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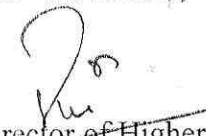
All the Deputy Director of Higher Education,
in Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject: - Regarding Online Training for School Principals and Teachers on
POCSO, Act, 2021 (7-8 December, 2021)**

Sir,

Please find enclose herewith a copy of letter No. NI/RCM/44/POCSO/2021-22 dated:- 17-11-2021 alongwith its enclosures received from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development , Ministry of Women and Child Development , Government of India, Regional Centre Mohali- 140308 , on the above cited subject.


In this context, it is intimated that the Regional Centre, Mohali is organizing an "Online Training for School Principals and Teachers on POCSO Act, 2012 on 7-8 December, 2021. The objectives of the programme would to orient about various legislations concerning to children; sensitize the participants about the sexual offences committee against children and provisions under POCSO Act, 2021 and to develop an understanding of their role in implementation of the Act. In this regard, you are, therefore directed to nominate /depute 02 Principals and 03 teachers from your respective District and send the list of nominated /deputed Principals and Teachers to the institute before 25th November, 2021 through email nipccdrem@gmail.in under intimation to this Directorate.

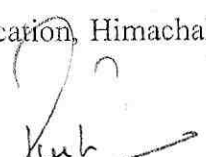

Addl. Director of Higher Education (C)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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Copy to the following for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Deputy Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Ministry of women and child development, Government of India, regional centre Mohali, 140308 w.r.t his letter referenced as above.
- ✓ 2. The Technical Officer , IT Cell, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1 for uploading the letter on departmental website.
3. Guard file.

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(महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
(Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India)



No. NI/RCM/447/POCSO/2021-22

Date: 17.11.2021

The Director
Directorate of School Education
Lalpani School Road,
Lalpani Shimla,
Himachal Pradesh 171001

Subject: Online Training for School Principals and Teachers on POCSO Act, 2012
(7-8 December, 2021)

Respected Madam / Sir,

The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) is an autonomous organization working under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The Institute is engaged in, training, voluntary action research, and documentation in the twin fields of Public Cooperation and Child Development. The Institute's Headquarters is located at New Delhi with five Regional Centers located at Guwahati, Bangalore, Lucknow, Indore and Mohali to cater the region-specific requirements.

2. The Regional Centre, Mohali is organising an "Online Training for School Principals and Teachers on POCSO Act, 2012," on 7-8 December, 2021. The objectives of the programme would to orient about various legislations concerning to children; sensitize the participants about the sexual offences committee against children and provisions under POCSO Act, 2012; and to develop an understanding of their role in implementation of the Act.

3. In this context, may it is requested to nominate/depute 25-30 principals and Teachers from Government and private schools for the programme.

The other details of the training are as under: -

1. Course Director Name & designation	Dr. Aneel V.B. Babu J, Deputy Director
2. Mobile No. & Email Id	9900240884, nipccdrem@gmail.com
3. Online Training Date and Time	7-8 December, 2021; 10.00 am to 1:30 pm
4. Online Google Meet and Password	https://meet.google.com/fri-ksjw-vtn

A list of nominated/deputed principals and Teachers may kindly be sent to the Institute by 25 November, 2021 through email nipccdrem@gmail.com

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

(Aneel V. B. Babu)
Deputy Director

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Online Training for School Principals and Teacherson POCSO Act, 2012

Dates: 7-8 December, 2021
On Google meet

Programme Design

Introduction

Children are a national asset. Proactive planning and provision of services to children is an investment for the future of the country. Children have rights and we as adults have duties and responsibilities. Thus, child care and protection is priority area for the Government. Recognizing the importance, the Government enacted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 to highlight child rights and rights-based approach. Following the enactment, the Government launched the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in 2009 to provide structural, schematic and infrastructural support to child protection. The Juvenile Justice legislation recognized the vulnerability of children amply and made elaborate provisions for ensuring a protective and caring environment under close supervision mechanism. The Act also departed from the judicial processes in place for adults and prescribed specialized procedures in order to address the best interest of children in a consultative regime, with participants from a multitude of stakeholders including children to arrive at practical and meaningful solutions to the vulnerability of children.

Sexual offences are a violation of human rights. They are condemnable, reprehensive and repugnant to what we stand for - human dignity and rights of individuals. They are acts of perversion, perpetuated with feelings of hatred, intended to hurt, brutal and unwilling and unsolicited gratification of personal needs.

Sexual offences including rape, hitherto, were dealt under the IPC. Similarly, child sexual offences were also dealt under IPC. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 introduced penal provisions for adults under Sec. 23 to 30. However, being heinous crimes, provisions in law for sexual offences were considered inadequate. Thus, a law which deals with perpetrators of sexual offences against children was mooted. After due diligence and consultations, the Protection of Children

against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was passed on 19th June 2012. Subsequently, after wide-ranging consultations among various stakeholders, the POCSO Rules were notified on 14th November 2012 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The POCSO Act has nine (9) chapters and 46 sections. Similarly, there are seven (7) POCSO Rules.

The Act declares in the Preamble that "it is imperative that the law operates in a manner that the best interest and well being of the child are regarded as being of paramount importance at every stage, to ensure the healthy physical, emotional, intellectual and social development of the child".

The objective of the POCSO Act is to protect children from (a) sexual assault; (b) sexual harassment and (c) pornography. The Act is gender - neutral. The Act is gender-neutral. The Act identifies six types of sexual offences and prescribes appropriate punishments for the same. The six types of sexual offences are:

- Penetrative Sexual Assault (Sec. 3)
- Aggravated Penetrative Sexual Assault (Sec. 5)
- Sexual Assault (Sec. 7)
- Aggravated Sexual Assault (Sec. 9)
- Sexual Harassment (Sec. 11)
- Using child for Pornographic Purposes (Sec. 13)

Major stakeholders for implementing the Act are the Police/Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), judiciary, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) under the JJ Act, Probation Officers, Counselors, Child Care Institutions (CCIs) personnel, interpreters/translators, where involved, the medical fraternity, the community, family and relatives of the victim child and the child himself.

Schools in general (residential/ non-residential) can play an important role in dissemination of provisions of POCSO Act 2012 and thereby contribute in protection of children from sexual offences. Keeping this in view, NIPCCD Regional Centre, Indore proposes to organize a two days 'Online Training for School Principals and Teachers on POCSO Act, 2012 on 7-8 December, 2021.

Objectives

The main objectives of the workshop would be to: sensitize the participants about the sexual offences committed against children and provision under POCSO Act, 2012; develop an understanding of their role in implementation of the Act to protect child rights; and discuss the problems encountered in the implementation of the

Act and skills required for protection of victims from sexual violence and child witness of sexual offences.

Content

The content of the Workshop would cover: Child Rights: An Overview, Salient features of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Rules; communication to school children about child sexual offences and guarding against them; association police/SJPUs in implementation of POCSO Act and Rules, 2012 by school authorities and staff; developing a strong system of action against abusers and preventing sexual offences in school.

Workshop Methodology

interactive approach will be adopted during the online programme. The interaction methods will include lecture cum- discussion, audio-visual Presentation, sharing of experiences etc.

Participants

About 40 school principals and teachers will take part in the online training from states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Hararyana , Punjab and UTs of Chandigarh and Leh Ladakh.

Course Faculty

NIPCCD faculty and subject matter experts from academic and technical institutions, Government and non-government organizations expertise in the respective area will be invited as resource person.

Kit Material

The participants will be provided compendium of reading material handouts, and other relevant materials related to workshop.

Online Platform and Duration

The duration of the online Programme would be for two days i.e. 7-8 December, 2021 and details of the online platform is indicated in the invitation letter.

For further information, please contact the following from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm on all working days

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