

One-day National Workshop on Plant Identification and Nomenclature cum BSA Scientist Award giving Ceremony – 2025

A day-long National Workshop on Plant Identification and Nomenclature was held on 17th October 2025, organized by the Department of Botany, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Boko, in association with the Botanical Society of Assam.

The workshop witnessed the enthusiastic participation of research scholars from Gauhati University and Bodoland University, along with students from D. K. College, Mirza, and Jawaharlal Nehru College, Boko.

The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Rajib Gogoi, Scientist-F, Botanical Survey of India, Sikkim Himalaya Regional Centre, Gangtok, and Dr. Namita Nath, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University. Both resource persons delivered insightful lectures on various aspects of plant taxonomy, identification, and nomenclature, highlighting the contributions of eminent scientists who have significantly advanced the field of plant science.

Prior to the technical sessions, the Biannual Scientist Award Ceremony was held to honour distinguished contributions in the field of plant science. The Dr. Ananta Bora Memorial Award for the year 2022 was conferred upon Dr. Sanjib Barua, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Bodoland University, and for the year 2024, the same award was presented to Dr. Niraj Agarwala, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University, in recognition of their immense contributions to plant science in the region.

The Dr. Lily Mazinder Barua Memorial Scientist Award was also presented to two eminent scientists - Dr. Namita Nath and Dr. Rajib Gogoi - for the years 2022 and 2024, respectively.

The event was graced by several prominent scientists and botanists, including Prof. P. K. Barua, Prof. Partha Pratim Barua, Prof. Nilakshi Devi, among others, whose presence added great value to the occasion.

On this occasion, a new issue of *Udvid Bigyan Patrika*, the official publication of the Botanical Society of Assam, was also inaugurated.

The day-long workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Tapan Dutta, the Principal of the College, who appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee, participants, and guests for making the event a grand success.



President, BSA - addressing the gathering



Inauguration of *Udhvid Bigyan Patrika*



Dr. Namita Nath, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University –
Recipient of *Dr. Lily Mazinder Baruah Memorial Scientist Award 2022*



Dr. Rajib Gogoi, Scientist-F, Head of Office, BSI, Sikkim – Recipient of *Dr. Lily Mazinder Baruah Memorial Scientist Award 2024*



Dr. Niraj Agarwala, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Gauhati University – Recipient of *Dr. Ananta Borah Memorial Young Scientist Award 2024*



Dr. Sanjib Baruah, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Bodoland University – Recipient *Dr. Ananta Borah Memorial Young Scientist Award 2022*



Vote of Thanks by Dr. Tapan Dutta, Principal J.N. College, Boko

