

Press release from Sancha Man Limboo Government College, Gyalshing

A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON GENDER SENSITISATION AND AWARENESS'. Theme: Dowry, Gender Equality, Constitutional Values, and Women's Rights

Gyalshing, 30 October: A one-day workshop on the theme "Dowry, Gender Equality, Constitutional Values, and Women's Rights" was successfully organised on 29th October 2026 by the Gender Sensitisation Unit (GSU) of SMLGC, Gyalshing. The program aimed to educate students on essential legal rights, foster a gender-just campus environment, and promote core constitutional principles. The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and legal experts.

The workshop commenced with an official welcome note delivered by Dr. Mayalmit Lepcha, Convenor of the GSU, SMLGC, Gyalshing. In her address, Dr. Lepcha highlighted the objective of the workshop, emphasising the critical role academic institutions play in dismantling gender stereotypes and preparing responsible, legally aware citizens.

The program started with the First Technical Session by Ms. Aita Hangma Limboo, Learned Panel Advocate, District Legal and Session Court on Dowry, Women's Rights, and Constitutional Values.

The key Focus Areas she covered was on-

- The legal and social implications of the dowry system, urging youth to build a dowry-free society.
- Fundamental women's rights and the legal remedies available against exploitation and domestic violence.
- An overview of the principles enshrined in the Constitution of India that guarantee equality, dignity, and protection for women.
- Simplification of complex legal frameworks to help students easily understand their rights and civic duties.

The Second technical session was carried forward by Mr. Johnson Subba, Learned Panel Advocate (District Legal and Session Court) and Supervisor of the Legal Aid Clinics, SMLGC, Gyalshing on the theme Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (POSH) focusing on the students.

The Key Focus Areas he covered was-

- Detailed Orientation on the Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal of Sexual Harassment, specifically customized for the student community highlighting on the history of several laws coming into effect after cases like The Vishaka and Others vs. State of Rajasthan (August 13, 1997).
- Building safe spaces within educational settings and understanding the definition of a "workplace" as applicable to students.
- The mechanism of reporting grievances through institutional safety bodies like the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).

Further he also nourished the participants regarding Online Harassment cases and the preventive measures to be taken. Following the expert talks, the floor was opened for an energetic interactive session. Students and participants actively raised questions regarding legal recourse, workplace safety, and methods to curb deep-rooted social biases. The resource persons addressed these queries by providing practical insights and real-world legal perspectives.

The program successfully concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, expressing deep gratitude to the resource persons, college administration, and the student body for making the sensitization program an impactful event.