminar and highlighted the global challenges including climate change, biodiversity loss, emerging diseases, food insecurity, and environmental degradation. In his inaugural address, Prof. Deka referred to this worldwide situation as a “global polycrisis” and emphasized that bioscience research is emerging as a powerful instrument to tackle these interconnected challenges. The Inaugural Lecture was delivered by Prof. Manabendra Dutta Choudhury, Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, who highlighted the significant interconnection between science and spirituality. Dr. Dipika Kalita, Coordinator of the Institutional Biotech Hub, delivered the opening remarks of the inaugural ceremony.

On the first day, the keynote lecture on interdisciplinary bioscience research for a sustainable future was delivered by Prof. Arnab Sen of the University of North Bengal. Invited lectures were presented by distinguished speakers including Dr. Bipul Chandra Sarma and Prof. Kusum K. Bania of Tezpur University. A special lecture on “Modern Tools in Bioscience: From Microscopy to AI & Data Analytics” was delivered by Dr. Pankaj Bharali of CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat.

On the second day, Dr. Sanjay K. Banerjee from NIPER, Guwahati delivered the keynote lecture on bioscience research opportunities in North-East India. Dr. Manas Das of Gauhati University presented an invited lecture on biodiversity, conservation biology, and sustainable ecosystems.

Parallel sessions also featured lectures and multiple oral presentations by research scholars and faculty members. The seminar included five technical sessions, poster presentations, and interactive discussions, providing a dynamic platform for researchers to share innovative findings and collaborative ideas.