

8th & 9th Dr. S. N. Visvanath Memorial Endowment Award Ceremony

The Department of Applied Geology organized the eight and ninth Dr. S.N. Visvanath



Memorial Endowment Award Ceremony for the session 2020 and 2021 at Prof. S. K. Dutta Memorial Conference Hall of the Department on 5th January, 2022. The award consists of Rupees ten thousands annually instituted by Mrs. Usha Visvanath and other family members of Late Dr. S.N. Visvanath, who had served for 30 years in Assam Oil Company and Oil India Limited till his retirement as General Manager (operation) in the year 1986. The award has been

continuously offering to a brilliant student of M.Sc. 3rd semester each year since 2013, on means cum merit basis.

The program commenced with the Dibrugarh University anthem and facilitation of the distinguished guests and the family members of Late Dr Visvanath. Honorable Vice Chancellor (i/c) of Dibrugarh University Prof. L.K Nath delivered the welcome address and immensely praised the whole family members of Dr. Visvanath for travelling all the way from Bangalore to Dibrugarh in such grim times of COVID 19



pandemic to present the award to two deserving students. He briefly spoke about Late



Dr. Visvanath and his achievements. Till date the award has been given to nine deserving students since 2013. The awardees are Mr. Dimpol Gogoi for the year 2020 Ms. Mustafiza Nasreen for the year 2021.

Family members and other dignitaries paid tribute to Late Dr.

Vishwanath by lightning the lamp. Ms. Pallabi Borkakoty, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Geology spoke on the illustrious life of Dr. Visvanath and his immense contribution to the OIL world. He was an eminent geologist who worked in



OIL for about 30 years and retired as General Manager. He has written five very popular



books in the field of Geology. The program further proceeded with some beautiful words from Mrs. Sujata Ozha, daughter of Dr. Visvanath who reminisced about her visits to the university. She profusely praised the development the university has gone through in the past years.

The two awardees shared few words expressing their gratefulness for choosing them for the award. The program went on with a very insightful talk from Dr. Manas Sharma, Executive Director, Oil India Limited, who spoke about his days with Dr. Visvanath Sir, specially recalled a field visit with him. Prof. Kalpana Deka Kalita congratulated Dr. Sharma, the alumni of the department of Applied Geology for his recent promotion to Director, Exploration and Development, Oil India limited with a small token of love.



The Guest Speaker of the event Mr. Prasanta Borkakoty, Resident Chief Executive, Oil India Limited, Duliajan who has the reputation of working with diverse communities at grassroots



level, shared his experience with everyone. He spoke about raising Dibrugarh university to global standards with full cooperation and help from Oil India Limited, Duliajan. He specifically stressed on embracing new technologies like Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to the

students. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks from the Head of the Department, Prof. Kalpana Deka Kalita. Dr. Ratamali Machahary, Assistant Professor hosted the programme.