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COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK



AZARA, October 3: In celebration of the International Sign Language Week for Deaf people, an annual event observed during the fourth week of September every year, Girijananda Chowdhury University's Department of Sociology and Social Work in collaboration with Assam Association of Deaf – an NGO based in Assam, organised a Sign Language Awareness Campaign on September 26, 2024.

The theme for 26th September is focused on 'Sign up for Sign Language Rights.' The programme was graced by the Hon'ble President of Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Shri. Jasoda Ranjan Das, the Hon'ble Chancellor of GCU, Prof. Jayanta Deka and the Deans of different Schools. A video message by Mr. Tapan Sharma, General Secretary of Assam Association of the Deaf set the tone for the programme followed by an interactive session presented by Angela Lahon, Miss Deaf India 2016, a faculty of Assam Association of the Deaf along with the interpreter Mr. Ankur Sharma who demonstrated basic sign language skills aimed at promoting sign language as a valuable means of communication. Students from the NGO presented a mime act depicting the evils of drug addiction. Ms. Bandita Dutta and Mr. Pankaj Narzary, the Professors and many teachers and staff represented Assam Association of the Deaf. Students of the Department of Sociology and Social Work played an active role in organizing the event. The event concluded with the State Anthem of Assam being sung in sign language that showcased the significant relationship established by Girijananda Chowdhury University with the Assam Association of the Deaf in creating an environment that fosters inclusiveness for people with hearing disability in the state of Assam.



Hon'ble President of SSA, Shri Jasoda Ranjan Das felicitating Ms. Basobi Bhattacharya of Assam Association of the Deaf.



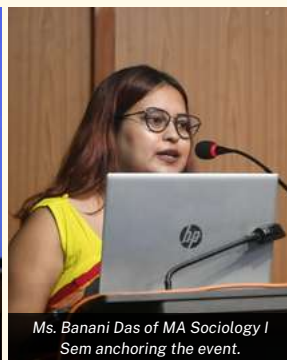
Hon'ble Chancellor of GCU, Prof. Jayanta Deka felicitating Ms. Bandita Dutta of Assam Association of the Deaf.



Mr. Ankur Sharma interpreting the different terms in Assamese.



Ms. Anjela Lahon, Miss Deaf India 2016 and teacher of Assam Association of the Deaf demonstrating sign language.



Ms. Banani Das of MA Sociology I Sem anchoring the event.



The State Anthem of Assam being sung in sign language.



Students from Assam Association of the Deaf with their mime act.



The team with the Guests.



The Core Committee from Dept. of Sociology and Social Work.



Ms. Mikka R Marak from BSW 3rd Sem proposing the vote of thanks.



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STREET PLAY "AZAGOROR ATANKA" PERFORMED IN TEZPUR ON WORLD PHARMACIST DAY 2024



AZARA, October 3: In celebration of World Pharmacists Day, students from Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Tezpur, performed a street play entitled "Azagoror Atanka" at Court Chariali and Mission Chariali, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam. The play, performed on 24th September, focused on raising awareness about critical social issues, including drug abuse, the dangers of viral misinformation through mobile phones, and the harmful impact of "magic remedies" in society. The play, performed under the Drama Club of GCU-Tezpur campus, with Ms. Punamjyoti Das as the Coordinator and Dr. Hemanga Hazarika as the Co-coordinator, captivated the audience with its timely message. It highlighted the growing dangers of drug addiction, warned against the spread of false news, and debunked the myth of "miracle cures" that often mislead and harm people. The engaging performances, coupled with the strong narrative, encouraged the public to stay alert and be cautious of these threats.



Directed and scripted by Alakesh Keot and Madhurjya Nath, B. Pharm students, the play received widespread appreciation for its impactful message and effective portrayal of these societal issues. The performance was part of the university's larger initiative to engage with the community and spread awareness on health and safety matters. On 25th September, a prize distribution ceremony was held to felicitate the best performances. The awards were presented in the presence of the Guest of Honour, Mr. Manoj Kumar Chetri, Quality Control Head of Dabur India Limited, and Prof. Abdul Baquee Ahmed, Principal of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, GCU-Tezpur campus.

Fardin Ahmed was awarded Best Actor for his stellar performance, while Rajdeep Borah took home the 2nd Best Actor award. The 3rd Best Actor prize was shared between Bitupon Baruah and Prantika Devthakur for their outstanding contributions. This event, which commemorated World Pharmacist Day, was a resounding success, reflecting Girijananda Chowdhury University's dedication to social responsibility and public engagement. The presence of esteemed guests further elevated the occasion, encouraging students to continue their efforts in raising awareness on vital social issues.



Azagoror Atanka at Court chariali, Tezpur.



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INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO BRITANNIA INDUSTRIES LIMITED



AZARA, October 3: The department of Business Administration, GCU, Guwahati organized an industrial visit for the MBA 1st Semester students on September 25, 2024. Total 24 students along with two faculty members Mr. Faruk Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration and Mr. Abhishek Kakati, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration went to Britannia Industries Limited in Rampur, Guwahati. Britannia Industries Ltd. at Rampur is one of the India's leading food companies which has set up the manufacturing plant with an investment of Rs 170 crore and it is the company's largest Greenfield manufacturing facility in the country. This industry has employed 70 percent women in the total workforce in its plant. The journey started from Girijananda Chowdhury University at 10 AM and reached Britannia Industries Ltd., Rampur at 10:40 AM. The representative of the company welcomed the students and faculty members and took them in their visiting hall.

Sujoy Saha Environment Health & Safety Professional officer addressed the students about the safety and standards taken for production of biscuits. After that, senior HR, Mr. Neelamjit Goswami and its team explained the students about the industry's practical operations and working environment. The visitors went to the production unit where Mr. Souendra Mitra production officer explained the process for production of various types of biscuits. The employees were provided with gloves, hairnets, masks and clean uniforms for safety measures as well as to maintain hygiene. Ingredients needed for baking biscuits were taken out from storage rooms. In the grinding room, they were also provided with hearing protection earmuffs for aural protection against irritating or loud noises. Ingredients like wheat flour (maida), sugar, leavening agent, liquid, flavouring and fat etc. were weighed in required quantity and mixed in the dough mixing area. The dough was cut in required shaped and further moved to baking area. Here the oven area was very warm. When the biscuits were baked, they were moved to cooling area. After that they were moved to packing area through auto feeding system. The quality of the biscuits was checked every day. The biscuits were packed mainly by women workers. The products manufactured by the industry are namely Marie Gold, Gooday and Digestive biscuits. They are available in 2 sizes- Pillow Pack (75g, Rs.10) and family pack (300g, Rs.45). Burnt and fell off biscuits were separated for feeding to animals. Also, two separate bins blue and red were kept available for keeping recyclable and non-recyclable wastes respectively. Safety instructions are given daily. AMC (Annual Maintenance Contract) of machines is performed once in a week for smooth functioning of the production unit. CLRI- Clean, Lubricate, Retightening and Inspecting are done regularly which are routine maintenance activities designed to help ensure that equipment functions properly and that no malfunctions occur. LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas) is used to run the machines. The industry is manufacturing daily 240 tons of biscuits, however, the unit can manufacture upto 400 tons biscuits per day. The works were done in three shifts where in each shift 200 employees were working.

Lastly everybody assembled back to the visiting hall where light refreshment was served. Ms. Renee Priyadarshini Kashyap, Cluster HR Manager thanked everybody for showing their interest in visiting the factory.



Inside the factory.



Ms. Renee Priyadarshini Kashyap, Cluster HR Manager addressing the students.



Students and faculty members of GCU with the staffs of Britannia Industries Limited.



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ACTIVITIES OF CODING CLUB (CODÉNIX), GIRIJANANDA CHOWDHURY UNIVERSITY, ASSAM



AZARA, October 3: The Coding Club – Codénix at Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Assam, organized a series of exciting events in August and September 2024, receiving enthusiastic participation from students across the University. The Club, coordinated by Adarsh Pradhan from the Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), is supported by a dedicated team of student members: Ritanjit Das, Subhrajyoti Goswami, Kumar Jigyas Pritam, and Sandilya Baruah, all in their fifth semester of CSE, GCU.

Tech-Quiz: On August 27, 2024, the Coding Club - Codénix organized a technical quiz competition centered on technology and current trends, in collaboration with the Debate Club (Oratoryx). The event attracted 44 student participants and had many challenging questions and a vibrant atmosphere. The winners were “Team Ghost,” composed of Akash Bora and Kangkan Jyoti Kalita, both first-semester students in the department of CSE, GCU.



Students participating in Tech-Quiz.

Tech Podcast: On September 10, 2024, the Coding Club – Codénix recorded the inaugural episode of its new Tech Podcast series, set to be released on the GCU Talks podcast channel on Spotify. This podcast aims to provide insights, knowledge, and inspiration to tech enthusiasts both within the university and beyond. It will cover a wide range of topics, including the latest news in the tech sector, interviews with industry professionals, and discussions on emerging trends in technology. The first episode featured a lineup of Codénix members from the department of Computer Science & Engineering: Ritanjit Das as the host, along with Kumar Jigyas Pritam, Sandilya Baruah, Subrata Goswami, Arpita Baruah, and Shilpi Rekha Borah.



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Students at the Tech Podcast Session.

SIH Internal Hackathon: An Internal Hackathon for the AICTE-Smart India Hackathon 2024 was organized by the Coding Club at Girijananda Chowdhury University (GCU), Guwahati, Assam, on the September 14, 2024. The Internal Hackathon serves as a preliminary round for the AICTE-Smart India Hackathon (SIH), where they will compete against the brightest minds from across the country in solving complex societal and industrial challenges. The internal hackathon not only gave students the opportunity to focus on problem-solving and creativity, but it also fostered an innovative environment for students to showcase their technical skills. The students worked on a variety of problem statements, which were obtained from top-tier organizations such as DRDO, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), and the Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS).



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Students participating in the AICTE-SIH Internal Hackathon.



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Workshop on “Git and Github”: On September 24, 2024, Codénix hosted an engaging workshop focused on “Git and GitHub”. The workshop aimed to introduce participants to the basics of version control using Git and to explore GitHub as a collaborative software development platform. Led by Ritanjit Das and supported by the club’s other core members, the workshop started with an overview of version control systems, highlighting Git’s significance in modern development. Around 26 Participants from Departments of Computer Science & Engineering and Computer Applications, learned essential Git commands like git init, git add, git commit, and git push to understand project change tracking. Ritanjit also conducted a hands-on demonstration of GitHub, covering repository creation and management, along with key features such as pull requests, branches, issues, and project management. Attendees actively engaged by creating their own GitHub accounts for practical experience.



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Members of Coding Club conducting the Workshop on “Git and Github”.