Theatre Workshop Conducted by Rabjita Gogoi

Organized by: Department of Social Work, Tezpur University

Date: 10th March 2025 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Resource Person: Rabjita Gogoi, Award-Winning Director

Theme: Celebrating Excellence in Theatre – "Natok Xiku Xomaj Gorhu"

Introduction

The Department of Social Work, Tezpur University, organized a one-day theatre workshop on 10th March 2025. The workshop was conducted by Rabjita Gogoi, an acclaimed and award-winning director, under the theme "Natok Xiku Xomaj Gorhu" (Learning Theatre, Building Society). The session aimed to explore the role of theatre as a tool for social change and community engagement.

Objective of the Workshop

The workshop aimed to:

- Enhance participants' understanding of theatre as a medium for social transformation.
- Develop acting, storytelling, and scriptwriting skills.
- Promote creative expression and communication through theatre.
- Encourage community-based theatre initiatives.

Workshop Proceedings

The workshop was structured into two main sessions:

Morning Session (10:00 AM - 1:30 PM)

- **Inaugural Session:** The event began with a welcome note by faculty members of the Department of Social Work.
- Introduction to Theatre and Society: Rabjita Gogoi shared insights on the significance of theatre in addressing social issues.
- Basic Theatre Techniques: Participants engaged in warm-up exercises, voice modulation, and body movement activities.
- Improvisation and Role Play: Practical exercises were conducted to enhance spontaneity and creativity in performance.

Lunch Break (1:30 PM - 2:30 PM)

Afternoon Session (2:30 PM - 5:30 PM)

• Script Development and Storytelling: Rabjita Gogoi guided participants in creating short scripts based on social themes.

- **Group Performances:** Participants presented short plays incorporating the elements learned.
- **Discussion and Reflection:** An interactive session was held to reflect on the performances and discuss how theatre can influence social transformation.
- Closing Session: The workshop concluded with feedback from participants and closing remarks by the organizing team.





Morning Session





Afternoon Session

Key Takeaways

- Improved understanding of theatre as a means of social change.
- Enhanced creative expression, acting, and storytelling skills.
- Practical experience in scriptwriting and performance.
- Encouragement to use theatre for community engagement.

Conclusion

The theatre workshop was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty. Rabjita Gogoi's expertise and interactive teaching methods provided a unique learning experience, inspiring participants to explore theatre as a powerful tool for social development. The Department of Social Work looks forward to connecting to more such individuals to foster creative learning and social impact.

