

REPORT ON AWARENESS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

organized by *Internal Complaint Cell (ICC)* in collaboration with *MARG NGO*

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OBJECTIVE: TO EDUCATE AND CREATE AWARENESS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ABUSE

THE PROGRAMME IN BRIEF;

Internal Complaint Cell Mathabhanga College in collaboration with MARG NGO Darjeeling had organised an awareness programme in the college on 5th May 2022. The programme started with a welcome address by the teacher-in-charge Dr. Sulagna Dutta where she talked about the evils of human trafficking and the challenges faced by the society, she welcomed Mr Nirnay John Chettri founder of MARG NGO Darjeeling and his team who visited the college on 5th May 2022. The MARG NGO team started the programme by singing a song where all the students and teachers joined in. They then started describing and explaining human trafficking in India and how it ranks as the second biggest crime in India. The students were made aware of how the process of human trafficking works and also how one can identify a trafficker in case they come across one. They also educated students what measures they can take to protect themselves and the people in their community against human trafficking. They also spread more awareness on the topic by performing a skit where the students of the college were made to participate. They then started discussing about child sexual abuse and how one can prevent it. They informed the students how they can report any incident of abuse in case they come across one. The programme ended with the team planning to form a Youth Against Trafficking Club(YATC) in the college if the students were interested.

OUTCOME:

The students were greatly benefited by the awareness programme as they were trained and educated about the topic which might help them as well as their community they live in. The MARG NGO team revisited the college on 22nd August 2022 to form a Youth Against Trafficking Club in the college. The students who joined the club were made to take an oath and were informed on the role they were required to perform as the members of the club.

WEAKNESS:

One of the challenges faced was that not enough students participated in the programme as they were not well aware of the topics discussed in the programme. We could overcome this weakness

if we could organise more of such awareness programmes in future. The recently formed YATC could also actively participate and create more awareness amongst the students in the college.

Some glimpses of the programme

