PETROFEST 2024

PETROFEST 2024, the biggest oil and gas extravaganza in North-East region of India, organized by the SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter (Chapter No. 6112), was held from 15th to 17th Mach, 2024, in the Dibrugarh University premises. The PETROFEST megaevent of the Society of Petroleum Engineers was inaugurated by **Prof. Jiten Hazarika**, **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DU**, in the gracious presence of **Mr. Trailukya Borgohain**, Chief General Manager (G&R), OIL, Duliajan, **Dr. Manish Kumar Vidyarthi**, Sub-Surface Manager, OIL, Duliajan, **Mr. Diganta Sarma**, DGM (P), IM Khoraghat GGS, ONGC, Jorhat, **Mr. Prodip Kumar Saikia**, Retired Principal Petrophysicist, Schlumberger, **Dr. (Mrs.) Subrata Borgohain Gogoi**, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Earth Sciences and Energy, DU, **Dr. Pradip Borgohain**, Professor and Head, Department of Petroleum Technology, DU. **Dr. Dhrubajyoti Neog**, Assistant Professor, Department of Petroleum Technology & Faculty Advisor of the SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter welcomed the guests and participants to the 3-day extravaganza.

The festival witnessed a wide range of national and international participations with various competitions, including International Conference, Spill the Ink (Technical Article Writing Competition), National Conference, Face the Fear (Mock Interview Competition), Case Study Challenge, Quiz Excelsior (Quiz Competition, in collaboration with DU Debate and Quiz Forum), AFISHE (Poster Presentation Competition), MRIGANA (Paper Presentation Competition), First to Find (Treasure Hunt), VOLTA (Football Competition), and a Hands-on Training session.. The mega-event was sponsored by Oil India Limited (OIL), SPE Duliajan Section, Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL), with quiz collaborator and sponsors: Ranjita's Academy and Medhavi Coaching Institute, including other event collaborators: Dibrugarh University, A Bowl of Tales, Silkom, DUDQF, and media partner: Prag News.

The paper and poster competition were attended by participants from India and the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering, Texas Tech University, USA, in hybrid mode. In the paper presentation competition, **Dr. Gopal Krishna Ghosh, DGM, Geophysics, OIL**, delivered a keynote speech. The PETROFEST 2024 pre-event, i.e., the International Conference, was held in the Department of Petroleum Technology in hybrid mode. The guest speaker, **Mr. Prem Bikkina, Associate Professor, Harold Courson Chair, and Petroleum**

Program Director, Oklahoma State University, USA, delivered his talk at the international conference on "Microfluidics for Oil and Gas Industry Applications" and Mr. Bharat Bhushan Kalita, Drilling Supervisor in India, Oman, KSA, Philippines, and Algeria, Rig Manager, Sr. Drilling Engineer, and Drilling Superintendent in Oman, delivered his talk at the international conference on "Well Kick and Well Control" in the department of Petroleum Technology, Dibrugarh University. The speakers for the national conference on "Energy Sustainability, Decarbonisation, and Quest for Potential Resources" were Dr. Manish Kumar Vidyarthi, Sub-Surface Manager, OIL; Mr. Diganta Sarma, DGM (P), IM Khoraghat GGS, ONGC, Jorhat, Assam; and Mr. Prodip Kumar Saikia, Retired Schlumberger, Principal Petrophysicist. The mock interview competition was joined as jury by Dr. (Mrs.) Nasmeem F. Akhtar, Associate Professor & Centre (I/C), UGC's Centre for Women's Studies, DU, and Mr. Hiren Chandra Borah, Retired Executive Director (Admin), OIL. The hands-on training was conducted by Dr. (Mrs.) Subrata Borgohain Gogoi, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Earth Sciences and Energy, DU, on "Developing Static Model" using software such as Design Expert, Grapher and Mudware. The case study challenge was an online event with jury as Mr. Mohit Raturi, HSE Consultant, Cairn Oil and Gas and Ms. Meha sati, Business Development Manager - SHE&F, Nucleus Engineers and Consultants. The non-technical event of football competition was inaugurated by Dr. Mantu Baro, Associate Professor and Director (I/C), Centre for Studies in Physical **Education and Sports.**

Ms. Dirisha Ireen, President of SPE DU SC, gave the vote of thanks in the inauguration ceremony, remarking the relentless efforts of the committee members and volunteers, making the mega-event a grand success.

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