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International Women's Day (IWD) 2025 Celebration

Theme: "ACCELERATE ACTION"

Date: March 8, 2025 (Saturday)

Location: Kokrajhar Govt. College, Kokrajhar and Bhalukjhora Village, Kokrajhar

Total participants: 300

Introduction

The International Women's Day 2025 celebration at Kokrajhar Govt. College, Kokrajhar, and Bhalukjhora Village, Kokrajhar, was an impactful event focusing on the theme "ACCELERATE ACTION" The day included a series of programs and activities aimed at honouring women's contributions, raising awareness on crucial social issues, and empowering communities to take positive action for gender equality and women's welfare.

Morning Session at Kokrajhar Govt. College (KGC): (Time: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM)

The event began with the flag-hoisting ceremony at Kokrajhar Govt. College. Mrs. Alpana Devi, Associate Professor of the Department of Education, hoisted the flag. The ceremony marked the commencement of the celebration with enthusiasm and reverence for the significance of International Women's Day. Mrs. Devi also put forward a few words on the celebration and importance of the International Women's Day celebration. Following the flag hoisting, Dr. Dimacha D. Mwchahary, Principal of Kokrajhar Govt. College delivered an inspiring speech. He emphasized the importance of empowering women and accelerating action to bring about meaningful change in society. Dr. Mwchahary stressed the need for a collective effort to ensure equal opportunities for women in all spheres of life.

A heartwarming segment of the event included the felicitation of senior lady faculty members namely Mrs. Sulochana Brahma (Associate Prof., Dept. of Education), Dr. Banabina Brahma (Associate Prof., Dept. of History), Mrs. Alpana Devi (Associate Prof., Dept. of Education) and Dr. Mamata Narzary (Associate Prof., Dept. of Political Science) of Kokrajhar Govt. College. The contributions of these women were acknowledged and appreciated by Aronai and Momento for their dedication and commitment to the educational field.

The Office of the Women Cell at Kokrajhar Govt. College was formally inaugurated by the principal Dr. D. D. Mwchahary, marking a significant step towards providing a platform for promoting women's rights, education, and empowerment within the institution.

This office will serve as a hub for various initiatives related to gender equality and women's welfare.

Outreach Program at Bhalukjhora Village: (Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

At 11:00 AM, the celebration continued with an outreach program at Bhalukjhora Village. The program aimed to engage the community, particularly the youth and women, in conversations around women's empowerment and social issues.

A poem recitation competition was organised by the Women Cell, Kokrajhar Govt. College, Kokrajhar. Mr. Loknath Goyary, HoD, Department of Bodo hosted this session. The competition was judged by three Assistant professors of Kokrajhar Govt. College namely Dr. Pungbili Islary, Dr. Jili Basumatary and Mr. Matilal Basumatary. The local school students participated in a poem recitation competition, expressing their thoughts on women's issues and the theme of the day. The event provided a platform for young voices to speak out and advocate for positive change. Following the poem competition, an extempore speech competition was held, where students were invited to speak on topics related to women, social issues, and the need for accelerated action towards gender equality. The competition fostered critical thinking and public speaking skills among the participants.

Following the completion of the student competition, the formal activities began, with Mrs. Bichitra Narzary leading over the welcoming and felicitations of the distinguished attendees, which included local dignitaries, faculty, and resource people. The president chair was accepted by the village headman, Shri Suresh Narzary symbolizing the community's involvement in the celebration and its commitment to supporting women's initiatives.

The meeting's main goals and the significance of community involvement in advancing women's welfare were outlined by **Dr. Nirmali Das**, Convenor of the Women Cell. **Dr. D. D. Mwchahary** then gave the inauguration speech, encouraging the general public to work to build a society that is more equal and inclusive. In his remarks, he emphasized the need of education for women's empowerment and the necessity of group efforts to address societal issues. The program included a vibrant Bodo group dance performance by students from Bhalukjhora village, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region and celebrating the strength and unity of women in the community followed by a special lecture given by **Mrs. Gargi Mushahary** (Program Officer Cum Social Worker, Bodoland Community Counselling Centre). She addressed the topic "**Women and Social Issues**", discussing various challenges

women face in the social sphere, including gender-based violence, discrimination, and limited access to resources. Mrs. Alpana Devi (Associate Professor, Department of Education, Kokrajhar Govt. College) spoke on "Women and Women Psychology", exploring the psychological challenges women encounter and strategies to support their mental and emotional well-being. It is followed by a Bihu dance performance by Nabami Barman, a 6th-semester student of Kokrajhar Govt. College, added a cultural touch to the event, symbolizing the celebration of women's strength and resilience. Dr. Laimwn Brahma (Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Kokrajhar Govt. College) gave a talk on "Child and Child Psychology", shedding light on the developmental stages of children and the importance of nurturing their emotional and psychological growth. Also, Dr. Nijira Brahma (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Kokrajhar Govt. College) addressed the critical issue of "Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene", underlining the role of women in managing household hygiene and the necessity of clean water for well-being of families and communities. The event was further enlivened by a Bodo dance performance by Kokrajhar Govt. College students, showcasing the beauty of local traditions and the vibrant spirit of women's empowerment.

As the part of closing remark Shri Sanjay Narzary, Chairman of TCLCC, 11 No. Bhaokhungri (ST) Constituency, delivered an insightful speech on the role of local governance in promoting women's rights and ensuring social justice. Shri Arun Kumar Mushahary, President of the Primary Sahitya Sabha, gave a speech emphasizing the role of literature and education in changing societal perceptions about women and advocating for gender equality. The Village Headman, Shri Suresh Narzary, offered presidential remarks, reinforcing the community's commitment to accelerating action towards women's empowerment and encouraging continued efforts to make positive change. The program concluded with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Jili Basumatary, expressing gratitude to all the participants, resource persons, and community members for their involvement and contributions to the success of the event.

Conclusion:

The celebration of International Women's Day 2025 was a remarkable event that not only honoured women but also created a platform for dialogue and action on important social issues. With its blend of cultural performances, educational presentations, and community participation, the event truly embodied the theme "ACCELERATE ACTION" and reinforced the message of empowering women and fostering a more inclusive society.

PHOTO RECORDS

Morning Session Activity Photo Records at Kokrajhar Govt. College



Flag hoisting session in Kokrajhar Govt. College



Flag hoisted by Mrs. Alpana Devi



Speech by Dr. D. D. Mwchahary (Principal)



Teachers and students gathering for flag hoisting



Felicitation program to senior lady teachers



Inauguration of Women Cell's Office, KGC



Women cell executive members with senior lady teachers



Group photo inside the new women's cell office

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Outreach Program Activity Photo Records at Bhalukjhora Village





A school student participating in extempore speech competition organised by Women Cell, KGC



School students participating in celebration of IWD 2025



Judges of poem recitation and extempore competition during IWD 2025 celebration



Prize distribution to the winner of the Poem recitation competition in IWD 2025



Prize distribution to the winner of the Poem recitation competition in IWD 2025



Dr. Nirmal Das, Convenor explaining the purpose of the meeting.



Reward distribution to all the students participation in IWD 2025 at Bhalukhjhora Village Filed.



Taking the seats in dais by resource persons during IWD 2025 celebration



Speech by Mrs. Gargi Mushahary (invited resource person) of IWD 2025 celebration



Felicitation to Mrs. Alpana Devi (resource person)



Bodo group dance by Students of Kokrajhar Govt. College



A speech by **Dr. Laimwn Brahma** (resource person) of IWD 2025



A speech by **Dr. Nijira Brahma** (resource person) of IWD 2025



A speech by Mr. Sanjay Narzary (VCDC chairman) as a closing remark

Dr. Nirmali Das

Convenor, Women Cell

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