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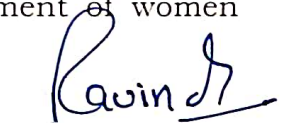
**Successful Completion of Programs on "Elimination of Gender-Based Violence"**

The Department of Social Welfare has successfully conducted a series of awareness programs as part of the 16 Days of activism against Elimination of Gender-Based Violence as per directions received from the Ministry of Women and Child Development. This annual global campaign, running from 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10th December (Human Rights Day), aims to raise awareness about gender inequality and combat violence against women and girls.

The Department organized a range of events from November 25 to December 10, 2024. The programs targeted 06 schools and 04 community centers, reaching a total of 1055 participants including students, teachers, anganwadi workers, and community members.

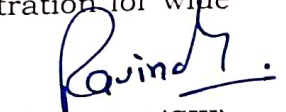
The programs aimed to educate, engage, and empower local communities by raising awareness about gender equality, legal rights, and the need to combat gender-based violence. Key topics covered during the awareness sessions included gender sensitization, legal protections for women (such as the Domestic Violence Act 2005, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2013, POCSO Act 2012, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, and the Information Technology Act 2000), and the various government schemes aimed at supporting women in need. These sessions were conducted by Dr. Shweta, State Coordinator (SHEW) under the guidance of Ms. Reeta Devi, Nodal Officer (Hub for Empowerment of Women).

The Directorate of Social Welfare remains committed to fostering a society that is free from gender-based violence and discrimination. With the continued efforts under the able guidance of Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Director (Social Welfare), these programs play a vital role in promoting gender equality and ensuring the safety and empowerment of women across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

  
Director (SW)

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