Bangalore Region

16 Days of activism against gender based violence – 21 November to 10 December

The international Day for the elimination of violence against women was marked globally on November 25. Cases of violence against women continue unabated in our country, Nepal.

According to a report published by the informal sector service center, it recorded 2,202 cases of domestic violence, 222 cases of polygamy, 242 rape cases, 94 cases of attempted rape, 37 cases of sexual abuse, seven attempted trafficking in persons and 34 witchcraft accusations. The most common injuries women reported are cuts and bruises, followed by eye injuries, sprains, dislocations and burns. Similarly, 9% of women who experienced spousal violence reported deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth and other types of serious injuries.

The country marked Sixteen days of Activism against Gender Based Violence, from November 25 to December 10, with the theme “Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls” to raise public awareness and to mobilize people to put an end to violence against women.

St. Mary’s School in collaboration with ASMAN organized a three hour programme with the theme ”Raise Your Voice”. It focused the youth and approximately one thousand students from nine different schools were present for it. Some of the highlights of the programme were motivational talks from social activists, dance dramas by students depicting various forms of violence women go through. These were followed by interaction by students both boys and girls where they themselves came up with alternate solutions to some of the problems depicted.

We are happy and proud that we have an awakened a group of youth who are all set to spread this awakening among others.

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