

Press release from District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) WCSCDW Department Gyalshing.

Gyalshing, January 31: An awareness and sensitization programme on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative was successfully organised at Karzi, Gyalshing by the District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) under the Women, Child, Senior Citizens & Divyangjan Welfare (WCSCDW) Department, Gyalshing.

The programme aimed to strengthen community awareness on child rights, child protection laws, and the collective responsibility of society in ensuring a safe and secure environment for children, especially girls. The session on the POCSO Act was delivered by Advocate Bilkalp Karki, who served as the resource person for the programme. He provided a comprehensive overview of the key provisions of the Act, categories of offences, child-friendly legal procedures, and the importance of timely reporting of cases. He also emphasized the role of parents, teachers, and community members in identifying early signs of abuse and supporting affected children through appropriate legal and social mechanisms.

Officials from DHEW further conducted awareness sessions on important emergency support services, including the Women Helpline 181 and Child Helpline 1098, explaining how these toll-free services provide immediate assistance, counselling, rescue, and referral support to women and children in distress. Participants were encouraged to widely share this information so that help can reach those in need without delay.

The programme also highlighted various Government schemes focused on women's upliftment and empowerment, covering areas such as education, health, financial inclusion, skill development, protection, and social security. Emphasis was laid on how community participation and awareness can ensure that eligible beneficiaries, especially women and girl children, are able to access these schemes and services.