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**REPORT ON: One-Day Awareness Programme on the Occasion of "International Day of the Girl Child"**
**GLOBAL THEME: End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights**
**DATE: 12th October, 2026**

On 12th October 2026, B.B.K. College, Barpeta, observed the **International Day of the Girl Child** at the community level with the objective of raising awareness among local communities about the importance of girls' rights, gender equality, and the prevention of child marriage. As part of this initiative, the entire team of the Women Cell, B.B.K. College, visited Batgaon Village, Barpeta, to sensitize the local community on the need to rethink child marriage and emphasise the importance of investing in the rights, education, and overall well-being of girls.

The programme received collective support from the Principal and respected members of the Teachers' Unit, B.B.K. College, reflecting the institution's commitment to promoting gender equality and social awareness beyond the college campus.

The members of the Women Cell actively interacted with the women of the village and shared their knowledge, experiences, and perspectives on issues concerning girls' education, early marriage, and women's empowerment. The programme featured an engaging and interactive session in which both the resource persons and participants had the opportunity to express their views and share their personal experiences.

The members of the Women Cell, namely Ms. Rina Das, Ms. Phulrenu Mishra, Dr. Gyanada Deka, Ms. Manalisha Tumung, Dr. Barnali Das and Dr. Monalisha Sharma, delivered insightful talks highlighting the global theme, **"End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights."**

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Their discussions focused on the adverse consequences of child marriage, the importance of ensuring access to quality education, and the need to create an environment where every girl can exercise her fundamental rights and realize her full potential.

One of the most significant aspects of the programme was the active participation of the village women, who openly shared their personal experiences of being married at an early age. They reflected on the challenges and consequences of early marriage, particularly the loss of educational opportunities and the difficulties associated with discontinuing their formal education at a young age. Their firsthand accounts brought a meaningful dimension to the discussion and highlighted the long-term impact of child marriage on girls' lives. Encouragingly, several participants expressed that they do not discriminate between their sons and daughters and believe in providing equal opportunities to both. They also encouraged one another to support their daughters in pursuing and completing their education, recognising education as an essential foundation for a better and more independent future. The programme concluded with a strong message that ending child marriage requires collective responsibility, community participation, and a change in social attitudes. The interaction served as a valuable platform for dialogue, awareness, and mutual learning, reinforcing the importance of empowering girls through education, equal opportunities, and the protection of their basic rights.

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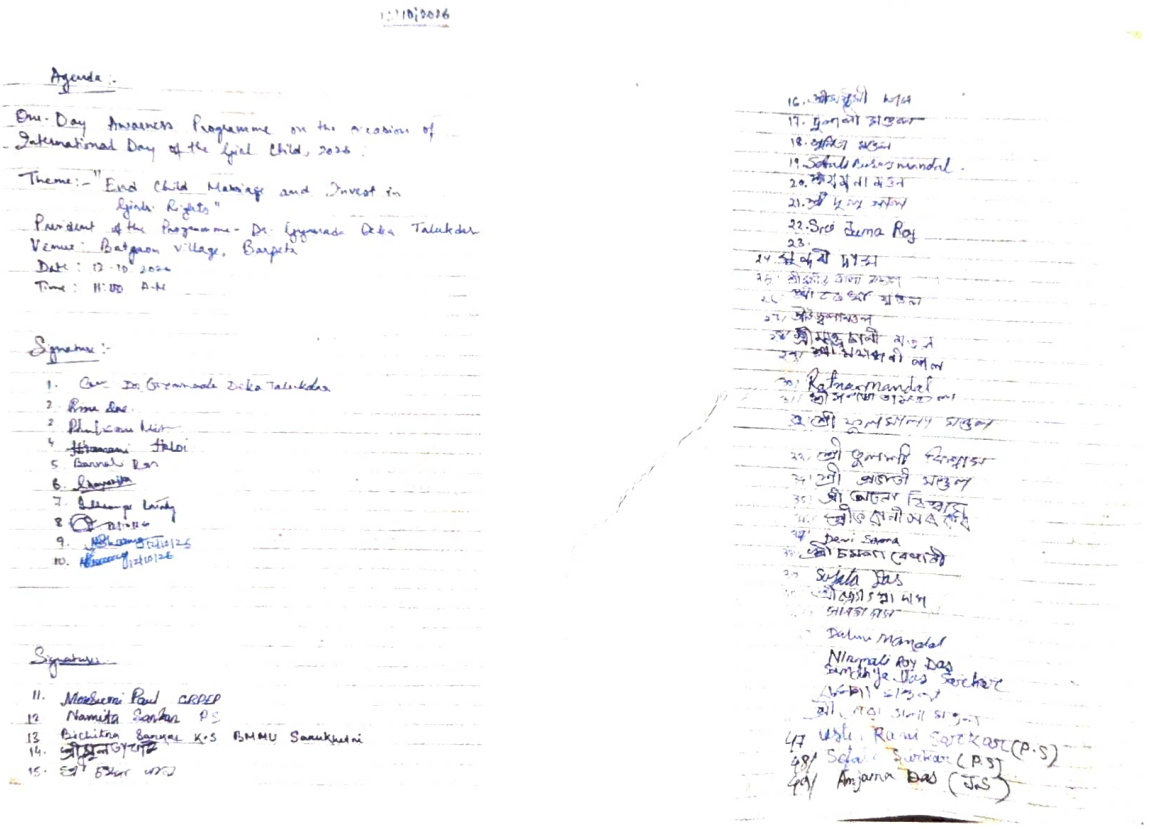
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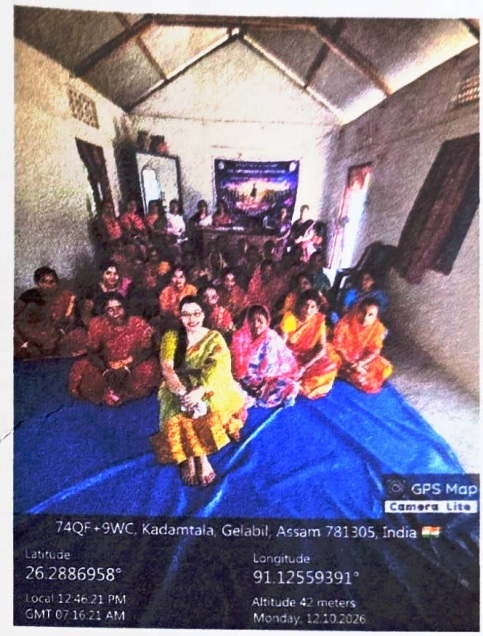
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