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<u>Beti Bachao Beti Padhao</u> South Tripura district level seminar

South Tripura district level seminar was held at Sachin Debbarman Auditorium in Belonia on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme yesterday. In this seminar organized by South Tripura District Administration, the last one year program of Balika Mancha of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme was discussed in detail. Cooperation Minister Shukla Charan Noatia inaugurated the seminar. Inaugurating the seminar, he said that the period up to the age of 18 is an important time for girls to build a beautiful future. If girls are married off during this time then their personal life is ruined as well as it is harmful to the society. He urged people from all sections of the society including teachers, parents to come forward with the administration to prevent child marriage.

Chairman of Tripura Commission for protection of Child Right Jayanti Debbarma, Chairperson of Belonia Municipal Council Nikhil Chandra Gope, Chairman of District Child Welfare Committee Laxman Malakar were present among others in the seminar. Sabhadhipati of South Tripura Zilla Parishad President Kakali Das Dutta presided over the program. Welcome speech was given by District Magistrate Saju Vaheed A. A documentary on the role of Balika Mancha in preventing child marriage was screened at the seminar. Besides, two students who were saved from child marriage with the help of Balika Mancha shared their experiences. Students of different schools performed cultural programs. In recognition of the good work done by Balika Mancha in the financial year 2022-23, awards were given to the best school, panchayat, chairman of Balika Mancha, convener, nodal officer, SDM and police officer of the district. It is worth mentioning that in order to prevent child marriage, a total of 159 schools in South Tripura have this Balika Mancha.
