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State – level Child Rights Week Observed

- Theme of World Children’s day 2023 – for every child, every right
- Safe and exploit-free life, every child ‘s right – Mandakini Kar
- School students protest against child, early and forced marriage through drama

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A safe and free from abuse childhood is the birthright of every child. Like every year, this year on the occasion of United Nations Child Rights Week from November 14th to 20th, an awareness campaign has been organized by Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Right (OSCPCR). On the eve of world children’s day a Child rights week function is organized at Government High School, Andharua, Jaganntha Prasad, Bhubaneswar on 20th November.

Attending the program as the Chief Guest, Smt. Mandakini Kar, Chairman, OSCPCR encouraged the children and emphasized on child friendly environment and educational atmosphere. Smt. Sumitra Jena, Adviser, Women and Child Development Department said that child protection and rights are the priority of the Women and Child Development Department. State Government is strengthening child rights and protection through schemes like Biju Sishu Surakhya Jojana and Ashirbad .

In this program, various students raised their voices against issues like child marriage and sexual harassment through drama, dance and music. Smt. Banishree Pattanaik, Child Protection Officer of Khurda District advised the children to avoid tobacco and drugs and other addictive substances.

India signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 11 December 1992 at the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child held in 1989. According to this declaration, the rights of children are divided into four main parts - the right to life, the right to protection, the right to development and the right to participate. It is the duty and social responsibility of all citizens to protect these rights.

In this program, the headmaster of this school Pramod Kumar Das delivered vote of thanks. Other members of the State Child Protection Authority, representatives of various organizations, parents, teachers, students and many intellectuals also participated in this programme.

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