## Impact screening "Conversations Matter" under Redefining masculinities impact Project organized by UGC Centre for Women's Studies Dibrugarh University 19th February, 2024

The UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University organized the screening of a documentary titled 'Conversations Matter' in collaboration with MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse), MOBIUS FILMS, DAWN (Direct Action for Women), ROHINI NILEKANI as part of their "Redefining masculinities impact Project". The programme was organized on 19 February 2024 at the Conference Hall, UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University and was attended by the students of various Departments and Centres for Studies of the University.

'Conversations Matter' is a documentary series that focuses on changing the narrative about masculinity and male stereotypes, thereby also empowering women and encouraging gender sensitivity and creating impact with stories of 'Men of Substance' from across the world. The first Pilot Episode featuring Nelson Deb highlighted his journey and the unique initiatives, along with featuring the women, men & children whose lives have been impacted through his exemplary activities to educate, sensitise and open up the gender, sexuality and masculinity context through projects in Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland. Nelson Deb is the founder of The Eco Hub, Co-Founder of Bodhana NGO, certified WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) consultant and a MHM (Menstrual Health Management) facilitator by WASH United, Berlin.

The documentary was a reflexive intervention of the protagonist and is endeavor into menstruation and women. The discussion on the documentary was started by Dr. Nasmeem F. Akhtar, Director i/c, UGC Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University. Nelson Deb apprised the audience how redefining the narrative of masculinities is important and how conversations matter. The discussion ended with interactions amongst the participants regarding the need for dialogue and discussions on masculinities, femininities, and gender.







