

The Observation of Women's Day by Jeuti Mahila Samiti", Nappam village, Tezpur, Sonitpur

Chandraprabha Saikaini Center for Women Studies, Tezpur University with its endeavour to connect with the community womenfolk participated in "The Observation of Women's Day by Jeuti Mahila Samiti", Nappam village, Tezpur, Sonitpur district, Assam 784028. 80 number of man and women participated in the programme.

The session began with the lamp lighting ceremony. The President of the Samiti – Srimati Champa Devi read out the programme schedule. It was followed by the Introduction of the Samiti members, members of Chandraprabha Saikaini Center for Women Studies and the audience present.

Dr Madhurima Goswami and Dr Mousumi Mahanta were called upon to take the stage.

Dr Madhurima Goswami, the Head of the Department of Women Studies, Tezpur University wished everyone on the occasion of International Women's Day. Dr Goswami in her address to the Samiti members, and the other people present pointed towards fewer men being present in the event. Dr Goswami said we need men to walk hand in hand with us. Jeuti Mahila Samiti has a rich history and the new generations are giving it a new direction. In today's time, Mahila Samities are important, as it is a powerful organization which works for the upliftment of women. The community women must be given all sorts of information and Mahila Samities bridges that gap. Jeuti Mahila Samiti must be taken forward by all the members and not just the office holders. Chandraprabha Saikaini Center for Women Studies will always be there to help.

Dr Mousumi Mahanta, Assistant Professor, Chandraprabha Saikaini Center for Women Studies, Tezpur University addressed the audience and started with the question of , why women's day is important? Dr Mahanta said Women's day is important because of the women's contribution to the society and their role in the production economy. For example women farmers are never regarded as farmers. Women's unpaid labor like motherhood is never recognized. This inequality must be changed, and therefore the celebration of this day is important. Women must work in organization so that their voices are heard.

The session then observed a 2 minute silence for the deceased members of Jeuti Mahila Samiti.

Felicitations and Gamushas were given to the members of the Samiti and to the members of the Center for Women Studies, Tezpur University.

It was followed by a Group song presentation by the members of the Samiti. Poem recitation competition, Assamese modern song presentation and Bihu dance.