Press Release from Social Welfare Department, Pakyong District

Joint Inspection of Rehabilitation Centres under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan

Pakyong, 17th November: In a significant step towards strengthening substance abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services, the Social Welfare Department, Pakyong District, in collaboration with the Health Department and Police Department, conducted a joint inspection and visit to three rehabilitation centres in the district on 16th and 17th November 2026 under the banner of the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA).

The inspection covered Samaritan Rehabilitation Centre, Jeewan Marg Society and Awake Society, Chota Singtam, Assam Lingzey. The initiative was undertaken in pursuance of the decisions and discussions held during the District-Level NMBA/NCORD Meeting on 31st October 2026.

During the visits, the inspection team interacted with the Project Directors, Centre In-charges and staff members to assess the overall functioning, management and rehabilitation services provided to the residents. The team reviewed institutional documentation, case records, admission registers and other administrative procedures. Information regarding institutional registration and compliance with applicable rules and regulations, including the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, was also sought.

The team further interacted with the residents, motivated them to remain committed to their recovery and encouraged them to lead healthy, dignified and substance-free lives. Awareness was also imparted on the harmful effects of substance abuse and its consequences on individual health, family relationships and society.

The inspection programme was led by Ms. Sunita Dahal, Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department, Pakyong District, along with departmental staff; Mr. Pradeep Chettri, SHO, Pakyong, accompanied by the Officer-in-Charge of Rorathang and police personnel; and the Health Counsellor, Pakyong, representing the Health Department.

Through this joint initiative, the participating departments emphasised the importance of institutional accountability, proper management, quality rehabilitation services and coordinated departmental efforts in addressing the growing challenges of substance abuse.

The Social Welfare Department reaffirmed its commitment, in coordination with the Health and Police Departments, to strengthening awareness, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration initiatives under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan