

Title: Encouraging women's empowerment within the college and its surrounding community through dedicated initiatives, advocacy and inclusive programmes.

Introduction: Founded in 1986, the Basugaon college emerged with a mission to deliver good quality higher education to the economically & educationally disadvantaged Basugaon area of the Chirang district, Assam. It is the only institution for higher education in the Basugaon area.

Vision & Mission of the College: The Basugaon College strives to provide education that explores, challenges and grooms every aspect of the student's personality. The college not only aims for outstanding academic achievements by adopting latest teaching approaches but also takes proactive measures to enhance the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our students. Basugaon college, as a part of its core mission, has been striving hard for the upliftment and empowerment of women.

Core values of the college: Social Responsibility stands as a paramount core value of the Basugaon college, complemented by two equally significant values: a commitment to strive for excellence and a dedication to fostering unity.

Description of the programs to encourage women's empowerment within the college and its surrounding community through dedicated initiatives, advocacy and inclusive programs:

The Basugaon region, located in the Chirang district of Assam (BTR), is an economically and educationally backward region in the state of Assam. Around 90% of households in this region are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood, with a significant majority residing below the poverty line. Basugaon college is the only institution for higher education in the area. The college has felt a crucial need to uplift the status and condition of women in the area with an objective to contribute positively to their overall empowerment and welfare. It has been carefully observed by the college that most of the girls of the locality don't go for higher education nor are they found to engage in some "skill development courses". Acquiring practical skills enhances women's employability, enabling them to secure jobs or start their own businesses. This economic independence contributes significantly to their empowerment. The Women Empowerment Cell and IQAC of the college have therefore conducted several workshops for women of the locality to impart basic skills on cutting, knitting, sewing, etc. Health largely depends on the food that we consume. The Women Empowerment Cell and IQAC of the college have therefore conducted food festivals. This serves dual purposes: to raise awareness of the importance of healthy food and to show that cooking can also be taken up as a good career

option. The college has also conducted a program to felicitate Miss Deepamoni Kakoti, a 4th semester student of the Basugaon college, for her outstanding achievement of getting 1st runners up in the prestigious “South East Asia Sensation 2023 Miss Beauty Contest”, held in New Delhi. She was felicitated and given a check of Rs. 5000/-. This will encourage her for her future endeavours as well as give a message to the other girls that they can achieve their goals with dedication, sincerity and continuous efforts. The Women Cell in collaboration with the IQAC has also conducted awareness program in the Hekaipara village, Basugaon to create general awareness amongst the women of the village about maintenance of general health, menstruation hygiene, general cleanliness & hygiene and child care. We consider these activities as our social responsibility, which stands as a paramount core value of the Basugaon college.

Outcome of this practice: Being a college located in a backward locality of the Chirang district, Assam (BTR), the college believes that it has been successful in performing the duty of its social responsibility to a considerable extent. As a result of the programs conducted by the college for promoting and encouraging women empowerment in the college and the nearby locality, we have observed several positive changes in the women of the college and the nearby locality. An increase in the number of lady dressmakers has been observed in the Basugaon area. They are earning well and helping to run their households. There is a growing trend of women independently managing and operating restaurants and hotels in the Basugaon area. A decline in the number of absentees in the college due to menstrual cycle issues has also been observed. Increase in the number of girl participants in the various co-curricular activities is also an indication of the success of the programs we have conducted. The changes serve as motivation for us to strive for improvement and enhance our future performance.

Report on workshop conducted by Women Empowerment Cell and IQAC, Basugaon College



Date of the Workshop	: 06.04.2023
Time	: 12 Noon
Venue	: Hall No. 5, Basugaon College
Theme	: Cutting, Knitting and Sewing
Participants	: Girls Students, Community Women and : Lady Teachers of Basugaon College
Workshop instructor	: Mrs. Anima Biswas

Objective of the Workshop:

- The objective of the workshop was to impart basic skill on cutting, knitting and sewing through expert in the field to the Girls Students, Community Women and Lady Teachers of Basugaon College.
- The objective of the workshop was also to create awareness and arouse interest of the target participants on cutting, knitting and sewing so that the participants themselves can make their own garments of day to day use at home.
- Another objective of the workshop was that after completion of study or during the course of study some of the interested participants can start garment making as a source of income.

Brief of the workshop:

Introductory meeting:

The workshop started at 12 noon. There were total 60 participants.

The workshop started with a brief introductory meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal Basugaon College.

Mrs. Anamika Bhagabati Sarma, Convenor Women Empowerment Cell, Basugaon College explained the objectives of the workshop. She also gave a brief introduction for the Mrs. Anima Biswas, the instructor of the workshop.

Mrs. Anima Biswas shortly briefed the skill areas to be covered under the workshop.

Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College addressed the participants at the end of the introductory meeting and requested the participants to actively participate in the workshop. She also wished all success for the workshop.



Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College addressing the participants



Cross section of the participants



Cross section of the participants



Skill areas covered:

After the introductory meeting Mrs. Anima Biswas gave hand-on training to the participants on different skills of cutting, knitting and sewing. Different skill areas covered are:

- Measuring body, material and components.
- Making patterns
- Cutting components with hand cutting tools
- Stitching by hand
- Stitching by Sewing Machine
- Fixing fasteners like buttons, hooks, etc
- Making button holes



Dresses covered:

Workshop instructor giving hand-on training to the participants

- Blouse
- Kurta
- Pyjama Chudidary
- Frock

Outcome and benefit of the workshop:

Presence and enthusiastic participation of large number of girls students and other lady participants made the workshop successful.

After attending the workshop the participants have learnt how to make Blouse, Kurta, Pyjama, Frock, etc. The participants have also learnt the skills of measuring body, making patterns, stitching by Sewing Machine, etc.

It is expected that after completion of study or during the course of study the interested participants will be able to start garment making as a source of income.

Report on Food Festival organised by Women's Cell & IQAC, Basugaon College



Date of the Food Festival	: 12.12.2022
Time / Duration	: 11.00 am
Venue	: Basugaon College Premise
Theme	: Food Festival
Participants	: Girls Students and Lady Teachers of Basugaon : College

Objective of the Food Festival:

- Success in one's life largely depends on health. Health in turn largely depends on Food habits. Unhealthy food habit is the main reason for bad health.
- The habits of making own food helps one in his/her entire life in maintaining his/her own health and health of his/her dependents, lack of which make them pray to the habits of junk food, leading to bad health.
- Through this Food Festival an attempt was made to create awareness among the participants on the importance of healthy food as well as to inculcate the habit of making their own food.

Brief of the Food Festival:

Modalities:

- The participants of the Food Festivals were asked to prepare healthy food of their own choice at their respective home in a hygienic manner and bring them to the Food Festival Venue of the College Premise.
- There were total 10 participants, who joined the Food Festivals with their own home made food items.
- Each of the participants were given one counter each at the Festival Venue to display and sale their food products to the visitors. Participants were given liberty to price their respective food items with maximum 15% profit margin.
- The visitors of the Food Festival were mainly students, teachers and staff of the College and visitors from neighbouring community.



Participants of the Food Festival



Cross section of the participant & visitors

At the end of the Food Festival Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department, Basugaon College addressed the participants and highlighted the objectives of organising this Food Festival.

In her address Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury stressed on the importance of good health in one's entire life and importance good healthy food habits for maintaining one's good health. She also gave stress on eating healthy homemade instead junk food for maintaining good health.

Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury further highlighted the importance of inculcating the habits of preparing food at home irrespective of gender. She stated that this habits of preparing food helps individuals in their life ahead for maintaining their health.



Cross section of the participant & visitors

Outcome and benefit of the workshop:

Presence and enthusiastic participation of good number of girls students of the college in the Food Festival and as well as presence large number of visitors made the workshop successful. Sale of entire stocks of food items of all the participants indicate the success of the Food Festival. All the participants brought the home cooked food items in a hygienic way and also served the food items to visitors in a hygienic way by wearing hand gloves.

Another important feature of the Food Festival was that all the participants used environment friendly disposable items to serve their food items.

The participants and visitors were immensely benefitted from the Festival as through this Festival they were given to understand the importance of eating healthy food for their health as well as importance of making habits of preparing their own food in their life ahead.

Further, participants are also exposed to the potential of using their skill of preparing food in earning income to support them or their families financially.

Report on program conducted by Women Empowerment Cell and IQAC, Basugaon College for felicitation of Miss Deepamoni Kakoti, a 4th Semester student of Basugaon College, for her outstanding achievement in getting 1st Runners Up in the South East Asia Sensation 2023 Miss Beauty Contest .



Date of the Program	: 19.05.2023
Time	: 1.00 PM
Venue	: Hall No. 13, Basugaon College
Invitees	: All Students and Teaching & Non Teaching staff : of Basugaon College

Objective of the Workshop:

- The objective of the facilitation program was to give encouragement to **MissDeepamoni Kakoti** and boost her confidence for her next level participation.
- The objective of the felicitation program was also give message to other students of the college that the students can achieve their goals / aims with dedication, sincerity and continuous efforts.

Brief of the Program:

Introduction:

The felicitation program started at 1 PM. Total 49 students and 10 Teaching staff attended the program.

The program was chaired by Dr. Ranen Chandra Muchahary, Principal Basugaon College.

The felicitation program started with a brief introduction about the program by Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College.

She also gave introduction of **Miss Deepamoni Kakoti** and her outstanding achievements.

As stated in the introduction, Miss Deepamoni Kakoti, a 4th semester student of Basugaon College, had recently participated in the prestigious "**South East Asia Sensation 2023 Miss Beauty Contest**" held in New Delhi and got 1st Runners Up position in the event. In addition, she also begged best costume award. She is a pride of Basugaon College.



Cross section of the audience



Lady Faculties of Basugaon College with Miss Deepamoni Kakoti.



Mr. M Ali, Head of Department, Political Science, Basugaon College and the Chairman of IQAC, Basugaon College felicitating Miss Deepamoni Kakoti.



Dr. Ranen Chandra Muchahary, Principal Basugaon College presenting the Chequeto Miss Deepamoni Kakoti

Felicitation:

Mrs. Anamika Bhagabati Sarma, Convenor Women Empowerment Cell, Basugaon College felicitated Miss Deepamoni Kakoti with traditional Asomiya Gamocha.

Mr. Mayemun Ali, Head of Department, Political Science, Basugaon College and the Coordinator of IQAC, Basugaon College felicitated Miss Deepamoni Kakoti with the traditional Asomiya Sarai.

Financial support:

Dr. Ranen Chandra Muchahary, Principal Basugaon College presented a Cheque of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) to Miss Deepamoni Kakoti as a financial support from Basugaon College for her future endeavours.

After the felicitation, Miss Deepamoni Kakoti addressed the gathering. She stated in detail about her journey and how with continuous efforts, sincerity and dedication she could achieve today's position.

She also shared that she lost her father and her mother supported in her journey. She expressed that credit for her success goes to her mother.

Miss Deepamoni Kakoti conveyed her sincere gratitude to the Principal and Teaching Faculties of Basugaon College for organising this felicitation program and also for providing financial support to her. She also stated that she is overwhelmed by love and affection shown to her through this program and this would boost her confidence for next level participation.

She also conveyed that the guidance and blessings of Principal and Teaching Faculties of Basugaon College would help her in her future endeavours.

Miss Kakoti also conveyed her gratitude to the students of the college for their love and supports.

After Miss Kakoti, Mr. Mayemun Ali, Head of Department, Political Science, Basugaon College and the Coordinator of IQAC, Basugaon College addressed the gathering. He congratulated Miss Kakoti for her excellent performance and conveyed his best wishes to her.

He also stated that there is no short cut to success. With sincerity, dedications and focus on goals students can achieve miracles.



Cross section of the audience



Miss Deepamoni Kakoti addressing the gathering



Dr. Ranen Chandra Muchahary, Principal Basugaon College addressing the gathering

At the end Dr. Ranen Chandra Muchahary, Principal Basugaon College addressed the gathering. At the beginning the Principal congratulated Miss Deepamoni Kakoti for her achievement and expressed gratitude to her for bringing laurels to Basugaon College through her achievements.

The Principal also appealed to students present in the program to remain focus on their goals and give their best with sincerity and dedication.

At the end Principal conveyed his best wishes to Miss Deepamoni Kakoti for her future endeavours.

Outcome and benefit of the program:

Presence and enthusiastic attendance of large number of students and Teaching & Non-Teaching staff of Basugaon College made the felicitation program successful.

Love and affection shown by Teaching & Non-Teaching staff and students of Basugaon College during the felicitation program has encouraged and boosted the confidence of Miss Deepamoni Kakoti for next level of participation.

Live example of Miss Deepamoni Kakoti and her journey for outstanding achievements, as shared by her, would encourage and motivate the students to put their best efforts to achieve their individual goals as they have seen that with sincerity and dedication Miss Deepamoni Kakoti has achieved outstanding success.

Report on Health Awareness Program for Women conducted by Women Empowerment Cell and IQAC, Basugaon College at Village Hekaipara, Basugaon.



Date of the Program	: 27.05.2023
Time	: 1.00 PM
Venue	: Rupalim Sangha, Hekaipara, Basugaon
Invitees	: Women of the Village Hekaipara, Basugaon College

Objective of the Workshop:

- The objective of the Health Awareness Program was to create general awareness amongst the women of the village about maintenance of general health, menstruation hygiene, general cleanliness & hygiene and child care.

Brief of the Program:

Introduction:

The Health Awareness program started at 1 PM. Total 18 women of the village Hekaipara attended the program.

The program was chaired by Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College.

The program started with a brief introduction about the program by Mrs. Anamika Bhagabati Sarma, Convenor Women Empowerment Cell, Basugaon College.

Discussion on the Main Topic:

Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College was the main speaker of the program.

Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury explained in a lucid and easily understandable manner about the general habits and practices that needs to be followed for maintenance of general health of all family members. In her speech Mrs. Choudhury gave maximum stress on cleanliness and hygiene. She explained the importance of maintaining cleanliness & hygiene in kitchen, toilet and surrounding areas of the house.



Cross section of the audience



Mrs. Bhaswati Choudhury, Head of Education Department & Vice Principal, Basugaon College addressing the participants.



The program in progress.



Cross section of the audience

Mrs. Choudhury also stressed on cleaning of hands with soap before cooking and eating by all family members including children and also need for habits of regular bath by family members.

Mrs. Choudhury further explained about the need for menstruation hygiene and use of sanitary pad during the monthly periods.

Thereafter, Mrs. Choudhury encouraged the participating women to share their health related problems.

During discussion with the participating women Mrs. Choudhury stated that majority of their general health related problems will be solved by practicing cleanliness & hygiene, regular physical activities and healthy diets. Healthy diets does not mean costly foods but mean commonly available leafy & green vegetables, locally grown fruits, etc. She also stressed on the need for developing the habits of drinking of plenty of potable water.

At the end Mrs. Anamika Bhagabati Sarma, Convenor Women Empowerment Cell, Basugaon College offered vote of thanks. She expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Choudhury for her excellent speech. She also conveyed her heartfelt thanks to the participating women for attending the program leaving behind the their household activities. At the end She conveyed her thanks to Rapalim Sangha for giving their premise for conducting the program and also their help in organising the program.

Outcome and benefit of the program:

Presence and enthusiastic attendance of good number of women of Village Hekaiparamade the Health Awareness Program successful.

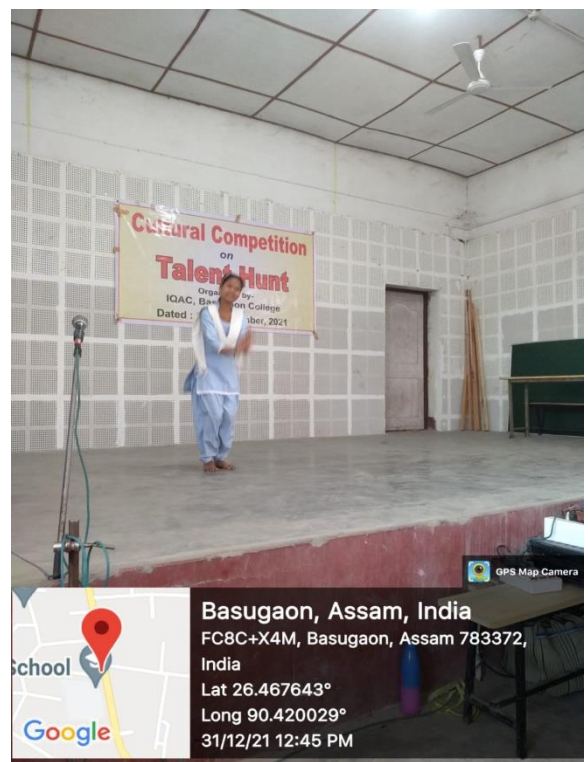
The program was able to create a general awareness amongst the participating women about how they can improve the general health conditions of their family members by inculcating the simple & easy habits of cleanliness, hygiene and healthy diet.

The participating women are also benefitted from the simple tips of the speaker on maintenance of cleanliness and hygiene during the menstruation period.

Cultural Competition on Talent Hunt

Date: 31-12-2021

Brief Report: A cultural competition on Talent Hunt was organised at Basugaon College on 31st December, 2021 to find out the hidden talents of the students specially the girl students. The purpose of this competition was to give a proper platform to them so that they could showcase their talents. Once the talent got exposed, the college authority could effectively nurture that talent and give them a proper direction so that they could achieve name, fame, recognition, etc. with the help of that talent. That talent could also enhance their chance of employability.



Community Awareness Programme on Self-Help Group and Women Empowerment

Date: 25-04-2022

Brief Report: A Community Awareness Programme on Self Help Group and Women Empowerment was organized at Ulubari Village (adopted village of Basugaon College) by Basugaon College on 25th April, 2022. With the help of the Programme the women of the Ulubari Village were made aware of the importance of Self-Help Groups and how they could be benefitted by them.



Community Awareness Programme on Women Education and Empowerment

Date: 02-11-2021

Brief Report: A Community Awareness Programme on Women Education and Empowerment was organized at Ulubari Village (adopted village of Basugaon College) by Basugaon College on 02th November, 2021. The main purpose of the programme was to aware the women of Ulubari Village of the importance of education and to explain to them how education could become instrumental for the employability and empowerment.



Community Programme at 77 Choraikhosora JB School, Bongaigaon

Date: 21-03-2023

Brief Report: The Department of Bodo of Basugaon College organized one community programme at 77 Choraikhosora JB School, Bongaigaon. The purpose of that programme was to aware the womenfolk of the benefits of health and hygiene. At the same time a detailed discussion was also made on various government schemes and programmes for women's employability and empowerment and how these women could avail of the benefits of such schemes.

