

## **From March 2013 to February 2014**

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**On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013:** The women study center of Dhemaji College in collaboration with “Mahila Samiti, Matikhula” observed International Women’s Day at Matikhula M.V. School, Dhemaji. In a day long programme the center organized popular talks among women of the area. The theme of the popular talk was ‘Role of Women in the growth and personality development of children’. Invited speakers were Binita Garodia, Ex Headmistress of Girls’ H.S. School, Dhemaji, Mrs Kunjalata Saikia Borah, Project officer of ICDS Dhemaji and Dr. Dolly Boruah, Asstt Professor, Dhemaji College, who spoke at length about the significant role that mothers play in the development of personality of children. All the three speakers stressed upon the various duties and responsibilities that woman as mothers have towards their children and how they can shape their character by setting examples.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, Prof. Krishna Rani Borah attended a meeting organized by Santipur Mahila Samiti, sponsored by Dhemaji Zila Mahila Samiti, Dhemaji Zila Samanay Raksha Mahila Samiti and State Resource Center, Dhemaji. Prof. KrishnaRani Borah attended the said meeting as Resource person and spoke on “Relevance of International Women’s’ Day”

**Research Projects:** On a minor research project by Mrs. Dipali Neog, Asstt. Professor of Sociology Department of Dhemaji College is working on the topic “Problems of Scheduled Tribes Women: A Study with special reference to two Sonowal Kachari Villagae under Aradhil Panchyat” Dhemaji District Assam. Mrs Aparna Chutia’s (Asstt. Professor of the same Department) project on the topic entitled “Participation of women in Politics, with special reference to Dhemaji Development Block, Dhemaji, Assam” has already been submitted to the Principal.

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013:** Professor K.R. Borah was a Resource Person in a Legal Awareness Programme on “Legal Laws on Violence against Women, organized by Assam Women Commission in collaboration with Dhemaji District Social Welfare office and Women Cell, Dhemaji District, held at DRDA Conference Hall.

**5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013:** Professor K.R. Borah, member of women cell, Dhemaji College attended on awareness camp on Women Empowerment, organized by Moridhal, Lakhpathar Mahila Samiti and sponsored by Family Counseling Center, Dhemaji and Dhemaji Mahila Samiti organized on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, she spoke as Resource person on Problems of Women and its eradication.

**8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013:** An educational cum awareness drive on the theme “ Crime Against Women” was conducted by the Women Cell, Dhemaji College. At the CECDC Auditorium of Dhemaji College, on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, the event was preside over by Dr. Budhin Borauh, Principal

Dhemaji College and attended by Superintendent of Police, Dhemaji District, Co-coordinator of Mahila Samata Society, Dhemaji, besides members of women cell and Women from different walks of life.

The aim of the drive was to create awareness among people regarding “Crime against Women”. The coordinator Women Cell, President, SP, Coordinator of Mahila Samata Society spoke on their views and opinions on the related topic. Trafficking of girl child and young women, female infanticides, gender inequality, kidnapping, prostitution, wife battering, sexual assaults, rape and murder, dowry deaths were issues that found special mention in the talks delivered by the appointed speakers.

The speakers stress upon the fact that the mindset of the people needs to be changed with changing times. Our minds need to be free from the orthodox thoughts of the by gone times. Women employment is the need of the hour. While we see our women taking lead roles in most male dominated avenues on one hand, we also have women who continue to be trapped under male dominance; on the other crime against women is a topic that finds top place in most local and national dailies. Women continue to be harmed, both physically as well as mentally, all over the world.

Role of young generation was also stressed upon by the speakers. Young people besides pursuing a career should also feel responsible towards their society, and in removing social evils such as crime against women.

Women are always viewed as a sex symbol by opposite sex, therefore they ought not to dress up vulgarity, thus inviting the attraction or attention of men. The programs ended on the positive note that if society comes together, we can stop crime against women.

**26<sup>th</sup> May, 2013:** Prof Mala Kokila Gogoi, convenor women cell, Dhemaji- Dhakuakhana Zonal Committee , attended a meeting arranged by Women Cell, ACTA at ACTA guest house on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Presided over by ACTA president Prof. Rana Changmai, the meeting was attended by Dr. Jayanta Boruah, Treasurer ACTA, Prof. Amiya Patar, Secy, Women Cell, ACTA, Dr. Swarnalata Das, Vice President Women Cell, ACTA and other office bearers. The members discussed means to wake Women Cell of ACTA more strong and active. Other issues discussed were, social responsibility, leadership, interference in social justice towards women, extension of maternity leave etc. Prof Mala Kokila Gogoi handed over a few copies of DAPUN ( Annual Magazine of Women Cell, Dhemaji College), which was well accepted and appreciated.

**5<sup>th</sup> June, 2013:** World Environment Day was observed at Dhemaji College Town High School, Dhemaji on 5<sup>th</sup> june in Collaboration with Eco-Club and DNA Club of Dhemaji Town High School. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Bedawati Gohain Boruah, Associate Professor, Dept of Philosophy, Dhemaji College. The meeting was inaugurated by Mr. Krishna Bordoloi, Head Master, Dhemaji Town High School. The Chief guest of the meeting was Dr. Budhindra Boruah, Principal, Dhemaji College. He delivered his talk on the importance of

conservation of our environment. He also shared his thoughts on his recent trip to Japan and strategies taken by the Japanese people in conservation of their environment. This was followed by a speech by the resource person Mr. Debojit Phukan, Secretary, "Megamix Nature Club" of Dhakuakhana. He delivered his talk on wastage of food and its effects on global warming and biodiversity loss. The next speech was by the resource person Mr. Shyamanta Pegu, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany, Dhemaji College. He gave a power point presentation on food wastage and its problem, economic impact and how to reduce food waste and lead to economic development.

**3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014:** Three members of Women Cell, Dhemaji College were invited to deliver counseling and motivational talks to girl students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dhemaji on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.

Prof. Mala Kokila Gogoi, Prof. Dipali Neog and Prof. Mousumi Sharma spoke on some important issues relating to women. Prof. M.K. Gogoi spoke on the importance of the girl child and how to motivate young girls to face today's competitive world.

Prof. Dipali Neog stressed on the values of good character and the development of mental as well as physical health of girls.

Prof. Mousumi Sharma emphasized on the value of time and stress management. The talks were attended by girl students ranking from class 6-12. Lady teachers of the school too were present at this extension activity of members of women cell, Dhemaji College.