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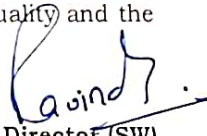
**16 Days of Activism for Ending Gender-Based Violence: Awareness Programs**

The period from 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10th December (Human Rights Day) is observed globally as the 16 Days of activism against Gender-Based Violence, a campaign aimed at raising awareness and advocating for the elimination of violence against women and girls. In line with this global initiative, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, through the State Hub for Empowerment of Women (SHEW) under the Directorate of Social Welfare, is conducting various programs to promote gender equality, gender sensitization, and legal awareness.

As part of these initiatives, a program was organized on 04th December 2024, at GSS Junglighat. The event focused on educating participants about gender sensitization and gender equality, critical legal provisions and schemes that protect and empower women, including the **Domestic Violence Act 2005**, **The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2013**, **POCSO Act 2012**, **The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006**, and **The Information Technology Act 2000**. Additionally, the program aimed to raise awareness about various women-centric schemes under the Government of India that provide support and resources to women in need.

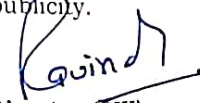
The event was attended by 56 participants, including students of Class 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and teachers. The discussions focused on building a comprehensive understanding of legal rights, as well as fostering a more gender-sensitive and inclusive community.

The ongoing programs aim to engage, educate, and empower individuals, while also providing them with the tools to combat gender-based violence and discrimination. These efforts are crucial in the pursuit of gender equality and the protection of women's rights.

  
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