

WORKSHOP ON POSCO

Rotary Public School, Sec22, Gurugram conducted a workshop on POSCO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) ACT to create awareness about Child Protection Policy that ensures safe schooling on 15th Sept. 2018.

Advocate, Ms Neha Chaudhary enlightened the teachers and the administrative staff about the implications and provisions of this Act. Physical abuse might be the most visible type of abuse but other types of abuse such as emotional abuse, neglect, exploitation also leave deep, lasting scars on the mind of the children. Keeping this in mind, the POCSO Act, 2012 was started which addresses all sexual offences below the age of eighteen years.

The important features of this Act like complete privacy and gender neutrality were discussed in detail. Stress was laid on the mandatory role of reporting the incident of child abuse. Ms Chaudhary also put light on the processes under the POCSO Act and immediate information to the authorities at various level was notified.

The teachers learnt about common signs of abuse, the types of abuses and how a teacher's intervention and care can make a huge difference in a child's life. This was followed by an interactive session.

The Principal Ms Sandeepa Rai expressed her deep concern over the issue that has gained propensity in today's time. Therefore, being vigilant and promoting a safe and caring environment is vital.

The vote of thanks was rendered by Vice Principal Ms Anita Nandal. The workshop was very informative and gave clarity to all present.

POCSO

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012







Proactive measure

- All employees to sign a copy of the terms and conditions related to child protection after they join the school.
- Each employee shall be provided with ID cards
- Strict instructions to the staff like Classroom door cannot be locked from inside.
- No staff shall take the child to the bathroom alone.
- Installation of CCTV in all classrooms and in school premises and ensure their feeds are monitored
- Lay-down policies and safe boundaries around photographing children, using photographs of children, internet and technology usage within the school premises
- Arrange regular sessions on personal safety with all children
- Regular communication between teachers and parents or guardian
- Appointment of female counselor
- Immediate action on complaint directly by the child or any source

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