

## **SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter Successfully Hosted SPE Regional Student Paper Contest, 2024, South Asia**

The SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter hosted the prestigious 2024 South Asia Regional Student Paper Contest for the first time at Dibrugarh University. Dibrugarh University has been awarded this opportunity for the first time by the Society of Petroleum Engineers, International. The event served as a platform for showcasing the depth and breadth of talent within the region, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas as brilliant minds addressed critical challenges and opportunities facing South Asia. **Professor Surajit Borkotokey, Dean, of Student Affairs** inaugurated the event on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. A distinguished panel judged the competition, comprised of industry experts: **Vinod Madem, Reservoir Engineer, Sun Petrochemicals Pvt Ltd; Nitin Lahkar, Superintending Reservoir Engineer, OIL; Dhruva Talukdar, Chief Reservoir Engineer, OIL; Dr. Dhurbajyoti Neog, Assistant Professor and Faculty Advisor, Dibrugarh University; Dr. Subrata Borgohain Gogoi, Dean, Faculty of Earth Sciences & Energy, Dibrugarh University; and Dr. Manish Kumar, Sub Surface Manager, Eastern Asset, OIL, Srinivas Valdanni, Commercial Manager, Schlumberger.** It is one of the 14 Regional Student Paper Contests conducted by SPE International which includes participation from India, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The contest comprised of two divisions namely, BSc division and PhD division with a total of 10 short listed participants from Dibrugarh University, Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology and Pandit Deendayal Energy University. The students competed against each other in the South Asia region for the opportunity to advance to the International Student Paper Contest to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The domain of the contest included Well Logging, Reservoir Engineering, Machine Learning, Enhanced Oil Recovery, Production Engineering, and many more. The event was coordinated by **Jackie Hoffmann**, Senior Regional Activities Manager, EH Team Lead, and **Jolie Tadros**, Regional Activities Specialist from SPE International while **Dr. Dhurbajyoti Neog** coordinated the event as the Faculty Advisor of SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter, Assam, India along with student members of the University. **Sudipta Dhabal from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad** emerged as the winner of the contest in the B.Sc Category while **Saurav Bhattacharjee from Dibrugarh University** won the contest in PhD level.

The dedicated efforts of the SPE Dibrugarh University Student Chapter organizers, who tirelessly planned and executed the event, ensured the contest's resounding success. Jackie Hoffmann, Regional Activities Manager for Middle East and North Africa & South Asia and the Pacific, provided invaluable support throughout the planning process. Her guidance and expertise proved instrumental in making the competition a truly enriching experience for all participants.

## INSIGHTS









