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Library Visit by DC

We were honored to receive a visit from the DC of Dibrugarh District, who embraced our free library movement. His encouragement has sparked a renewed sense of dedication among our team. His visit underscored the importance of our mission to provide accessible knowledge and resources to our community. With his support, we are inspired to redouble our efforts and expand our outreach, ensuring that our library continues to serve the community.



Events at the Space

24th April 2024: Organised a discussion session on **Idea of safe space** by Dhariti and Annanya at Drishti Queer Safe Space, Dibrugarh.

28th April, 2024: **Kitapor Hoite Adda** with Dr. Swati Kiran on **Understanding Assamese Translation.**

22nd June, 2024: Organised an **Open mic** on the occasion of Pride month at Drishti Safe Space.



Launch of Queer Xanjug Program

Akam has launched a 9 month journey focusing on Gender, Sexuality, Intersectionality, Building Leadership, Perspective and Social Action which comprises 4 Phases. The program will help in enhancing the personal growth of youth from Assam dealing with community engagement and queer rights.

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Library Programs by Akam Foundation

Chandraprabha Saikia Feminist Library and Resource Centre

The library serves a safe space for queer youth of Upper Assam. The centre holds together the community and creates space for expressing their views and identities. It holds discussion on critical thinking by the queer youths. The library provided space for queer meetups on Pride Month and together celebrated the acceptance of diversity.

Daily Readers :- 4-5 readers
Overall footfall :- 70+ readers

Library at Community

Location 1: Alubari, Jalan Nagar, Dibrugarh.

The community library from the tea estate has grown larger with new members from the community. We are carrying out with different activities that help the children to understand the importance of books.

Reading programs

- Read aloud sessions: 13
- Story telling: 2
- Reading circle: 3
- Book circulation: 167
- Book Reading: 80
- Total no. members:- 87 readers
- Overall footfall:- 241 till date (Apr-June, 24)

Location 2: Kali Bari Road, Koila Patty, Dibrugarh

Started a new community library reaching out to another marginalised group from Dibrugarh district with the vision of accessibility of books to all.

Reading programs

- Read aloud sessions: 11
- Story telling: 2
- Reading circle: 1
- Book circulation: 151
- Book Reading: 78
- Total no. members:- readers
- Overall footfall:- 224 till date (May-June, 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

Glimpses of OBR, 2024



Drishti Queer Meetups



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.

1st April, 2024: Poster Making Event at Manohari Devi Kanoi College, Dibrugarh.

2nd April, 2024: Movie Screening and Discussion by Dr. Madhumita Purkayastha.

3rd April, 2024: Open Mic session at Drishti Queer Safe Space.

4th April, 2024: Strategic Meeting on Gender Based Violence followed by Art Exhibition and Public Lecture by Abha Bhaiya at Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University

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

- **16th April, 2024:** Bihu Celebration with **Jorhat Collective Members**.
- **2nd June, 2024:** Pride Meet-up with **Dhemaji Collective Members**.
- **3rd June, 2024:** Pride Meet-up with **Dibrugarh Collective Members**.
- **4th June, 2024:** Pride Meet-up with **Tinsukia Collective Members**.
- **9th June, 2024:** Pride Meet-up with **Sivsagar Collective Members**.
- **23rd June, 2024:** Pride Meet-up with **Jorhat Collective Members**.



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