

## Don Bosco University holds first two doctoral defences



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The Assam Don Bosco University ([ADBU](#)) arrived at a major landmark when two research scholars of its first batch of 20 doctoral students registered in 2012 appeared for the first ever Viva Voce examination, 23 & 24 April. While Mr Niranjana Agarwalla of the [ADBU](#) School of Management defended his thesis on “Customer Satisfaction in the Telecom Sector in India - A Study on Assam and North East Circle,” on Thursday 23 April, Divine Word Society Father Jose K Jacob of the School of [Northeast India](#) Studies defended “An Anthropological Study of Religion Among the Rangdani Rabha of Assam,” on Friday 24 April.

Professor P.K. Haldar of the Dept of Commerce, [Tripura](#) University and [Prof](#) J.P. Sharma, Head of dept of Economics, Adm & Finan Management, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur were the examiners. [Prof](#) P.K. Haldar chaired the panel of six examiners at the Viva Voce examination of Mr Agarwalla.

The examiners for second doctoral defence included HoD Department of Sociology, Tezpur University Dr Kedilezo Kokhi as the examiner and professor of anthropology Visva Bharati University, Shantiniketan [Prof](#) Onkar Prasad. The supervisor was Dr Gautam Kumar Bera of Anthropological Survey of India, North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong.

Seven PHD candidates are expected to be awarded doctoral degrees in the [convocation](#) scheduled for September 2015.

Some 100 scholars including fifth batch of PHD students doing week-long course work, university officials and faculty members attended both events held at university's Azara campus.

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