

# PRASANNADEB WOMEN'S COLLEGE

Jalpaiguri

## REPORT

### NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATION AT P.D. WOMEN'S COLLEGE Dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

The 'Centre for Women Studies (CWS)' of Prasannadeb Women's College, Jalpaiguri in association with the 'Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)' of the Institution organized a programme on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 to celebrate the 'National Girl Child Day (NGCD)' within the College premises.

**Smt. Binapani Singha**, eminent lawyer of 'The Circuit Bench of Kolkata High Court at Jalpaiguri' and women activist, adorned the chair of the Guest of Honour and the key speaker on the occasion.

Apart from Smt. Binapani Singha, Dr. Nanda Banerjee, Director – Centre for Women Studies (CWS), P.D. Women's College, Dr. Uday Shankar Agarwala, Coordinator – Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), P.D. Women's College, Dr. Shriparna Mukherjee, Secretary – Teachers Council (TCS), P.D. Women's College, respected members of Centre for Women Studies (CWS) as well as other faculty members and the students from various departments of the College were also present for the programme

The programme commenced with the welcoming of the 'Guest of Honour' by the students, followed by the welcome address of Dr. Nanda Banerjee, Associate Professor, Department of Bengali and Director – Centre for Women Studies (CWS), P.D Women's College and thereafter brief presentations on the importance and history of National Girl Child Day by other teachers and faculty members present in the auditorium.

During the course of the brief presentation, the speakers discussed about the origin, history, significance and the objectives of observing 'National Girl Child Day' which was first initiated in the year 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India to highlight the inequalities faced by girls and to promote awareness including the rights of the girl child along with the importance of education, health and nutrition of the feminine gender of our country. Post inception, 24<sup>th</sup> January has been observed as 'National Girl Child Day' annually since 2015 onward to commemorate 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' initiative of the Government of India jointly by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Education with specific objectives determined every year signifying the importance of the 'Girl Child' in our country and ushering them their rights, thus promoting gender equality, empowering girls and protecting girl's rights as the major objectives of 2024, acknowledging the unique challenges faced by girls in a society grappling with gender inequality, education limitations, school dropouts, health care, child marriage and gender-based violence.

In her keynote address, the Guest of Honour, Smt. Binapani Singha enlightened the audience with the different problems faced by girls at present along with the legal aspects as well as processes of legal assistance to be availed in order to overcome such situations.

The program concluded with eth vote of thanks being delivered by Dr. Shriparna Mukherjee, TCS – P.D. Women's College.



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