

Sikkim Police and Sikkim Chronicle Organize Awareness Program on Cyber Crimes & New Criminal Laws

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In a significant step towards legal awareness, Sikkim Police and Sikkim Chronicle jointly organized an Awareness Program on Cyber Crimes and the New Criminal Laws of India at SCERT Hall.

The event aimed to educate students, professionals, and the general public about the latest amendments in India's criminal laws and the growing threat of cybercrimes.

The session featured prominent legal and law enforcement experts, including Director General of Police (DGP), Sikkim Police, Senior Superintendent of Police (SO) Tenzing Laden Lepcha, and Senior Advocate Jorgay Namkha.

Addressing the gathering, DGP Sikkim Police emphasized the importance of staying vigilant in the digital era. "With technology advancing rapidly, cybercrimes have also evolved. It is crucial that people understand how to protect themselves and report cyber offenses effectively," he said.

Senior SO Tenzing Laden Lepcha provided insights into cybercrime trends in Sikkim and the measures being taken by law enforcement to tackle digital fraud, online scams, and social media-related offenses. He also encouraged citizens to be proactive in reporting cybercrimes.

Advocate Jorgay Namkha elaborated on the key changes in India's criminal justice system, focusing on the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA)—the three new laws replacing the colonial-era IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act. He explained how these reforms aim to modernize India's legal framework and ensure a more efficient justice system.

Earlier, Dr. Robin Chettri, Director of SCERT, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in shaping students' understanding of the law. "Legal awareness is an essential part of education. Programs like these help students comprehend the legal framework, their rights, and the responsibilities that come with digital interactions. It will equip them with the knowledge to navigate the complexities of cyber security and the evolving legal system," he stated.

The interactive session allowed participants to ask questions about cyber security, digital rights, and legal protections under the new laws. Students, educators, and professionals actively engaged with the experts, making the program a valuable learning experience.

Speaking on the initiative, Nirmal Mangar, Editor of Sikkim Chronicle, stated, “Awareness is key to prevention. Through this collaboration with Sikkim Police, we aim to ensure that citizens are well-informed about their rights and responsibilities in both the physical and digital worlds.”

The event concluded with a strong message on the importance of cyber vigilance and legal literacy. Such awareness programs play a vital role in empowering citizens with the knowledge needed to navigate the complexities of modern law and digital security.