

Awareness programme on human trafficking held Bhergaon



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A day long district [level](#) awareness campaign, a [state](#) convergent plan of action on child [welfare](#) in Assam was held at Millenium Academy, Suklai, [Udalguri](#) on Friday. The programme was organised by Child Protection Unit (DCPU), [Udalguri](#) in partnership with State Child Protection Society to make awareness about protection of children from trafficking, child labour, early [marriage](#), substance abuse and sexual harrashment , violence [against](#) children and role of [community](#) among society. The programme was inaugurated by [Bhergaon](#) SDPO Gagi Sonowal and participated by children from various institutions, teachers, supervisors, ASHA [workers](#), including Pheranga Dao [NGO](#), [Tangla](#).

Gargi Sonowal said that the programme has been organized to create awareness about common public and children on child trafficking, child [marriage](#) among society in the [state](#) which was [launched](#) by [state](#) government. It will be helping hand among society while getting information on children protection”.

Another speaker Gautam Saharia said, “It is one of the positive ways that [state](#) government is responding to the cases of child trafficking in the [state](#). There are many cases of children touching trafficking from Lower Assam districts especially from tea gardens that Assam is the second position in the case of child trafficking issue. Lower Assam has been devastated with various kinds of conflict and floods that are from most venerable children, most of the children need to be repatriated, who belonged to be from Lower Assam region.

“There are 1000 children repatriated in last 12 years in Assam, who have been trafficked from this region, after being exploited at various cities in [India](#). We have accommodated a few children in [Udalguri](#) and some in care centres. According to sources Saharia said that there are agents from the grass root [level](#) who have been doing such activities.

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