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## PRESS RELEASE

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## PROGRAM ON GENDER SENSATIZATION

As gender sensitization is about recognizing and challenging the societal norms, stereotypes, and biases that discriminate based on gender. It's a crucial step towards creating a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Therefore The State Hub for Empowerment of Women under the Directorate of Social Welfare has conducted an awareness program aiming to educate teenagers about sex, gender, gender roles, gender equality, sensitivity towards other genders and stereotypes related to gender.

The program was conducted in Mahatma Gandhi International School, Brookshabad on 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025 and was attended by 90 participants. During the awareness program Dr. Nitu Sindhu (State Coordinator, SHEW) educated the participants about sex & gender, types of gender and ways to create a better and inclusive environment for third gender. Smti Hemlatha (Gender Specialist, SHEW) addressed the participants regarding gender stereotypes & gender roles and encouraged integrating gender sensitization into educational curriculums to shape young minds towards equality and respect.

The interns under department of Social Welfare Miss. S. Shruti, Miss. T Sushmetha & Tanaya Antony (B. Sc. Home Science) held a discussion with participants while encouraging them to educate themselves, speak up for abuse and support inclusive practices for better today and tomorrow. The program was concluded stating that by working together, we can create an environment where everyone, regardless of gender, can live with dignity and achieve their full potential.

The program was conducted under the guidance of Shri. Ravinder Kumar (Director, of Social Welfare) and Ms. Reeta Devi (Nodal Officer, SHEW). The Social Welfare Department requests the general public to work together and be sensitive towards other gender while encouraging equality.

Nodal Officer(SHEW)

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