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# **SERB School on Frontiers in Quantum Optics**

Department of Physics, IIT Guwahati organized a DST sponsored SERB School (formerly known as SERC School) on Frontiers in Quantum Optics from 01-19 December, 2017. The objective of the school was to prepare and motivate research students, post doctoral fellows, and lecturers towards building up thorough knowledge in the fascinating area of quantum optics and also to be acquainted with the recent progresses both theoretical and computational fronts. The course was significant owing to possible realization of futuristic applications such as quantum computing, cryptography and teleportation, and exciting advances in laser cooling and trapping.

Eminent speakers from IISc, TIFR, IISERs and IITs delivered their lectures. 40 outstation participants, comprising of Ph.D. and Post-Doc. students, selected through a screening process, attended the course.

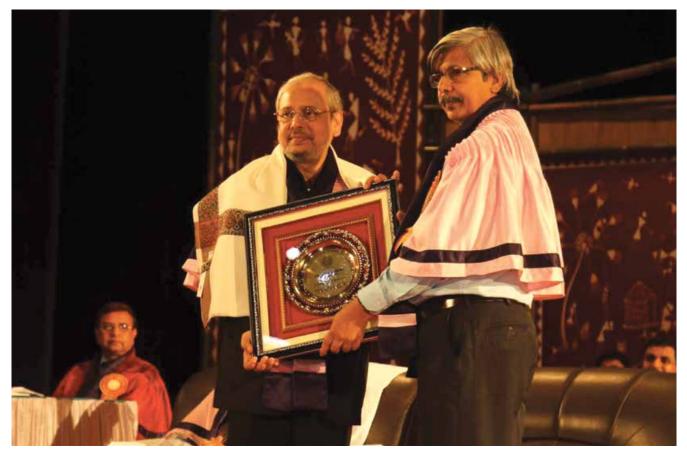
# ICANN2017

5th International Conference on Advanced Nano-material and Nanotechnology (ICANN-2017) was organized by Centre for Nanotechnology at IITG during 18-21 December 18-21 2017. This was another major international conference being held in the North-Eastern region of India, in the area of Nano science and Nanotechnology. The international conference brought eminent scientists, technologists and young researchers from several disciplines across the globe together to provide a common platform for discussing their achievements and newer directions of research. The ICANN-2017 conference was focused on Advanced Nano-material for Nano engineering and recent advances in nanotechnology, covering fields from theory and experiment to applications of nanostructured materials in technology. The scientific program consisted of plenary sessions, invited talks, oral and poster presentations.

Topics: Synthesis and self assembly of nanomaterials, Nanoscale characterisation, Nanophotonics & Nanoelectronics, Nanocomposites, Nanomagnetism, Nanomaterials for Energy, Computational Nanotechnology, Commercialization of Nanotechnology, Nanotheranostics, Nanosensors and Actuators, Nanobiotechnology, Theranostic Devices.







Prof. Gautam Biswas, Director, IIT Guwahati was conferred Honorary Doctorate by NIT Agartala at its tenth convocation held on 11 November 2017.



A team lead by the Hon'ble Director of IITG, Prof. Gautam Biswas met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal to hand over a cheque, as a token of contribution for the flood affected people of Assam, to Chief Minister's flood relief fund, collected through voluntary contribution from the IIT Guwahati community.

# **Students Statistics**

SI. No.	Department/ Centre	No. of Students	No. of UG Students	No. of PG Students	No. of PhD Students	No. of Foreign Students
1	Computer Science and Engineering	545	349	84	112	4
2	Electronics and Electrical Engineering	805	496	117	192	2
3	Mechanical Engineering	743	319	212	212	7
4	Civil Engineering	701	294	206	201	11
5	Design	308	183	49	76	4
6	Biosciences and Bioengineering	467	192	72	203	2
7	Chemical Engineering	526	259	88	179	6
8	Physics	397	167	95	135	2
9	Chemistry	470	158	94	218	0
10	Mathematics	368	209	96	63	0
11	Humanities and Social Sciences	154	0	60	94	1
12	Energy	101	0	32	69	2
13	Environment	50	0	0	50	0
14	Nanotechnology	41	0	0	41	0
15	Rural Technology	31	0	18	13	0
16	Linguistic Science and Technology	9	0	0	9	0

## PhD Completed during October– December 2017

SI. No.	Department/ Centre	No. of Students	SI. No.	Department/ Centre	No. of Students
1	Computer Science and Engineering	03	9	Chemistry	06
2	Electronics and Electrical Engineering	09	10	Mathematics	02
3	Mechanical Engineering	03	11	Humanities and Social Sciences	05
4	Civil Engineering	07	12	Energy	00
5	Design	2	13	Environment	01
6	Biosciences and Bioengineering	03	14	Nanotechnology	00
7	Chemical Engineering	09	15	Rural Technology	00
8	Physics	00	16	Linguistic Science and	00
				Technology	

## **Conference/ Seminar Abroad**

#### **BSBE**

**Dr. Kannan Pakshirajan**, Professor attended the International Conference on Challenges in Environmental Sciences & Engineering (CESE - 2017) held at Empark Grand Hotel Kunming, China from 11.11.17 to 15.11.17.

**Dr. Manish Kumar**, Associate Professor attended the 10th International Leptospirosis Society Meeting (ILS 2017) held at Palmerston North, New Zealand from 27.11.17 to 01.12.17.

**Dr. Lingaraj Sahoo**, Professor visited Gifu University for Collaborative research work and future planning of joint education from 15.12.17 to 23.12.17

#### Chemistry

**Dr. Bhisma K. Patel**, Professor attended the RSC-NOST symposium on organic and Bimolecular Chemistry Symposium held at University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom from 03.10.17 to 06.10.17.

**Dr. Parameswar K. Iyer**, Professor delivered an invited lecture at the 2nd Asian Conference on Chemosensors & Imaging Probes (Asian – ChIP 2017) held at ICCAS Beijing, China from 23.10.17 to 26.10.17.

**Dr. Parameswar K. Iyer,** Professor delivered an invited lecture at the 18th IUMRS International Conference in Asia (IUMRTS – ICA 2017) held at Taipei, Taiwan from 05.11.17 to 09.11.17.

**Dr. Mohammad Qureshi**, Professor delivered an Invited talk at the Indo – German Meeting on Elementary Reactions in Functional Materials : From Biophysics to Technological Applications at University of Heidelberg, Germany from 14.11.17 to 17.11.17.

#### Civil

**Dr. S. A. Kartha**, Associate Professor attended the 16th International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium (SARDINA 2017) held at Cagliari, Italy from 02.10.17 to 06.10.17.

#### **Computer Science**

**Dr. John Jose**, Assistant Professor attended the 25th IFIP / IEEE International Conference on Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI - SoC) held at Yas Viceroy, Yas Island, UAE from 23.10.17 to 25.10.17.

**Dr. Jatindra Kr. Deka**, Professor attended the IEEE TENCON 2017 held at The Wembley A St Giles Premier Hotel, Penang, Malaysia from 05.11.17 to 08.11.17.

**Dr. Deepanjan Kesh**, Assistant Professor attended the 11th Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Application (COCOA'17) held at Shanghai, China from 16.12.17 to 18.12.17.

#### Design

**Dr. Amarendra Kr. Das**, Professor attended the TED MINT organized by KTH, Royal Institute of Technology at Campus Värnamo and Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm from 19.11.17 to 25.11.17.

**Dr. Supradip Das**, Assistant Professor attended the TED MINT organized by KTH, Royal Institute of Technology at Campus Värnamo and Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan, Stockholm from 19.11.17 to 25.11.17

#### **Electronics**

**Dr. Shaik Rafi Ahamed**, Associate Professor attended the IEEE Region 10 Conference (TENCON) held at Penang, Malaysia from 05.11.17 to 08.11.17.

**Dr. Suresh Sudaram**, assistant Professor attended the 14th IAPR International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR 2017) held at Kyoto, Japan from 09.11.17 to 15.11.17.

**Dr. Ramesh Kumar Sonkar**, Assistant Professor attended the Asia Communications and Photonics Conference (ACP) held at Guangzhou, China from 10.11.17 to 13.11.17.

#### **Humanities**

**Dr. Sambit Mallick**, Associate Professor attended the 4th International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development (ICPSD 2017) held at Colombo, Sri Lanka from 05.12.17 to 06.12.17

#### Mechanical

**Dr. Debabrata Chakraborty**, Professor attended the 3rd international Conference on the Science and Engineering of materials (ICoSEM) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 24.10.17 to 25.10.17

**Dr. K. S. R. K. Murthy**, Professor attended the 3rd international Conference on the Science and Engineering of materials (ICoSEM) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 24.10.17 to 25.10.17.

**Dr. Gautam Biswas**, professor attended the International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE 2017) held at Tampa, Florida from 03.11.17 to 09.11.17.

**Dr. Poonam Kumari**, Assistant Professor attended the 3rd Euro Congress on Iron, Steel and Construction Engineering at London, United States from 16.11.17 to 17.11.17.

**Dr. Swarup Bag**, Associate Professor attended the International Conference on Recent Advances in Materials & Manufacturing Technologies (IMMT 2017) held at Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 28.11.17 to 29.11.17.

**Dr. Sukhomay Pal**, Associate Professor attended the International Conference on Recent Advances in Materials & Manufacturing Technologies (IMMT 2017) held at Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 28.11.17 to 29.11.17.

**Dr. P. S. Robi**, Professor attended the International Conference on Recent Advances in Materials & Manufacturing Technologies (IMMT 2017) held at Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 28.11.17 to 29.11.17.

**Dr. Pranab Kr Mondal**, Assistant Professor Visited King Mongkut's University of TechnologyThonburi, Bangkok, Thailand for a Collaborative Research on Microscale Heat Transfer from 11.12.17 to 25.12.17 **Dr. Gautam Biswas**, Professor attended the Japan – India YNU Symposium 2017 on Emerging Materials & Systems for Green and Life Innovations at Yokohama, Japan from 13.12.17 to 14.12.17.

**Dr. Anoop Kumar Dass**, Professor 12th International conference on Mechanical Engineering 2017 (ICME 2017) held at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 20.12.17 to 22.12.17.

**Dr. Debabrata Chakraborty**, Professor attended the 12th International conference on Mechanical Engineering 2017 (ICME 2017) held at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 20.12.17 to 22.12.17.

**Dr. Rajiv Tiwari**, Professor attended the 3rd International Conference on Mechanical, Industrial and Materials Engineering 2017 (ICMIME 2017) at Rajshahi, Bangladesh from 28.12.17 to 30.12.17

#### **Physics**

**Dr. Gagan Kumar**, Assistant Professor attended the 19th International Conference on Optics and Photonics (ICOP 2017) at Singapore from 09.11.17 to 10.11.17.

**Dr. Tapan Mishra**, Assistant Professor visited Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan to attend discussion meeting following MoU between Tokyo Mech and Deptt of Physics ,IIT Guwahati from 28.11.17 to 05.12.17.

**Dr. Debaprasad Maity**, Assistant Professor attended the Third LeCosPA International Symposium – Cosmic Prospects held at Taipei, Taiwan from 27.11.17 to 29.11.17.

**Dr. Subhradip Ghosh**, Professor visited Tokyo, Japan to attend discussion meeting following MoU between Tokyo Mech and Deptt of Physics ,IIT Guwahati at Tokyo Institute of Technology from 28.11.17 to 05.12.17.

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#### Energy

**Dr. Pankaj Kalita**, Associate Professor visited Shantou, China for Research Collaboration at Shantou University, from 16.12.17 to 26.12.17

## **New Research Projects**

#### **BSBE**

Title: Optimal design and development of proximal femoral locking plate.

Funding Agency: IITG.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Souptick Chanda.

Title: Sequestration of hexavalent chromium from simulated and electroplating effluent using novel lignocellulosic biosorbents.

Funding Agency: IITG.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Selvaraju Narayanasamy.

**Title:** Use of silk from northeast India for culture and transplantation of corneal endothelial cells.

Funding Agency: DBT.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Biman B. Mandal.

#### Chemistry

Title: Organocatalytic Asymmetric Reactions with 3-Carbomethoxy-Dihydro-2-Quinolones.

Funding Agency: CSIR.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Subhas Chandra Pan.

#### Civil

**Title:** Comprehensive rainfall induced landslide hazard analysis of Sunsali and Noonmati hills in Guwahati region.

Funding Agency: DST. Principal Investigator: Dr. A. Murali Krishna.

#### **Computer Science**

Title: Approximate geodesic nearest neighbors and shortest paths. Funding Agency: SERB. Principal Investigator: Dr. R. Inkulu.

**Title:** Algorithms for Graph Similarity Self Join. Funding Agency: SERB. Principal Investigator: Dr. Amit Awekar.

#### Design

Title: Industrial Design Concept of e-mobility vehicle. Funding Agency: NFTDC. Principal Investigator: Dr. P. Yammiyavar.

#### **Electronics**

Title: Wireless networking for sustainable rural connectivity.

Funding Agency: DST.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Satyam Agarwal.

Title: Design of solid state microwave oven using gallium nitride power amplifier.

Funding Agency: IITG. Principal Investigator: Dr. Mahima Arrawatia.

Title: Design of smart tunable plasmonic nanoparticlebased optical metadevices.

Funding Agency: IITG.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Debabrata Sikdar.

#### **Humanities**

Title: Assessment and review of MGNREGA as a social protection intervention in the Barak Valley region of Assam.

Funding Agency: UNICEF.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rajshree Bedamatta.

#### **Mathematics**

Title: Numerical analysis and computational methods for hyperbolic conservation laws.

Funding Agency: SERB.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sudarshan Kumar Kenettinkara.

#### Mechanical

Title: Understanding human intent through semantic perception for augmenting human machine interaction. Funding Agency: IITG.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Shyamanta Moni Hazarika.

Title: Manufacturing and testing of fibre reinforced composites.

Funding Agency: IITG.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Nelson Muthu.

Title: Amplitude formation in vector finite elements for electromagnetic wave propagation.

Funding Agency: IITG. Principal Investigator: Dr. Arup Kumar Nandy.

#### Environment

Title: A novel membrane assisted bioprocess for heavy metal removal and recovery as nano powders from acid mine drainage.

Funding Agency: CSIR.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kannan Pakshirajan

Title: Microbial recovery and synthesis of elementa Selenium and Selenium based Nanomaterials from Wastewater for Biotechnological Applications.

Funding Agency: DBT.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Siddhartha Narayan Borah Mentor: Prof. Kannan Pakshirajan.

#### **Rural Technology**

Title: DONER/STINER/NEHHDC. Funding Agency: NEHHDC Principal Investigator: Dr. S. K. Kakoty.

Inventor: Mrutyunjay Maharana; Alakesh Nanda; Sis

Title: Natural and force convection imposed accelerate thermal ageing simulator to predict the life of th transformer oil before using it in the transformers.

Inventor: Amit Kumar Baghel; Shashank Satis Kulkarni; Sisir Kumar Nayak; D. Senthil Kumar.

Title: Parabolic pyramidal horn antenna.

Inventor: Mrutyunjay Maharana; Moon Moon Bordeor Niharika Baruah: Sisir Kumar Nayak: Niranjan Sahoo

Title: Design and development of an automated ope beaker oxidative ageing assessment apparatus.

Inventor: Anamika Dey; Ashish Singh; Deepanjale Dutta; Parameswar Krishnan Iyer; Siddhartha Sanka

Title: Method for the Detection of Gram Positive an Gram Negative Bacteria by Ultra low Operating Voltag

Inventor: Juan Chowdhury; Gaurav Kumar; Karun Kalita ; Sashindra Kumar Kakoty.

Title: Switched Reluctance Actuators for Shuttl Based Looms.

Inventor: Juan Chowdhury; Gaurav Kumar; Karun Kalita: Sashindra Kumar Kakoty.

Title: High Force Density Quad-Air Gap Switche **Reluctance Motor.** 

Title:	Develop	ment of	а	process	technology	for
produ	ction of	functio	nally	active	fermented	soy
produ	ct.					
Funding Agency: IITG.						
Princi	pal Inves	tigator: D	r. Sid	dhartha	Singha.	
Title:	Terrestria	al weed	mana	agement	using diffe	rent
compo	osting tec	hniques.				
Fundi	ng Agenc	<b>y:</b> IITG.				
Princi	pal Inves	tigator: D	r. Me	ena Khw	airakpam.	
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Title: Establishment of Research Parks under the 'Start-up India Initiative in Higher Educational Institutions (SIIHEI)'.

Funding Agency: MHRD.

Principal Investigator: Dean, R&D.

## Patents

	Inventor: Debasis Manna; Subhankar Panda; Nirmalya Pradhan; Ashalata Roy; Dr. Sachin Kumar.
d e	<b>Title:</b> Inhibitors of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase 1 (IDO1).
h	<b>Inventor:</b> Nagarjuna Nallam; Prateek Kumar Sharma. <b>Title:</b> A passive continuous-mode charge-sharing vector modulator downmixer for self-interference cancellation.
	<b>Inventor:</b> Mehak Kaushal; Saumya Ahlawat; Gargi Goswami; Debasish Das.
n	<b>Title:</b> Production of liquid biofuels via dual substrate fermentation of C. sporogenes utilizing lignocellulosic sugar hydrolysate and crude glycerol.
ır	Inventor: L. N. Sharma
d	<b>Title:</b> DEVICE FOR HUMAN SPEECH PRODUCTION USING 3-DIMENSIONAL GLOTTAL VIBRATIONS.
e	<b>Inventor:</b> Avilash Sahoo; S. K. Dwivedy; P. S. Robi. <b>Title</b> : Compact Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle
а	(ROV) / Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV).
е	Inventor: Bosanta Ranjan Boruah; Ranjan Kalita; Satya S G Buddha.
а	<b>Title:</b> Laser scanning microscopy using different polarizations of the illumination beam with minimal time between the two polarizations.
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## **Collaboration with Universities**



The Gifu University Winter School Program, already in its 3rd year, is one of the wonderful success stories for mobility programs at IIT Guwahati. It has seen enthusiastic participation from the students of IIT Guwahati. This year six (6) students have been selected for this prestigious program. Prof. Kannan Pakshirajan, Head of Department, BSBE IIT Guwahati is now at Gifu University as one of the Resource Persons for the Winter School.

Prof. Pakshirajan is seen here with other faculty members of Gifu University along with students of IIT Guwahati & other participating students from UKM, Malaysia.



IIT Guwahati has in the recent past been actively pursuing academic and research collaborations with top Universities in Japan such as Tokyo Institute of Technology, Kyoto University, Gifu University, Hokkaido University, Kagawa University, Kyoto Institute of Technology, and a few others. An International Joint Degree Masters and PhD programme in Food Science & Technology and Mechanical Engineering with Gifu University will formally be announced soon.

The Director of IIT Guwahati, Prof. Gautam Biswas has been at the forefront of this initiative along with other faculty members of IIT Guwahati. Prof. Biswas visited the Yokohama National University (YNU) to strengthen our engagement with the University and also to deliver a Keynote Lecture in an International Symposium.

Seen above is Prof. Gautam Biswas with Indian and Japanese delegates at the Pre-Symposium meeting and separately (L-R) with Prof. Nishino (YNU), Prof. Suzuki (Gifu University) Prof. Koyama (Gifu University) and Prof. Suzuki (YNU).

## **Delegation from Curtin University, Australia**



The delegation from Curtin University, Australia called upon the Director, IIT Guwahati, Prof. Gautam Biswas during their current visit to IIT Guwahati. The delegation led by Prof. Brett Kirk discussed matters related to the Collaborative Doctoral Programme between IIT Guwahati and Curtin University. The delegation also engaged with representatives of

various departments to explore possibilities of setting up Joint Research Centres.



## Distinguished Lecture Series

Shri P. S. Raghavan, Convenor, National Security Advisory Board & Former Secretary, MEA, Former Ambassador of India to Russia, Ireland & Czech Republic delivering his lecture on "From Non-alignment to Multialignment: Challenges to India's Foreign Policy in 21st Century".

The event is part of the Distinguished Lecture Series: An initiative of Public Diplomacy Division, the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India

## **Research Publications (Journals)**

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## **Students Awards and Honours**

#### **BSBE**

Sajitha Sasidharan received the Third Prize for Oral presentation in ICN:31-2017 : International Conference on Nanotechnology: Ideas, Innovations and Initiatives -2017 held at IIT Roorkee for the paper 'Hybrid Magnetic Organic –Inorganic Nanoadsorbents for Sequestration of Chromium" under the theme "Diverse applications' held from 06-08 December 2017.

Ishani chakrabartty received the Frist prize in Best Poster Category held at IASST Guwahati for the poster titled 'Viability assessment of bacteria under the treatment of (E)-labda-8(17), 12-diene-15, 16-dial, a bioactive compound from the seeds of Alpinia nigra' held on 21 November 2017.

Avishek Roy received the Best Poster Presentation Award at National Conference on "Fungal Biology: Recent Trends and Future Prospects" organized by the Mycological Society of India at Department of Botany, University of Jammu, November 16-18, 2017 for the poster titled 'Role of calcineurin B (CNB-1) RIP mutants in stress tolerance, circadian rhythm and probable interaction with Calcium proton exchanger (CAX) regulating cell functions in Neurospora crassa' 18 November 2017.

Arun Dhillon received the Best Poster Award at 23rd INPEC (International Network of Protein Engineering Centers) Meeting Protein Structure, function and Engineering for the poster titled 'RgI-CBM35 of family 35 Carbohydrate Binding Module (CBM) from Clostridium thermocellum represents first CBM targeting rhamnogalacturonan I and mediating binding by two sites'.

#### Chemical

Anusuya Talukdar received the Best Paper Award for the paper titled 'Effect of H2S and Acetic Acid on CO2 Corrosion of Carbon Steel' at CORCON-2017, Mumbai, India held from 17 -20 September 2017.

Saiprasad Pati received the Ambuja's Young Researcher's Awards for doing Post-Graduate Studies in India from CHEMCON 2017, Haldia held from 27-30 December 2017.

Binota Thokchom received the DST INSIPRE Faculty Award from DST.

Barnali Bhui received the Best Oral Presentation at Sustainable Energy and Environmental Challenges (SEEC-2018), IISC Bangalore held from 31 December—3 January 2018.

#### Chemistry

Mr. Adil and Ms. Dibyangana received the Tertiary Prize in ISBE Bionic Innovation Competition

Mr. Adil and Ms. Dibyangana received the best poster award at Chemconvene 2017 held at IIT Guwahati.

Mr. Adil received the award for best oral presentation at International Conference on Advances in Polymer Science & Technology, 2017.

Titli Ghosh received the best poster award at Chemconvene 2017 held at IIT Guwahati.

#### **Computer Science**

Miss Sonia was awarded IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC) 2017 Student and Young Professional Travel Grant by IEEE SMC on 05 October 2017 to present the paper titled "An Immuno-inspired Online Feature Selection Mechanism" at the conference.

Miss Sonia was the Winner of the Hackathon at 2017 IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC) Brain Hackathon conference held at Banff, Canada. 5-8 October 2017.

Mousum Handique received the Best Paper Award in VLSI Track at IEEE TENCON Conference on November 2017.

#### Design

Darpan Bajaj received the Best Film (Gender) award at 5th Woodpecker international film festival 2017 for the Documentary 'Maharajin' on 12 November 2017

Darpan Bajaj received the Best Director award at the 6th Smita Patil Documentary and Short film festival 2017 for the Documentary 'Maharajin' on 11 December 2017.

Darpan Bajaj received the Best Documentary Jury (Student Category) award at the 6th Delhi shorts international film festival for the Documentary 'Maharajin' on 2 November 2017.

#### **Humanities**

Neelharit Kashyap received the Best paper award to a research paper (with Ms Neel Harit Kausik) at the 7th InSPA International Conference on School Psychology: School Counselling and Skill Development. University of Mysore for the paper 'An intervention based on selfdetermination theory and nurtured heart approach for students with learning disability'.

#### **Mechanical**

Sunil Kumar Singh received 2nd Prize at International-National Conference on Mechanism and Machines (iNaCoMM) held in BARC Mumbai on 15 December 2017 for the paper titled 'A partially statically balanced scissor-linkage based robot'.

#### **Physics**

Prahlad Kumar Baruah received the Best Poster Award at DAE Solid state Physics Symposium-2017, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai for the paper titled 'Effect of laser energy on the SPR and size of silver nanoparticles synthesized by pulsed laser ablation in distilled water' on 30 December 2017.

Eshita Mal received the Best Poster Award at National Laser Symposium (NLS), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre(BARC), Mumbai for the paper titled 'Characterization of laser produced tungsten plasma in air using time resolved laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS)' on 23 December 2017.

S. S. Goutam Buddha received the Optical Society of India second best poster award at the International Conference on Advances in Optics and Photonics, November 2017 for the paper 'Development of a Scanning Optical Microscope with a Holographically Designed Illumination Beam' on November 2017.

#### Environment

Poulami Datta received the Best paper award in "Bioenergy and Biochemical Engineering" from the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, CHEMCON 2017, for the paper titled "Isolation and Characterization of Crude Oil Degrading Bacteria from Formation Water of Assam Oil Reservoir, India" on 30 December2017.

Sayanti Ghosh received the Best poster award in "Wastewater Treatment" category from the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, CHEMCON 2017, for the paper titled "Aerobic Granulation in Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR) and Degradation of Waste Motor Oil" on 30 December2017.

#### Energy

Sharbani Kaushik received the Young Scientist Award 2017 for het 'Creditable contribution to advanced materials research' from the Materials Research Society of India (MRSI), Kolkata Chapter held in IIEST. Shibpur on 11 October. 2017.

Sharbani Kaushik received the Best Poster award at 5th International Conference on Advanced Nanomaterial and Nanotechnology (ICANN 2017), organized by IITG for the poster titled 'Quantum dots' and Graphene Nanoplatelets in a Silk film matrix stimulates cyanobacterial photosystems to generate steady current in a PMFC' on 27 December 2017.

Asha Yadav received the Best paper presentation Award at the International Conference on Thin Films (Nov 13-17, 2017) NPL, New Delhi, India for the paper titled 'Persistent photoconductivity and space charge limited conduction in a-Si:H/nc-Si:H multilayer structure: Role of interface states' on 17 November 2017.

Pilik Basumatary received the Best Poster Presentation Award at the XIX International Workshop on The Physics of Semiconductor Devices(Dec 11-15, 2017), IIT Delhi for the poster titled 'Large area MAPbI3 perovskite thin films by two step method with improved stability' on 15 December 2017.

## Nanotechnology

Neha Arora received Student Travel Award for Poster presentation at Nano Today journal, The Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (IBN) and Elsevier for the poster titled 'PEGylated Silver Nanoclusters Mediated Cytosolic Delivery of Tumor Suppressor Protein PTEN to Modulate in vitro Cellular Signalling' on 6 December 2017

Neha Arora received the ACS Poster presentation Award from the IIT Guwahati/American Chemical Society for the paper titled 'Understanding Therapeutic Potential of PEGylated Silver Nanoclusters Loaded Recombinant PTEN' on 19 December 2017.

Deepanjalee Dutta received the Indian Society of Nano medicine-BC best poster award from the Indian Society of Nano medicine for the paper titled 'Bimetallic Au-Ag Nanoclusters embedded Cationic BSA nanocarrier for Bioimaging and Suicide gene therapy of HeLa cancer cells' on 8 December 2017.

Deepanjalee Dutta received the RSC Poster Award for poster presentation from the IIT Guwahati/Royal Society of Chemistry for the paper 'Bimetallic Au–Ag nanoclusters embedded nanocarrier for bioimaging and suicide gene therapy of HeLa cancer cells' on 19 December 2017.

## Spirit 2017



The 7th edition of the annual sports festival of IIT Guwahati, Spirit, was held from 12th to 15th October 2017. The inaugural function of Spirit-2017 was held on 11th October, 2017 at Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Auditorium. Renowned world of cricket during his international career, is also associated with raising awareness about hearing loss as the Global Hearing Ambassador of Cochlear. The Inaugural Ceremony started with Talk on spreading awareness on Hearing Loss by our alumnus, which was followed by a chat session with the Australian Cricketer.

## **Book/ Book Chapters**

#### **BSBE**

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#### Chemistry

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#### Design

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#### **Humanities**

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#### Mechanical

R. Tiwari; Rotor Systems: Analysis and Identification; CRC; 1; 2017; Total pages: 1089; 1138036285.

N. K. Mishra, P. Muthukumar, Snehasish Panigrahy; A Review on Clean Combustion Within Porous Media: Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd.; 2017; 978-981-10-7184-3: 209-224.

## **Faculty Awards and Honours**

**BSBE** Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey received ICMR award from honorable Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research on 11-Oct 2017 for his Scientific contribution in the field of Biomedical research.

Latha Rangan was made the Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad for her contribution in areas of Plant Sciences on 9 December 2017.

Prof. Arun Goyal received the Excellence in Carbohydrate Research (ECR) Award - 2017 from Association of Carbohydrate Chemists and Technologists of India, in recognition of outstanding contribution in the area of Structure and functions of carbohydrates and carbohydrate enzymes, on 18-20 December 2017.

Chemistry Dr. U. Manna received the BNRS Young Scientist Research Award.

Dr. D. Das received the DST UKIERI Thematic Partnership Award.

Dr. D. Srimani received Alexander von Humboldt at the Programme at RWTH Aachen University.

#### **Computer Science**

Purandar Bhaduri received IEEE Senior Membership from IEEE in October 2017. Jatindra Kumar Deka and Santosh Biswas received the

Best Paper Award in VLSI Track at IEEE TENCON in November 2017.

#### Design

Supradip Das received the TED MINT Internship from 3M Sweden and Campus Varnamo, Sweden on 20-24 Nov 2017.

#### **Environment**

Rajeev Ravindran, Saprativ P. Das, Deepmoni Deka, Mohammad Jawed and Arun Goyal; Lignocellulosic biomass as a sustainable source for bioethanol production/ Water Science and Technology by Springer Book Series; Springer

Avinash Shende received the BHARAT JYOTI AWARD "INDIA GLORY AWARD from the Indian International Friendship Society, New Delhi for Outstaning work done for the people of North Eastern Region on 20 December

#### **Humanities**

Dilwar Hussain received the Outstanding Scientist at the Centre for Advanced Research and Design (CARD) of Venus International Foundation (VIF) Chennai in 2017.

Dilwar Hussain received the Best paper award to a research paper (with Ms Neel Harit Kausik) at the 7th InSPA International Conference on School Psychology: School Counselling and Skill Development. University of Mysore for the paper 'An intervention based on selfdetermination theory and nurtured heart approach for students with learning disability'.

#### Mechanical

Amaresh Dalal received the Prof KN Seetharamu Medal and Prize for the Best Young Researcher in Heat Transfer-2017 from the Indian Society of Heat and Mass Transfer on 29 December 2017.

Poonam Kumari received the Young Engineer INAE-2017 from the Indian National Academy of Engineering on 15 December 2017.

P. Muthukumar received the Mechanical Engineering Design Award 2017 from the National Design & Research Forum (NDRF) of Institute of Engineers (India) for outstanding Individual contribution in Engineering Design on 21 December 2017.

P. Muthukumar received the Fulbright-Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Award (Teaching & Research) 2017 from the Indo - U.S. Science and Technology Forum for his contribution in Teaching and Research.



Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey: Received ICMR award by Honorable Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare Prof. Arun Goyal receiving Excellence in Carbohydrate Research (ECR) Award-2017



IIT Guwahati has been extending support to the Chief Minister's Gyaniyoti Programme since its inception. Large number of students from various places of Assam visited the Institute this year too, as part of the programme. The Institute arranges motivational lectures, presentations and campus sightseeing for the visiting students.

## **Visitors from Other Institutes**

#### **BSBE**

Prof. U N Das, Founder and director of UND life Prof. Paritosh Pandya, TIFR Mumbai; 'DCSYNTH: sciences. USA. 'Dogmas about health and disease': Guided Controller Synthesis with Soft Goals'; 24 31 October 2017. November 2017.

Dr. Partho Sarothi Ray, Department of biological **Electronics** sciences, Indian Institute of science education and research (IISER), Kolkata; 'Signal integration in Dr. Prem Kumar Patchaikani, General Electronics biological systems: Combining computational and Global Research, Bangalore; 'Advanced MATLAB experimental approaches to decipher the translation Applications to Robotics & Signal Processing 2017'; regulatory network controlling p53 expression in 07and 08 October 2017. response to DNA damage'; 28 November 2017.

Dr. K. Samudravijaya, Tata Institute of Fundamental Dr. Sankar Basu, University of Delhi; 'The globular Research (TIFR), Mumbai; 'Advanced MATLAB disordered interface in proteins: Addressing molecular Applications to Robotics & Signal Processing 2017'; evolution from protein design'; 8 December 2017. 07and 08 October 2017.

Dr. Ana M L Sousa, University of Strathclyde, UK; 'Plant based polyphenols coatings for surface functionalization'; 18 December 2017.

Prof. Ratul Lahkar, IIM Udaipur; 'An Evolutionary Analysis of Growth and Fluctuations with Negative Dr Rahul Roy, IISC Banglore: 'Microdroplet technologies for single cell and single molecule analysis'; 18 Externalities'; 20 October 2017. December 2017.

#### Chemical

Prof. Geoffrey Evans, , The University of New Castle, Australia : 'Hydrodynamic, Interfacial Phenomena and Energy Utilization in Multiphase Systems'; 20 October 2017.

Prof. Suryasarathi Bose, Department of Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc); 'Polymeric Membranes for Water Purification'; 13 November 2017.

Prof. R. P. Chhabra, Department Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur; 'Making of a Compleat Professional: Some ideas and useful tips'; 30 November2017.

Prof. Kalyan Gayen; 'Quantification of Biological Prof. Eduardo Corton, University of Buenos Aires, and IQUIBICEN-CONICET, Argentina; 'Exchange of research ideas and future research collaborations in the area of Biosensors and Microbial fuel cell'; 31 October – 16 January, 2018.

Systems: Systems Biology Approach'; 08 December2017. Prof. Akio Ebihara, Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University, Japan; 'Introduction to structural biology'; 13 December 2017.

Prof. Debasish Kuila, Research Director, NSF CREST Bioenergy Centre: 'Nanocatalyst Development for Fuels from Biomass at NSF-CREST Bioenergy Centre of NC A&T': 19 December 2017.

#### **Computer Science**

#### **Humanities**

Prof. Anabel Ford, Director, ISBER/MesoAmerican Research Centre University of California, Santa Barbara, USA; 'Learning from the Ancient Maya and El Pilar: Conservation of Culture and Nature in the Maya Forest': 23 October 2017.

Prof. R. Radhakrishnan, Chancellor's Professor of English & Comparative Literature, University of California, Irvine; 'Jacques Derrida: The Philosopher that Therefore he has to be'; 30 October 2017.

Dr. S.B. Ota, Director, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India; 'Investigations of Prehistoric Sites: Examples from Central India'; 21 November 2017.

#### Energy

## **Rural Technology**

Dr. Jayanta Kumar Sarma; 'Indiegenous Knowledge System base practices and glimpses of traditional technology- Some observation from NER, India'; 15 November, 2017.

## Graduate Research Meet 2017

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences of IIT Guwahati organized the fourth edition of its annual research meet from 2-4 November 2017. This conference is a novel event organized by the incumbent graduate students of the Department under faculty mentoring. The Graduate Research Meet was conceptualised first in 2014 as a platform to provide the research scholars in the North East and across the country to showcase their research, interact with their peers and receive mentorship from subject experts in a variety of fields. Student conferences are rare in India and young researchers in the humanities and social sciences often do not get opportunities for peer interaction and input on their research

projects. Moreover, there is a significant gap in dialogue between graduate students of the North East and that of other parts of India. Organizing a national seminar in IIT Guwahati inviting students from all across India aims also to bridge this gap. The research scholars of IITG-HSS organize GRM every year with such realities and considerations in mind. The IIT Guwahati's HSS department is uniquely able to provide support in this respect in that it ouses a multidisciplinary faculty comprising eleven disciplines from the humanities and social sciences. The catch line of GRM is 'Ideas. Innovation, Interdisciplinary.'

This year's meet was a successful event with the Director of IIT Guwahati, Prof. Gautam Biswas inaugurating the Meet and well-known author and academic Prof. Nilanjana Gupta, Dept. of English Jadavpur University, delivering the keynote address, which was interestingly titled "The In(ter)discipline of Knowledge". Like every year, GRM '17 too drew participants from prestigious institutes outside Assam, like Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay and IIT-ISM Dhanbad, TISS Bombay, Central University of Gujarat, Aligarh Muslim University, Centre for Studies

in Social Science, Calcutta, Ambedkar University, Delhi. Participants were also from premier institutes of North Eastern region such as Gauhati University, TISS Guwahati, Assam University, North Eastern Hill University, Dibrugarh University, etc. The themes of the papers were varied and ranged across the disciplinary spectrum of humanities and social sciences. Upholding its motto, the 3-day seminar was divided into sessions that clubbed papers of different disciplines while having a certain continuity in



narrative. These sessions were chaired by experts from institutes of Assam as well as outside. This is what sets GRM apart from other national and international seminars in the sphere of humanities and social sciences where most of the academic seminars centre on either specific discipline or themes. By now GRM has gained considerable recognition within Indian

## FCS2017: National Workshop on Fluorescence and **Raman Spectroscopy**



FCS 2017: National Workshop on Fluorescence and Raman Spectroscopy was organized by the Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati with support from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai and the Fluorescence Society, from 17 to 21 December 2017 .

It was attended by several distinguished scientists from India and abroad. In the first half of the meeting, several teaching talks, hands-on and tutorial sessions were conducted to explain the techniques to students.

In the latter part of the meeting, several new developments on the application of fluorescence and Raman techniques in Chemistry and Biology were discussed. The meeting was successful and liked by all the participants.

academia and with each passing year it is levelling up in terms of organization and papers, carefully curated and animatedly discussed at the conference.

The Meet was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (Delhi) with generous support from Oil India and the Indian Society of Labour Economics.



**Biotechnology** Orientation Programme-1 was held on 17 October 2017 by **Biotech Hub at Conference** Hall and Centre for the Environment, IIT Guwahati which was attended by 79 students accompanied by 5 teachers from B.P. Chaliha College, Nagerbera, Kamrup, The students who came from a very interior and remote location was excited to attend the lectures from Prof. Utpal Bora and his PhD students, and also to interact via skype with experts from National Labs in Delhi namely Dr. Dinesh Kumar, IASRI and Dr. Nirala Ramchiary, Jawaharlal NU.

Biotechnology Orientation Programme-2 was held on 7th November, 2017 by Biotech Hub at Centre for the Environment, IIT Guwahati which was attended by more than 50 participants including higher secondary level students and teachers from Mandia H.S. School. Mandia, Barpeta. Lectures and interactive sessions were organized by Prof. Utpal Bora and his team members. Skype-mediated interactions with senior scientists- Dr. Sunil Kumar Singh from ICARNBAIM, Mau (UP) and Prof. N. Senthil Kumar from Dept. of Biotechnology, Mizoram University.



# Invited Lectures of IIT Guwahati Faculty in India and Abroad

#### BSBE

Kannan Pakshirajan; Bioprocessing for waste fee biorefineries; SASTRA, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu; 11-16 December2017.

Kannan Pakshirajan; Novel sulfidogenic bioreactor for metallic wastewater treatment; IIT Guwhati; 9-1 December 2017.

Kannan Pakshirajan; Evaluation of cheaply produced biochar from biomass gasification effluent for simultaneous polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbor degradation and lipid accumulation by Rhodococcus opacus; Challenges in Environmental Science and Engineering, CESE-2017, Kunming, China; 11 – 15 November 2017.

Kannan Pakshirajan; Chitosan production from Penicillium citrinum biomass for value addition and resource recovery from Industrial wastewater Challenges in Environmental Science and Engineering CESE-2017; Kunming, China; 11 – 15 November 2017.

Kannan Pakshirajan; Bioprocessing strategies fo production of biofuels and value addition of waste water and waste sludge; Third winter school, Gifu University, Japan; 19-21 December 2017.

Dr. Ranjan Tamuli; Molecular tools for genomics and proteomics research in fungi; College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University; 21 November 2017. T. Punniyamurthy; Regioselective C-H Functionalization and Carbon-Heteroatom Bond Formation; National Symposium on Recent Trends in Chemical Sciences, NIT Meghalaya; 12 October 2017.

Dr. Lalit Pandey; Self Assembled Monolayers in bimaterials; North East Hill University, Shillong; 22 November2017.

Dr. Biman B Mandal; Silk Based Nano-Composite Scaffolds for Bone Tissue Engineering; 2nd anoBioteck International Conference, Trivandrum; 8 December, 2017. A. S. Achalkumar; Bay-annulated Perylene Tetraesters as Electroluminescent Liquid Crystals; 24th National Conference on Liquid Crystals, IISER Mohali ;11-13 October 2017.

Dr. Biman B Mandal; Silk Biomaterials for Human Tissue

Engineering; Asian Biomaterials Congress (ABMC), Trivandrum; 26 October, 2017.

Dr. Biman B Mandal; Engineering Nano-Biometitic

d 6	conference, Indian Society for Dental Research (ISDR), AIIMS, Delhi; 2 October, 2017.
s 1	Dr. Biman B Mandal; Bioengineered Human Tissues; Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum; 25 October, 2017.
d or n s	Navin Gupta; Biclustered Independent Component Analysis (B-ICA) for Complex Biomarker and Subtype Identification; Invited Session Talk, Annual Meet of Indian Academy of Neuroscience 2017, Cuttack; October 2017.
d 5 n n ′;	Rakhi Chaturvedi; Cellular Totipotency and Bioaccumulation Capabilities of Plant Cells using Plant Tissue Culture Techniques; 2nd PAN IIT BIOTECH MEET on Synthetic Biology and Cardiovascular Diseases, The International Centre Goa; 5-7 October, 2017.
er e u	Srivastava V. and Rakhi Chaturvedi; Optimized micropropagation protocol to establish high-yielding true-to-type plantations of elite gentypes of Tinospora cordifolia for consistent production of therapeutic compounds; International Plant Propagators society (IPPS) Wilsonville, Oregon, US; 17-20 October, 2017.
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Scaffolds for Bone Tissue Regeneration. Annual

M. Sarma; Invited Lecture at Half Day Symposium; Department of Chemistry, IIT Bombay; 31 October 2017.

Subhas Chandra Pan; Organocatalytic Asymmetric Cyclization Reactions; IIT Roorkee; 22-24December 2017.

Pavan K. Kancharla; Organocatalytic Synthesis of 2-deoxyglycosides; IIT Roorkee; 22-24 December 2017.

Anil K Saikia; Contemporary Facets in Organic Chemistry; IIT Roorkee; 22 December 2017.

Uttam Manna; International conference (APA-2017) on Polymer Science & Advanced Technology, Delhi; 23-25 November 2017.

Uttam Manna; International Conference on Nanotechnology:

Ideas, Innovations and Initiatives; IIT Roorkee; 06-08 December 2017.

Uttam Manna; CompFlu; IIT Madras; 18-20 December 2017.

#### Design

Supradip Das; 'Innovation in Entreprenurership'; Lovely Professional University, Punjab; 27-29 October 2017.

Abhishek Shrivastava; 'Design Workshop'; Central Intitute of Technology, Kokrajhar; 31 Octoberto 01 November 2017.

Avinash Shende; A'bductive Thinking in Design'; Panjab University, Chandigarh; February 2017.

Urmi R. Salve; 'Basic Ergonomics for Design'; NID Kurukshetra; 3 October to 13 October 2017.

#### **Mechanical**

Amaresh Dalal; "AnuPravaha: A General Purpose Indigenous CFD Solver for Multiphysics Applications"; 44th National Conference on Fluid Mechanics and Fluid Power, Amrita University, Kollam, India; 14 -16 December, 2017.

U.S. Dixit; "A talk on laser forming and surface alloying at IGNIS 2017"; Royal Global University, Guwahati; 30 October , 2017.

P. Muthukumar; "Green Energy Technologies"; Pondicherry University; 15th December 2017.

P. Muthukumar; "Recent trends in Refrigeration and Air-conditioning systems"; Pondicherry Engineering College; 15 December 2017.

P Muthukumar; "Porous Medium Combustion- An Energy Efficient Technologies"; Sikkim Manipal University; 9 December 2017.

#### Physics

D. Borah; Neutrino Astronomy with the IceCube Experiment & Connection to Dark Matter; St. Anthony's College; Shillong; 7 October 2017.

D. Borah; Gauged B-L Symmetry: Neutrino Mass & Dark Matter; IIT Bombay, Mumbai; 12 November 2017.

D. Borah; Connecting Dark Matter with the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe; IISER Bhopal; 16 December 2017.

Pratima Agarwal; Opto-electronic properties of Nanocrystalline Silicon based superlattice structures; International Conference on Thin Films (ICTF-2017) NPL, New Delhi, India; 15 Nov 2017.

#### **Rural Technology**

Meena Khwairakpam; "Vermicomposting of biodegradable waste"; PG College, Chhindwara (M.P); 19-21 December 2017.

Sudip Mitra; "Managing Surface Water Bodies in East and NE India"; "National Ilorkshop on Environmentul priorities and Chatlenges wilh Special Focus on Eastern and North-Eastern Regions" organised by CSIR-NEERI; 28 - 29 November, 2017.

Sudip Mitra; "Evaluator for State level Children Science Congress"; ASTEC, Guwahati; 25-28 October 2017.

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