

One Day workshop on “Gender Identity and Sexuality: The Queer Perspective” in D.H.S.K. College

One day workshop on “Gender Identity and Sexuality: The Queer Perspective” was organized by the student members of RAS (Responsible Anthropology Student) from Department of Anthropology, D.H.S.K. College, Dibrugarh on 23rd May, 2022. They invited Queer Rights Activist Rituparna Neog as their guest resource person who is a co-founder of Drishti : A Queer Collective, Founder of Project “Kitape Kotha Koi”, core member at free library network across the India, also Neog is a social worker, a story teller, and also a library educator. The programme was moderated by Nabajyoti Hazarika, student of department of anthropology in which the presence of the principal of the D.H.S.K. college Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, the vice principal of the college Dr. Priyadev Goswami, the faculty members of the department and also from the other departments of the college were present. Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, Principal of the College welcomed Rituparna Neog and thanked for delivering a speech on such a vital social issue. In the Lecture, Neog spoke about the visibility and societal acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community, hierarchy of patriarchal society and empowerment of the feminism and also spoke about the importance of the body integrity. Neog recited two self-written poems which talked about self-acceptance. Neog also talked about the struggle of self-acceptance being a member of Queer Community and how the struggle of transgender people throughout the life within the family, educational institutions, work place and society looks like. Through the lecture, Neog emphasized the importance of variation among each individual and the inclusivity and safe space for Queer identified children inside the educational premises. Neog also requested the principal to build gender neutral toilets in the college. Besides hundreds of students from the host college, students from nearby colleges and Dibrugarh University also actively participated in the awareness programme. The audience was very much interested and interactive in the workshop. The awareness programme was seen to be a dignified response to

transgender. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms Shruti Thapa, student and member of RAS, Dept of Anthropology. The programme was successfully organized by the members of the Responsible Anthropology Students (RAS), Department of Anthropology, DHSK College.



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