

Press Release from District Child Protection Unit, Gangtok- Women, Child, Senior Citizen & Divyangjan Welfare Department

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District Child Protection Unit (Gangtok), Mission Vatsalaya Scheme under Women, Child, Senior Citizen & Divyangjan Welfare Department in coordination with Health Department has successfully established a “Cradle Baby Point” at District Hospital, Singtam as part of ongoing efforts to ensure safety and protection of vulnerable infants.

The initiative aims to provide a safe, anonymous and secure option for parents and guardians who may be unable to take care of the newborns and thereby preventing the cases of child abandonment and ensuring that every child receives proper care and protection.

The Cradle Baby Point is equipped with essential safety kits and upon receiving the newborns, immediate medical assistance and care shall be provided by the Hospital authorities and then relocated to nearest Adoption Center from where the further adoption process is taken care of under relevant Acts.

The programme was attended by Dr. Asok Rai, Director cum CMO, Dr. Raju Singh, D.M.S, Assistant Nursing Superintendents, Staff from Labour Room, Maternity ward/Gynae Wards, District Child Protection Officer, Gangtok and officials from the DCPU, Child Help Line and IEC Dept., Singtam Hospital.

At the outset, The DCPO, Gangtok enlightened everyone about the importance of having a Cradle Baby Point at the hospital premises. Further adding that the Cradle Baby Point provides safe and secure space to the new born and also offers a way for unwed mothers and parents who are unable to take care of child to surrender a baby without disclosing their identity. This initiative reflects the Government’s commitment to safeguard the Child’s Right.