Report of Ramdhenu – a workshop on Genders and Sexualities Organised by Gender Champion Committee

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The Gender Champion Committee, in association with the Women's Studies and Development

Cell of Margherita College, organised "Ramdhenu" - a workshop on Genders and Sexualities on

15-02-2023. Rituparna Neog (she/they), co-founder of Akam Foundation, queer rights activist,

library educator, and Associate Vice Chairperson, State Transgender Welfare Board, Govt. of

Assam, graced the workshop as the Chief Guest and Resource Person.

The primary aim of the workshop was to sensitise the stakeholders of the college on issues

pertaining to gender and sexuality. The resource person, Rituparna, made a thought-provoking

presentation on gender, gender roles, gender biases, gender binary, gender based discrimination,

sexuality, and queer rights. She took the audience on a provocative journey through the lens of

history, law, literature, and lived experiences. She especially emphasised upon the need to create

safe spaces for people of all genders and sexualities within educational institutions. Talking

about her campaign, "No More Holding My Pee", Rituparna called for gender-neutral toilets in

public spaces and educational institutions and requested the administration of Margherita College

to be a part of this movement and lead by example.

The Gender Champion Committee of the college was formally announced and inaugurated in

this workshop. The selected gender champions were awarded with their letters. In addition to

that, Dr. Runjun Saikia and Dr. Puspa Singh, Joint Convenors of the Women's Studies and

Development Cell of Margherita College spoke about their lived experiences as women and

underlined up on the need of such workshops.

The workshop was attended by 122 people, which included students as well as teachers of the

college. Deepjyoti Bhatta, Nodal Officer, Gender Champion Committee, expressed his gratitude

and happiness on the successful completion of the programme. He pronounced that the

committee will try and initiate more such programmes in the future.

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