#### REPORT ON THE DOG BITE AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Theme: "City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price"
Organised by MARIANI COLLEGE, MARIANI, ASSAM
Date: 28th November, 2025

As per Instructions of DHE, Assam (Letter No. ECF No. 722677/1)

The Dog Bite Awareness Programme on the theme "City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price" was organised by Mariani College on 28th November, 2025, following the directives issued by the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Assam, vide letter number ECF No. 722677/1. The programme aimed at sensitising students, faculty members and the local community about the rising incidents of dog bites, preventive measures, and the importance of responsible stray dog management.

The event commenced at 11:00 a.m. in the college auditorium with a brief inaugural session. Dr. Horen Goowalla, Principal, Mariani College delivered the welcome address, highlighting the urgency of addressing the growing stray dog population and the risks faced by children and vulnerable groups in urban and semi-urban areas. The Principal also emphasised the need for awareness, community participation, and scientific measures to control such incidents.

The Resource Person for the programme was Dr. Sanjiv Saikia, Veterinary Officer, State Veterinary Dispensary, Kumargaon, Jorhat, Assam. In an insightful and informative session, the Resource Person discussed the causes behind the increasing number of stray dogs, factors contributing to aggressive behaviour in dogs, and the immediate steps to be taken in case of a dog bite. Special emphasis was placed on children's safety, as they are the most common victims of stray dog attacks. The talk also covered topics such as vaccination, wound management, the importance of anti-rabies treatment, and community-based solutions like sterilisation drives and responsible waste disposal.

Interactive sessions were conducted where students and participants raised questions regarding dog behaviour, municipal responsibilities, and ways to create safer neighbourhoods. The Resource Person addressed each query with clarity, encouraging students to become proactive ambassadors of public safety. A short awareness video was screened, followed by a demonstration on safe behaviour around stray dogs.

The Co-ordinator of the Programme was Mr. Karuna Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Mariani College. The events of the programme were carried out by Ms. Nivedita Sarmah, Head, Department of History, Mariani College.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks offered by Dr. Arupanjali Borah, IQAC Coordinator of Mariani College, acknowledging the DHE, Assam for issuing timely instructions to organise such an essential programme. The Co-ordinator also thanked the Resource Person, faculty members, students, and support staff for ensuring the success of the event.

The Dog Bite Awareness Programme proved to be highly beneficial, enhancing awareness among the participants and stimulating meaningful discussions on the safety and welfare of both humans and animals. The college expressed its commitment to organising more such programmes in future to support community awareness and public health initiatives.

Principal অধাক Mariani College মহিন্তিন মহাবিদ্যালয় Mariani মৰিয়নি

### SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EVENT

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ON



## "CITY HOUNDED BY STRAY DOGS; KIDS PAY PRICE"

ORGANIZED BY

#### MARIANI COLLEGE

IN COLLABORATION WITH

### INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

Resource Person: Dr. Sanjiv Saikia, Veterinary Officer, State Veterinary Dispensary

Date: 28th November, 2025 (Friday)

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Arts Complex, Mariani College



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