

World Anthropology Day, 2024 was celebrated by the Dept of Anthropology of MoU partner colleges namely D.H.S.K College, Dibru College and NLB City College, Dibrugarh

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INTRODUCTION

- Every year on the third Thursday of February “World Anthropology Day” is observed. The day is designated to honour the untapped areas and educate the general public about Anthropology.
- The day acknowledges and celebrates the invaluable contributions made by Anthropologist through their explanation of cultures and societies around the world.
- The primary objective of World Anthropology Day, 2024 is to raise awareness about anthropology’s relevance in addressing contemporary challenges. The day also aims to promote diversity and inclusion within the field of anthropology.
- To celebrate World Anthropology Day on 15 February 2024. In DHSK College a lecture programme was organised by the Department of Anthropology DHSK College, Dibru College and NLB City College. In the program, Margherita College of Tinsukia district also participated.
- For the lecture programme, Dr. Jonali Devi former Dean, i.e. Human and Social Science and former Head and Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Cotton University was invited as a resource person.. The topic of the lecture programme was “Traditional Knowledge and Its Relevance in the Contemporary World”.
- A Students’ seminar has also been organised where students of Dept. of Anthropology DHSK College, Dibru College and NLB City College of Dibrugarh district and Margherita College of Tinsukia district participated.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE LECTURE PROGRAMME AND STUDENTS' SEMINAR

- The event was started by the HOD of Dept. of Anthropology, DHSK College Dr. Moromi Talukdar by welcoming resource person Dr. Jonali Devi, Principal of DHSK College Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, Vice Principal of DHSK College Dr. Priya Dev Goswami and HOD of Anthropology Department of respective colleges.
- The event was followed by felicitation of the resource person Dr. Jonali Devi, then Principal of DHSK College Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, and Vice Principal of DHSK College Dr. Priya Dev Goswami with *Fulam Gamosa*.
- The event was followed by the Lamp ignition ceremony, with the Chanting of *Mongala Chorana*, by Dr. Anjana Sharma and Mr. Niranjana Borah of NLB City College.
- After that event was formally started by the Principal of DHSK College Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia by gave a brief speech on World Anthropology Day and Summed up the speech by thanking Dr, Jonali Devi for her presence. After that, Dr. Priya Dev Goswami gave a brief speech on the relevance of anthropological knowledge and its application in the contemporary world.
- After that, the lecture programme was started by Dr Jonali Devi, by gave an introduction about her research and life experiences. She also shared her experience at DHSK College. Then she started her lecture with a brief discussion on human diversity bio-technology, the importance of

anthropology, the development of cultures, commonality, the role of anthropology, interdisciplinary approach.

- Dr. Jonali Devi gave her warm thanks to the principal of DHSK College Dr. Sashi Kanta Saikia, HOD of Dept. of Anthropology DHSK College Dr. Moromi Talukdar and she gifted DHSK College a book entitled “Chitan” and “Shifting Cultivation” to the Dept. of Anthropology which was based on her previous research work and she gifted another book which a compiled version of a catalogue based on her research on ‘Material Cultures of North East India’ was given to the Dept. of Anthropology DHSK College.
- After these introductory lectures, a short tea break was arranged.

After Tea Break:

1st Technical Session:

- Mr. Niranjana Borah, HoD, NLB City College gave a brief introduction about Dr. Jonali Devi and welcomed her to start the lecture on ‘Traditional Knowledge and its Relevance in Contemporary World’.
- In her lecture, she defined traditional knowledge as indigenous knowledge gained by people living in certain places for many years becoming traditional knowledge. Dr. Jonali Devi discussed the differences between knowledge and importance and how people learn their culture and assimilate the information into knowledge and its practice.
- Dr. Jonali Devi discussed the Characteristics of traditional knowledge: -
 - a. The traditional knowledge is practised by local communities and indigenous people around the World.
 - b. It is transmitted orally from generation to generation.
 - c. It is mainly practical, mainly in fields like agriculture, fisheries, health, horticulture, forestry, natural resources and also solar systems.
- Classification of Gopal Krishnan(1998), into four groups
 - a. Indian Ayurveda.
 - b. Information is only known by indigenous people.
 - c. Tribal knowledge.
 - d. Information known to Societies.
- Types of Traditional Knowledge:-
 - a. Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)
 - b. Traditional Technical Knowledge (TTK)
 - c. Traditional Values Ethics (TVE)
- Then she defined Ethno medicines with examples of *Bor manimuni*, *Horu manimuni*, *Mosundori* etc and applied the value of these. Also about the importance of traditional knowledge in land resources, importance was further discussed by showing the *Rengma* system of land classification like hill agriculture lands like *Jhum*, Terrace cultivation, Value and Ethics. Forest categories like Sacred Grooves, Biodiversity conservation, Status and Community variation of their practice, Use and Restriction, and Emergence of Trends like Urbanisation, Modernisation and Diversification.

- She Wrapped up her lecture by highlighting the importance of traditional knowledge, the revival of Indian traditional knowledge, the need for documentation for the use of people in the contemporary world, and the traditional knowledge which is prevailing among the people of North East India.
- The Event was followed by queries by the students, Mridupawan Hazarika M.Sc student Dept of Anthropology DHSK College asked about the importance of documentation, the relevance of traditional knowledge in the contemporary world, Ethno medicine and the future perspective of traditional knowledge.

2nd Technical Session:

- The 2nd session was moderated by Dr.Jaswant Singh, HoD, Dibru College. This session was a student's session on the topic of **Contemporary Anthropological Study: From the Students' Perspective**. In this programme students from Dibru College, DHSK College, Margherita College and NLB City College participated and they are as follows: -

I. Margherita College

- a. Mr. Ronit Mazumdar – ‘Bullying and Its Impact: A study among the college students’.
- b. Ms. Anju Santai – ‘Traditional food-Tupula rice: An analytical study’.
- c. Mr. Vivak Limboo - ‘Rise and Impact of Internet Pornography Addiction among the Youth: A Study among the College Students’.

II. Dibru College

- a. Mr. Adrish Phukan – ‘A Study on Religious Tourism with Special Reference to Siva Dol, Sivasagar, Assam’.
- b. Ms. Mridushmita Gogoi – ‘Solid Waste Management: A Case Study in Lekai, Dibrugarh’.
- c. Ms. Lakhi Tanti – ‘Anthropological Perspective of an NGO: SEWA, Dibrugarh’.

III. DHSK College

- a. Ms.. Dakshiri Pegu – ‘The Economic Life of Raja Mayong Village’.
- b. Ms. Rishika Hazarika – ‘Traditional Knowledge System in Relevance to Mayong’.
- c. Ms. Bishmita Saikia – ‘Rites and Rituals of Nath and Yogi Community of Raja Mayong Village’.
- d. Ms. Swapna – ‘Ethno medicinal practices of Raja Mayong Village’.
- e. Mr. Kaustov Saikia – ‘Empowering the future: A comprehensive study on the Educational Challenges and Opportunities for Tea Tribe Students’.
- f. Mr Abhilash Sarkar – ‘Material culture of Chutiya Community’.

- Dr. Jonali Devi madam discussed and suggested more ideas to the students and concluded the lecture and students session programme.
- A vote of thanks was presented by Dr.Jaswant Singh, Dibru College.
- With this, the celebration of World Anthropology Day 2024, in DHSK College, Venue Sankardev Conference Hall, Comes to an end.

- The certificates to the paper presenter were distributed.

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