

Workshop held for physically challenged women: JKWDC

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A one day workshop for physically challenged women and others working in this field was organized by Jammu and Kashmir State Women Development Cooperation funded by National Handicapped Finance and Development Cooperation in the Leh Conference Hall today under the chairmanship of CEC LAHDC Rigzin Spalbar.

Speaking on the occasion Spalbar said that the schemes under JKWDC and NHFDC are very beneficial and relevant to the region but Ladakh being geographically 70% of J&K state in area wise, the dissemination of information regarding such schemes is very poor in the

District, therefore there is need to publicize them with a greater reach.

“Our people have a sympathetic attitude towards disabled people, so there is a need to bring awareness about their capability to compete equally with normal people and try to bring out their hidden talent and upgrade their skills. This one day workshop is very enlightening and each one should take full advantage of all the schemes and become self reliant,” asserted CEC.

Pointing out the large geographical area of Ladakh DC Leh, Tsering Angchok emphasized on having a full fledged branch of JKWDC at Leh that will ensure direct and correct benefit of the schemes under NHFDC and JKWDC to the genuine people in the region and citing the high cost factor in Ladakh because of its geographical location he stressed on the need of such schemes to make the physically challenged people financially sound and independent.



Ms. Naheed Soz, MD, JKWDC addressing the workshop at Leh

Making a mention of the school for handicapped children at Chuchot DC said, “Having a special school with such good standard in this remote hamlet is a matter of pride for us and workshop like this is a nice platform for the people with disabilities to look for opportunities and discover avenues to earn their livelihood”.

Chairman cum Manager Director NHFDC Harsh Bhal highlighted their aims and objectives said that NHFDC under GoI, is providing concessional loans to persons with disabilities for starting self-employment activities, loans for pursuing professional/technical education and 100% grants for skill upgradation/training by operating through its State Channelizing Agencies.

Similarly, Managing Director JKWDC Naheed Soz speaking of their aim said that their effort is to benefit larger section of population and make its reach possible especially to rural section. This type of capacity building workshop is for first time in Leh district organized by JKWDC and NHFDC and through our schemes we aspire to work for the upliftment of women in the existing society of the region," added Soz.

The others present were JKWDC officers, Project Director DRDA Tsewang Dolma, Representatives of NGO working for Disabled people, Women Self Help Group members and physically challenged people from Leh.
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