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## SWEET MEMORIES OF 2015 AT A GLANCE

*The year 2015 was a glorious eventful year for HHMI tians.*

### CLASS X TOPPERS (2015)



Pallavi  
Goswami

Akash  
Boroiha

Khyashi  
Bora

Nandini  
Agarwal

### Work and Craft



Workshop for class II to X on 15th and 16th December

### Respite Before Summer Vacation



The most awaited month has finally come— The Summer Break Month'. On June 30 we entertained the students with movie shows, which they fully enjoyed. Moreover, for the creative-minded students of class II to X there was a Work and Craft Workshop. They learnt glass painting, beautiful clay tortoise, candle stand and many more items.

### Field Trips



On 23rd June the students of class IX benefitted immensely from the field trip to Tintimya Baghohung Block, where they not only gathered first hand information but also enhanced their knowledge about the indigenous process of farming.



On 26th June the students of class VI went to the Jorhat Planetarium which opened a whole new world of science igniting their tender minds and arousing their curiosity to know more. On 7th December 2015 on the International Year of Soil, the students of class IX accompanied by their teachers went to NBSS—LUP (National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning) one of the regional centre under ICAR. The young generation, far removed from soil, gained knowledge about soil and its importance and how to nurture and enhance the quality of soil. They interacted with soil scientists and also visited the soil museum.

## Remembering Bijoy Krishna Handique



Bijoy Krishna Handique was born on 1st December 1914 in an illustrious family of Assam. He was the only son of Krishna Kanta Handique, a renowned Indologist, linguist, educationalist and founder vice-chancellor of Gauhati University, and Hemalata Handique, a respected social worker of her time.

BK Handique's formative years were spent in Jorhat. He attended Jorhat Government Boys' Higher Secondary school and the seeds of a future political career were sown when he was in class VII. It was then that he joined the local Students' Congress, during India's freedom movement. It was at this tender age he mobilized other students in a 'Vote for Congress' Campaign, before the Assam provincial election of 1945. His father of course did not approve of his activities and wanted him to pursue a career in academics. He then joined Presidency College, Kolkata to study English literature. He went on to complete MA in English from the University of Calcutta. After completing his studies he returned to Jorhat and became totally involved in the school, established by his father in 1962. BK Handique laid stress on the importance of sports and cultural activities besides academics. Mr. Handique introduced the students at an early age to the pleasures of western classical music and theatre and taught his students the advantages of having varied interests alongside their striving for academic excellence. He served the school as principal-in-charge for four years. Though politics took him away to Delhi, yet he remained closely associated with the school till his end.

In 1961 he became a member of Youth Congress formally. He was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1960-1965. During his tenure in the Rajya Sabha he was a member of varied committees. In 1991 he was elected to 10th Lok Sabha and he retained his seat in the Lok Sabha till 2014. In the 14th Lok Sabha Mr. Handique became the Union Minister of State, Chemical and Fertilizers in 2006-2009. In 2004-2007, he was the Union Minister of State, Parliamentary Affairs and Union Minister of State, Defence in 2004-2006. In the 15th Lok Sabha Mr. Handique was promoted to Union Cabinet Minister status and held dual charges of Mines and the Development of North East Region (DONER) portfolios. As a Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, he initiated many major policy changes regarding connectivity, promotion of youth and industry in the region. His amiable style of functioning had endeared him to the people of the North Eastern states. After Mr. Handique tendered his resignation as Cabinet Minister, he was appointed chairman of the newly constituted Parliamentary Standing Committee for Welfare of Other Backward Classes. He had been a member of the Indian National Congress Central Election Committee since 2012.

Mr. Handique had other interest besides Politics. He was deeply interested in Ornithology and conservation and was conferred the Venu Menon National Animal Award for Leadership in Conservation in the year 2006, for his key role in conservation of rare birds. Mr. Handique was a whole time environmentalist. He was also a poet, who penned the 'Band Up' song on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of HHMI.

His amiable nature endeared him to everyone. He will always remain in the hearts of everyone whose life he touched.

## A Tribute to Anil Barooah

This year saw the loss of another member of the HHMI fraternity—Anil Barooah, who left for his heavenly abode on June 23rd 2015.

He was the President of our school Trust Board. He was very enterprising and took keen interest in the progress of our school.

He was also a tea planter and a philanthropist and a man of integrity and virtue. He is remembered by everyone for his philanthropic work. He gave financial help to many poor meritorious students and contributed immensely to the Lion's Eye Hospital, Sabola Saikhik Nyas and many educational institutions of Jorhat.

The close association he had with HHMI will always be cherished and valued by everyone of us.



## Achievers

Winners of Extempore Speech  
Organized at Lichubari, Jorhat

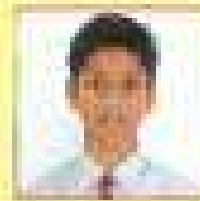
### Senior Group



**Tinku Ingli**  
Class: VIII  
(1st Prize winner)



**Shahnawaz Khan**  
Class: VIII  
(2nd Prize winner)



**Samantha Saha**  
Class: VIII  
(3rd Prize winner)



**Panchami Priya Sarma**  
Class: V  
(3rd Prize winner)

### Junior Group



**Anamika Tamuli**  
Class: IX  
Secured 1st Position  
and a gold medal at  
Akhil Bharatiya  
Mahatma Gandhi  
Jeevan Darshan  
Hindustan Parisksha.



**Prashant Gogoi**  
Class: XI  
Won Gold Medal at  
10th All Assam  
Amateur Marathi  
Championship 2016.



**Anamika Tamuli**  
Class: IX  
Best Hindi  
Debator, 2015  
Inter School Debate  
Competition



**Shubh Priya Lather** of class  
IX, has secured Zonal Rank  
58 in North East states zone  
in the finals (RL No :  
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SOF National Science  
Olympiad competition held  
in Feb 2015.

### Workshop on Child Abuse



On 10th Aug, HMI was proud to have the renowned counsellor, Dr Raj Laxmi Iyer, who spoke on the dreaded social evil—CHILD ABUSE. She enlightened the students about this social evil and also cautioned them with ways and means to tackle such situations and to be alert against wolves in disguise.

### Workshop for Parents



Parents enthusiastically attended a work and craft workshop organized specially for them in the school auditorium on 21st and 22nd August.

### Celebrating Independence Day



Independence Day was celebrated on 15th Aug as usual with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.

### Teacher's Day



On 5th Sept Teacher's Day was, of course, a memorable day for the faculty. The students showered their love, praise and gratitude to their teachers by organizing bagful of extravaganzas such as plays, songs and dances and an entertaining skit followed by delicious treats.

## Away From The Madding Crowd



It was a pleasant change for teachers who heaved a sigh of relief after months of monotonous curricular as well as extracurricular activities. The long awaited picnic finally materialised on the 12th of December. Thanks to Principal Ma'am whose initiative it was and who very sportingly agreed to accompany the teachers. The destination was Sitghat—the ideal picnic spot for picnickers. It was all fun and frolic—right from the start to the finish and back again. The journey was long but enduring, especially so, as the teachers threw caution to the wind and entertained themselves singing and dancing to the beat of music blaring from the speakers. Their free frank attitude only showed their love, dedication and respect for each other. On reaching Sitghat, an idyllic spot facing the mighty Brahmaputra, was selected. The teachers, who were famished, helped themselves to a delicious breakfast and then dispersed to appreciate and admire the flora and fauna and get the feel of the location. Innumerable selfies and photo-shoots were taken. It was at 3 o'clock that the teachers had a mouth watering lunch and soon after departed reluctantly.

## International Days

HHMI is probably the forerunner in commemorating international events such as International Dance Day, Forgiveness Day, World Humanitarian Day, World Music Day and World Food Day. On all these events the students showed exceptional understanding and importance of the above mentioned events. Their dedication, commitment and the thought that went into them was indeed commendable. The intention behind staging such events by the students themselves was not only to inculcate prime values but also to convey the message of universal brotherhood and international integration.



## Children's Day Celebrations



Children's Day has always been a memorable day for both the children as well as the teachers. On this day a special assembly was conducted by all the teachers. After the usual assembly, teachers entertained the children with a few cultural programmes.

The students from class VIII organised a few food and game stalls where children enjoyed various types of recipes and played many games and enjoyed themselves throughout the day.

Apart from this, children from class nursery to class IV were taken for a picnic accompanied by their class teachers where they celebrated their day.

## Teacher's Training



On 10th October, a training for the teachers was conducted by a CBSE empanelled agency. The team acquainted the teachers with the latest teaching methods. It was a brain-storming session with the teachers enthusiastically participating in the activities and learning simultaneously. It was a day long training and was a good learning experience.

## NCC - Forging Ahead



Our NCC cadets have always brought laurels for the school and this year was no exception. Anurag Yadav of class VIII attended the CATO camp I which was held at Garo in 2015-16 and bagged the 2nd position in the NCC song competition. A group of five NCC cadets attended the All India NCC camp held at Silchar from 9th to 20th December 2015. The camp was organized by the Director General of NCC, New Delhi. Five other cadets attended the All India Trekking Camp, NER Trek Camp at Shillong from 8th to 16th December 2016. This year on 19th October 2016, the NCC cadets actively participated in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan held at the school campus.

Diplob Charangia of Class IX was the first student of H.M.I, to get an opportunity to attend the Pre-Republic camp-II in Guwahati from 4th to 14th December 2015.

## Annual Events



Sarawali Puja is a much-awaited annual event. This day is eagerly looked forward to by staff and students alike. There is festivity in the air. The ex-students too come to their alma-mater and there is much celebration all around.

## Science and Art Exhibition



Our students get to show their talent and creativity in this exhibition, which is held in January every year. Parents and other guests come in large numbers and it gives them immense pleasure to see the work done by students throughout the year.

## Farewell Day The Day of Departing



On the farewell day, a special assembly was held for class X and class IX arranged a few programmes for them. They also spent their day taking blessings from teachers. It is always a poignant moment to bid farewell to class X students. We wish them all the best in life.

## Sports Week



This year we had our sports week from 19th Dec to 25th Dec. It was organized in a grand scale. On the opening ceremony our students in their house colours and NCC cadets marched to the beat of the drum. The Principal took the salute.

Flags of different hues fluttered gently as our students in their house colours and NCC cadets took their position in the field. The ceremony opened with the morning prayers which was followed by March-Past.

Throughout the week there were Inter-House competitions and the students participated in different events with great enthusiasm and played with true sportsman spirit.

On 23rd Dec the sports week came to an end with the prize distribution ceremony. Our honourable Chief Guest Dr. Dipak Kumar Bora, Director of Students Welfare, Assam Agricultural University, graced the occasion. The program started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by our honourable Chief Guest followed by Mrs. Kabita Rajguru, chairperson of School Management Committee, Ms. Matryose Handique and the school Principal Ms. Anurima Bhuyan amidst the singing of Ganesh Vandana. Our students presented a beautiful dance and this was followed by other programmes. Next, prizes and certificates were given away by the distinguished guest to the best houses and the winners of various sports and CGA events. The programme concluded with the National Anthem. It was a great day specially for the winners.

## Debate Competition



On 8th October inter school debate was held. The topic was "TV and Social Media is the leading cause of violence in today's Society".

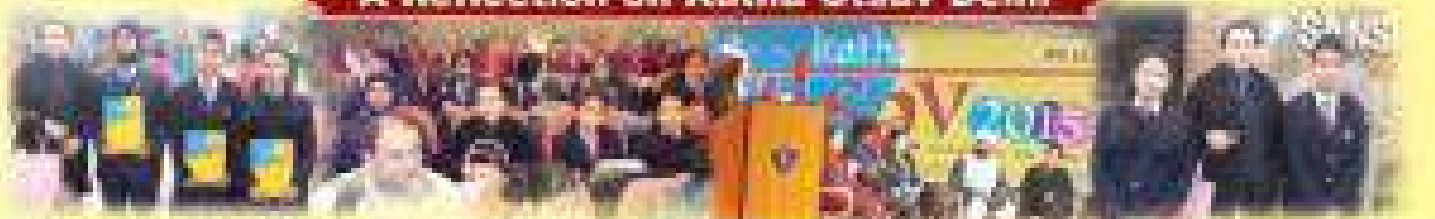
Competing with 8 other schools, HHMI for the second consecutive year brought laurels for the school by bagging the trophy for the Best Hindi team and the best English team. Ananika Tamuli of HHMI won the best debator and Shrusi Borgohain of HHMI bagged the second consolation prize. Our debators made us all proud of them. It was a well attended event.

## CCA Competitions



CCA competitions not only bring out the talents, skills and creativity of our students but also direct their energy in the right directions. Each and every student is encouraged to participate and so there are diverse activities like colouring, origami, clay-model, on the spot painting, spelling bee, elocution Inter-school Quiz Competition, Instrumental Group, Flower arrangement and many more for the students of different houses. It is heartening to see their enthusiasm, creativity and innovations during these events.

## A Reflection on Katha Utsav Delhi



An expertise in the field of creative writing and reading, Katha Utsav 2015 was held on a national level at Sanskriti school, Delhi on 27th December 2015. It is noteworthy that three students of HHMI Jorhat were selected to compete in the national level after achieving laurels in the regional level. Over 360 students from different parts of the country participated in the event along with Kajori Gogoi of class VI, Mohitrayee Gogoi of class IX and Jayrajest Samrah of class IX of HHMI. The workshop, according to the participants, was very educative as well as interesting with its numerous innovative ways of teaching. The participants were divided into 9 groups, each led by a mentor. Various literary teaching agenda were taken up by the organizers including skits, poetry and fiction writing to enhance and enrich the raw literary minds of the young generations. Poetry recitations using expressions and intonations were stressed upon along with imparting valuable tips for constructing drama and story at the workshop. It is worth mentioning that Sanskriti school, Delhi has done a great job in uniting the whole of India by holding sessions of indigenous and regional language learning. In these sessions participants were asked to construct a story in their local or regional dialect. Moreover, a number of extra-curricular activities like singing and dancing on folk songs brought the new generations of India much closer to each other than before. Respecting this effort in uniting India both literarily and culturally a new ray of hope emerges in mind. I hope that India will join hands together and stand bold and unshaken till eternity and beyond.

## Award Winners of 2015-2016



Our school takes pride in acknowledging the ability of our teachers too by awarding them which serves as an incentive as well as inspires them and others to excel in their respective fields. This year four teachers were awarded. Mrs. Bultul Dutta Deori got the award for the Most Versatile Teacher of the year 2015-16. The award for the Most Competent Teacher was bagged by Ms. Anshana Rajbanshi. Mrs. Surakshita Goswami was declared the Most Innovative Teacher of the year 2015-16 and Mr. Amar Bardoloi for the third consecutive year bagged the Award for the Most Regular and Punctual Teacher. He also bagged the award for the Most Efficient Teacher.

All these teachers were awarded with a certificate and cash award.

  
Principal