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## Asom Sahitya Sabha President Bora visits MAWCST Hojai



**D**r Dhruvajyoti Bora, President of Asom Sahitya Sabha addressed the students of Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science and Technology, Hojai on Nov 1, 2015. Others who were present on the occasion included Padum Rajkhowa, Assistant Secretary, ASS; Rati Mohan Nath, President Nagaon Sahitya Sabha; Dr Paramananda Rajbhongshi, Chief Secretary; Habibur Rahman, Executive Member, Asom Sahitya Sabha; and Malik Ahmed, Executive Member, Asom Sahitya Sabha.

## Asom Sahitya Sabha reciprocates Ajmal's gesture

**A**t a time when the Asom Sahitya Sabha is exploring avenues to augment its coffers, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, MP & CEO of Ajmal Foundation, made a contribution of Rs one lakh to the Sabha. Shamsul Haque Chowdhury, President in charge of Markazul Ma'arif, a front ranking NGO of Ajmal CSR, handed over the contribution to Dr Dhruvajyoti Bora, President of Asom Sahitya Sabha, during the latter's visit to Hojai on Nov 1, 2015. Bora handed over a citation in the hands of Markaz President designating Badruddin Ajmal as 'Param Suhrid Hitoishi Sadasya' (most intimate well wisher member) of the Sabha. Bora placed



on records the fact that the annual session of the Asom Sahitya Sabha was held in Hojai in 2004 and it was undoubtedly one of the most successful sessions in the Sabha's history. This was possible only because of the unstinted support extended by Badruddin Ajmal and his institutions.

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## Ajmal Foundation gave Rs 1.17 crore in prizes for talent search since 2002

The results of the Ajmal National Talent Search Examination (ANTSE) 2015 were announced as scheduled on Jul 30, 2015 to a packed press meet held in Hojai. The media was informed that a total of 70,864 students had filled in the forms out of which 66,983 took the examination that was conducted on Apr 26, 2015 at 1,088 centres across Assam and other North Eastern states as well as West Bengal.



Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation, made it known to media that the ANTSE is being conducted annually since 2002 among school and college students. School students from class III up to class X and students of HS and Degree classes including those of medical, engineering and management classes are eligible to sit for this popular examination.

Prof Rashid Ahmed, Chairman ANTSE, addressing the media persons said, "In this 14th edition of the ANTSE results, **90** students have secured Ranks, **131** Star Marks and **1,112** students have been placed in the Achievers category. In addition to this, Special Consolation Prizes have been awarded to **9,916** candidates with a view to motivating them for greater participation and competitiveness in the coming days."

The cumulative figure of students who have taken the ANTSE till date is 2,91,164 of which 72,580 students were awarded total cash prizes amounting to Rs 1.17 crore.



## Differently abled child and artistes receive help from Ajmal Foundation

On Nov 27, 2014 local TV channel DY365 had telecast the sad plight of a differently abled child, Gungun Begum, following which Ajmal Foundation responded promptly and donated an improved wheel chair for the benefit of the child. On Jul 29, 2015 the representatives of Ajmal Foundation visited the DY365 studios once again and this time they handed over a cheque for Rs 50,000 to Gungun's family for her ongoing treatment. Akashitora, the anchor of the TV programme, was also present.



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## Editorial

### All wings of Ajmal CSR working for building a better society

The nascent newsletter of Ajmal CSR *Ajmal Today* has completed just about a year. But within this short period it has been able to make a mark in the region. At the North East PR Conclave organised by the Public Relations Society of India, Guwahati Chapter at NEDFi House Guwahati on Nov 7, 2015, our newsletter was adjudged the best in the region in the newsletter and house magazine competition that was organised on the occasion. I congratulate and thank each one of you for making it possible. Let us pray and hope that this laurel does not make us complacent, rather it should motivate us to do even better in the days to come.

It is a matter of great satisfaction for us that the Ajmal National Rural Education Movement (ANREM) got off to a flying formal launch on Dec 6, 2015 at the Royal Group of Institution Auditorium in Guwahati. This would pave the way for Ajmal Foundation to reach the remote corners of the region to unearth the problems faced by the educational institutions there and find out ways to help improve their human resources and physical infrastructure so that the children of these backward areas could aspire to get decent and good education. The survey phase of ANREM took us to the nooks and corners of Assam and enabled us to visit many schools, and talk to the people there to find out about their problems and aspirations.

All the three wings of Ajmal CSR have done great work in the areas of school and college education, talent search, media welfare, medical support to cancer patients, flood relief, and skill development programmes. As you go through the pages of this newsletter, you will be able to gauge the extent of their work.

Lastly, I appeal to all of you to contribute news reports, photographs and any other useful information that would enrich the pages of Ajmal Today. You may send your input direct to me or the Assistant Editors whose contact details are available in the newsletter.

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Two more needy persons were also helped by Ajmal Foundation on the occasion. Manoj Kashyap, a singer, who lost his vision due to negligence during a surgery, also received Rs 50,000 to enable him meet his medical expenses. Kanan Kumari used to be a theatre actress at one time. Today she earns her living by doing menial jobs at people's house. On top of that, she is a cancer patient. Ajmal Foundation gave her Rs 15,000 to meet medical expenses.

## Flood relief drive in Bongaigaon District



Ajmal Foundation and Markazul Ma'arif, the two CSR organisations of Ajmal Group, distributed relief items among the flood victims of Bongaigaon in Aug 2015. The relief items included rice 10 kg, dal 5 kg, salt 1 kg and cooking oil 1 litre. The items were distributed to 1,105 families of Goraimari, Abhayapuri North, Monakosha, and Rehab Village of Bongaigaon District.

## Director CDC, Gauhati University visits Hojai

Dr Biswajit Sarma, Director, College Development Council (CDC), Gauhati University was felicitated by Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation during his visit to the Foundation Head Office in Hojai on Sep 3, 2015.



## Teacher's Training Workshop at Maryam Ajmal Women's College

In a bid to acquiring excellence as a teacher and to nurturing students to excel in life, Ajmal Foundation in collaboration with the Institute of Excellence Forum (IEF), Delhi and All India Confederation of Women's Empowerment through Education (AICWETE) Delhi, organised a two-day Teacher's Training Workshop in Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science & Technology, Hojai in the second week of Sep 2015.



Experts with national and international repute, Dr Gautam Raj Jain, Consultant to United Nations Organisations (UNO) and Patron IEF, Delhi; and Arti Ahluwalia, Managing Director, Baltis Learning & Development & IEF Alliances' Head, addressed the workshop focussing on "Mentorship and Excellence in education and career."

35 senior faculty members from Ajmal Group of Colleges (AGC) including the key officials Khasrul Islam, Manager; Dr MRH Azad, Deputy Manager, Ajmal Foundation; and others were present at the workshop.

## Media person Tajuddin gets Rs 25,000 for medical treatment



Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation, handing over a cheque of Rs 25,000 to Tajuddin Ahmed, Murajhar based senior reporter of a language daily, for his medical treatment on Sep 15, 2015 at Murajhar.

## Orientation programme for UPSC coaching conducted by Ajmal Foundation



The day long orientation programme for UPSC coaching consisting of three written papers and a motivational session for IAS aspirants of Assam, conducted by Ajmal Foundation, was held at the premises of Career Point in Guwahati on Oct 4, 2015. Out of 75 applicants for the programme, 35 were shortlisted to take the tests. On the basis of their performance, the toppers were eligible to appear in the second round of the selection process consisting of group discussion and personal interview to be conducted by Hamdard Study Circle in New Delhi. Ajmal Foundation has been conducting this programme since last eight years and a number of candidates sponsored for this 'all expenses paid coaching' in Delhi have qualified for IAS, allied services including appointment as officers in BSF and other paramilitary forces.

KAJ Hilaly, Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, addressed the candidates at the valedictory session and exhorted them to stay focussed on their goals not bothering about what people said about them. He said, "The concept of interviewing candidates has undergone a lot of change over the years. Today the interviewers are less interested in your dress or style. What they want to find out is how capable you are in serving the people and the country."

Nazrul Islam Barbhuiya, the Coordinator of the Programme, informed that Ajmal Foundation is now exploring the possibility of tying up with more coaching centres in Delhi for accommodating a larger number of IAS aspirants from Assam to derive benefit from this initiative.

Speaking on the sidelines, Ishita Das of Guwahati, who sat for the qualifying exam, remarked, "Getting through the prestigious UPSC CSE is an achievement in itself. However, the number of candidates appearing in the CSE and the ones making through it needs to increase. Ajmal Foundation is doing a fantastic job in this aspect by providing a chance to receive free UPSC coaching at Hamdard Study Circle in New Delhi."

## Session inauguration ceremony for 2015-16 at KKHSOU Study Centre



Rofique Uddin, Coordinator, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Study Centre, Ajmal Foundation, Hojai addressed the Inaugural Session (2015-16) of the Centre on Oct 11, 2015. Dr Prasenjit Das, Dept of English, KKHSOU; Devajeet Goswami, Dept of Commerce, KKHSOU; Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation; Dr MRH Azad, Dy Manager; PK Nath, Academic Officer; Dr Y Mazumdar, College Administrator, Ajmal Group of Colleges; and Dr SS Begum, Principal Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science & Technology, Hojai graced the occasion.

## Gauhati Univ officials visit HAA College in Nilbagan



Dr Hari Prasad Sarma, Rector, Gauhati University and Dr Jogesh Kakati, Academic Registrar, Gauhati University were felicitated on Oct 11, 2015 at Ajmal Foundation Hojai after they had inspected Haji Ajmal Ali College Nilbagan in connection with examination centre permission.

## Medical support extended to journalist Raju Baruah



**N**ava Thakuria, General Secretary, Guwahati Press Club handed over a cheque of Rs 15,000 to Raju Baruah, Staff Reporter, Pratidin Time at Guwahati Press Club on Oct 14, 2015. The amount was given under Ajmal Media Welfare Scheme to enable the journalist meet the expenses of an imminent surgery.

## Mariam Fatima honoured by Ajmal Foundation

**U**nder its 'Stars of the North East' project, Ajmal Foundation honours persons who belong to the North East and have displayed excellence in various fields outside the region thereby bringing name and fame to the North East. On Oct 20, 2015, at an austere function at Ajmal Foundation Guwahati Office, Mariam Fatima Islam was handed over a certificate and memento by Habibullah, Finance InCharge, Ajmal Foundation, Guwahati Office, under the aforesaid project.



Mariam had done her graduation with a major in Mathematics from Cotton College Guwahati in 2001. In 2003, she got her MBA from Assam Institute of Management (AIM) Guwahati securing a gold medal for being the topper of her batch. Thereafter, she served several organisations in various capacities prominent among them being Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Cabsford PR, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and Cognizant India Ltd. In 2007, she joined the IBM India Pvt Ltd at Millennium City in Kolkata where she served as a Senior Learning Specialist (IBM Accredited Learning Professional). In September 2011, she received the Eminence & Excellence Recognition Award by Global Business Services of IBMI. She was deputed to the UK in 2014 for working in an international project of IBM.

Presently Mariam is posted as the Senior Manager, Instructional Design & Learning at Tata Interactive Systems in Kolkata.

## Hojai accords massive civic reception for Ajmal

### Ajmal promises medical college and university in return

**T**he Hojai Citizens' Coordination Committee (HCCC) accorded a massive civic reception in honour of Maulana Badruddin Ajmal on his being nominated as one of the '500 most influential Muslims of the World'. The reception was held at Abdul Hasib Higher Secondary School Auditorium in Hojai on Oct 18, 2015.

It may be recalled that a leading international research organisation, Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC) based at Amman Jordan, had nominated the CEO of Ajmal CSR and Lok Sabha Member from Dhubri, Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, as one of the "World's 500 Most Influential Muslims." The seventh annual issue of the 'Muslim 500: The World's 500 Most Influential Muslims', which was released on Oct 4,

2015, mentioned Ajmal in the field of philanthropy, charity, and development.

Ajmal and Wipro Chairman Azim Premji, who is also currently the third wealthiest Indian and the richest Indian Muslim according to Forbes, are the only two Indians on the list under this category. However, Indian cine star Shabana Azmi also features in the list under the art and culture category.

The RISSC noted that, "Maulana Badruddin Ajmal is a prominent businessman of India who runs the Ajmal Group of companies that sells attar perfume, oils, and textiles. He is a member of various social service organisations and a scholar of Islam, having studied at the Darul Ulum Deoband.



He is also a politician who founded the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF). He is noted for his contributions to charitable hospitals, orphanages, and educational institutions, including a women’s college of science and technology.”

Kamal Dutta, Secretary HCCC, in his welcome address said, “We are proud that one of our sons has taken the name of Hojai to the world forum. He has drawn the attention of the world by his good deeds for downtrodden, weak and poor masses of the society. His example should be an eye opener for all leaders of the country.”

Among the highlights of the day’s agenda was a power point programme made by Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal

Foundation who informed the gathering that over 8,000 youth from minorities and backward communities were given placement by Ajmal Foundation through a programme sponsored by the Union Ministry of Rural Development during the last five years.

Dr SN Dev Goswami, President HCCC, in his address appealed to Ajmal that the inhabitants of Hojai have great expectations from him. In return, Ajmal assured that he will leave no stone unturned for establishment of a medical college and university in the town. He even asked the citizens of Hojai to sit together, prepare a plan for developing Hojai as one of the best towns of the country, and then come to him for his help and support in the matter.

## Placement linked skill development training for Meghalaya youth



**M**obilisation of Meghalaya’s educated unemployed youth from different districts to Ajmal Foundations’ Skill Training Centre, Hojai has been going on for quite

some time. The youths are being trained under Skill Development Initiative Training and Placement guidelines of the Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training, Govt of Meghalaya. Photograph shows a group of trainees with their mentors at the Guwahati Railway Station on Oct 28, 2015.

## Are you maintaining a ‘Visitors Book’?

**A**re you maintaining a Visitor’s Book in your institution or office? If yes, then go through the comments made by the visitors during the last three months. Select the comment that you think is most encouraging and positive, scan it and send it to us for publication in **Ajmal Today**. Please don’t forget to mention the name designation of the visitor along with date of visit. Mail your scan to: < ikramhussain7@gmail.com>

## Ajmal National Rural Education Movement gets launched in Guwahati on Dec 6, 2015



*Heads of educational institutions selected under ANREM are seen with Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University and other dignitaries at the launch of the programme in Guwahati on Dec 6, 2015*

A teacher of a government-aided school in Morigaon District of Assam took away his own life in Sep 2015 with his family alleging that he was upset over non-payment of salary for the last 18 years. Hemanta Kumar Bordoloi, a teacher of Nabheti Madhya Ingraji School, went missing from his house and three days later his body was found floating in a pond at Nabheti area by the police. On Dec 6, 2015, on the occasion of the launch of the Ajmal National Rural Education Movement (ANREM), Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, MP & CEO of Ajmal CSR handed over a shawl, a memento, and a cheque of Rs 50,000 to Hema Probha Bordoloi, the widow of the deceased teacher, so that the family might be able to tide over the bad days that they were confronting now. With tears dropping down her eyes, Hema Probha expressed her gratitude to Ajmal and also said that this is the first time that somebody came forward to help their family.

Earlier in the day, with a view to educating every child in the backward, rural, and interior areas of Assam, ANREM was launched at the D’Royal Auditorio of Royal Global Institute, Guwahati. The launching of ANREM was done by Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University. As part of the launch, the dignitaries undertook watering of a plant christened as ANREM. Besides launching ANREM, the programme also included presentation of life time contribution award to 20 teachers from different districts of Assam, who made significant contribution in the education sector. Each of the awardees was handed over a cheque of Rs 50,000 by Ajmal Foundation.

While addressing the function, Badruddin Ajmal, MP & CEO, Ajmal CSR, said “we are starting the journey from today. I would like to state that where there are wishes, the same can be fulfilled through hard work and perseverance. I have come across many teachers in





The head of an educational institution receiving partnership certificate from the hands of Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University at the launch of ANREM in Guwahati on Dec 6, 2015

Foundation; Dr Abdul Qadeer, Secretary, Shaheen Group of Institutions, Bengaluru; Prof Abdul Mannan, Gauhati University; NI Laskar, Project Head, ANREM; and Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation spoke on the occasion. A large number of students and teachers from across Assam along with the officials of Ajmal CSR and Friends of ANREM attended the programme.

many places who have sacrificed a lot while imparting education to students. So we decided to give these awards to teachers and not to others. I consider education is the most leading factor to development of the society. Our main aim is to educate all children for betterment of the society." Ajmal further appealed to all to cooperate for the success of ANREM, and thereafter 100 per cent change in the education sector may not be distant cry if everything goes according to plans.

Radhesyam Biswas, MP; Prof Gayatree Goswami, Gauhati University; Dr Shabina Ahmed, founder Director of Assam Autism

13 schools were given certificates of partnership under a pilot project of ANREM at the launch.



The head of another educational institution receiving partnership certificate from the hands of Prof Gayatree Goswamee, Gauhati University at the launch of ANREM in Guwahati on Dec 6, 2015

## Quomrul gets a pat on the back for docu film



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## National Education Day at MAWCA Hojai



Ajmal Foundation observed the National Education Day coinciding with the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on Nov 11, 2015 at Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Arts, Hojai.

Motiuur Rahman, retired Head Master, Gopal Nagar LP School, was felicitated on the occasion for his outstanding contribution to the field of education.

## GI Sheet & cash for rehabilitation of erosion victims



Ajmal Foundation distributed 16 pieces G.I. Sheet & Rs 500 in cash each as rehabilitation aid among 120 soil erosion affected families in Morigaon District of Assam on Nov 14, 2015.

## Ajmal CSR newsletter Ajmal Today bags 1st prize at PRSI Conclave



**Ajmal Today**, the quarterly newsletter of Ajmal CSR, bagged the first prize in the Newsletter/House Journal Competition of 'SBI North East PR Conclave' held at NEDFi House organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), Guwahati Chapter. Dr Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro VC, Tezpur Central University handed over the award to Khasrul Islam, Manager, Ajmal Foundation at the Conclave on Nov 7, 2015.

## Ajmal Foundation is now a VTP for Meghalaya



**M**anmohan Singh, Assistant Project Officer, Ajmal Foundation, represented Ajmal Foundation at the Vocational Training Provider (VTP) Meet for implementation of Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training (DECT) SDI Scheme of Meghalaya. The Meet was called by S Warjri, Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC), West Khasi Hills District (Meghalaya) at District Administration Seminar Hall, Nongstoin in November 2015. It may be mentioned that Ajmal Foundation is one of the VTPs of Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training (DECT) SDI Scheme, Meghalaya.

## Ajmal Foundation gifts Rs 1.5 lakh to Sanghamitra for leukaemia treatment

**S**irajuddin Ajmal, MP & Managing Trustee, Ajmal Foundation handed over a cheque for Rs 1.5 lakh to Sanghamitra Bhagawati of Dhuliapar Village (Sivasagar District) in Guwahati on Nov 19, 2015. Sanghamitra, an upcoming singer, suffering from acute lymphoblastic



leukaemia was extended the help from Ajmal Foundation to enable her meet the cost of an 18 month long treatment at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai.

Sanghamitra has been ailing from the age of ten and in spite of support extended by people from all walks of life; it has not been possible for her to undergo the best possible treatment mainly because she belongs to a poor family. She expressed her gratitude to the Ajmals for coming to her rescue at a time when she needed it the most. Sirajuddin assured her that the Ajmal Foundation will be in touch with her so that she gets the best treatment and regains her health at the earliest.

It may be mentioned here that the aggregate amount of help given to artistes and media persons by Ajmal Foundation till date Nov 2015 had touched a figure of Rs 13.25 lakh.

## Governor Acharya lauds the initiatives of Ajmal CSR

**T**he Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Kalyan Yojana (DDU-GKY) was initiated by Ajmal CSR in Oct 2015 by setting up two training centres for the benefit of farmers and rural artisans of Assam. The initiative attracted the notice of the Governor of Assam PB Acharya who sent a congratulatory letter to Maulana Badruddin Ajmal, MP & CEO of Ajmal Foundation, lauding the pioneering work of Ajmal CSR in the implementation of DDU-GKY.



Buoyed by the encouragement received from the Governor, an Ajmal CSR team led by SH Choudhury, President in Charge of Markazul Ma'arif, one of the flagship NGOs of Ajmal CSR, called on him at the Raj Bhawan on Nov 21, 2015. They requested the Governor to visit the headquarters of Ajmal CSR in Hojai and see for himself the good work being done by the different NGOs in the area concerned. The Governor gave his consent and said that he would undertake a trip to Hojai soon.

Prof Rashid Ahmed gave the Governor a bird's eye view of

the major operations of Ajmal CSR that covered the two new training centres set up under the DDU-GKY Project, the state of the art Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science & Technology, and the Haji Abdul Majid Memorial (HAMM) Hospital & Research Centre.

The Governor shared his views with the visiting group on various issues of topical importance such as skill development of youth, Jan Dhan Yojana, education for inclusive development, and women empowerment.

## Maryam Ajmal Inter College Debate at Hojai

Ajmal Foundation organised the Annual Maryam Ajmal Inter College Debate Competition 2015 on the topic "Skill Development is more important than Academic Achievement" at Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science and Technology Hojai on Nov 26, 2015. Students from 10 Colleges run by Ajmal Foundation took part in the event.



Mohsina Ahmed of Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science & Technology, Hojai bagged the 1st prize while Merina Begum of Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Arts, Kharupetia bagged the 2nd prize and Rojina Akther Borbhuiya of Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science & Technology, Hojai got the 3rd prize in the competition.

Bharat Tamuli Phukan, senior advocate, Sankardev Nagar, Hojai was the speaker while Anup Borthakur, social activist, Hojai; Dr Hasinus Sultan, Associate Professor, Department of English, Haji Anfar Ali College, Doboka; and Amarjyoti Sarma, Director, SOS Children Village, Hojai were the judges of the event.

## Selection test for IAS coaching programme

Ajmal Foundation, Hojai, in collaboration with Saheen Group, Bangalore, conducted a selection test for short listing candidates for a free six-month residential



IAS coaching programme to be hosted in Bangalore. This examination was conducted at six centres viz Dhubri, Guwahati, Hojai, Karimganj, Lakhimpur, and Sivasagar simultaneously on Nov 29, 2015 and over 300 candidates appeared in the same.

## 'Teach For India' scholar Neida enthralled audience in Guwahati

shares experience and motivates youth to light up the education scenario

Neida Khurshid, a young architecture graduate from Guwahati, who opted for the two-year fellowship under the 'Teach For India' (TFI) programme was felicitated by Friends of ANREM in Guwahati on Nov 22, 2016. Neida shared her experience of teaching BPL and lower middleclass school children in Jamalpur area of Ahmedabad and how she and her companions are working hard to make these children as good as those coming out from public schools of the country.



In her presentation which consisted of a few videos of her class room scenes, Neida informed the audience that 'Teach For India' is an Indian non-profit organisation, which is a part of the 'Teach For All' global movement.

Through its Fellowship programme, TFI recruits qualified Indian college graduates and working professionals to serve as full-time teachers in low-income schools for two years. Fellows work to bridge the educational gaps that their students face, in the hopes of putting their students on a fundamentally different life path.

She further explained, through the 'Teaching as Leadership' framework, 'Teach For India' staff provides training and support to Fellows so that they can employ innovative teaching strategies to maximise their effectiveness in the classroom. After two years of the Fellowship, the Fellows become a part of an alumni movement. The aim of this movement is for the alumni to work from inside and outside the educational system to affect the long-term changes necessary to realise educational opportunity for all. 'Teach For India' is currently in seven cities impacting 38,000 children through 1,100 Fellows, 200 staff members and 1,050 alumni.

Since the audience was largely represented by youth, on being asked by them Neida elaborated that after being selected, Fellows undergo a rigorous training programme. This is followed by placement in government-run or low-income private schools for two consecutive academic years, throughout which the Fellows are continuously managed and guided by the staff. The Fellows are expected to get to know their students in and out of the classroom, create instructional plans that match not just the class' but the individual student's needs, teach in an engaging manner and make assessments to ensure all students are making progress. TFI calls this "Classroom Instructional Leadership". TFI Fellows' teaching methods have been frequently cited in the media. Apple featured one TFI Fellow's Class in its 2012 WWDC Conference for ingenious use of technology in day-to-day teaching.

Neida expressed the hope that she and other fellows of TFI would be one day able to bring quality education to the doorstep of children in Assam.

The programme was hosted by Ajmal Foundation Guwahati Office.

## Reach out to the community, empower the weak, build the nation

Ajmal CSR has a long and impressive track record of projects implemented in the fields of education in rural areas, livelihood training for BPL & minority communities, promotion of gender equality, setting up of hostels for girls, promotion of ecology and protection of the environment, animal welfare, promotion of rural sports, relief operation during natural calamities, and development of rural and slum areas etc. Those companies, corporates, and philanthropic organisations interested to partner with Ajmal CSR in these fields may contact us on cell nos. 0-94351-68635, 0-99571-91925 or communicate to: [ajmal\\_foundation@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ajmal_foundation@yahoo.co.in)

## Cheque distribution to widows



Madrudin Ajmal, MP & CEO, Ajmal CSR, extended financial assistance to poor widows on Oct 18, 2015 during a grand felicitation programme organised in his honour by the Hojai Citizen's Coordination Committee at Hojai. It needs to be mentioned that to commemorate the occasion, Ajmal handed over cheques of Rs 10,000 each, on behalf of Ajmal Foundation, to 70 widows of Hojai who belonged to BPL families.

## Low cost housing unit for Bodo community



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## Ajmal Foundation conducts Students' Psychometric Assessment Test

In a bid to improve the students' career prospects and to guide them in the right direction, the Institutional Excellence Forum, (IEF) Noida, in collaboration with Ajmal Foundation, Hojai conducted the "Students Psychometric Assessment Test" under supervision of the "Career Excellence Centre" established at "Ajmal College of Arts, Commerce & Science", Hojai.



The career experts from IEF, Noida and Ajmal Foundation conducted the Students' Psychometric Assessment Test covering 713 students using the latest tools of psychometric assessment.

Students from different institutions including Srimanta Shankardev Junior College, Hojai; Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Arts, Hojai; Maryam Ajmal Women's College of Science and Technology, Hojai; Ajmal College of Arts Commerce and Science, Hojai; Ajmal College of Arts, Choudhury Bazar; Haji Ajmal Ali Memorial Junior College, Kapashbari; and Ajmal College of Arts, Dagaon appeared in the test.

## Leadership workshop emphasis upon teamwork and communication skill

A leadership workshop was organised by Ajmal Foundation Guwahati office on Nov 29, 2015 which was attended by college and university students in large numbers. Prof Rasheed Ahmed, lecturer Department of English and Rajiv Hussain, lecturer Department of Assamese from Ajmal College of Arts, Science & Commerce Hojai addressed the participants at the inaugural session and exhorted them to be complete citizens capable of contributing their mite in the exercise of nation building.



Participants at the Leadership Workshop organised by Ajmal Foundation in Guwahati on Sunday are seen with resource persons and officials of the Foundation.

The first technical session of the workshop was conducted by Ikramul Hussain, Coordinator of Disability Sector, Ajmal Foundation who dealt with the importance of teamwork in achieving the best results. According to him, every team member needs to be a good listener as 80 per cent of knowledge comes from listening and knowledge enables one to perform best.

Reshma NC Shah, education consultant, enriched her deliberation on communication skills with interesting games and team exercises. She said, "When you have to communicate something, get all your points in one place. Thereafter you cut down the irrelevant points, and stick



Rajiv Hussain, lecturer, Ajmal College of Arts, Science & Commerce Hojai handing over a participation certificate to a youth who took part at the Leadership Workshop organised by Ajmal Foundation in Guwahati on Sunday.

only to the bare essentials. Your communication will hit the point.”

The last technical session was on personality development and the resource person in charge, Siddharth P Dutta, made it extremely topical by showcasing his personal experiences that were relevant to the situation in the North East. He dealt with dress, temperament, positive outlook, helpful attitude, and empathy as some of the essential traits in developing an impressive personality.

The valedictory session was addressed by Dr MRH Azad, Deputy Manager, Ajmal Foundation who wished the youngsters good luck in all their future endeavours. Students from Assam Engineering College, Gauhati Commerce College, Gauhati University, Metropolis Institute of Media Studies (MIMS) and alumni of Ajmal Colleges took part in the Workshop.

### Pillars of Ajmal CSR (3)

## Ajmal Rural Technology & Demonstration Centre (ARTDC)

Ajmal Rural Technology & Demonstration Centre (ARTDC), situated at Kapashbari in Hojai, is an Industrial Training Centre (ITC) run by Markazul Ma’arif, a unit of Ajmal CSR, established in the year 2010.

ARTDC is a first of its kind institution in the North Eastern Region of India i.e. an Industrial Training Centre established by an NGO, affiliated to the National Council of Vocational Training.



Mechanical fitter trainees during practical training in their workshop



M Abdur Rahman Ajmal, MLA, along with another guest, experiencing welding practical in ARTDC welders’ workshop in July 2015



Electrician trainees at practical session with motors and alternators in the workshop



ARTDC trainees repairing a tractor of a local farmer as part of training through community service



Trainees of welder trade observing demonstration by instructor in the workshop



Trainees of pipe fitter trade working at a model pipe line structure as a part of on the job training

It is the first ITI / ITC in North Eastern states of India to impart training in 6G TIG Welding and Structural & Pipe fitting. This ITC started training of its first batches of affiliated trades w.e.f. August 2011.

The Industrial Training Centre (ITC) is established with permission from the Directorate of Employment & Craftsmen Training (DECT), Govt of Assam, to impart vocational training under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) of Directorate General of Training, Govt of India.

This ITC imparts vocational training in seven trades, out of which five are affiliated to the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT), Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt of India.

Other two trades are non-affiliated, to impart short term job-oriented training to ex-ITI trainees, school drop-outs and unskilled factory workers.

#### Govt sponsored Skill Training Project

Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India has entrusted Markazul Ma'arif with a skill training project named Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kausalya Yojana. Under this project ARTDC is to train 360 unemployed youths from below poverty line family of three districts (Nagaon, Goalpara and Dhubri) every year for two years. Another 360 every year will be trained at the other training centre of Markazul Ma'arif and at its head office.

#### Strength of ARTDC as on Nov 28, 2015

No of Trainees	: 180 + 46 (under project)
	= 226
No of Hostel boarders	: 116+46 (under project)
	=162
Trainee-Trainer Ratio	: 17:1
Post Training Placement	: 80%

## Ajmal Foundation support to Sanbi for brain tumour treatment



Ajmal Foundation came forward to support Sanbi Salisa, daughter of Biren Deka of Chandmari, Tezpur. Sanbi, who is afflicted with brain tumour, is undergoing treatment at a Guwahati based private nursing home.

M Badruddin Ajmal, CEO, Ajmal CSR and MP, extended an amount of Rs 50,000 for her medical treatment on behalf of Ajmal Foundation on Dec 21, 2015 in Guwahati. Biren Deka received the amount on behalf of his daughter Sanbi and expressed his gratitude towards Ajmal Foundation. Badruddin Ajmal wished Sanbi an early recovery from her ailments.