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Press Release

National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD) Kolkata celebrated **Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD)** on 18th May 2023. The event aims to raise awareness about global accessibility and sensitize the community at large towards the needs and rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs). This significant event witnessed a series of activities, including slogan and poster competitions, a debate competition among students and a quiz competition for PwDs and their attendants.

The event began with great enthusiasm as students showcased their creativity and understanding of accessibility through a slogan and poster competition. The participants highlighted the importance of inclusive environments and equal opportunities for all.

To foster a spirit of inclusivity and encourage dialogue, a vibrant debate competition was organized among the students. The participants engaged in insightful discussions, exploring various aspects of accessibility and the challenges faced by PWDs. The competition showcased their understanding and dedication for promoting equal rights and opportunities for all individuals.

In line with the core concept of the event, a quiz competition was held exclusively for PwDs and their attendants. The quiz provided an engaging platform for participants to showcase their understanding and learn from each other.

A highlight of the event was the distribution of free prosthesis, orthosis and assistive devices to Divyangjan. These devices play a crucial role in easing the lives of persons with locomotor disabilities, ensuring their global access and enhanced quality of life.

A seminar was organized for the NGO representatives, students, and staff of NILD, Kolkata. The seminar focused on discussing the present status and future of accessibility. Esteemed guests, Smt. Nilanjana Dasgupta, IAS, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, West Bengal, and Prof. Subhasis Bhaumik, Professor & HOD, Dept. of Mechatronics, IEST, Shibpur, Howrah, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Key Speaker, respectively.

Expertise of speakers provided more valuable insight to the attendees about the importance of accessibility.

Dr. P.K. Lenka, Deputy Director (Offg.), NILD Kolkata extended thanks to all the guests and participants for their active participation in Global Accessibility Awareness Day. The event highlighted the ongoing efforts towards achieving global accessibility and strengthened the commitment to promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (Divyangjan).

Dy. Director (offg.)