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The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Gyalshing District Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim

DHEW Gyalshing Conducts Awareness and Outreach Programmes from July to October 2026

Gyalshing, October 2026: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW), Gyalshing District, under the Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, conducted a series of awareness and outreach programmes from July to October 2026. The programmes covered various issues relating to child protection, women's rights, health and hygiene, social security, and livelihood opportunities, with the aim of creating awareness and improving access to relevant welfare services.

4 July 2026 | PMMVY Enrolment Drive | Dentam BAC

The programmes commenced with an enrolment drive under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) at Dentam Block Administrative Centre (BAC). The drive aimed to facilitate the enrolment of eligible beneficiaries and provide information on the scheme's eligibility criteria and maternity benefits, enabling women to access the assistance available under the scheme.

8 July 2026 | POCSO Act, Human Trafficking and Juvenile Justice Awareness with Plantation Drive | Nambu GPU

An awareness programme was organised at Nambu Gram Panchayat Unit (GPU) to highlight child protection laws, the prevention of human trafficking and the Juvenile Justice framework. The programme emphasised the importance of protecting children from abuse and exploitation. A plantation drive was also conducted to encourage environmental awareness and community participation.

17 July 2026 | POCSO Act, Human Trafficking and Juvenile Justice Awareness with Plantation Drive | Bongten

SSS. A similar programme was conducted at Bongten Senior Secondary School (SSS), focusing on child safety, prevention of sexual offences and human trafficking, and the protection of children's rights. The session highlighted the importance of awareness and collective responsibility in creating a safe environment for children. The plantation drive further encouraged environmental responsibility among participants.

23 July 2026 | Awareness on Prohibition of Child Marriage, Prevention of Dowry and Domestic Violence | Singyang

GPU. The programme at Singyang GPU addressed harmful social practices, including child marriage, dowry and domestic violence. It highlighted the importance of legal awareness, gender equality and community involvement in preventing these practices and protecting the rights and dignity of women and girls.

12 August 2026 | Menstrual Health and Hygiene Awareness | Kyonsha ICDS Centre. A programme on menstrual health and hygiene was conducted at Kyonsha Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Centre. The session focused on safe menstrual hygiene practices, addressing common misconceptions and reducing the stigma surrounding menstruation. It also emphasised the importance of accurate health information and open discussions on menstrual health.

5 September 2026 | POCSO Act, Human Trafficking and Juvenile Justice Awareness with Plantation Drive | Berfok

GPU. The programme at Berfok GPU continued the district's efforts to raise awareness of child protection and the prevention of exploitation. Participants were sensitised to the importance of safeguarding children, recognising risks and strengthening community awareness. The accompanying plantation drive promoted environmental conservation and active community participation.

23 September 2026 | Orphan Sponsorship Awareness | 6th Mile GPU. An awareness programme on orphan

sponsorship was conducted at 6th Mile GPU to provide information on sponsorship assistance available for eligible children in need of care and protection. The programme highlighted the importance of child welfare and the role of support mechanisms in helping vulnerable children access appropriate assistance.

30 September 2026 | Awareness on Entrepreneurship and Skill Development | Bermiok BAC. The programme at Bermiok BAC focused on entrepreneurship and skill development as means of promoting economic independence and sustainable livelihoods. Participants were encouraged to explore self-employment opportunities, develop practical skills and consider income-generating activities, with particular emphasis on the importance of economic empowerment and self-reliance.

13 October 2026 | POCSO Act, Human Trafficking and Juvenile Justice Awareness with Plantation Drive | ITI

Gyalshing. The latest programme in the series was conducted at the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Gyalshing, focusing on child protection laws, prevention of human trafficking and the Juvenile Justice framework. The programme highlighted the importance of awareness and collective action in preventing abuse and exploitation. A plantation drive was also undertaken as part of the initiative.

Through these programmes, DHEW Gyalshing continues to reach communities across the district to promote awareness of women's welfare, child protection, health, social security and livelihood opportunities under the initiatives of the Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department.

