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REPORT ON

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATION, 8TH MARCH 2021**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK (PG), ST
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Introduction

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about women's equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity, fundraise for female-focused charities.

This day is symbolic the historic journey of women around the world have taken to better their lives. It comes as a reminder that while a lot has been achieved, the journey is long and a lot more needs to be done. The theme for this year's is "choose to challenge" it indicates that a challenged world is an alert world and from challenges come changes.

To commemorate the event of 'International Women's Day' on the 8th of March 2021, the Department of Social Work (MSW), St. Edmund's College, Shillong organized a Poster Campaign within the college campus followed by a programme in the college Auditorium to felicitate the female teaching and non teaching staff of the college to celebrate their achievements, hard work and their contribution in the college and in the society at large. The Principal of the college, Dr. Sylvanus Lamare, the Vice Principal Sr. Monotosh Chakraborty, the Coordinator of IQAC Bro. Simon Coelho *cfc* and the Dean Dr. B. W. Nongbri was present and graced the occasion with their beautiful messages. There were 72 participants who attended the programme.

Programme Schedule

The programme started with the Poster Campaign in the Campus to raise awareness about the importance of women's empowerment in the society and show our solidarity for Women's Right. It was followed by a felicitation programme for the female teaching and non teaching staffs of the college to celebrate their achievements, hard work and contribution in the college and in the society at large. The details of the programme are as follows:

1. Welcome Speech and Introduction of the Theme by Ms. Christie Kharmyndai
2. Short Speech by the Principal, Dr. Sylvanus Lamare
3. Short Speech by the Coordinator of IQAC, Bro. Simon Coelho *cfc*
4. Slide show by MSW 1st Semester students
5. Short Speech by the Vice Principal, Sir. Monotosh Chakraborty
6. Song by MSW 1st Semester
7. Short Speech by the Dean, Dr. B. W. Nongbri
8. Presentation by the students
9. Short Speech by One teaching and One non teaching staff
10. Presentation of Greeting cards to all the teaching and non teaching female staffs
11. Vote of thanks by Wanpynhun Nongpluh
12. Refreshments

Detail of the programme

The programme started with a welcome speech by Ms. Christie M. Kharmyndai, MSW 1st Semester student. She welcomed all the participants on behalf of the Department. The welcome speech was followed by a speech from Dr. Sylvanus Lamare, Principal, St. Edmund's College. He spoke about the role of women and the effort put by the women during Covid -19. He thanked all the staff especially the non teaching staff of the college for all their hard work especially during the pandemic. The principal also appreciated all the women front line workers during the pandemic. To make us more understand the principal highlighted about women in our society. He mentioned about the three pillars that work hand in hand:

- U kni – uncle [head of the family]
- U kpa – Father
- Lukhimai – woman

He encouraged the social work students to raise awareness about the contribution of women in the family and in the society.

The speech by the Principal was followed by a short speech by the Coordinator of IQAC Bro. Simon Coelho *cfc*. He appreciated the Department and especially the students for coming forward and taking the initiatives to organize such a wonderful programme. Appreciating women on this day he thanked his mother for giving him life, he thanked all the female non teaching staff (Kongs) for working very hard to keep the college campus clean.

After the speech of the Coordinator of IQAC Br. Simon Coelho, the MSW First Semester boys presented a song that they had composed dedicated to all the women. The song highlighted and appreciated the spirit of women. The song was followed by a short message from the Vice Principal, Mr. Monotosh Chakraborty. In his speech he stressed on the role of women in the society and shared a story of how he prepared breakfast for his wife in the morning to appreciate the work and contributions that she has made for the family as well as for the society.

Dr. B.W Nongbri, Dean, St. Edmund's college talked in her speech about the importance of women empowerment. She appreciated all the female teaching and non teachings staff of the college for their hard work and contribution to keep the campus clean and which without them

won't be possible. She further translated into khasi and explained to the participants what the previous speakers had stressed upon. She thanked all the men for their support in their life and who have been pillars of strength all through.

The speech of the Dean was followed by a presentation from the MSW first Semester students. They presented a power point presentation on the history of women's day celebration which celebrates women's achievements, raise awareness about women equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity and for fundraise for female focused charities. In their presentation they highlighted on the theme of this year "choose to challenge", the challenge world is an alert world. Individually we are all responsible for our own thoughts and actions every day. From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge. They stressed upon the importance of women's empowerment which is defines to promote women's sense of self worth, their ability to determine their own choices and their right to influence social change for themselves and other. Empowering women is the key to economic growth, political stability and social transformation. The presentation also highlighted the famous women personalities of Northeast India and their achievements. After the presentation the students played a slideshow video. The slideshow video was prepared by the students with photos of students, teachers and the management of the college to show their support for the theme of this year International women's day "Choose to challenge".

The presentation was followed by a short speech from one of the teaching staff. Dr. J. Shadap representing the teaching staff she stressed upon women's rights as Human Rights as proclaimed by the UN in the year 1993. In dwelling human rights, every human being whether male or female should have equal rights in the society and women should be aware of their own rights. Ms. A. Bamon representing the non teaching staff spoke about the theme of this year International Women's Day 'Choose to Challenge' which calls to take actions for women's equality. She highlighted on Gender disparities and Gender stereotypes prevailing in our society. She ended by sharing a quote of Mother Theresa which says, "If you want to change the world go home and love your family."

The short speech from one of the teaching staff and one non teaching staff was followed by a felicitation to all the participants with a sapling to show love and appreciation, to celebrate their

achievements, contribution and hard work. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Wanpynhunlang Nongpluh, MSW first Semester student. He thanked the Principal, the vice principal, Dean, IQAC Coordinator, all the teaching and non teaching staff of the college, the students of Social Work Department (PG) for their participations and support to make this programme a successful one. He also thanked all the speakers for all their words of encouragement and their beautiful messages during the programme.

Conclusion

This programme was organized to mark the event of the International Women's day which is celebrated every year on the 8th of March globally. International women's day has been celebrated for over a century now. But while many people think of it as a feminist cause, its roots lie in a labor movement. It was first organized in 1911 by the early 20th century Marxist from Germany Clara. At the end of the programme the refreshments were served to all in the college Auditorium.

Expenditure

Items	Qty	Rate	Total
Saplings	30	Rs. 25	Rs. 750
	20	Rs. 30	Rs. 600
	10	Rs. 20	Rs. 200
	4	Rs. 40	Rs. 160
Chocolates (Dairy Milk)	65	Rs. 20	Rs. 1,300
Paper Bag	4	Rs. 40	Rs. 160
Decorations	3 unit Golden Ribbons	Rs. 30	Rs. 30
	1 Box Al-Pin	Rs. 40	Rs. 40
	1 set of both side tape	Rs. 80	Rs. 80
Refreshment	100 pieces - Samosa	Rs. 10	Rs. 1,000
	100 Pieces – Slice cake	Rs. 10	Rs. 1,000
	100 cups of Milk Tea	Rs. 10	Rs. 1,000
Total			Rs. 6,320 only (Six thousands three hundred and twenty rupees only)

Picture Gallery

