

**Department of Sociology observed the International Literacy Day  
by organizing a rally ‘Walk for Literacy’ on literacy awareness  
in Barnihat village of Ri-Bhoi district in Meghalaya  
on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.**

In view of the International Literacy day being observed on September 8, Department of Sociology, University of Science and Technology chose to raise awareness for education in Barnihat village in the Guwahati-Shillong road. The department organized a rally which is called ‘Walk for Literacy’.



The awareness rally was inaugurated by Dr. Maqbul Ali, Associate Professor of the Department. Speaking at the event he stressed to the local people the importance of education and added that it is education that gives students an ideal scope in life to excel. He explained how education can bring change in the lives of people through skill development. He told the local people the need of education in every walks of life such as in retail shops, tailoring or whatsoever activities taking up. It can help in accounting and income saving for a good social life.

Dr. D.K. Pradhan, Assistant professor of the Department of Education, USTM on the occasion added that the objective behind observing this day is to let them know how government through all its programs and schemes as 'SarvaShikshaAbhiyan' is obliged to spread education among the people who need it the most.



On the occasion Barnali Sharma, Assistant Professor of the department of Sociology explained how with education we give a better dream to our next generation. She holds that our target today should be to educate the last child in the area so that we don't have even a single child left without literacy; this dream is not possible without common effort of entire society and nation.



In the event student of MA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, also shared her experiences how education changed her life and how she can dream of a better future for both herself and their parents. She highlighted how education has made her confident to face any problem of life and find out the best available solutions for it. She concluded her speech by saying that education is the best gift we can give to our next generation and without it we are creating a handicapped human resource.



The rally started from Barnihat village market. Participants of the rally who were the students of all the batches of both graduation and master degree were seen carrying placards with relevant messages highlighting the theme of the event. They walked for 1 km from the Barnihat market. They were also joined by all the faculties of the Department of Sociology and Dr. Pradhan, Assistant professor of the Department of Education, USTM.

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