

Cotton College hostel to celebrate 116th year



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The oldest college hostel in the State, [Krishna](#) Kanta Handique PG Hostel (1st Mess) of Cotton University (formerly Cotton College) is rejuvenating the legacy of its 116 year old heritage this autumn. The alumni of this hostel have formed an association named as “Cotton College 1st Mess Alumni Association” which has been registered as a society after a series of meetings held at the hostel premises.

Established in the year 1901, this hostel is an embodiment of generations during the glorious journey of the historic Cotton College. Initiatilly known as the 'Hindu Hostel', this hostel later became well known as the 'Hindu First Mess' or First Block' or simply the 'First Mess'. [Prof.](#) Indu Bhusan Brahmachary was its first Superintendent. It is noteworthy that stalwarts like [Prof.](#) (Dr.) Surya Kumar Bhuyan were its superintendent.

Since 1983, this hostel has been reserved for the Post Graduate boy students. In the year 1986, this historic hostel was renamed as '[Krishna](#) Kanta Handique PG Boys' Hostel' after the world famous Sanskrit scholar and indologist, and the first Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University, who was also a boarder of this hostel during 1913-14.

An alumni meet is being planned [soon](#), which will include activities like exhibition, documentary, get-together, quiz, seminar, brainstorming session and publication of a souvenir. Cultural fraternity of the [state](#) will also grace the event night.

This Assam-type hostel is now declared and being conserved as a 'heritage building'. The alumni initiative is therefore a timely and foresighted effort channelising the alumni strength for greater public cause.

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