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### CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN:



Season's greetings from your chairman and central committee, Association of Surgeons of Assam!

As summer made way for autumn, so also autumn had to make way for winter and brought along with the good things of Winter like harvesting of corps which the farmers produced all these rainy months and looking tenderly after them in the autumn! Along with winter, come the riots of colourful season flowers all around and sunrays peeping through the mist late in the morning! This is my last direct communication with our esteemed members in black & white.

The last quarter of the year as well as my term had been very eventful. The quarter started with a bang with Training cum Prevention of Burn injury followed by Public awareness programme at

United Hospital, Nalbari on 4<sup>th</sup> and then Live workshop cum CME at GNRC Hospital, Dispur on 17<sup>th</sup> October. We observed the Breast Cancer awareness month October with Public awareness meeting at Bali H E School near Nalbari on 16<sup>th</sup>, a CME on Breast Cancer on 18<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Lily in the city with renowned faculties from Hyderabad, Delhi, Imphal besides our local faculty, a press meet & public awareness program on Breast Cancer at Guwahati Press Club and lastly a TV discussion by our member faculties on 25<sup>th</sup> October. After a very successful Annual Conference at Jorhat Medical College on 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November, a live workshop on Lap Hernia was organized at Marwari Hospital & Research Centre, Guwahati. Lastly in the month of December a big happening-formation of a new branch, the 8<sup>th</sup> branch of ASA named Barpeta City Branch on 11<sup>th</sup>. This was preceded by a CME on Burn at F.A.A. Medical College. Year ended with the last Training on Essential Burn Care cum Public awareness programme at Bongaigaon on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

I take this opportunity to record my sincere gratitude to all the hosts particularly Principal, HOD, Surgery, teachers and students of Jorhat Medical College, United Hospital of Nalbari & Dr. B.C.Sarma & Dr.B.C.Talukdar, President and Immediate Past President of Rotary Club of Nalbari, Dr.D.K.Dutta, Prof. & HOD Surgery and other faculty members of Surgery Deptt, F.A.A.College, BRPLAuthority for their support and co operation.

**Barpeta City Branch:** Formation of this branch of ASA, the 8<sup>th</sup> branch, after the initial 7 branches formed along with ASA in 1990, is a significant step taken by our association. Though there are only few registered members at present, if all the faculty members get enrolled as ASI members and members from neighouring Barpeta Road, Pathsala & Nalbari are taken into its fold, it will not be difficult to get recognition of ASI as minimum number should be 20. It is now upto the executive members of the new branch to motivate their colleagues to become members. The Chairman & members of central committee of ASA should also pursue the matter with enthusiasm.

#### Membership growth & development:

After 26<sup>th</sup> year of ASA, our membership strength stands close to 485 (450 in January, 2015) of whom only 295 (It was 260 in January, 2015, just over 50% of total!) have ASI membership, that also after enrollment of 33 new members in 2015. Fifty five members more required to claim for another (2<sup>nd</sup>) GC membership eligibility. Special mention must be made of our member Dr. Sumitra Hagjer from Silchar Medical College for motivating and

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#### Our Respectful Homage :



#### Dr. Bidyut Kumar Goswami

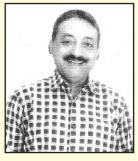
Dr. Bidyut Kumar Goswami was born on Ist May, 1946 at Guwahati and was the third son of late Kanakeshwar Goswami and his recently deceased wife Durgeshwari Devi. The fishing rod – a hobby he nourished all his life. He used to play football with his friends, participate in dramatics and swim in the Brahmaputra. He did his school finals from the Don Bosco School and his Preuniversity in the Science stream from Cotton College. Thereafter he joined the Guwahati Medical College and obtained his MBBS degree. He opted for Surgery and did his Masters in the subject from the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. He started his professional career at Kakopathar and served at Lakhimpur, Nalbari, Barpeta, Guwahati and finally at Marigaon from where he retired as the Senior Divisional Medical Officer in 2004.

Dr. Goswami was one of the senior members of Association of Assam and Association of Surgeons of India . He was also a very active member of the Doctors Guild and was its Treasurer for two consecutive terms. He was also very closely associated with the Guwahati Bihu Sanmilan at Latasil and had always been an office bearer. He also became associated with the Madhya Guwahati Bihu Sanmilan held at the Nabagraha Kali Mandir premises and was its President during the last Bihu . He was also closely involved with the Uzanbazar Barowari Samaj and the Silpukhuri Naamghar.

Always soft spoken and a man of few words, Dr. Goswami had this gift of always looking at the positive aspects in a person rather than look at the negative side. That is the reason he could endear himself to people and was very popular. He was very fond of social get-togethers. He passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> October morning at his residence at Silpukhuri after a protracted illness due to carcinoma of liver. He left behind his wife, two daughters, grand children and host of family members and friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

#### **Dr. Kamal Khound**

Dr. Kamal Khound, a senior member of Association of Surgeons of Assam, was born to Late Harish Ch Khound & Late Bimala Devi of Puranigudam Khoundchuk at Puranigudam under Nagaon district on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1952. After his early schooling at Puranigudam Muktab Primary Schhol he joined Puranigudam Radhakanta Barua H.S. School and passed HSSLC examination in first division. He passed his MBBS and subsequently obtained MS (Surgery) from his Alma Mater Gauhati Medical College.



Dr. Khound started his professional career in 1983 in Karimganj Civil Hospital and after three years he was transferred to Jorhat Civil Hospital and then to Morigaon Civil Hospital in 1991. In 2000 he was promoted to SDMO and joined the Malaria department. After an unblemished & dedicated career, Dr Khound retired from service gracefully in 2014, but reemployed again NVPDCP in the same year.

Dr. Khound breathed his last on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 after a brief illness. He was very popular among his friends and peers for his amicable nature, sweet behaviour and love for his patients all through out his medical career. He was never seen without his trademark sweet smile on his face whenever you meet him. He was survived by his wife Dr. Mandita Sarma, son Angshuman & daughter Vaishali. May this noble soul rest in peace.

# **Training & Awareness Program on Essential Burn Care**

A Training Program on Essential Burn care followed by Public awareness on Prevention & Primary treatment on Burn injuries was held on 4th October, 2015 at United Hospital, Nalbari, Assam. The event was organized by Assam State Chapter of ASI in association with Rotary Club of Nalbari and training was imparted by BURN CARE FOUNDATION , a social unit of NEMCARE Hospital, Guwahati, in association with INTERBURNS (International Network on Training, Education and Research on Burns). Altogether 48 persons (12 doctors, 29 nurses and 7 paramedical personnel) participated in the program. The day -long program was conducted by Dr Bhupendra Prasad Sarma, Convener, Burn Care Foundation and Past President, Assam Chapter of ASI, Dr Nareswar Sarma, Senior Consultant Surgeon, NEMCARE Hospital& a senior member of ASA and Dr Seema Rekha Devi, Prof and Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Guwahati Medical College, also a senior association member as the faculties.

The training program, 3<sup>rd</sup> in a row during this term (Ist being at Hojai during MID TERM CME in collaboration with Burn Care Foundation in May & 2<sup>nd</sup> being at Gauhati Medical College Hospital in collaboration with Pastic & Burn Deptt.



of GMCH & Association of Plastic Surgeons of NE India in August ) is an endeavor of State Chapter to train doctors, nurses and paramedics, working in the peripheral hospitals, on the basic management of burns. Emphasis was given on appropriate first aid and initial management of the burn victims in the peripheral areas and subsequent management of the minor and moderate burns with limited resource available. The participants received certificates at the end of the session.

A public awareness program on Causation, First Aid and Prevention of Burns was also organized in the evening in the same venue. Dr Bhupendra Prasad Sarma, Senior consultant Burn Surgeon delivered a talk on the subject with audio-visual aids. Dr B.C.Talukdar, Managing Director of United Hospital, Nalbari delivered the welcome address and Dr R. N. Mazumdar, Chairman of Assam State Chapter of ASI conducted the public awareness program where Dr D.K.Sarma, Vice Chairman of the state chapter was also present. Dr. B.C.Sarma, President, Rotary club of Nalbari offered formal vote of thanks.

#### **REPORT ON LIVE WORKSHOP ON LAPAROSCOPIC HERNIA REPAIR**

A live workshop on laparoscopic hernia repair was held at Marwari Hospital & Research Centre on 28.11.15. The workshop conducted by Assam State Chapter of ASI, started at 9 AM with a brief inaugural ceremony, where Dr.G.C.Jain, Past Chairman of the chapter formally inaugurated the workshop by lighting a ceremonial lamp in presence of Dr.R N Mazumder, Chairman, Dr. D.K.Sarma, Vice Chairman, Dr. K.Bhuyan, President of Guwahati city Branch among other delegates. This was the first ever workshop conducted in this hospital. Dr. Manoj Kumar Choudhury, a senior member and Chairman Elect of ASA was the chief faculty while Dr. Elbert Khiangte, another Senior member was the other faculty. They were assisted by Dr.S.Agarwalla, Dr. R B M Upadhaya, both members of ASA & anaesthesiologist Dr M.K.Talukdar. Altogether five cases of Inguinal hernia, one being a recurrent case were successfully operated with explicit demonstration to the participating delegates. Dr. P.P.Das, Prof. & H O D of Deptt of Surgery, Gauhati Medical College, several other faculties & PG students of the same college and Past Chairmen of the chapter were present besides other members and doctors of the hospital. There was good interaction between the faculties and the participants. The Hospital authority highly lauded the initiative taken by the surgery deptt. of the hospital and assured to organize more such workshop in future since a beginning has been made now.



#### Report on Essential Burn Care training cum Public awareness on Prevention & First Aid of burn on 12.12.15

An academic program on Essential Burn Care training cum public awareness on Prevention & First Aid of burn was held at Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd, Dhaligaon and conducted by Burn Care Foundation , Guwahati in association with Assam State Chapter of ASI on 12.12.15.

The program started at 9.30 AM at Refinery Club & Community Hall in refinery township with Mr R.K.Sharma inaugurating the program after a brief speech. Dr. B.P.Sarma, convener of Burn Care Foundation, Dr.R.N.Mazumder, Chairman & Dr.M.C.Sarma, C.M.O of the Refinery also addressed the gathering briefly.

Faculties in the programme were Dr.B.P. Sarma, Dr. R.N. Mazumder & Dr. D.K.Sarma, Associate Professor of Surgery of Gauhati Medical College & Vice chairman of ASA. After audio visual presentation covering various aspects of burn as incidence, epidemiology, patho physiology, management, rehabilitation & finally prevention by all three spekers, there was group discussion . There were 50 participants including doctors from private and govt. sector and nursing staff besides paramedics. Participants were divided into three groups for group discussion. Feed back was also taken from the participants at the end of session and certificates of participation were presented to the delegates.

Public awareness meeting took off at 6 PM with Dr B.P.Sarma's audio visual presentation of all aspects of burn in simple language for convenience of the audience. There was interaction after his presentation which was moderated by Dr. Mazumder & Dr. Sarma.

The event ended with formal vote of thanks offered by the organizers.  $\blacksquare$ 



A view of CME at Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok : "Spyglass" Cholangioscopy Workshop and CME Organised by : Swagat Super Speciality Surgical Institute

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enrolling 15 members in 2015 and 3 more in January, 2016. Credit for rest of the new members goes to Dr. Kanakeswar Bhuyan & Dr. P.Bharali . As dual membership (member of ASA & member of ASI) has been ruled out by ASI, ASA membership is not considered/ counted by ASI, ever since ASA was recognized as Assam State Chapter of ASI. So only ASI membership is the eligible membership of ASA now. My earnest appeal to all ASA (non ASI) members to upgrade themselves to ASI membership. Similarly our existing Associate members are also requested to upgrade themselves to life members by providing their MS pass certificate. The current membership fee is still Rs. 7700.00 (Including entrance & ID card fee) net, which in all probability will be increased to Rs. 10,000.00 or more in the next GC meeting. Therefore, I request our members to cash on the current fee structure at the earliest.

Come, let us make our association stronger and more vibrant!

**Office for ASA:** All members are of the same opinion that we should have an office of our own for keeping files & documents with computer and internet facilities manned by a part time office staff ensuring a permanent address. This is being discussed repeatedly in every Annual GB meeting but without any solution so far. In the lastAGBM at Jorhat the matter was taken up with due earnest and Chairman, Incoming Chairman & some senior members were entrusted to work out a solution. Accordingly ground work has been started and it is hoped that within 2016 we should have permanent address.

**Directory :** Directory of ASA is in the process of updating & correction and now at the final stage. Despite our repeated appeal, members never send us any change of address or contact numbers! However, we are putting our best efforts to publish an updated version, to be released in the forthcoming Mid Term CME at Barpeta.

**Congratulations:** In the last ASACON 2015 held at Jorhat, Dr. Manoj Kumar Choudhury was elected as new Chairman for the term 2016. My hearty congratulation and I assure him all help and support from my end to make his tenure a successful one.

**A word of thanks & gratitude:** As all good things have to come to an end so also my tenure as your Chairman! After my tenure as President of Rotary Club of Gauhati South during 2013-14 which was a wonderful year in my life, this 2015 as the Chairman comes next. I fully enjoyed my term working with you all and implementing so many academic events and other programmes, some even beyond VISION 2015.

My sincere thanks & gratitude to you all, but unless I make special mention of Dr. G.C.Jain, Dr.Manoj Kr Choudhury, Dr. P.Bharali, Dr.K.Bhuyan, Dr.Dipak Kr Sarma, Dr. U.R.Das, Dr. B.P.Sarma, Dr.J.N.Buragohain, Dr. R.C.Brahma, Dr.C.Islam, Dr.S.Phukan, Dr.A.C.Baro & Dr. Manabjyoti Gohain for their active support, I shall be failing in my duty.

Long live ASI ! Long live ASA !



(Rabindra Nath Mazumder) Chairman, Association of Surgeons of Assam

#### New branch at Barpeta

A meeting of members of the chapter and faculty members of the FAA Medical College was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Mazumder on 11.12.15 at the college and issue of formation of a new branch was discussed. The Chairman apprised the gathering that after the chapter came into being in 1990 and seven branches at the same time, till date even after celebrating silver jubilee annual conference last year, no attempt was made to expand by forming more branches, although number of our members in particular and surgeons in the state of Assam in general has increased many fold. After all present in the meeting agreed to the proposal of the chairman that it was high time to form a new branch in view of establishment of this new medical college, Chairman asked the members to propose name of the branch and it was decided to name it as " Barpeta City Branch". Then a committee was formed with Prof. & HOD, Surgery & Vice Principal Dr. Dilip Kr. Dutta as the Chairman, Dr. Ashok Kr Das as Vice Chairman, Dr. Dhirendra Nath Choudhury as Hon. Secretary, Dr. Partha Pratim Baruah as the Treasurer and Dr.

M.Hoque, Dr. S.Sarma, Dr.K.Thakuria, Dr.S.Baruah & Dr.R.Mahato as executive members. Chairman Dr. Mazumder congratulated all the members of the committee led by Dr. Dutta and wished them all success. Past Chairman Dr D.Hazarika & Dr. B.P.Sarma also addressed briefly to congratulate & appreciate enthusiasm of members of the nascent branch. Meeting adjourned after vote of thanks offered by Dr.D.N.Choudhury. Besides above members, Past president Dr.H.K.Borah, Vice Chairman Dr. D.K.sarma, Executive member Dr.K.Bhuyan , senior members Dr.(Mrs) S.R. devi, Dr. M. Saha from Guwahati & senior members from Bongaigaon Branch Dr. F.Ahmed & Dr. M.N.DSaikia also graced the meeting with their presence.



30.12.2015

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Month ovserved by Assam State Chapter

Month of October is designated by WHO as the International Breast Cancer awareness month with the aim to increase awareness among the public regarding all aspects namely detection, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of the dreaded disease. That its early detection & diagnosis can cure the disease is not known to many people, even the literate ones of our society.

Our Chapter has implemented altogether 5 programmes in the month of October in this respect.

- (A) On 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, a public awareness program was arranged at Bali H E School near Nalbari where Dr. Ganesh Das, a senior Onco surgeon and member of our chapter, delivered a lecture on early detection of breast cancer, Breast self Examination, treatment facility available in our state and related issues. There was good gathering of women in the awareness meeting where after his deliberation, he answered various queries regarding the dreaded disease to dispel their doubts and apprehension. Interaction was very lively and fruitful.
- (B) Association of Surgeons of Assam (ASA), the State Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) and Association of Oncologists of North East India (AONEI) jointly organized a CME program on Breast Cancer and Recent advances at Hotel Lily in the city on 18.10.15 and it was hosted by Guwahati city branch of ASA.

After inauguration by Dr R N Mazumder, Chairman of ASA in a brief inauguration ceremony the CME conducted by a galaxy of renowned specialists in the field coming from various parts of the country took off at 5.30 pm. Dr C.K.Naidu from Haiderabad, Dr. Bankim from Guwahati, Dr. Kunjahari Medhi from Delhi, Dr. Ajit Lukram from Imphal, Vikas Jagtap & Dr C.Bhuyan both from BBCI as resource persons, discussed the topic covering various aspect of detection & diagnosis, treatment with recent advances, prognosis and early detection by the patient herself. This was followed by a panel discussion on the topic moderated by Dr Naidu and panelled by Dr. U R Das, Dr. G.Das, Dr Jumi Borgohain, Dr J N Buragohain & Dr Palash Das. Both the sessions were followed by lively interaction. Dr. K.Ahmed, President of AONEI & Dr. K.Bhuyan, president of Guwahati City branch were also present among others.

(C) A press meet and public awareness programme was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> October at Guwahati Press Club where besides journalists of almost all the local dailies of the city, TV channels were invited. Dr.R.N.Mazumder, Chairman of the state chapter initiated the discussion on the topic followed by brief deliberation on the disease by Dr. U.R.Das, Dr. Ganesh Das and Dr. J.N.Buragohain- all Onco Surgeons and members of the chapter. From the audience Rtn. Minoti Barthakur, a cancer survivor and social activist in the field of cancer awareness and prevention with experience of holding similar awareness event at many places in the country and outside like Sri Lanka, Maldives & Bangladesh also addressed the press and narrated her experience.

This was followed by a question answer session where the journalists` various queries regarding the disease were replied by our members and they were requested to pass the message to general public through their media coverage and words of mouth too, taking every opportunity. Few pictorial coloured leaflets on the disease were also distributed among them. The press meet was well covered almost all local dailies next day and TV coverage in the same evening.

- (D) A talk show on the same topic was telecast on the next day by a local TV channel. Participants in the show were Dr. J.N.Buragohain and Dr. Ganesh Das.
- (E) The last event was the "RUN FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS", a walkathon organized in the early morning of 30.10.15, on the opening day of 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the state Chapter, ASACON 2015. It was long rally with flags, banners and placards where besides the delegates to the conference, students, nursing staff and teachers also participated.





#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS: MID TERM CME of ASA to be held in mid May at F.A.A. Medical College, Barpeta to be hosted by Barpeta City Branch

#### THEY HAVE JOINED US As ASI members

- 1. Dr. Souryabrata Choudhury
- 2. Dr. Eden Sinha
- 3. Dr. Alok Nath
- 7. Dr. Nishad Kr Deka
- 9. Dr. Thoiba Moirangthem
- 11. Dr. Soumen Kanjilal
- 13. Dr. Din Dayal
- 15. Dr. Naresh Pawer

- 4. Dr. A.R.Shaan
- 5. Dr. Raushan Kumar
- 6. Dr. Nitesh Kumar
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#### **CME & Hernia Workshop on Hernia**

A CME cum Workshop on Hernia was held on 17.10.15 at GNRC Hospital Auditorium organized by GNRC Hospitals in association with Assam State Chapter of ASI. Workshop took off at 9 AM with Dr. Sarfaraz Baig from Kolkota, Dr. Manoj Kr Choudhury from Guwahati as faculty members conducting the procedures for Recurrent Ventral & Inguinal hernia and 2<sup>nd</sup> session demonstrating latest technique of Umbilical Hernia Repair by Dr. M.Saha. After inauguration

of the programme in the afternoon by Dr. N.C.Borah, CMD, GNRC Hospitals, followed CME where Dr. R.N.Mazumder, Chairman, Assam State Chapter initiated CME with his presentation on "Hernia in Rural Practice". Other speakers were Dr.S.Baig, Dr. Manoj Saha & Dr. S.A.Majid. Dr. Majid, Dr. Choudhury & Dr. Saha are senior members of our association. There was lively interaction following the presentations.

#### CME on Burns at F A A Medical College, Barpeta

A CME was organized at Fakharuddin Ali Ahmed Medical College, Barpeta on 11.12.15. The program was preceded by screening of a documentary film " Snehasparsha", on effects of burn injury, its prevention& treatment, produced by our two senior member couple Dr.N.N.Das & Dr. (Mrs) Seema Rekha Devi. After formal inauguration by Dr.R N Mazumder, Chairman of Assam Chapter, Dr. Seema Rekha Devi, a senior member of the association & Prof. &n HOD, Plastic Surgery, Gauhati Medical College took the podium and deliberated on Electric burn with well documented pp presentation. She was followed by Dr.B.P.Sarma, Past Chairman & Convener of Burn Care Foundation,



#### PLEASE NOTE:

- A. Branch activities (with images), any achievement or accolades earned by members to be mailed (by Secretaries) to the Hon. Secretary with copy to the Chairman/President for publication in the News Letter.
- B. Any significant/ unusual case report, brief epidemiological study done by members preferably at peripheral hospital not meeting criteria for publication in JASA to be mailed to the Chairman for publication in the News Letter.
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- D. Please send your views regarding this issue and your expectations from ASA to "Readers write' column.
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interaction with the audience. Among the audience were Past Presidents Dr. D.Hazarika & Dr. H.K.Borah, several executive members of the chapter besides members from Bongaigaon branch, Vice Principal & HOD, Surgery Dr.D.K.Dutta, other faculty members, students and nursing staff of the hospital. This was first of its kind of CME on Burn in this hospital.



#### Branch Activities :

#### **Dibrugarh Branch:**

12/12/2015 : The CME was attended by sixty members of Dibrugarh Chapter of ASA from Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.

Dr. A. Sandilya, MS, Mch (Urology), Consultant Urologist, Urovision Hospital, Dibrugarh presented a talk on "Current Trends in the Management of Urolithiasis", Dr. S. J. Nath, MS, Mch (Urology), Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh spoke elaborately on "Benign Enlargement of Prostate". Besides these, four other paper presentations as below:

"Intra-testicular Rhabdomyosarcoma : A Case Report" byh Dr. D. Nain, PGT, Dept of Surgery, AMCH, "Urachal Cyst : A Case Report by Dr. M. S. Sharma, PGT, Dept. of Surgery, AMCH. "Pheochromocytoma : A Case Report" by Dr. M. A. Rahman, PGT, Dept. of Surgery, AMCH & "Uncommon Foreign Body in Urinary Bladder : A Case Report" by Dr. J. Deori, Consultant Surgeon, Urovision Hospital, Dibrugarh.

#### FROM DESK OF HON. SECRETARY:

#### 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015, Jorhat

Respected esteemed members of Association of Surgeons of Assam (Assam State Chapter of ASI). New year and Bhogali Bihu Greetings to you all.

At first I would like to thank all members and all branches of the Association for their active participation during the year 2015. A large numbers of scientific activities, Social works, public awareness programs, and training sessions were organized in this year. ASACON 2015 at

Jorhat and Mid Term CME in Hojai were organized successfully. Without support of you all it would not be possible for us to make the year 2015 a memorable one with all these activities.

I am glad to inform you that, this year a large number of delegates from our chapter had attended Platinum Jubilee ASICON 2015, held at Gurgaon. Dr. K Bhuyan and Dr. R C. Brahma presented free papers inn Faculty Paper session during the academic bonanza. Best competition paper and best quiz team from our chapter has represented in this National event. The Chapter and section meeting and G B Meeting were well represented by our chapter.

Dr. Jintendra Nath Gohain, Past President of our Chapter from Nagaon was conferred with "Life time achievement award" for the year 2014 during ASACON 2015 at Jorhat.

We lost our beloved past President of our chapter retired Professor Dr. S.B. Dutta Choudhury, and senior members Dr. Bidyut Kr. Goswami and Dr. Kamal Khaund during the year 2015 creating a vacuum in the association.

Before I conclude, let me offer my sincere thanks to you all for selecting me as Hon Secretary of the Association. We seek your co operation, guidance and suggestions to serve our dear Organisation better for the year 2016.

Thanking you all

#### Dr. Pulakananda Bharali

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#### ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES:

#### **ASICON 2015**

Dr. Kanakeswar Bhuyan presented a paper titled "No scalpel vasectomy (NSV)in simple & effective way: Our experience" & Dr. R.C.Brahma presented a paper titled "A critical analysis of various factors responsible for road traffic accidents in India" in Faculty papers session.

Dr.N.Topno presented a paper on "Damage control surgery".

Dr. Jishan Ahmed co chaired a P G Master class session as an examiner.

Dr.R.N.Mazumder, Dr. S.Bora and Dr. P.Bharali were also assigned to act as chairman in three different sessions.





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