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Topic: National Girl Child Day-2025

Detail Description about the event: National Girl Child Day is observed annually on **January 24** in India to highlight the issues faced by girls and to promote gender equality. Initiated by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** in 2008, this day aims to spread awareness about the rights, education, health, and overall empowerment of girl children.

Theme for This Year

Each year, the celebration revolves around a specific theme to focus on particular challenges and solutions. The theme for this year was **“Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow”**, emphasizing the need for equal opportunities, education, and safety for girls.

Impact of the Commemoration

- **Increased Awareness:** More students became aware of the challenges faced by girls and the importance of their rights and obligations.
- Young girls received motivation and inspiration to dream big and work towards their aspirations and goals.

Challenges That Still Need Attention

Despite efforts, issues like **child marriage, gender-based discrimination, and limited access to education** need to be dealt effectively. More work is needed in rural areas where traditional mind-sets often hinder progress.

Conclusion

National Girl Child Day serves as an important reminder of the need to continue efforts toward gender equality. While progress has been made, there is still a long way to go to ensure that every girl in India has access to education, healthcare, and opportunities to thrive. The combined efforts of the government, society, and individuals are essential in building a future where girls are truly empowered.

Guest/Speare Details:

- The event was presided by Dr. Durga Sankar Das, Principal, Bhadrak Autonomous College highlighted the **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) scheme of Government of India
- He further emphasized on awareness drives and digital campaigns to promote fundamental rights like the **Right to Education (RTE)** and laws against child marriage.

- He explained about the Financial support programs such as **SukanyaSamriddhiYojana** to encourage families to invest in their daughters' futures.
- . Dr. Dinesh Chandra Das, Coordinator IQAC and Administrative Bursar, Bhadrak Autonomous College, Bhadrak also graced the occasion and emphasized that schools and colleges must organize special events like debates, essay competitions, and awareness workshops on gender equality.
- He further stressed on inspirational talks by successful women from various fields to motivate the students to pursue their dreams.
- He further elaborated on **career guidance, self-defense training** to equip girls with essential knowledge and skills.
- Mr Lalatendu Mohanty, Director, Fellowship joined as Chief Guest. Coordinator Sasmita, SAKHI, ONE STOP CENTRE also participated in the above event and urged that **NGOs and social organizations** need to arrange rallies, seminars, and social media campaigns to raise awareness about discrimination against girls.
- He further stressed on awareness drives in rural areas to educate families about the importance of educating girls and stopping early marriages.
- He highlighted the role of local leaders and influencers to overcome gender barriers to inspire change and transformation.

. The program was coordinated by Mr. Pitambar Panda, Coordinator, SFC. Mrs. Deepa Mohanty, HoD MCA thanked all the guests and participants for their support and cooperation.

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