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**Press Release**

National Girl Child Day entails a huge significance in promoting / awareness on the rights of girls. This day is celebrated to raise awareness in the society about the gender based discrimination that girls experience in our society. The Department of Social Welfare is committed towards the welfare of girl child and in order to promote awareness on the rights of girl children, a series of programmes were organized from 18.01.2023 to 24.01.2023 at Balikaniketan, Attam Pahad. Experts from Health department, AYUSH and Employment Exchange interacted with the children and sensitized them on issues like Menstrual Hygiene, Nutrition, Prevention of drug abuse, Yoga & healthy living, Child Rights, POCSO Act, Workshop on Career counseling & Vocational guidance. Health-camp and various indoor-games were also organized for the girls of Balikaniketan in which they participated with full enthusiasm.

The weeklong celebration culminated on 24.01.2023 on the occasion of National Girl Child Day with colourful cultural programmes presented by the inmates of Balikaniketan. The Director (SW), Smti Iti Agarwal was the Chief Guest who motivated the children to work hard and build up their confidence by following the righteous path and showcase their talent in their respective field of interest. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of various competitions.

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Director (SW)

