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## GCU CELEBRATES WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY: A TRIBUTE TO HEALTHCARE GUARDIANS

*Celebration of*

### WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY 2024

Theme - Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs

25<sup>th</sup> September

AZARA, September 30: Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU) marked World Pharmacists Day on 25th September 2024 based on the theme 'Pharmacist: Meeting Global Health Needs'. The event, organized by the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU, Guwahati in collaboration with other allied Schools and NSS Unit-I and Unit-II of the University, aimed to highlight the pivotal role of pharmacists in global health and well-being.

The celebrations commenced with a street play titled "Pharmacy Without Pharmacists: Endangering Human Health" on 23rd September at Gadhuli Bazaar, Azara. The play, performed by students of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, underscored the importance of pharmacists in rational drug use and patient care. To further enhance community outreach, a free health camp was organized on the same day at the GCU Wellness Centre, offering free health check-ups and medicines to the local community.

The main event of World Pharmacists Day was held on 25th September. The celebrations began with a flag-hoisting ceremony at 9:30 AM, by Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, President of SSA, along with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das. A subsequent awareness rally, flagged off by Honourable Chancellor, Prof. Jayanta Deka and Registrar, Prof. Dipankar Saha, of GCU along with the students and faculty members from the university campus to Azara Primary Health Centre, Azara aiming to raise public awareness about the significance of pharmacists and their contributions to the healthcare system.



*Celebrating Pharmacists' Day with pride and dedication—raising the flag high in honor of the vital role pharmacists play in healthcare.*

A formal meeting was held at 11:30 AM, featuring renowned pharmacist and healthcare professional, Mr. Biswajit Talukdar, Drug Controller, Government of Assam as the chief guest and Mr. Yashpal Singh, General Manager, AVIGEN Biopharma, Guwahati as the guest of honour. In their address, they highlighted the challenges faced by pharmacists and emphasized the need for continuous professional development. Mrs. Barnali Hazarika, Inspector of Drugs, Kamrup Rural, Mr. Dipu Kakati, Senior Scientific Officer, AYUSH Laboratory, Guwahati, Mr. Amit Verma, Production Manager, Sun Pharma, Guwahati, Mr. Himangshu Kakati, Production Manager, Sun Pharma, Guwahati, Mr. Zahidul Mazumdar, Senior Scientific Officer, AYUSH Laboratory, Guwahati, Mr. Sudhir Saha, Deputy Director of Health Services (Pharmacy), Assam graced the event as special guests. Also, President of SSA, Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, Hon'ble Chancellor, Prof. Jayanta Deka, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kandarpa Das, Registrar, Prof. Dipankar Saha, Prof. Bhanu P Sahu, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Deans of various schools, faculty members, staffs and students were present in the meeting. The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences took the opportunity to felicitate the students of B. Pharm (Practice) on this occasion.





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The celebrations culminated with a cultural program showcasing a variety of performances by students, including singing, recitation, dance, drama, and a fashion show. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Smriti Rekha Chanda Das, Associate Professor, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

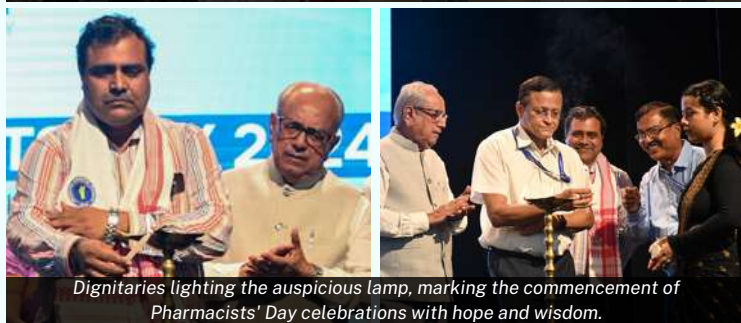
Overall, the World Pharmacists Day celebrations at GCU were a resounding success. The events organized on this occasion served as a platform to showcase the valuable contributions of pharmacists to global health and to promote awareness about the importance of rational drug use. The university's commitment to promoting pharmaceutical education and research was evident throughout the celebrations.



United for Healthcare: Students rally in celebration of Pharmacists' Day, championing the essential contributions of pharmacists to a healthier world.



Students captivate the audience by their performance in a street play creating awareness about the role of pharmacists.



Dignitaries lighting the auspicious lamp, marking the commencement of Pharmacists' Day celebrations with hope and wisdom.



Felicitating chief guest, Mr. Biswajit Talukdar, Drug Controller, Government of Assam.



Mr. Biswajit Talukdar delivering an inspiring speech highlighting the crucial role of pharmacists in ensuring safe and effective healthcare.



Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das, President SSA and Prof. Jayanta Deka, Chancellor GCU addressing the gathering with a welcome speech.



Prof. Kandarpa Deka, Vice Chancellor of GCU, delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the significance of pharmacy as a profession.



Mrs. Barnali Hazarika, Inspector of Drugs addressed the audience highlighting the current scenario of pharmacy education.



Felicitation of B.Pharm (Practice) students.







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Cultural Extravaganza: vibrant performances by students.





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## EMPOWERING EDUCATORS: DR. PRITI SARMAH LEADS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR ASSAM'S TEACHERS



AZARA, September 30: Dr. Priti Sarmah, Assistant Professor at the Department of English and Foreign Languages (ENFL), Girijananda Chowdhury University, was invited as a resource person to impart comprehensive training for secondary-level teachers across Assam. The training was part of a four-phase, 6-day Capacity Building Program for English teachers, organized by the Department of English Language Teaching (ELT) of Gauhati University in collaboration with the Samagra Sikshya, Assam. Over the course of the program, Dr. Sarmah imparted valuable insights into the development of soft skills, which are crucial in enhancing teaching efficacy and fostering better learning environments for students. The initiative, which aimed to uplift the skill set of secondary level educators, saw the participation of over 1000 teachers from various regions of Assam.



Throughout the training, Dr. Sarmah focused on practical methodologies for the integration of soft skills into teaching practices. She highlighted key aspects such as communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and adaptability, empowering educators to not only improve their professional competence but also to become better mentors for their students. Participants expressed their appreciation for the training, acknowledging the positive impact it will have on their teaching strategies. Many teachers stated that the sessions helped them develop a more student-centered approach to teaching and enhanced their ability to create engaging, collaborative classroom environments. The program is part of the ongoing efforts by Gauhati University and Samagra Sikshya, Assam to provide professional development opportunities to educators, ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary tools to meet the evolving demands of modern education.

The capacity-building initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Sarmah, was lauded for its forward-thinking approach in developing soft skills among educators, ultimately contributing to the overall improvement of the educational landscape in Assam.



Dr. Priti Sarmah delivering an insightful session on soft skill development.



Dr. Priti Sarmah engaging secondary-level educators in an interactive session on the importance of soft skills.