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The District Legal Services Authority(DLSA), Mangan, under the aegis of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority(SSLSA), organised week-long legal awareness programmes in observance of the International Women's Day/Week-2026 *w.e.f* 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, at different places of Mangan *viz.*, 1) Rongong-Tumlong, Phodong, 2) Singhik-Sentam, 3) Manul, 4) Block Administrative Centre, Passingdong, 5) Namok-Swayam, 6) Lachung, and 7) Lingchom, Tingda, Kabi.

There was huge turnout of general public in the above programmes. The main resource persons for the programmes were the Chairman, DLSA(Mangan), Ms. Chenga Doma Bhutia, Panel Advocate(Sikkim SLSA) and Mr. Ongdup Bhutia, Inspector, Women & Child Development Department, Government of Sikkim, apart from Sub-Inspector Mr. Ang Dawa Sherpa, Phodong PS, W/c Ms. Monika Rai, Mangan PS, W/c Ms. Rinzing Ongmu Bhutia, Lachung PS and H/c Ms. Yangchen Bhutia, Kabi Police Outpost. The said three lady police personnel are also the In-charge of Women Help Desks in their respective PS.

The participants were mainly informed about the various social and economic benefits provided to women and girl-child including widow allowance, unmarried allowance, disability allowance and other schemes of the State and Central Governments. Sensitive issues and laws such as the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and other topics relating to women and children were also discussed. The participants were also informed about the provisions regarding free legal aid services.

  
Chairman, DLSA(M)