

11th Foundation Day Celebration Report **Jnan Taranga Community Radio Service (90 FM)**

Jnan Taranga, the first community radio station of North East has successfully accomplished eleven years of its broadcast on 20th November, 2021. The occasion was commemorated with live and recorded transmissions from the Jnan Taranga CRS stationed at KKHSOU city centre Khanapara, Guwahati in accordance with the ongoing COVID-19 protocols. The programme started with the opening announcement by Community Radio



Volunteer Sangeeta Choudhury along with the relaying of the Signature Tune. Sangeeta elaborated how the CRS was relentless producing and transmitting programmes even during the lockdown period with commendable effort and cooperation.

The event was formally inaugurated with relaying of recorded messages from Vice Chancellor and Registrar of KKHSOU.

Prof. Nripendra Narayan Sarma, Vice Chancellor (i/c) of the University, in his speech elicited the eleven year long journey of Jnan Taranga during which it has produced some very high quality programmes with exemplary contributions by Community of Volunteers (CoVs). He also acknowledged the role of CoVs in expanding the listener demographics as they ensured community participation in Radio programmes enhancing its outreach. He praised the radio programmes on women's issues including healthcare and education, education and empowerment admiring the efforts put forwarded by volunteers. In the end, he said that everyone associated with the CRS should work more cohesively to create impactful programmes for the community in future.

Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury, Registrar of KKHSOU in his speech hailed the enthusiasm and determination of volunteers of Jnan Taranga CRS that kept it functioning smoothly during the tough period hit by COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked listeners including those who actively participated in the radio programmes, thereby contributing to its success. He took the occasion to thank the technical crew, volunteers, extended university family and requested

cooperation from all the stakeholders so that in time to come Jnan Taranga can continue broadcasting effective and quality programmes dedicated to the community.

After that, Foundation day specific programmes are broadcasted in conjunction with the routine programmes. Live phonetic interaction with the audience from the studio is coordinated by CoVs Sangeeta Chaoudhury and Santa Kalita respectively. The community listeners contacted the CRS and exchanged congratulatory message, good wishes etc. over phone. Apart from that some regular listeners of Jnan Taranga recited poems or rendered songs to commemorate the occasion. Some of such highlights are enumerated below.

Babanita Das, a practising singer and Director of Babani Music Academy, Panjabari congratulated Jnan Taranga on its 11th Foundation Day. She also sang a song to mark the occasion. Senior artist and Principal of Sarada Music School, Robin Borpujari sang two self-composed children's song and congratulated Jnan Taranga on the occasion. Singer Surendra Sing, an employee of Assam Secretariat rendered two Bhajans. Upcoming artist Manmiti Kalita sang two modern songs besides applauding Jnan Taranga for completing another successful year. Instrumentalist Sushil Bezbaruah recalled his journey with Jnan Taranga wishing it success in its endeavour of dissemination of knowledge, awareness and information. He had participated in numerous programmes of Jnan Taranga in the past, besides being a regular listener of Jnan Taranga. Regular listeners Anil Nath, Akhil Nath and Rupmaina Nath congratulated the Jnan Taranga family for tallying another eventful year to its timeline. Ranjit Sarma, Minati Bhagawati, Ruma Bhattacharyya and Anjana Das joined others to compliment Jnan Taranga on the important occasion. The celebration of Foundation Day came to an end with the vote of thanks and concluding announcement by Santa Kalita.




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