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Successful Completion of

“IUCAA Sponsored Introductory Workshop on Astronomy & Astrophysics”

Bhawanipur Anchalik College, in collaboration with Bhattadev University, successfully organized the IUCAA Sponsored “Introductory Workshop on Astronomy & Astrophysics” on 16 – 17 February 2026 at Bhattadev University, Bajali, Assam. The workshop was organized with the objective of introducing students and young researchers to the fascinating domains of astronomy and astrophysics and to promote scientific curiosity among students from the western belt of Assam.

The programme began with an inaugural session and welcome address by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Bhattadev University, marking the formal commencement of the workshop. The event was coordinated by Dr. Vivek Baruah Thapa (Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya) and Dr. Debajyoti Dutta (Bhattadev University), with Prof. Kanak Saha, IUCAA, Pune serving as the IUCAA coordinator. The organizers highlighted the importance of astronomy outreach and emphasized the need to provide students from rural and semi-urban regions with exposure to frontier areas of modern science. The workshop featured invited lectures by distinguished resource persons, including Dr. Sukanta Deb (Cotton University), Dr. Rupjyoti Gogoi (Tezpur University), Dr. Biman Jyoti Medhi (Gauhati University), and Dr. Debasish Borah (IIT Guwahati). Through a series of engaging lectures, the speakers introduced participants to key topics in astronomy and astrophysics such as stellar and galactic astronomy, observational techniques, cosmology, and the connections between astrophysics and fundamental physics. Their talks provided valuable insights into both theoretical and observational aspects of modern astrophysical research. The workshop attracted around 40 participants, including M.Sc. Physics students, final-year B.Sc. Physics students and early-stage PhD scholars from various institutions across the state.

The programme concluded with an interactive session on careers and research opportunities in Astronomy & Astrophysics, followed by a feedback session and valedictory programme, during which certificates were distributed to the participants.

The workshop was financially supported by the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune. The organizers gratefully acknowledge IUCAA for their generous support, which was instrumental in the successful organization of this academic event.

- *A few snapshots of the event are provided here:*

