



"Queer Terminologies" Book Launch

With the aim of reaching out to people within and outside the LGBTQIA+ community, FST in collaboration with Xomonnoy launched a "Queer Terminologies" booklet in Assamese language as a part of the Queer Sanjog project. This booklet is the first ever book on queer terminologies to be published in a native language in North East India. The booklet attempts to make the understanding of the queer terminologies easier within and outside the community.

Consultation Meetings

Consultation meetings were held with linguistic members, gender experts and the community members at different stages of the Queer Sanjog project in collaboration with Xomonnoy, in order for the booklet to capture the essence of the evolving terminologies in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Marking 10 years of the international campaign OBR'23: Rise for Freedom



13 girl leaders that have come up from the community to play the role of change makers under project Ankuran have gradually started taking charge on the field. Following that programs were organized on One Billion Rising 2023: Rise for Freedom. As art has always been a medium of communicating where your words fail, stories in the form of art were narrated by the small children living in Balaipathar village of Barpeta district, Assam.

One Billion Rising 2023: Rise for Freedom"

In 2013, the world came together to strike, dance and RISE to end violence against women (cisgender and transgender), gender diverse people, girls and the planet, making One Billion Rising the biggest mass action to end violence against women in human history.

The campaign was initiated by playwright and activist Eve Ensler (known for her play *The Vagina Monologues*), and her organization V-Day.



As part of the celebration, a play was also demonstrated by the girl leaders where they highlighted the issue of child marriage. Focusing on the issues that the girl leaders faced themselves as children, they are trying their best to educate their community in their capacity and address the social issues that are pulling them down.

Workshop on feminist leadership accountability measurement



With an objective to develop a feminist leadership framework by FST as an organization to measure the work of the leaders at the grassroots level, a workshop was organised for all the staff members of FST focusing on the feminist leadership accountability measurement.

In the two-days long workshop, Feminism- its relation with private and public domain, patriarchy and power were the areas which were covered elaborately.



Discussions were held for FST to inculcate the feminist framework as an organisation. Learnings and inputs were shared by the participants with regards to the need for diversity within the governance of FST, creating an enabling environment in order to promote decision-making and leadership skills at the grassroots level, creating alternate feminist images of leadership, and the non-negotiable values that FST as an organisation would like to inculcate in the way forward.

About the resource person- Dr. Manisha Gupte



Dr. Manisha Gupte co-founded a rural women's organisation, MASUM in 1987 after actively being a part of the women's movement since the mid 1970s. She has been an activist in the health and civil rights movements in India and worked as the coordinator of the 10th International Women and Health meeting (IWHM) that was held in Delhi in 2005.