

## Report

A Lecture on 'Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse' was held at Subansiri Halls of Residence on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 at 3:30 pm. Madam Ashwini, Founder Director of Mukta Foundation and Madam Shruti, Counselling Psychologist, Mukta Foundation delivered the talk. The talk was attended by Dr Kesang Degi, DSW, Dr Tage Rupa, Dr Punyo Yarang, Ms Doyir Ete and boarders of various Halls of Residence.

Madam Ashwini began the talk by describing the importance of teaching 'good touch and bad touch' and 'stranger danger' to children. She pointed out that the over emphasis of 'good touch and bad touch' and 'stranger danger' had led to a neglect of other forms of child sexual abuse. She spoke about 'grooming' which is a common method adopted by sexual offenders to prey on children. She gave insights into the role of adults as guardians and how to observe warning signs of sexual abuse in children.

Madam Shruti also spoke about the psychology of sexual offenders and their methods in committing such offences. She stressed on reaching out to guardians and adults and their role in preventing an offence even before an offence is committed. She also laid out the objectives of such program and the importance of reaching out to adults.