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Report on International Women's Day Held on 10th March, 2023

Date: 10th March, 2023

Venue: Community Hall, KCC

Introduction:

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually throughout the globe on 8th March. This day marks the achievements of women in all walks of life including science and technology, social, economic, cultural and political fields. IWD highlights the challenges undertaken by women, emphasizes their rights and creates resolutions to uproot gender inequality. The purpose of the day for the year 2023 is to create digital awareness among the women population all over the world. The United Nations Observance of IWD, under the theme "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**" recognizes and celebrates the achievements of women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education.

Women have historically faced barriers to accessing and using digital technology, but the potential for technology to empower women is significant. By providing access to digital tools and skills training, women can increase their economic opportunities, access information and education, and participate more fully in social and political life. With a focus on the digital world this year (2023), the United Nations chose "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**" as the theme for International Women's Day. The theme aims to highlight the importance of bridging the digital gender divide and promoting women's equal participation in the digital economy. It also calls for innovative solutions that can address the unique challenges faced by women in accessing and using digital technology.



Closing the digital gender gap is crucial for achieving gender equality and empowering women in all aspects of life. By providing women with equal access to digital technology, we can unlock their full potential and enable them to participate fully in the global economy. This will not only benefit women but also contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including "reducing poverty" and "promoting economic growth". Furthermore, it is important to recognise that closing the digital gender gap goes beyond just providing access to technology. It also involves addressing the social and cultural barriers that prevent women from fully engaging with digital technology, such as gender stereotypes and an unequal distribution of household responsibilities. Therefore, efforts should be made to promote digital literacy among women and girls, as well as to encourage their participation in STEM fields. To achieve this, governments and private sector stakeholders must work together to create policies and programmes that promote gender equality in the digital space. This can include initiatives such as mentorship programmes, scholarships, and targeted outreach efforts to ensure that women and girls have the resources and support they need to succeed in these fields. By taking a comprehensive approach to closing the digital gender gap, we can create a more equitable and inclusive digital future for all.

Celebration of IWD at Kamrup College:

Due to some academic inconvenience, IWD was celebrated enthusiastically on 10th March, 2023 in lieu of 8th March in the community hall of Kamrup College, Chamata. A series of events were organized to celebrate this special day. At the very outset, a chorus, "Jilikabo Luitare Par" a song by Dr. Bhupen

Hazarika was sung by the faculties of KCC as an opening event. Mrs. Runu Saloi, Secretary, Women Cell and HoD, Department of Economics anchored the entire program. President of Teachers' Unit, KCC, Dr. Rita Moni Das from the Department of Education performed the smooth conductance of the program. Resource person who was invited as the chief-guest of the event was Dr. Swagata Baishya, a renowned gynecologist from Sarathi Hospital, Nalbari. She was felicitated by a traditional gamosa and thereafter, she delivered an inspiring talk on gender equality and creating digital awareness among the women population. Thereafter, Ms. Darathi Deori from the Department of Zoology delivered a power point presentation on the theme of IWD, 2023, i.e., "**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**". Vice-principal of KCC, Dr. Kabita Choudhury, Mr. Tilak Sarma, from the Department of History and Dr. Rita Mani Das from the Department of Education delivered motivational speeches in the program. This was followed by solo song performance by Ms. Darathi Deori, from the Department of Zoology, Dr. Sujan Kalita, from the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Biswajit Das, from the Department of Economics and coordinator of IQAC, KCC and few students from different departments of the college.



Conclusion:

The overall program of IWD celebration in KCC was quite fascinating and enthusiastic. We hope that this program has encouraged the students to equip themselves with the digital world and inspired them to pursue technical education for their bright future. In conclusion, it is anticipated that this event has opened up the minds of young generation especially all the women and girls of the college.



Chorus, "Jilikabo Lutare Par" sung by faculties of KCC.



Distinguished speakers on dais on account of Women's Day Celebration at KCC.





Motivational speech by Dr. Kabita Choudhury, Vice-principal of KCC.