

Report

14th Foundation Day Celebration

Jnan Taranga Community Radio Station, KKHSOU

The 14th Foundation Day of Jnan Taranga Community Radio Station (CRS) of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU) was celebrated on 20th November 2024 with a



meaningful event emphasizing community engagement and inclusivity. The morning session took place at the Bhavada Devi Memorial Philanthropic Trust - SENEH, an organization dedicated to supporting marginalized and underprivileged groups, especially women in Northeast India. It is basically a Public Charitable Trust working for the benefit of the Ignored, Disregarded, Overlooked, Oppressed, Depressed, and Underprivileged and Deprived section of the society.

The event began with a rendition of the iconic Assamese song “Manuhe Manuhar Babe” by Jnan Taranga CRS volunteers. This was followed by a performance by the senior residents of SENEH, who sang “Ami Aji Jibonor Gau Joy Gaan,” a motivational song written by Retd. Group Captain of Indian Air Force Mr. Atul Chandra Baruah. He is the Chairman the trust SENEH. The song was composed by Sarala Kalita, who is herself a senior ward at SENEH. Their enthusiasm and joy resonated with the audience.



The event also included an interactive session where senior citizens shared their invaluable life experiences, sang songs, offering insights that enriched everyone present. Atul Chandra Baruah spoke about the trust’s mission and its efforts to uplift marginalized and oppressed communities. Ms. Jyotika Devi, the Deputy Managing Trustee of SENEH, also elaborated about the process of rescuing and bringing individuals under the care of the trust. To mark the

occasion, Jnan Taranga CRS presented tokens of appreciation and gifts to all members of SENEH. The gesture was a sincere expression of gratitude for the Community Radio Station's commitment to supporting marginalized and underprivileged groups, particularly women. The



event was chaired by Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah, Director (i/c) of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC), and coordinated by Dr. Sangeeta Kakoty, Deputy Director of EMPC. Reetu Gogoi and Sangeeta Choudhury, volunteers from Jnan Taranga Radio Station, hosted the program and ensured its smooth execution. The event was attended by all CRS volunteers and EMPC staff.



In the latter half of the day, an informal meeting was held at the EMPC annexe, attended by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director of Schools, Professors, and officers of the University. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice Chancellor, addressed the attendees, emphasizing the need for Jnan Taranga CRS to adopt a holistic and inclusive approach in designing its programs. He highlighted the importance of tailoring content to address the diverse and evolving needs of society, ensuring the radio station remains a voice for the voiceless and a platform for constructive dialogue. Dr. N. N. Sarma extended his congratulations to the entire

CRS team for their dedication and achievements. He expressed his hopes for the station to undertake more people-centric initiatives that align with its mission of community empowerment and awareness-building. He acknowledged the station's role in bridging societal gaps and fostering inclusivity. Prof. Pranjit Bora, the Registrar of KKHSOU, called upon the CRS volunteers to focus on highlighting grassroots stories—narratives of unsung heroes and changemakers whose contributions bring about lasting and positive transformations in their communities. He stressed the importance of amplifying these voices to inspire others and promote the value of community-driven change. Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah discussed the efforts behind organizing the Foundation Day celebration at SENEH and reiterated the CRS's commitment to community welfare.

The celebration concluded with a studio tour of Jnan Taranga CRS for the guests, showcasing its facilities and operations. As a note of commemoration of the Foundation Day, guests were presented with a memento, symbolizing appreciation and marking the significance of the occasion. The event underscored 14 years of impactful service of Jnan Taranga CRS, promoting the empowerment of marginalized voices and nurturing community well-being. The day's activities reflected the radio station's mission to bridge societal gaps, encourage dialogue, and celebrate the spirit of inclusion and compassion.



This celebration highlighted not only Jnan Taranga's success over the years but also its dedication to fostering community spirit and inclusion, in alignment with its mission of empowering marginalized voices. The voices, songs and speech of senior residents of SENEH and also those of the faculty, staff and officials of the University on the occasion were broadcast in the Radio Jnan Taranga Radio Channel on the same day and also in the subsequent days.
