

Press Release from District Administration Soreng

Quarterly Inspection of Child Care Institutions Conducted in Soreng District

Soreng, Sikkim: In compliance with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the rules framed thereunder, a Quarterly Inspection of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Soreng District was conducted by the District Inspection Committee to assess the standards of care, protection, rehabilitation, health, safety, education, and overall well-being of children residing in the institutions.

The inspection covered three Child Care Institutions functioning in the district. During the visit, the committee examined statutory records, infrastructure, hygiene and sanitation, nutrition, healthcare facilities, educational and vocational support, counselling services, child protection mechanisms, staff deployment, and compliance with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and related guidelines. The committee also interacted with the children and staff members to assess their welfare and address any concerns.

The inspection was carried out in the presence of the following members:

Smt. Tek Maya Sharma, Protection Officer (Institutional Care)

Smt. Puja Khatiwada, Legal-cum-Probation Officer/Probation Officer

Smt. Varsha Chettri, Social Welfare Inspector

Smt. Gouri Tamang, joint Director/CDPO

Dr. Menuka Tamang, Additional Director (Health), Soreng PHC

Smt. Yamuna Dhungel, Counsellor, Health Department, Soreng PHC

Shri Roshan Chettri, District Child Protection Unit (DEO, DCPU)

Shri Tirtha Bahadur Subba, Representative of Panchayat/Civil Society

Shri Purab Wangdi, Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC)

Shri Binod Chettri, Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC)

Dr. Amit Rai, Member, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Rinchenpong PHC

The committee appreciated the efforts made by the managements of the institutions in ensuring the care and protection of children. Suggestions and recommendations were also provided to further strengthen institutional care, improve service delivery, and ensure full compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and the applicable rules and standards.

The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the rights, welfare, and holistic development of children in need of care and protection through regular monitoring, inter-departmental coordination, and continuous improvement of child care services.