

Press Release from DHEW, Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Soreng District

The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) under the Women, Child, Senior Citizen & Divyangjan Welfare Department (WCSC&DWD), Soreng District, organized a programme under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana on 06 February 2026 at Ribdi Bharang GPU. The session focused on sensitization regarding the rights of senior citizens and awareness of government welfare schemes. The programme was conducted in the presence of CDPO Mrs. Gauri Tamang, who highlighted the importance and values of grandparents in society, the rights of senior citizens, and the Old Age Pension Scheme. She also distributed tokens of appreciation to senior citizens as a gesture of gratitude to the beneficiaries present.

Additionally, Advocate Mr. Bikalp Karki, the resource person for the day, delivered an informative session on the rights of senior citizens. He explained important aspects of justice and legal provisions related to senior citizens and informed participants about the availability of fair and free legal assistance for those unable to afford legal representation.

Mr. Apoorva Pradhan conducted a session on the documentation required for applying for the Old Age Pension Scheme and discussed various welfare schemes available for senior citizens.

The programme was attended by the Panchayat President of Ribdi Bharang GPU, Anganwadi workers and helpers, GPU staff of Ribdi Bharang, and DHEW staff of Soreng, West Sikkim. Their collective support ensured the successful conduct of the programme.