Project Report

Drive Against Superstition- a Campaign to Eradicate Social Evils

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Department of Chemistry Majuli College

In collaboration with

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Majuli College

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Name of the resource person: Dr. Brojen Neog, Assistant Professor, Majuli College

Topic: Superstitiond related to Snake bite & possible measures

Venue: Sankardev sishu Niketan, Kamalabari

Date: 20/12/2022

This was the first event in the awareness program "Drive against superstition -A Campaign to

eradicate social evils", conducted by the Department of Chemistry at Majuli College in

collaboration with ASTEC.

Dr. Debajit Saikia, Principal, Majuli College inaugurated today's event with his speech on the

dangers of superstition. Dr. Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, project coordinator, addressed the audience

about the project.

Today's resource person, Dr. Brojen Neog, delivered an awareness talk on the superstitions

related to snake bites along with his experience in handling such incidents in his neighborhood.

He also discussed the immediate measures to be taken if anyone is ever faced with such an

incident.

Ajit Kumar Saikia, H.O.D. of the Chemistry Department at Majuli College, in his speech urged

everyone to visit a nearby health centre as soon as possible instead of relying on home remedies

and superstitious practices.

Dr. Debobhushan Bora. Coordinator, IQAC, Majuli College, congratulated and offered best

wishes to the department for the smooth conduction of upcoming events. The program was

hosted by Dr. Leema Dutta and Dr. Bishal Bhuyan, who offered a vote of gratitude at the end.

The program was adjourned with a street play performed by the students of the host school.

Photographs of the event are attached below:









Name of the resource person: Sri Jiban Bora, Science teacher,

Deodia Ati Sr. Basic School/District Coordinator, NCSC, Majuli

Topic: Awareness against witch hunting and fake news

Venue: Doria Uttar Kamalabari M.V. School, Majuli.

Date: 22/12/2022

This was the second event in the awareness program "Drive against superstition- A Campaign to eradicate social evils" conducted by Department of Chemistry Majuli College in collaboration with ASTEC.

Today's program was inaugurated by Dr. Debajit Saikia, Principal, Majuli College. Dr. Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, project coordinator addressed the audience about the project.

The resource person, Sri Jiban Bora, coordinator, National Children Science Congress, Majuli District, discussed the dark side of witch hunting and fake news. He also emphasized the importance of education and this kind of awareness program in eradicating social evils like superstitions. In parallel with this program, school children played a skit and participated in the science quiz competition. Of the 75 attendees, Dr. Debobhushan Bora. Coordinator, IQAC, Majuli College, Ajit Kumar Saikia, H.O.D. Chemistry Department, Dr. Leema Dutta and Dr. Bishal Bhuyan, Asst. Professors of Chemistry Department were also present and delivered their comments on the aforesaid topic.

Photographs and paper cuts of the event are attached below:









Name of the resource person:

Sri Sunil Kumar Borah, Science teacher, Ratanpur High School, Majuli

Topic: Superstitions related to black magic and its possible measures

Venue: Deodia Ati Sr. Basic School

Date: 14/03/2023

This was the third event in the awareness program, called "Drive against superstition- A Campaign to eradicate social evils", and conducted by the Department of Chemistry at Majuli College in collaboration with ASTEC.

Dr. Debajit Saikia, Principal, Majuli College inaugurated today's program and requested everyone to observe everything from a scientific point of view. Dr. Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, project coordinator addressed the audience about the project.

Today's resource person Sri Sunil Kumar Borah delivered a talk on practices that are considered "evil", like black magic, and their impact on society. He also discussed incidents like mob lynching, feticide etc., which are increasing due to widespread of fake news and a superstitious mindset. In this context, the principal of the school also gave his opinion.

Of the 86 attendees, Dr. Debobhushan Bora. Coordinator, IQAC, Majuli College, Ajit Kumar Saikia, H.O.D. Chemistry Department, Dr. Leema Dutta and Dr. Bishal Bhuyan, Asst. Professors of Chemistry Department were also present and delivered their comments on the aforesaid topic.

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বিজ্ঞান সজাগতা সভা

প্রতিদিন সেরা, কমলাবাৰী, ১৪ মার্চ ঃ মাজুলী মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ৰসায়ন বিভাগ আৰু মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ আভ্যন্তৰীণ মান নিশ্চিতকৰণ কোষৰ উদ্যোগত আজি দেওদিয়াআটী উচ্চ বুনিয়াদী বিদ্যালয়ত 'ক'লা যাদু, প্রচলিত অন্ধবিশাস আৰু ইয়াৰ প্ৰতিকাৰ শীৰ্ষক এক বিশেষ সজাগতা অনুষ্ঠানৰ আয়োজন কৰা হয়। অসম বিজ্ঞান-প্রযুক্তিবিদ্যা আৰু পৰিবেশ পৰিষদ'ৰ বিশেষ সহযোগত 'অন্ধবিশ্বাসৰ বিৰুদ্ধে এখোজ, সামাজিক কুসংস্কাৰ নিৰ্মূলৰ দিশে অভিযান' শীৰ্ষক প্ৰকল্পৰ অংশ হিচাপে বিদ্যালয় পৰ্যায়ৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ উদ্দেশ্যে আয়োজিত সজাগতা অনুষ্ঠানৰ আৰম্ভণিতে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ৰসায়ন বিজ্ঞান বিভাগৰ সহকাৰী অধ্যাপক তথা প্রকল্প সমন্বয়ক ড° দেৱজ্যোতি ভট্টাচাৰ্যই সকলোকে আদৰণি জনোৱাৰ লগতে প্ৰকল্পটোৰ উদ্দেশ্যৰ বিষয়ে অৱগত কৰে। বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰধান শিক্ষক কেশব বৰুৱাই বিদ্যালয়ৰ তৰফৰ পৰা সকলোকে স্বাগত সম্ভাষণ জনায়। অনুষ্ঠান উদ্বোধন কৰি মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ ড° দেৱজিৎ শইকীয়াই সমাজত প্রচলিত কুসংস্কারেরে নহয়. সুসংস্কাৰেৰেহে সমাজৰ উত্তৰণৰ সোপান ৰচনা কৰে। তেওঁ লগতে পিত-মাতসকলে যাতে অন্ধবিশ্বাসক আঁকোৱালি নলয়, তাৰ বাবে ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্রীসকলক বিশেষভাৱে সজাগ হৈ থাকিবলৈ আহ্বান জনায়। অনুষ্ঠানত সমল ব্যক্তিৰূপে উপস্থিত থাকি ৰতনপুৰ উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ৰ বিজ্ঞান শিক্ষক তথা বিজ্ঞান সজাগতাৰ লগত প্ৰত্যক্ষভাৱে জড়িত ব্যক্তি সুনীল বৰাই সমাজত ক'লা যাদুক লৈ প্রচলিত অন্ধবিশ্বাস আৰু কুসংস্কাৰসমূহক ভিত্তিহীন বুলি উল্লেখ কৰি এইসমূহ প্ৰকৃততে সমাজৰ এচাম দৃষ্ণতিকারীৰ দ্বাৰা বিয়পোৱা বিষাক্ত ব্যাধি বুলি অভিহিত কৰে। বিভিন্ন ক'লা যাদুৰ আঁৰত লুকাই থকা বিজ্ঞানভিত্তিক ব্যাখ্যাও তেওঁ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলৰ মাজত দাঙি ধৰে। অনুষ্ঠানত বিদ্যালয়খনৰ বিজ্ঞানৰ শিক্ষক তথা ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় শিশু বিজ্ঞান সমাৰোহৰ মাজুলী জিলাৰ সমন্বয়ক জীৱন বৰাৰ লগতে আৰ্যভট্ট বিজ্ঞান কেন্দ্ৰ, মাজুলীৰ উজনি মণ্ডলৰ সমন্বয়ক জয়ন্ত মাধৱ বৰা উপস্থিত থাকি সাবলীল বক্তব্যবে ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলক আপ্লুত কৰে। উল্লেখযোগ্য যে এই সজাগতা অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগত সংগতি ৰাখি বিদ্যালয়খনলৈ আগবঢ়োৱা বিজ্ঞানভিত্তিক গ্ৰন্থৰ এটি টোপোলা বিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰধান শিক্ষক কেশৱ বৰুৱাৰ হাতত অৰ্পণ কৰে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ ড° দেৱজিৎ শইকীয়াই। অনুষ্ঠানত বিদ্যালয়খনৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীসকলে বিভিন্ন কাৰ্যসূচী ৰূপায়ণ কৰি উপস্থিত সকলোকে মুগ্ধ কৰে। অনুষ্ঠানত মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ শৈক্ষিক সমন্বয়ক তথা ৰসায়ন বিজ্ঞান বিভাগৰ মূৰবী অধ্যাপক অজিত কুমাৰ শইকীয়া, আভাত্তৰীণ মান নিশ্চিতকৰণ কোষৰ সমন্বয়ক ড° দেৱভূষণ বৰা; আৰ্যভট্ট বিজ্ঞান কেন্দ্ৰ মাজুলীৰ কমলাবাৰী মণ্ডলৰ সমন্ত্যুক বিকাশ বৰা, বিদ্যালয়ৰ শিক্ষক-শিক্ষয়িত্রী উপস্থিত থাকি সৌষ্ঠব বৃদ্ধি করে। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ৰসায়ন বিজ্ঞানৰ সহকাৰী অধ্যাপিকা ড° লীমা দত্তই আঁত ধৰা সভাৰ অন্তত উপস্থিত সকলোকে শলাগ জ্ঞাপন কৰে বিভাগৰ অধ্যাপক ড° বিশাল ভূঞাই।

Name of the resource person: 1. Dr. Anup Kumar Doley, Assistant Professor, Majuli College
Topic: Early marriage: A Social Menace

2. Dhrubajyoti Ojha, Subject teacher, Meragarh N. D. H. S. School

Topic: Superstitions & its negative impacts on students

Venue: Auniati High School

Date: 17/03/2023

This was the fourth event in the awareness program, known as "Drive against superstition- A Campaign to eradicate social evils", conducted by the Department of Chemistry at Majuli College in collaboration with ASTEC.

Today's program was inaugurated by Dr. Rajen Bora, Associate Professor, Majuli College. Dr. Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, project coordinator, addressed the audience about the project.

The resource person, Dr. Anup Kumar Doley, cited the ill effects of child marriage in his lecture. Mr. Dhrubajyoti Ojha, second resource person for today's program discussed about the evil practices in the name of witch hunting and spiritual superstitions.

Of the 155 attendees, Tulashi Rajklhowa, Asst. Professor, Majuli College, Ajit Kumar Saikia, H.O.D. Chemistry Department, Dr. Leema Dutta and Dr. Bishal Bhuyan, Asst. Professors of Chemistry Department were also present and interacted with the students on the topic.





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Name of the resource persons:

1. Pompi Hazarika, Assistant Teacher, Kamalabari Girls' High School

Topic: Rural superstitions beliefs & its impact on women

2. Dr. Arup Buragohain, Asst. Professor, Zoology Department

Topic: Superstitions related to marriage

Venue: Madhya Majuli Parijat High School

Date: 23/03/2023

This was the last event in the awareness program "Drive against superstition- A Campaign to eradicate social evils" conducted by Department of Chemistry Majuli College in collaboration with ASTEC.

Today's program was inaugurated by Dr. Debajit Saikia, Principal, Majuli College. Dr. Debajyoti Bhattacharjee, project coordinator addressed the audience about the project.

In the beginning, Pompi Hazarika delivered her talk on superstitions prevailing in rural areas and how it affected the lives of married women. She explained effectively about the superstitions faced by each and every girl/women regarding menstruation, child birth, failed marriage or sudden death of husband. Dr. Arup Buragohain, second resource person for today's program delivered his speech on the superstitions related to marriage in our society. He also emphasized the importance of education and scientific temperament program in eradicating social evils like superstitions. In the context of today's theme, students of host school performed a skit on menstruation taboo.

Of the 85 attendees, Dr. Debobhushan Bora, Coordinator, IQAC, Majuli College, Ajit Kumar Saikia, H.O.D. Chemistry Department, Dr. Leema Dutta and Dr. Bishal Bhuyan, Asst. Professors of Chemistry Department were also present and delivered their comments on the aforesaid topic.

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