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GCU Celebrates International Sign Language Week



AZARA, September 20: An annual event observed during the fourth week of September in celebration of the International Sign Language Week for Deaf people, Girijananda Chowdhury University's Department of Psychology and the Department of Sociology and Social Work in collaboration with Assam Association of the Deaf organized a Sign Language Awareness Campaign on September 19, 2023. This year's theme, 'A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere,' reflects the university's unwavering commitment to supporting and preserving the linguistic and cultural heritage of deaf individuals and all who use sign language. The International Sign Language Week serves as a platform to raise awareness and promote the linguistic diversity of deaf people and other sign language users worldwide. Each day of this week features a unique theme, with today, the 19th of September, focusing on 'Building Capacity across the Globe.'



Prof. Kandarpa Das delivering his welcome speech.



The organizers felicitating the invited guests.



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As part of this special occasion, Girijananda Chowdhury University had the privilege of hosting staff and students from the North East College of Hearing Impaired, established in 2009. In a warm welcome, Prof. Kandarpa Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GCU, extended greetings to the guests and gathering of faculty and students while highlighting the importance of breaking barriers and sharing experiences including the challenges and achievements of the deaf community. The presence of the esteemed guests added depth and significance to the event, showcasing the collaboration and solidarity among organizations dedicated to empowering the deaf community.

Throughout the workshop, Miss Deaf India 2016 and faculty member of the North East College of Hearing Impaired, Angela Lahon with Interpreter Ankur Sharma taught basic sign language to the participants. This session aimed at promoting sign language as a valuable means of communication. Following that, there were two dance performances by their students – Snigdha Rajbonshi and Pragati Barua. The programme ended with Ms. Angela Lahon singing the State Anthem of Assam in sign language.



Angela Lahon with interpreter Ankur Sharma teaching basic sign language.



The intrigued attendees of the session.



Snigdha Rajbonshi showcasing her talents.



The organizers with the invited guests.



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Vigilance for a Safer Health Care: One Day Awareness Program



AZARA, September 20: In a significant effort to raise awareness about the critical field of pharmacovigilance, the ADR Monitoring Centre at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Guwahati, in association with the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), organized an enlightening awareness program. The event, held on September 19, 2023, marked the third National Pharmacovigilance Week, celebrated from September 17th to 23rd, 2023, with the theme "Boosting Public Confidence in Pharmacovigilance." Dr. Phulen Sharma, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Coordinator of ADR Monitoring Centre at AIIMS Guwahati and Dr Ashish Goswami, Assistant professor, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) jointly coordinated the event. Prof. Kandarpa Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of GCU graced the occasion and welcomed the gathering highlighting the objective of the event.



Dr. Phulen Sharma being felicitated during the session.



Prof. Kandarpa Das and Prof. P. Malairajan being felicitated by Dr. Phulen Sharma.





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Dr. Phulen Sharma's delved into the significance of pharmacovigilance in ensuring the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical products in his keynote speech. He highlighted the pivotal role it plays in monitoring and managing adverse drug reactions, enhancing patient safety and public health. Dr. Sharma's informative and engaging presentation shed light on the evolving landscape of pharmacovigilance and its contributions to advancement. Mr. Rajana James, Assistant Professor, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU provided valuable insights into the various aspects of pharmacovigilance and also discussed the numerous career opportunities available in this dynamic field. His presentation aimed to inspire the next generation of pharmaceutical professionals to consider pursuing a career in pharmacovigilance.

The event was aimed to reinforce the importance of pharmacovigilance in healthcare and encouraged individuals to actively participate in the advancement of this vital field. It served as an excellent platform for attendees to expand their knowledge, network with experts, and gain a deeper understanding of the critical role pharmacovigilance plays in ensuring the safety of medical products. More than 100 students and faculties attended the awareness programme.

