

## MCJ Dept. students perform street plays on health issues

In a novel initiative the students of MA MCJ Sem IV have performed four lively and interactive street plays for bringing awareness about several important aspects of day-to-day human life on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The full batch of MCJ Sem IV students were involved in the process right from choosing the themes, conceptualizing and preparing the scripts, practice etc. of the four plays. The themes chosen were of high relevance for the people specially for the youths such as – mental health, menstruation health and hygiene, breast cancer, re-examining traditional customs through the lens of science. It was enacted twice for catering to as many people as possible. First – at the Essentials compound inside the campus at 4 p. m. and again at the circle just outside the TU main gate from 6.30 p. m. on the same day. One of the plays actually combined three relevant ideas together. They were smoothly performed in a series making a connection among them. During both the performances, a big audience attended them boosting the morale of the performers. From the post-performance interaction it was seen that the messages sought to be disseminated seem to be well-received. This was carried out in collaboration with INSCIGNIS between February 27 – March 1<sup>st</sup>.

A major aim of the effort was to allow the students to experience a practical exposure to the actual world of communication – whether person-to-person or mass communication. This is expected to help them gain confidence and learn by doing. This, to supplement their textbooks learning within the four walls of the classrooms. Besides, with the easing of the COVID19 situation, we are gearing up outdoor learning activities for the students to the optimum possible extent. Further, it is also a way of trying to contribute to the society in whatever little way we can afford.

The course instructor Prof. Abhijit Bora (Also PI, SCoPE-Assamese project) guided them with support from HoD Prof. J Chakraborty and all other members of the TU MCJ Family with various inputs and Mr Debashis Pratim Sarma, Project Coordinator.

The photographs and videos of the programme can be accessed in these two links ---

- 1) <https://www.rediffmail.com/cgi-bin/red.cgi?red=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive%2Egoogle%2Ecom%2Fdrive%2Ffolders%2F164K7aJtV%5Fm6%5F%2D%2Df69sKVKmRazwxW4REJ%3Fusp%3Dsharing&rediffng=0&rogue=8af1bb3c8280ebd278673fec9ead867455b9063&rdf=ADRRMQZpBWkANwM+U3RWYFJuB3EMNgAyAGk=>
- 2) <https://www.rediffmail.com/cgi-bin/red.cgi?red=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive%2Egoogle%2Ecom%2Fdrive%2Ffolders%2F164K7aJtV%5Fm6%5F%2D%2Df69sKVKmRazwxW4REJ%3Fusp%3Dsharing&rediffng=0&rogue=8af1bb3c8280ebd278673fec9ead867455b9063&rdf=AzdVNV9BWkFMIBtUHCeMIBsUCYMNgU3WDE=>

Apart from making an effort to inculcate awareness on different health-related issues the three major objectives of the activity were ---

- To commemorate the National Science Day in a fruitful way,
- Acquiring a practical exposure-cum-experience under their regular course of study 'MC600 Science Communication', and
- Expand the scope of Science and Technology Communication and Popularization under the SCoPE-Assamese project. This is an ambitious programme being awarded to and conducted by the MCJ Deptt. under Vigyan Prasar's SCoPE plan (DST, Delhi).

We shall be obliged for any comments or observations for making it a better effort in future.

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