

1. Report on the International Women's Day Film Screening Event

Date and Time: 8th March 2024

Venue: College Campus

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Aastha, the CKBCC Women's Cell, organized a special film screening event to honor and celebrate the life, strength, and struggles of women. The event commenced with a welcome address by the Coordinator of the Women's Cell, who highlighted the significance of International Women's Day and the role of women in society.

This event brought together faculty members and students to reflect on the contributions and resilience of women through the powerful medium of film. 4 short films were screened. The event took place on the 8th of March, 2024. The screening began promptly at 11:00 AM. Faculty members from various departments joined the celebration. Students and other members of the college community were also present. The chosen films portrayed the various challenges and triumphs experienced by women, offering a powerful narrative that resonated with the audience. Faculty members and students shared their thoughts and reflections on the life of women, leading to a meaningful conversation about gender equality and women's empowerment.



2. International Women's Day Celebration and Financial Literacy Camp

Date and Time: 8th March 2024, 11:00 AM

Venue: Adopted Gaon Panchayat

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Aastha, Women's Cell of CKB Commerce College organized a special event in the adopted Gaon Panchayat '50 No. Dakhin Pub Namoni Charaibahi Gaon Panchayat' to celebrate the achievements and resilience of women and to promote financial literacy among the community. The programme was done in coordination with ACTA, Jorhat Zone. The event took place on the 8th of March, 2024 and the Financial Literacy camp started at 3 pm. There were in total 61 people present in total in the event out of which 45 people were women of the adopted Gaon Panchayat. Faculty members, students, and local residents participated in the event. Ms. Anindita Sandilya, Assistant Coordinator of Aastha, hosted the entire programme. The event commenced with a welcome address by the Vice-Principal of the college Dr. Sarat Bora, who emphasized the importance of International Women's Day and the goal of empowering women through financial literacy. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Manash Pratim Goswami (Assistant Professor, Dept of Banking) and Dr. Ananya Sarmah (Assistant Professor, Dept of Banking). The camp included interactive sessions on basic financial concepts such as budgeting, saving, and investing. Educational materials (notebook, pen) and resources (food) were distributed to make the camp effective. Real-life scenario discussions helped participants understand the application of financial principles.



3. Bohagi Exhibition

Date: 06/04/24

Venue: CKB Commerce College, Jorhat

On April 6, 2024, CKB Commerce College hosted the Bohagi Exhibition as part of the Bohagi Utsav festivities to celebrate Rongali Bihu. The event was inaugurated by the renowned singer Prasenjit Lahon, who ceremonially cut the ribbon, marking the beginning of the vibrant celebrations. This vibrant event saw the participation of 21 students, who showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial skills through a variety of stalls. The exhibition aimed to provide a platform for students to display and sell their handmade items, including food, clothes, crafts, and other creative endeavours. The exhibition featured a colourful array of stalls, each highlighting the students' talents and hard work. Food stalls offered a variety of traditional and contemporary delicacies, demonstrating the students' culinary expertise. Traditional clothes, beautifully handcrafted and reflective of Assam's rich cultural heritage, were displayed and sold. Handmade traditional jewellery with intricate designs highlighted the artistic talents of the participants. Additionally, mehendi stalls provided intricate designs, demonstrating the students' skilful artistry. Faculty members were actively involved in the event, seen motivating the students and purchasing items from their stalls. Their encouragement and support added to the enthusiasm and success of the exhibition. Overall, the event was a resounding success, reflecting the vibrant culture and creativity of the students at CKB Commerce College, Jorhat.



4. PRANAAM: Welfare Program at Sarothi Old Age Home

Date and Time: 9/4/2024, 10:00 AM

Venue: Sarothi Old Age Home, Lichubari

As part of its annual tradition, Aastha, the CKBCC Women's Cell, organized the PRANAAM welfare program at Sarothi Old Age Home in Lichubari, Jorhat, on 9th April 2024 to celebrate Rongali Bihu with the elderly residents. This event aimed to foster a sense of community, provide companionship, and bring joy to the elderly residents of the old age home. Faculty members and students from the college actively participated in this meaningful initiative.

The purpose of the programme was to celebrate Rongali Bihu with the elderly residents and to provide emotional support and companionship to the residents. The college staff departed from the college at 10:00 AM, traveling together to Sarothi Old Age Home. Upon arrival, a warm welcome was offered from the residents of the old age home. The coordinator of Aastha, Dr. Prerana Sarma offered an introduction, where she explained the purpose of their visit.

The celebration began with traditional Bihu songs and dances performed by both the students, teachers of the college and residents of the old age home. The interaction aimed to create a bond of trust and affection between the visitors and the residents. Activities included singing and dancing brought smiles and laughter to everyone present. The college donated food items (biscuits, milk and cornflakes) and 10 bed sheets to the residents, symbolizing care and respect for them. The event concluded with heartfelt thanks from both the coordinator.



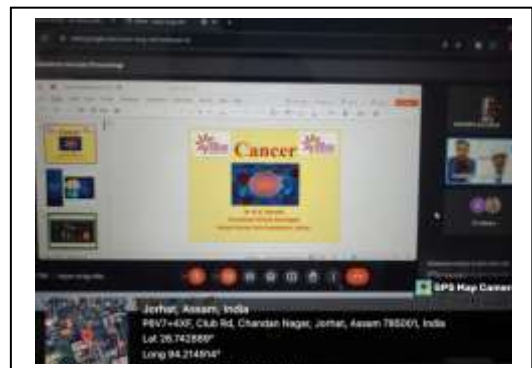
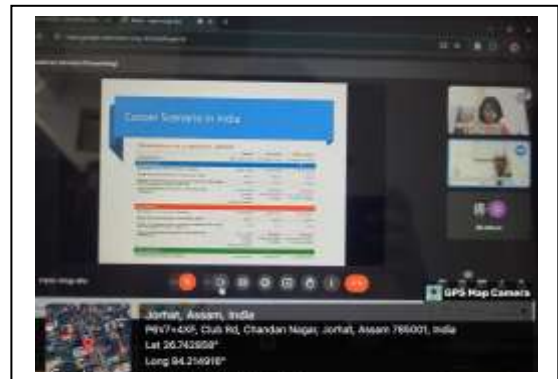
5. Cancer Awareness Talk on Foundation Day of Aastha

Date and Time: 4/06/2024, 6:00 PM

Platform: Google Meet

On 4th June 2024, Aastha, the CKBCC Women's Cell, celebrated its Foundation Day by organizing a Cancer Awareness talk. The event took place at 6:00 PM on Google Meet and featured Dr. Dulal Kiran Mondal as the resource person. Dr. Dulal Kiran Mondal is consultant clinical Oncologist in the Jorhat Cancer Centre. The purpose of the talk was to raise awareness about cancer and its various aspects and to provide information on prevention, early detection, and treatment options. The event began with a welcome address by the Coordinator of Aastha, Dr. Prerana Sarma, who highlighted the significance of Foundation Day and the importance of cancer awareness. Thereafter Assistant Coordinator of Aastha, Ms. Anindita Sandilya introduced the resource person to the audience.

Dr. Mondal delivered an informative presentation on cancer, covering topics such as types of cancer, risk factors, symptoms, and the importance of early detection. Following the talk, an interactive session was held where participants have asked questions and seek clarifications from Dr. Mondal. The Cancer Awareness talk significantly enhanced participants' understanding of cancer, its prevention, and treatment. The interactive session fostered a supportive environment where participants felt comfortable discussing their concerns. Special thanks to Dr. Ananya Sarmah for making contact with the resource person.



6. Attended a Special Lecture Program organized by Purva Bharati Trust Foundation Day in collaboration with Jorhat Law College

On August 25, 2024, 11 students from our institution CKB Commerce College, including 9 female and 2 male students, attended an enlightening lecture titled "Journey of Criminal Laws in India Post the Nirbhaya Incident in 2012" from 10:30 am in the Auditorium of Jorhat Science Centre and Planetarium. The event was organized by the Purva Bharati Educational Trust in collaboration with Jorhat Law College as part of the Foundation Day celebration of the Trust. The lecture aimed to shed light on the evolution and impact of criminal laws in India, particularly focusing on changes brought about after the horrific Nirbhaya incident in 2012, which had a profound influence on the country's legal and judicial reforms. The resource person for the event was Advocate Vrinda Grover, a prominent human rights lawyer and women's rights activist known for her work in advancing women's rights and legal reforms in India. The call for participation was extended to the CKB Commerce College Women's Cell 'Aastha' and the College Union, encouraging students to take part in this important discussion on legal progress in the aftermath of the Nirbhaya case. Overall, the session was highly informative, providing our students with valuable insights into the Indian legal landscape, especially in terms of laws concerning gender justice and women's safety. The following students attended the lecture: Rinku Kalita, Arnov Gautom, Otsur Lagachu, Pravati Jigdung, Punyum Doley, Ankita Madgi, Gargie Saikia, Ashima Bhuyan, Chitra Kurmi, Monjita Gogoi and Pubali Das.



7. Threadpreneur Workshop

A 7 day Threadpreneur Workshop was successfully organized by Aastha CKB Commerce College Women's Cell, from 24th September to 3rd October 2024 in the Aastha Conference hall. The workshop aimed to equip the girl students of the college with practical skills in sewing, fostering an environment of empowerment and entrepreneurship. The primary goal of the workshop was to provide hands-on training in using sewing machines to create various garments. This initiative sought to inspire young women to embark on the path of entrepreneurship, enabling them to develop self-reliance and financial independence through skill-building. Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Arundhati Dutta, an experienced resource person, the workshop trained 15 girl students. Over the course of 7 days, participants were taught to sew different types of garments including: different types of Blouses, Dohi Bota and Kurta.

Mrs. Dutta ensured that the participants not only learned the technical aspects of sewing but also developed the confidence to independently use sewing machines for creating garments. The workshop received an overwhelmingly positive response from the students. Many expressed that the experience was highly beneficial, as it provided them with a marketable skill that could be transformed into entrepreneurial ventures. The Threadpreneur Workshop was a resounding success, fulfilling its objective of promoting skill development and entrepreneurial spirit among young women. The workshop's success serves as a testament to the power of education and skill-building in shaping the future of young women.



8. Attended a Workshop on Skills Development

On October 7, 2024, Mrs. Rupasree Dutta member of Aastha Women Cell of CKB Commerce College, Assistant Secretary and Convenor Women's Cell ACTA Jorhat Zone along with seven girl students from CKB Commerce College, attended a Workshop on Skills Development at the J.B. College Conference Hall from 10 am onwards. The workshop was organized by the ACTA Jorhat Zone in collaboration with the J.B. College Women's Cell (Autonomous). The event aimed to provide practical knowledge and technical skills in the field of horticulture, focusing on nursery production and management. The workshop featured two technical sessions led by distinguished resource persons from Assam Agricultural University:

- Dr. Bhabesh Deka, Horticulturist, who conducted a session on Nursery Plant Production
- Dr. Inee Gogoi, Entomologist, who conducted a session on Nursery Management

Both sessions provided in-depth insights into the various aspects of nursery plant production and effective management practices. The skills learned during these sessions are valuable for promoting sustainable agriculture and enhancing livelihood opportunities for young women. Aastha expresses gratitude to ACTA Jorhat Zone and J.B. College Women's Cell for organizing this enriching event, which equipped the attendees with practical skills and knowledge that can be utilized for personal and community development. The following 7 girl students attended the workshop: Chitra Kurmi, Monjita Gogoi, Ankita Gogoi, Bornali Bora, Papori Gogoi and Ankita Bharadwaj and Ayushree Saikia.



9. Her Voice, Her Verse: Poetry Writing Competition

Aastha, the Women's Cell of CKB Commerce College organized a Poetry Writing Competition 'Her Voice, Her Verse' in celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child, 2024. The competition aimed to encourage creativity and self-expression among students, while also raising awareness about the rights and empowerment of girls across the globe. All students of CKB Commerce College were invited to participate by submitting original poems on any topic related to the theme 'Celebrating Girlhood'. Submissions were received from 15 students. Poetry submissions were received in three languages namely, English (6 poems), Assamese (6 poems) and Hindi (3 poems). To make the competition even more rewarding, exciting literature-oriented gift hampers were announced. Submissions for poetry were called till 5th October, 2024 and the results were declared on 11th October 2024, marking the celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child. The winners of the competition are:

1st Prize: Gitashree Sarmah, Poem: Dear Little Dreamer

2nd Prize: Nandita Das, Poem: The Journey of Girlhood

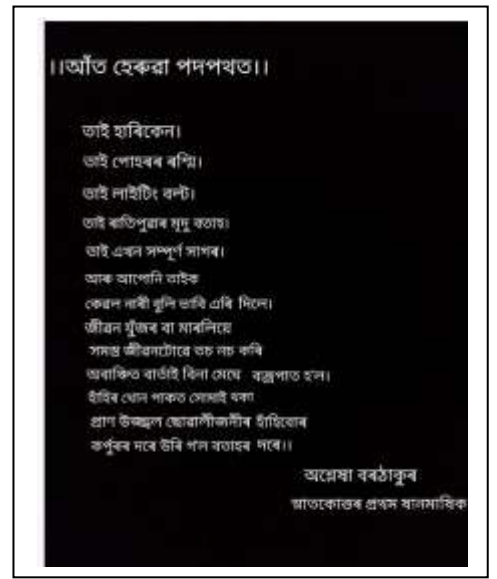
3rd Prize: Ashlesha Borthakur, Poem: আঁত হেৰুৱা পদপথত



1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

10. Publication of Tejaswini

Tejaswini: A Ray of Hope, a peer reviewed bilingual edited book (ISBN: 978-81-19679-81-2) has been published from Aastha, Women's Cell of CKB Commerce College. The book has been published by 'Bidya Bhawan' publishers. The work towards Tejaswini was started under the coordinatorship of Mrs. Rupasree Dutta in the month of November, 2023 and it was published on 2nd June, 2024. The Chief Editor of the book is Mrs. Rupasree Dutta and the editors of the book are Ms. Prarthana Phukan and Ms. Anindita Sandilya. The cover was designed by Dr. Sulaxana Bharali. The book has received 14 articles from academicians and researchers on various issues related to women. This book has helped to inspire research activities among the women of the college as apart from faculties being the editors of the book; other female faculty members have contributed research articles too in the book.

