

A REPORT ON THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM ORGANIZED BY WEST GUWAHATI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

– December 11 – 16, 2023

Introduction

The prestigious West Guwahati College of Education organizes an orientation week to kick off the academic year with the enthusiastic involvement of its students. This event is designed to provide a platform for teachers to assess students' abilities, talents, and enthusiasm for participating in extracurricular activities. The week fosters an atmosphere of cooperation and healthy competition through a diverse range of events, cultivating invaluable bonds among students. Additionally, it nurtures a sense of respect and trust between students and their educators.

The orientation week comprised of a diverse range of activities like sports, literary events, and cultural events.

Sports Events (11th December 2023)

The orientation week at WGCE commenced with a formal opening ceremony, featuring a march past by first-year students representing the four houses of the B.Ed. course—Joymoti House, Sankardev House, Tagore House, and Lachit House. The procession, led by the esteemed college's banner, marked the initiation of a week-long series of events.



The inaugural day of the orientation week kicked off with sporting activities at the Gauhati University sports field. The first set of events included the 100-meter and 200-meter races for girls and the 200-meter and 400-meter races for boys. Demonstrating enthusiasm and fairness, students from various academic years and disciplines, including B.Ed. and D.El.Ed, participated. Following these races, a shot-put event took place, where a noteworthy number of girls showcased keen interest and participation, highlighting their enthusiasm for the sport.

Subsequently, a relay race event unfolded, with girls exhibiting more enthusiasm than their male counterparts, leading to the cancellation of the boys' event due to insufficient participation. This competition involved members from the four houses. A tug-of-war followed, with boys from the B.Ed. course competing against each other first, and the

victorious team facing the D.El.Ed. team. The competition was intense, marked by excellent sportsmanship and camaraderie, reflecting a strong desire to win. The girls' tug-of-war was an inter-house competition, characterized by healthy competitiveness and fairness.

Moving forward, the discus throw and blind hit events for girls were conducted, emphasizing fairness and a healthy competitive spirit. These individual events attracted participants from various courses and academic sessions. The day concluded with two highly anticipated events—girls' Kabaddi (inter-house) and boys' cricket (inter-course). The cricket match was particularly thrilling, with both teams displaying neck-and-neck competition until the very end. The Kabaddi event also witnessed high levels of competitiveness as girls eagerly vied for victory, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation.

Many indoor games were also organized during the orientation program. Some of the indoor games organized include - chess, carom, ludo, etc.



Literary Events

The students of B.Ed. 1st and 2nd year, along with those pursuing D.El.Ed, actively participated in a diverse array of literary events designed to assess their skills and knowledge. The competitions held under the literary section unfolded as follows:

1. **Memory Test:** A cognitive function-stimulating memory test was conducted, wherein students demonstrated their capacity to retain information.
2. **On Spot Writing:** On the same day, an on-spot writing competition took place. Students were tasked with crafting poems on the theme of affection and short stories exploring the theme of corruption. Writing, as an exercise, encourages individuals to perceive the world from various perspectives.
3. **Inter-house Quiz:** The houses—Joymoti, Lachit, Tagore, Sankardev, and Chilarai—engaged in a spirited quiz competition. The quiz covered a range of topics, including Fit India, Geography, Literature, Sports, and History, testing the students' knowledge diversity.



4. **Extempore Speech:** In this event, students exhibited their oratory prowess on diverse topics with dedication and enthusiasm. The exercise not only enhanced their ability to speak impromptu but also bolstered their confidence.
5. **Word Stock:** Word stock, a vocabulary game, aimed at improving language skills. Students were tasked with stating as many names of categories of things as possible, fostering critical thinking.
6. **Reading Competition:** This competition evaluated students' reading skills. They were required to read "Romeo and Juliet" in English, a newspaper article in Assamese, a poem in Hindi, and a short story in Bengali. Reading not only enhances concentration and focus but also expands vocabulary, crucial for both students and teacher trainees.
7. **Recitation Competition:** On this day, students competed in poem recitation, choosing poems available in English ("Where the Mind is Without Fear"), Hindi ("Jhansi ki Rani"), Assamese ("Puhorot koi Andhar Bhal"), and Bengali ("Hothat Dekha"). This event provided them the freedom to express themselves in their preferred language, promoting confidence in public speaking.
8. **Debate Competition:** The climax arrived with a competitive debate on the topic, "The wealthy are more accountable for environmental harm than the poor." Students presented arguments for opposing viewpoints, intensifying the debate due to the controversial nature of the topic. Each student's perspective added depth to the discussion, showcasing their analytical and debating skills.

Cultural Events

Day 1 (12th December 2023):

1. The day commenced with enchanting solo performances by students from B.Ed. 1st and 2nd year, and D.El.Ed 1st and 3rd semester. The renditions encompassed Rabha Sangeet, Bhupendra Sangeet, Jyoti Sangeet, and Rabindra Sangeet, creating a captivating musical atmosphere.
2. Following the soulful solos, the second activity featured chorus performances by students from B.Ed. 1st and 2nd year, and D.El.Ed 1st and 3rd semester. These performances were thoughtfully organized based on the students' respective houses.

3. The day's third activity, "Biya Naam," showcased the artistic talents of students from B.Ed. 1st and 2nd year, and D.El.Ed 1st and 3rd semester, with presentations skillfully divided according to their houses.

Day 2 (13th December 2023):

1. The fourth activity unfolded as a mesmerizing mono act, skillfully performed by students of WGCE.
5. The fifth activity featured street play acts, executed by groups of students comprising 10 members each. Remarkably, these groups were formed without regard to their class, house, or semester affiliations, emphasizing unity and collaboration.



Day 3 (14th December 2023):

6. A dazzling dance performance took center stage on the third day, presented by talented students of WGCE. The performances were categorized based on houses, dance styles (folk or modern), and whether they were solo or group presentations.
7. The seventh activity of the day was the Traditional Attire Competition, where students showcased various traditional outfits, representing diverse cultures with cultural sensitivity.



The orientation program was concluded with a valedictory program organized on Dec 16, 2023. The event was attended by dignitaries from Saraighat HS School and Satgaon HS

School, besides all the students and respected faculty members of the institute. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various events during the program. Students ornamented the event with various cultural performances.

The orientation program not only emphasized the significance of sports in our lives but also underscored their role in promoting a healthy lifestyle, fostering discipline, camaraderie, and a spirit of healthy competition among individuals. The students' spirited involvement rendered the day truly memorable for both participants and the educators overseeing and observing the events.