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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It gives me immense pleasure to share the 8th Issue of the Biannual Newsletter of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales Institute of Engineering and Technology (POWIET), Jorhat, covering the period January 2026 to June 2026.

As our historic institution moves towards its Centenary in 2027, we take pride in our rich legacy and the achievements of our students, faculty and staff. I sincerely congratulate all our achievers and contributors and appreciate their dedication and commitment.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the editorial team for their sincere efforts in compiling and presenting this issue, which provides a glimpse of the academic, co-curricular and institutional activities of POWIET.

Let us continue to uphold our proud heritage while embracing innovation, technology and excellence, and work together towards a bright and progressive future.

With best wishes,

Dr. Gautam Dutta

Principal

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

It is a matter of immense pride and pleasure to present this edition of the **POWIET Newsletter**, which reflects the vibrant academic, cultural, and institutional life of **HRH The Prince of Wales Institute of Engineering and Technology (POWIET)**. As we move closer to the historic milestone of our centenary, this publication stands as a testament to the collective efforts, achievements, and aspirations of the entire POWIET family.

Throughout the year, the institute witnessed numerous activities that fostered academic excellence, leadership, innovation, cultural enrichment, and social responsibility. Every event, celebration, and institutional initiative featured in this newsletter represents the enthusiasm and dedication of our students, faculty members, and staff, who continue to uphold the values and traditions of this prestigious institution.

This newsletter is more than a compilation of events; it is a reflection of our shared journey, our commitment to continuous growth, and our vision for the future. It captures memorable moments that strengthen our sense of belonging while inspiring us to pursue excellence in every sphere of academic and professional life.

As we prepare for the forthcoming centenary celebrations, let us cherish the rich legacy of POWIET and renew our commitment to building an institution that continues to nurture knowledge, innovation, integrity, and service to society.

We express our sincere gratitude to our Principal In-Charge, **Dr. Gautam Dutta**, for his constant guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support in bringing out this publication. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the contributors, faculty members, staff, students, and members of the Editorial Committee whose dedication and teamwork have made this newsletter possible.

We hope this edition serves not only as a record of our achievements but also as a source of inspiration for every member of the POWIET family. May it strengthen our bond with the institution and motivate us all to strive for greater heights in the years ahead.

Happy Reading!

Editors

Felicitation of Retired Faculty Members and Office Staff

On 19 November 2025, a felicitation ceremony was organized in the college auditorium to honour the retired faculty members and office staff of POWIET. The programme was presided over by the Principal In-Charge, Dr. Gautam Dutta, and was hosted by Niti Pratim Dutta.

During the ceremony, the retired faculty members and staff shared their cherished memories of their time at POWIET. They fondly recalled the golden days spent on the college campus and reflected on the strong bonds they had built with students, colleagues, and staff members throughout their years of service. Their heartfelt reminiscences highlighted the enriching experiences that made their professional journey truly memorable.

The speakers also offered valuable advice and words of encouragement to the existing faculty members. They assured everyone that, despite their retirement, they would continue to remain connected with the institution and extend their support and guidance whenever required for the future growth and development of POWIET.

As a token of gratitude for their dedicated and selfless service, each retiree was felicitated with a Certificate of Appreciation, a traditional *Fulam Gamusa*, and a *Xorai*. In his address, Principal In-Charge Dr. Gautam Dutta fondly recalled his association with the retired faculty members and office staff and expressed his sincere appreciation for their invaluable contributions to the institution. He wished them good health, happiness, longevity, and a fulfilling retired life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Niti Pratim Dutta.

Oath and Charges Handover Ceremony of Newly Elected POWIET Student Union

The OATH taking and CHARGE HANDOVER ceremony of POWIET STUDENT UNION was held on 20th Nov, 2025.The newly elected representatives came forward and took the oath with great enthusiasm and sense of responsibility. This was followed by charges handover, symbolizing smooth transfer of responsibilities and beginning of a new chapter in student leadership.

Some Faculty members, students and staff attended the occasion and extended their best wishes to the new union members. The event concluded on a positive note, inspiring the newly elected team to work collectively for the welfare and development of the institution and its students.

Institute Week 2026: A Week of Enthusiasm, Talent, and Team Spirit

Institute Week 2026 was celebrated with great enthusiasm from **9 to 14 February 2026**, providing students with a vibrant platform to showcase their talents in sports, literary, cultural, and recreational activities.The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of the Institute Flag by the Principal, followed by the Student Union Flag hoisting, **Smriti Tarpan**, and the formal inauguration by **Dr. Ruli Baruah**, Retired Lecturer in Physics. An impressive march past by students from various departments set the tone for the week, followed by a teachers' and students' volleyball match.

The week featured a wide range of sporting and literary events, including cricket, football, boys' and girls' kabaddi, volleyball, badminton, athletics, relay races, javelin throw, shot put, carrom, and literature competitions. The cultural programs added colour to the celebrations through singing, instrumental music, dance, drama, rangoli, gymnasium events, literature competitions, and martial arts demonstrations, highlighting the creativity and talent of the students.

The celebrations concluded with a colorful cultural rally, E-sports competitions, a prize distribution ceremony, and a vibrant cultural evening. Institute Week 2026 successfully promoted sportsmanship, creativity, teamwork, and unity, leaving participants with unforgettable memories and reinforcing the institute's commitment to the holistic development of its students.

Farewell for the 6th Sem Students

The Farewell Programme for the 6th Semester students was organized on 16 May 2026 with great enthusiasm and warmth. The event served as a memorable occasion to bid farewell to the outgoing students and celebrate their journey at the institution.

The programme commenced with the inauguration by the Principal, who addressed the gathering with an inspiring speech, encouraging the graduating students to pursue their future endeavors with confidence and determination. This was followed by messages and words of appreciation from the faculty members, who extended their best wishes and expressed gratitude to the students for their contributions to the department.

The students of the 6th semester shared their experiences and heartfelt memories through farewell speeches, expressing their gratitude towards the teachers and their juniors. The cultural segment of the programme featured melodious song performances by students of both the 4th and 6th semesters, followed by vibrant dance performances that added joy and excitement to the celebration.

The programme concluded with a lunch, where students and faculty members gathered together, sharing memories and wishing the outgoing batch success and happiness in their future endeavors.

The farewell programme was a memorable and successful event, leaving everyone with cherished memories and best wishes for the graduating students

Inauguration of POWIETAN

The inauguration ceremony of the institute's newsletter, POWIETAN, was held with great enthusiasm on 10 May 2026 in the Conference Hall of HRH The Prince of Wales Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jorhat. The programme witnessed the gracious presence of the Principal, faculty members, staff and members of the editorial committee.

The ceremony commenced with the welcome address by the Secretary, who warmly welcomed the dignitaries and participants. This was followed by the inauguration request, formally inviting the Principal to inaugurate the latest edition of the institute's newsletter, *POWIETAN*.

Following the inauguration, Shri Pegu Sir, Secretary of the Magazine Committee, addressed the gathering. In his speech, he highlighted the significance of *POWIETAN* as a platform that documents the academic, literary, cultural, and co-curricular achievements of the institute. He appreciated the sincere efforts of the editorial team and encouraged everyone to contribute actively to future editions.

The Principal then delivered an inspiring message on the importance of *POWIETAN*. He emphasized that the newsletter serves as a mirror of the institute's activities and achievements while nurturing creativity, communication skills, and a sense of belonging among students. He congratulated the editorial committee for successfully bringing out the publication and motivated everyone to continue striving for excellence in academics as well as extracurricular pursuits.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Principal, faculty members, students, and everyone associated with the publication of the newsletter. The inauguration ceremony marked another significant milestone in preserving and celebrating the vibrant academic and cultural life of the institute through *POWIETAN*.

POWIET Celebrates 150 Years of *Vande Mataram*

The POWIET fraternity commemorated the 150th anniversary of *Vande Mataram* on 7 November 2025 with immense pride and patriotic fervour. In accordance with the appeal made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, faculty members, administrative staff, and students assembled in front of the Administration Building of POWIET to celebrate the enduring legacy of the national song composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

On this occasion, Principal i/c Dr. Gautam Dutta addressed the gathering and elaborated on the historical background of *Vande Mataram*. He emphasized its significance during the Indian Independence Movement and explained how the song inspired generations of freedom fighters while fostering a spirit of unity and nationalism among them. The celebration concluded with the collective rendition of *Vande Mataram*, creating an atmosphere of patriotism harmony, and national pride.

Saraswati Puja Celebration at POWIET

Saraswati Puja was celebrated on 23rd January 2026 with great devotion and enthusiasm. The day began with the offering of prayers to Goddess Saraswati, followed by the distribution of *bhog* in the afternoon. Students, faculty members, and staff came together to participate in the celebration, dressed in vibrant traditional attire. The festive atmosphere reflected everyone's eagerness to seek the blessings of Maa Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, wisdom, and learning, making the occasion both joyful and spiritually enriching.

Republic Day 2026: A Celebration of Unity and Patriotism

Institute celebrated the **77th Republic Day of India** on **26 January 2026** with immense pride, enthusiasm, and patriotic fervour. The occasion brought together students, faculty, and staff to honour the values enshrined in the Constitution and to celebrate the rich democratic heritage of our nation.

The celebrations began with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Principal, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of pride and respect as everyone gathered to pay tribute to the visionaries who framed the Constitution and the countless freedom fighters whose sacrifices paved the way for an independent India. Addressing the gathering, the principal encouraged students to uphold the ideals of honesty, discipline, and compassion while striving for excellence in every sphere of life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, bringing the celebration to a meaningful close. The event left everyone with a renewed sense of patriotism and a deeper appreciation for the ideals of the Constitution. It served as a reminder that the future of the nation depends on responsible, informed, and dedicated citizens who work together for the progress of society.

Basanta Utsav Celebration

The Basanta Utsav was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 6 May 2026 in the college premises, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Assam. The programme witnessed active participation from students and faculty members, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

The event commenced with an inaugural address by the Principal, who spoke about the significance of Basanta Utsav and encouraged students to preserve and promote the state's cultural traditions.

The cultural programme featured melodious song performances and energetic Bihu dance performances by the students, captivating the audience with their talent and enthusiasm. Students also displayed their musical skills by playing traditional Assamese instruments such as the Gogona and Xutuli, adding authenticity and charm to the celebration.

The programme concluded with a spectacular Bihu performance, accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the Dhol, the melodious tunes of the Mohor Xingor Pepa, and vibrant Bihu geet, leaving the audience mesmerized and celebrating the true spirit of the festival.

The celebration was a grand success, fostering cultural pride, unity, and appreciation for Assam's rich traditions among all present.

World Environment Day Celebration

Institute celebrated **World Environment Day** on **5th June 2026** with great enthusiasm, raising awareness of environmental conservation and encouraging sustainable practices among students and staff. The program highlighted the importance of protecting nature and inspired everyone to contribute to a cleaner, greener future.

The celebration began with an address by the Principal, who emphasized the need to conserve natural resources and adopt environmentally responsible habits. A variety of activities, including a tree-planting drive, a campus cleanliness campaign, and interactive talks, were organized to promote ecological consciousness. The programme concluded with a pledge to safeguard the environment and promote sustainable living. The celebration served as a meaningful reminder that every individual has a vital role to play in preserving the planet for future generations.

International Yoga Day Celebration

Institute celebrated 12th **International Yoga Day** on **21st June 2026** with great enthusiasm, promoting the importance of yoga in achieving physical fitness, mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle. The programme witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, and staff, reflecting the growing awareness of the benefits of yoga in everyday life.

The celebration commenced with an inaugural address by the Principal, who highlighted the significance of incorporating yoga into daily routines to maintain good health and reduce stress. A guided yoga session was conducted by experienced instructors, during which participants practised various yoga asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques. The session emphasized the importance of discipline, mindfulness, and holistic wellness.

Jorhat Teachers' Association Meeting at POWIET

On 17 October 2025, a meeting was held in the Conference Hall of POWIET between the members of the Jorhat Teachers' Association and the faculty fraternity of the institute. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss and finalize the arrangements for the forthcoming 38th Jorhat Teachers' Meet.

The programme commenced with a tribute to the renowned Assamese singer, Zubeen Garg, in recognition of his contributions to Assamese culture and music. Thereafter, the members of the Jorhat Teachers' Association and the POWIET fraternity deliberated on the various organizational aspects of the event. It was mutually agreed that the 38th Jorhat Teachers' Meet would be hosted on the POWIET campus. The proposal was unanimously accepted by the faculty members and office staff of POWIET, who expressed their wholehearted support for successfully organizing the event.

The Principal In-Charge, Dr. Gautam Dutta, assigned responsibilities to the faculty members by distributing the duty list for the smooth conduct of the programme. The meeting also included detailed discussions on the various friendly competitions and activities to be organized for the participating teachers. The rules and regulations governing these events were finalized by the members of the organizing committee.

The meeting was conducted by the Secretary of the Jorhat Teachers' Association and concluded with a vote of thanks.

38th Jorhat District Teachers' Meet Celebration at POWIET

Every year, Teacher's Meet is celebrated in Jorhat, Assam. This year, POWIET had the privilege of hosting this colourful event. It was celebrated on 24th and 25th January,2026 but the preparation for these two days event started months ago.

Multiple meetings with Central Committee of Jorhat Teacher's Association, faculty and other staff of the institute were held to make this event a successful one. The entire POWIET family worked tirelessly, not only fulfilling their assigned responsibilities but also actively participating in various activities and programmes throughout the celebration.

Adding to the pride and joy of the occasion, POWIET secured the First Prize in the March Past Competition. The successful hosting of the Teacher's Meet and this remarkable achievement made the event a memorable milestone for the institution.

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Inauguration of TATA Centre of Excellence

The Inauguration of the TATA Centre of Excellencewas held on 26 February 2026 at the HRH The POWIET, Jorhat with great enthusiasm and participation from students and faculty members.

The programme commenced with an inaugural address by the Principal, who welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significance of the Tata Centre in enhancing students' skills and career opportunities. Students enrolled in the Tata courses from the Institute were present at the ceremony along with the faculty members. All other students of other Polytechnics across Assam joined virtually for the inaugural ceremony.

The inauguration was conducted virtually across all polytechnic institutes of Assam. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, formally inaugurated the Tata Centres through an online programme by ceremonially cutting the ribbon, while all participating institutes were present virtually.

Following the virtual inauguration, the gathering proceeded to the forefront of the Tata Centre. The Principal ceremonially inaugurated the centre by breaking a coconut, marking the formal opening of the facility at the institute.

The programme concluded with a lunch for the students, faculty members, and guests. The inauguration was successfully conducted and marked the beginning of a new initiative aimed at providing industry-oriented training and skill development opportunities to the students.

Honourable MP Kamakhya Prasad Tasa Visits POWIET

On 12 June 2026, Honourable Member of Parliament Kamakhya Prasad Tasa visited POWIET and interacted with the faculty members and Heads of Departments of the institute.

During the meeting, Shri Tasa held detailed discussions with the Heads of the various academic departments regarding the career opportunities offered by each branch of study. He also explored different avenues for enhancing the employability of students and emphasized the need to equip them with the skills required to meet the demands of the evolving job market.

He encouraged the Principals of different polytechnic institutes to maintain regular communication with him so that the Government could be informed about the challenges, shortcomings, and areas requiring greater attention. Such interactions, he remarked, would help in identifying the necessary measures for the overall development of technical education institutions.

In an informal interaction with the faculty members, Shri Tasa enquired about the issues and challenges currently faced by the institute and listened to their views and suggestions. Assuring everyone of his continued support and cooperation, he expressed his willingness to remain in close contact with the institution for its future development.

The visit concluded on a cordial note with a shared commitment towards strengthening technical education and improving opportunities for students.

Centenary celebration preparation meeting

On June 26, 2026, a special centenarypreparation meeting was held at HRH The POWIET to start a whole year of celebrations. The room was buzzing with energy as everyone came together to plan out the exciting months ahead. Most of the discussion centered on mapping out a fun, meaningful calendar of events. It wasn't just about looking back at past achievements, though; there was a real focus on how to use this milestone to build a bright future. By the time the meeting wrapped up, everyone left with a clear plan and plenty of excitement for the incredible year ahead.