BRIEF REPORT ON THE TRANSGENDER AWARENESSS AND INCLUSITIVITY PROGRAMME-APRIL 6, 2023

The Lady Keane College Nodal Centre for Human Rights (LKCNCHR), Lady Keane College, organized a transgender inclusivity awareness program on **April 6**, **2023**, that aimed to create an inclusive environment for transgender individuals on our campus. The program was hosted by Mr. N. Mahongnao.

The program started with a welcome speech from our principal, Dr. D.K.B. Mukhim, followed by Mrs. Wanda Lyngdoh, who briefed the students about the biological basis of gender with special reference to the sex chromosomes of the male and female genders.

The guest speaker, Ms. Rituparna Neog, discussed the various difficulties that a transgender individual has to face in society, including discrimination, isolation, and stereotyping. She talked about legal protections and how difficult it is to access basic human rights such as healthcare, education, and employment.

The program also emphasized the importance of self-acceptance and self-love for transgender individuals. They highlighted the fact that loving oneself and being who one truly is will enable one to live a happy and fulfilling life.

The speaker also emphasized the need for creating a place where transgender individuals can feel a sense of belongingness. It was stressed that all individuals, regardless of their gender identity, caste, creed, place of birth, etc., deserve respect, dignity, and equality.

The speaker ended her presentation with a Q&A session where attendees were encouraged to ask questions and clarify any doubts they had regarding transgender identities. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Devoleena Borah, a student from the 4th semester, Department of Political Science. The responses showed a strong desire to create a safe, understanding, supportive, and inclusive environment for individuals who identify as transgender. The program ended with an assurance from the principal of the college to make Lady Keane College a transgender-friendly campus.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

The transgender inclusivity awareness program was a huge success in increasing awareness and understanding of the issues faced by intersex individuals. It has brought positive changes to the perceptions of the students as well as the staff members about the transgender community. The nodal centre plans to take more such initiatives in the near future. This program brought about a positive response from the administration in terms of creating a transgender-friendly campus and providing a handbook on transgender rights in the college library.

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Photos of the Event





