

Village to shun people doing female foeticide Our Correspondent

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The gram panchayat of Badmalik village has taken a number of initiatives, including social boycott, to curb female foeticide in the village.

At a gram panchayat meeting held yesterday and presided by the sarpanch, Poonam Devi, it was decided that if anyone was found indulging in female foeticide, he would be socially boycotted.

Anyone giving information on female foeticide would be given a cash award of Rs 1,100 and his identity would be kept secret. The panchayat would also reward the volunteers with a cash award of Rs 500 for their active participation against this social evil, the panchayat decided.

The gram panchayat also decided to adopt all customs like 'Thali Bajana', 'Kuan Poojan' and 'Chatt Pooja', which were being observed on the birth of a male child, on the birth of a girl child.

Poonam Devi said this social evil could not be eradicated without the active involvement of the people at the ground level.

"The people have to understand the evil effects of female foeticide on society and take remedial steps," she added.

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