



National Girl Child Day, 2023

Title of the program: National Girl Child Day, 2023

Date: 24th January,2023

Background/ Significance of the day:

National girl child day is celebrated every year on 24th January to draw attention to the inequalities faced by the girl child and to create awareness regarding her rights including the importance of education, health, and nutrition.

About the program/Details of the Program:

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concern over the growing incidence of girl child trafficking in the North East. Further, he highlighted the different schemes implemented by the government for the welfare of the girl child. The program moderated by Dr. Pakiza Begum, Secretary of Women Cell (GCTU) and Assistant Professor, department of Chemistry was attended by a significant number of students and faculty members of the college. Ms. Bornali Dutta, Assistant Professor of the department of Statistics delivered the vote of thanks.

✤ <u>Participants registered/Participants present (scanned copy of the attendance sheet):</u>

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***** <u>Photos of the event:</u>



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* <u>Newspaper cutting of that news:</u>



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