

Good Shepherd Convent, Asha Nivas Balaghat



We the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Balaghat, under the project of “Socio –Economic Empowerment of Tribal and Scheduled Caste Women, organized the International Day of Girl Child on 16th October 2022. About 103 girl children aged 10 to 18 years participated actively.

The theme for this year was highlighted “Our time is now – our rights, our future”. The invited guests were Mrs. Rachana from Van stop, Mrs. Sultan Khan, Ms. Jaishree the women police and Village Sarpanch and the elders were present for the celebration.

The Speakers highlighted the importance of the rights of the girl children, and it’s their time now to be unitedly raise their voice to get justice. Mrs. Rachana enlightened in her speech that girls need to be aware of the environment and the surroundings where they live. Each girl need to be courageous enough to talk to parents openly. To avail the Government schemes and facilities to enhance the potentialities of the girl children.



The Children performed a skit which highlighted the struggles of the woman. The enactment of the skits moved the participants and the guests in tears. They were few speakers who shared their knowledge in encouraging the girl children to achieve their motto of “Our time is now –our rights, our future”. There were few slogans which children raised by themselves. Many more children came forward to speak about the children in today’s society. The children attentively listened to the Speakers and interacted with them while they in shared the experiences of being a girl child and the treatment at home.

A concern was raised in regard to Right to Education, that children are able to study up to 10th and they are unable to pursue their higher education due to poverty or the parent’s unwillingness.

The programme was witnessed by many children and they were happy that they were given a day to gather as one family to raise their concerns and share with each other. At the end of the programme the children were given a lighted candles and take oath that we they would study well and will not enter into any unwanted evil things.



The children were interviewed through News Agency and the Media which was telecasted in the local news channels. At the end of the celebration all the children danced together and served refreshments.

