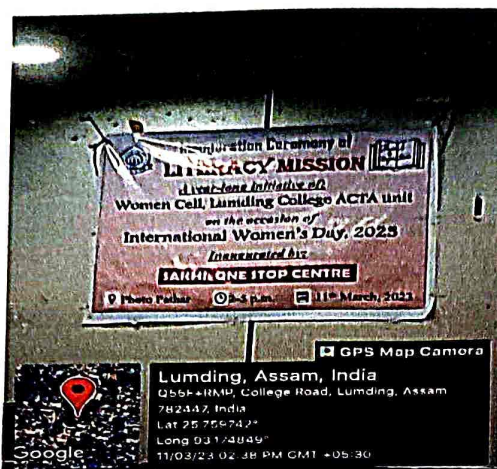
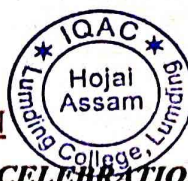


REPORT ON

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION-2023



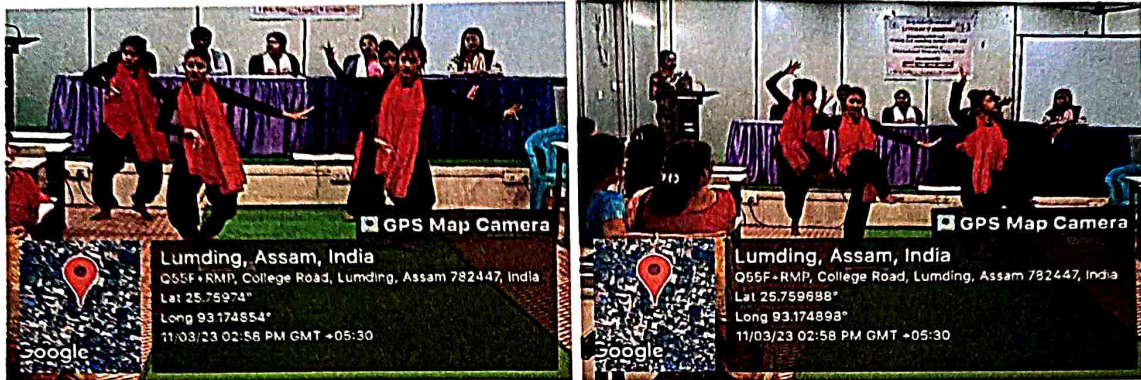
Like every year, this year too, the Women Cell, ACTA Unit of Lumding College set out on a very noble cause to observe International Women's Day on the 11th of March, 2023 (8th March being a holiday). The initiative being undertaken was to start a Literacy Mission for a year wherein every Sunday members of the Women Cell would go and teach a group of women in a nearby rural area, who due to various reasons have been unable to receive education. The area being chosen was a small village named Fotopathar located on the outskirts of Lumding. On this very day, two lawyers from Hojai- Momi Begum and Alka Rai and one from Diphu- Esther Terongpi working under Sakhi- One Stop Centre had also been invited to inaugurate the mission as well to inform and spread awareness among the women of the village about the various laws for the protection of women. Sakhi- One Stop Centre is a scheme by the Government of India intended to support women affected by violence, in private and public spaces, within the family, community and at the workplace. Women facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological and economic abuse, irrespective of age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race and culture are facilitated with support and redressal. These centres are spread across every state of the country.

The programme started at the conference hall of Lumding College at 2:30 pm, where the invited guests along with the Principal of the College, Dr. Mrinal Kanti Paul, were felicitated with the assamese traditional gamusa. Dr. Paul addressed the audience with a speech on the occasion. He welcomed the guests and also appreciated the Women Cell for the mission being undertaken. Followed by his speech, a group of students from the cultural and literary





club "Murchana", Lumding College, performed a dance showing the different forms of violence meted out on women. The performance was indeed very heart touching and gave out a very powerful message. It was appreciated by all.



Glimpses from the dance performance.

After the performance, the members of the Women Cell as well the invited lawyers proceeded to Fotopathar to inaugurate the Literacy Mission. The team reached the venue at 3:30 pm.



On reaching the venue, amidst a group of villagers, mainly elderly women, and the presence of the gaon burha, a ceremonial lamp was lit to mark the start of the event.

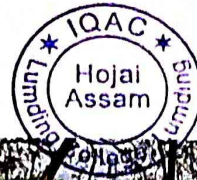




Lighting of the lamp.

Followed by lighting of the lamp, lawyer Momi Begum from Sakhi One Stop Centre, Hojai, addressed the audience. In her speech, she talked about the various violence and injustice faced by women. She also elaborated on ways Sakhi helps women in distress from in and around the district. She urged every woman in the audience to unhesitatingly approach Sakhi by calling their toll-free helpline number 181 in case of any emergency or help required. She further stressed on the evil of child marriage and requested everyone to not get their daughters married off at early ages but instead send them to school because it is only education that can help women become self-sufficient and aware regarding their rights. Followed by her speech, Alka Rai and Esther Terongpi also came forward to address the audience. They spoke about their varied experiences with different people and cases while working under Sakhi. They also stressed on education of women as one of the most important tools in combating injustice and violence.





Next, the members of the Women Cell proceeded to inaugurate the year-long Literacy Mission. Alphabet books, notebooks and pencils were distributed among the women. A total of women registered for the mission. Ms. Sarbari Debnath, from the Department of Bengali, Lumding College, inaugurated the mission by writing alphabets on the blackboard. All the women present seemed very enthusiastic to learn.





Refreshments were distributed at the end. With this the programme undertaken at hand successfully came to an end.

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