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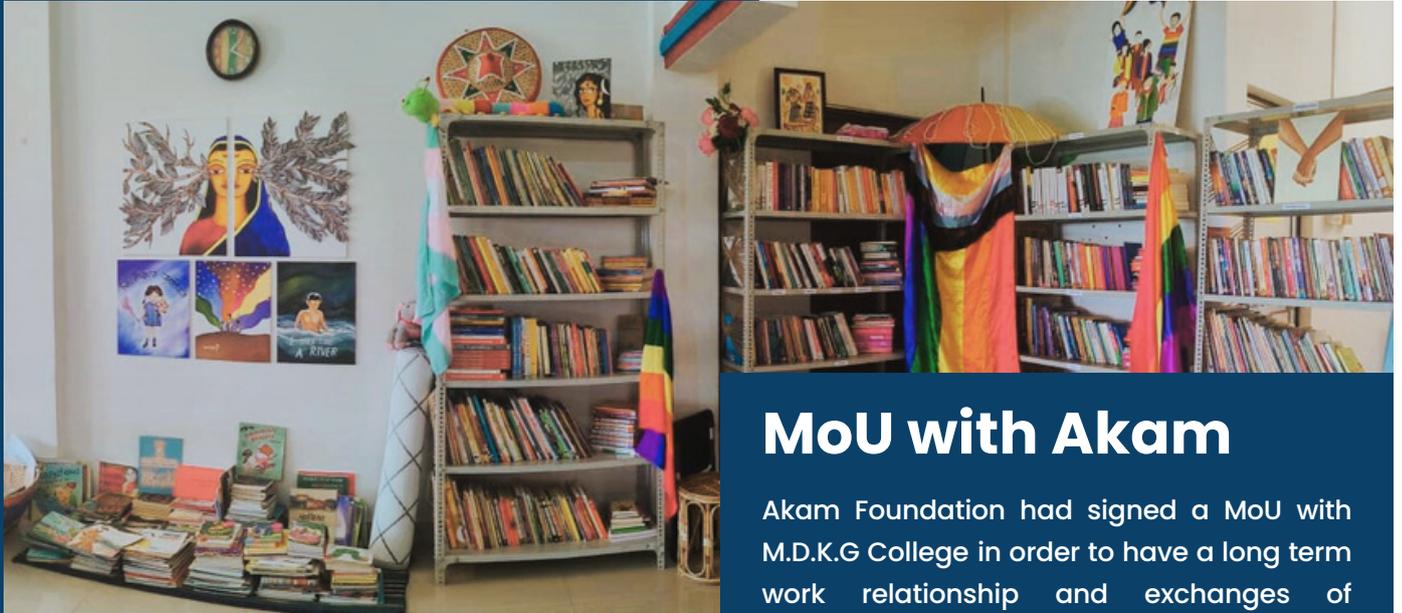
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## MoU with Akam

Akam Foundation had signed a MoU with M.D.K.G College in order to have a long term work relationship and exchanges of resources in the month of February, 2024.



## Library Exposure Visit

- **18th February, 2024:** Library Exposure Visit to Pop-Up Library at Shradhanjali Kanan Park, Zoo Road by **Blue Ladder Trust** by Perna Agarwal and Community Library by **Deuwka** by Bhaskar Kalita at Narengi, Guwahati.
- **17th March, 2024:** Library Exposure Visit to two Satellite Libraries of **Savitribai Phule and Fatima Sheikh Library Group** by Saba Khan and Team at Bhopal.
- **21th March, 2024:** Library Exposure Visit to two **The Community Library Project** Libraries at Khirki Extension and South Extension, Delhi.



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## Library Programs by Akam Foundation

### Chandraprabha Saikia Feminist Library and Resource Centre

In our Physical Library, at Chandraprabha Saikia Feminist Library and Resource Centre we engage with people from all age groups and backgrounds, ranging from children to adults. Our Library also functions as a Safe Space for the LGBTQIA++ Community where all are welcome to learn, think and discuss about their rights in the society.

At our Library, we engage mostly with children through various mediums of books, also involving Art, Dance, Enactment and Games to engage them with books and learning.

Daily Readers :- 6-7 readers  
Overall footfall :- 20+ readers

### Library at Community

**Location: Alubari, Jalan Nagar, Dibrugarh.**

Our objective for the Community Library is to bring access to books to the marginalised or weaker sections of the society who remain deprived of access to books and reading facilities

Reading programs

- Read aloud sessions: 19
- Story telling: 1
- Reading circle: 3
- Book circulation: 153
- Book Reading: 98
- Total no. members:- 87 readers
- Overall footfall:- 262 till date (Feb-March, 24)

### Art Session at Library Space

In our Physical Library, we engage the children with free art sessions, where we read books, and ask them to recreate something from themselves that they have come across while reading the book.

Total Art: 2 Sessions



### Pop up Library in Park

**Location: Chowkidingee Children Park, Chowkidingee, Dibrugarh.**

Our objectives for the Pop Up Library is to make more people aware about the Free Library Movement and to make books accessible to different groups of people, especially for the children in the Urban setting.

In our Pop Up Library, we remotely carry curated books from our physical library where we engage with children from 04 years to 16+ years of age over Books and do Read Alouds, Story Telling, Book Circulation, etc. alongside we do free art sessions and play games as well to keep the children engaged and interested.

Overall footfall:- 324 till date



## Outreach at Guwahati Marathon 2024

Akam Foundation had partnered with Guwahati Marathon 2024 organised at Veterinary Field, Khanapara. We had put up a Pop Up Library with our Rainbow Flags and Badges to promote inclusivity and solidarity, advocating for Gender Justice and Books for All.



## Events at the Space

**12th January 2024:** Observed **Open Mic on Queer Bihu** - Pre-Bihu gathering at Drishti Queer Safe Space, Dibrugarh.

**12th January, 2024:** Launch of **Queer Helpline Number** for the LGBTQIA++ community in Assam - for peer support, referrals and connect to other stakeholders.

**31st January, 2024:** Organised **Embroidery and Crocheting Session** by Darshana and Yanshi - Drishti Safe Space, Dibrugarh for all the interested participants.

**14th February, 2024:** Observing **Rainbow Valentine's Day** - to celebrate Love beyond binaries, promote acceptance towards all types of love, inclusivity and solidarity.

**25th February, 2024:** Organised **Knitting Session** by Yanshi - as a community outreach program allowing young leaders to promote their work - at Drishti Safe Space, Dibrugarh

**27th March, 2024:** Observing **Foundation Day of Akam** - completion of one year of inaugurating Chandraprabha Saikiani Feminist Library and Resource Centre, Mancotta Road, Dibrugarh.



## Drishti Queer Meetups



**Drishti** has been independently organising community meetups in various districts from Assam.

- 16th January, 2024: Queer Community Meet-up with Tinsukia Collective Members.
- 19th January, 2024: Queer Community Meet-up with Golaghat Collective Members.

# Glimpses of OBR, 2024



**1 BILLION RISING**  
2024  
RISE FOR FREEDOM

## One Billion Rising, 2024

One Billion Rising is a Worldwide Movement against Gender Based Violence on Women, Trans and Other Fluid People. This year, we marched with the theme of Rise for Freedom in collaboration with various colleges and different Departments from Dibrugarh University.

12th March, 2024: Flash Mob and Drama performance at Conference Hall, UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University.

20th March, 2024: Poster Making Event at Dibrugarh Hanumanbox Surajmal Kanoi Commerce College, Dibrugarh.

## Workshop/Training attended by team Akam

- **22th February, 2024 to 26th February, 2024:** Team Member, Darshana joined Launchpad-X Cohort by "She Creates Change" at Bangalore.
- **18th March, 2024 to 20th March, 2024:** Team members, Nabajyoti and Padma joined Residential Workshop on Model Library Capacity Building by **Free Libraries Network** at Eklavya Foundation at Bhopal.
- **03th March, 2024 and 04th March, 2024:** Akam Foundation had a workshop for the Team members on Organisation Strategic Development by Pradyut Bhattacharjee, from SESTA organisation at Chandraprabha Saikiani Feminist Library and Resource Centre.



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