

Social work by KU students at Sadiya

JORHAT, MAR 2: With a motive to acquaint the students of Master of Social Work (MSW) with the socio-economic problems of the villagers of Sadiya which are far away from the main stream life, the School of Social Sciences, Kaziranga University organized a Rural Camp at Sadiya from February 14 to 19 this year, stated a press release.

The camp was organized as a part of MSW course curriculum in collaboration with North East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS), a Jorhat based NGO, working for the upliftment of rural people in the state of Assam.

The camp was organised under the supervision and guidance of Anil K Bhatia, Associate Dean and Madhu

Monjuri Gohain, Faculty, School of Social Sciences, Kaziranga University.

During the rural camp-orientation programme, Jolly Saikia, Associate Project Director, NEADS, gave a brief overview of the various intervention programs undertaken by the organization in past 10 years.

She addressed the students and deliberated upon the various activities conducted by NEADS during these years. The students visited the Milanpur Patiya village to gather information related to various issues and problems of the villagers using Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tool methods to understand the needs of the community. Students took the initiative to conduct an is-

sue based discussion about the village related problems with the help of feedback provided by the villagers. The major highlights of the discussion were inadequacy of infrastructure and social issues vis-a-vis superstitious beliefs and practices which stand as a stumbling block to the villagers in their way of development.

During the course of 6 days, the MSW students actively participated in various participatory workshops to raise awareness among the villagers of Sadiya. The actively conducted various household surveys in various villages in Sadiya for acquiring first-hand account of socio-economic condition in the villages, the release added.