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RGSEAG to be implemented in 200 dist across India

TURA, May 31: A one day State Level Sensitization and Planning Meeting for roll out of the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) – SABLA, was today held at the conference hall of BAKDIL at Walbakgre, Tura. The RGSEAG is a comprehensive scheme and it has been formulated to address the multi dimensional problems of adolescent girls. It will initially be implemented in 200 selected across the country using the platform of ICDS. The RGSEAG will replace the KSY and the NPAG in the selected Districts.

The objective of the scheme are to enable self development and empowerment of adolescent girls, improve their nutrition and health status, spread awareness among them about health, hygiene, nutrition adolescent reproductive and sexual health (ARSH), family and Child care, upgrade their home-based skills, life and vocational skills. The scheme also aims at mainstreaming out of school adolescent girls into formal/non formal education and acquaint them about existing public services such as PHC, CHC, Post Office, Bank, Police Station etc.

Dr. Vani Sethi, Senior Consultant WCD, GOI, SABLA, highlighted the scheme and deliberated on the modalities of the scheme. Dr. Sethi illustrating the scheme through a visual presentation said that SABLA aimed at covering adolescent girls (AG) between the age group of 11 to 18 years including married AGs. She informed that the scheme had four themes which would be handled respectively by the ICDS, Ministry of Labour, NGOs and the Health department. Dwelling on the financial aspects of the implementation of the scheme Dr. Sethi stated that 50 crores per district and 3.8 lakhs were being assigned.

The Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, Mr. Sanjay Goyal graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering Mr. Goyal expressed his concern on the high percentage of anemic and undernourished adolescent girls in the state. He said that the concept of the scheme was good but suggested that some sort of honorarium be given to AGs who under the scheme help Anganwadi workers at Anganwadi centers. He at length spoke on various issues affecting the implementation of the scheme. Mr. Goyal later informed that once the District Committee was notified a meeting would be called.

Among others present at the program were Smt. L. N. Jyrwa, Additional Director, Social Welfare, Shillong, Smt. E. Basaiawmoit, Assistant Director, Social Welfare, Smt.N. Bareh, DPO, ICDS (C), Tura, CDPOs and delegates from various line departments.

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