

REPORT ON POCSO WORKSHOP

Date : 07 December 2024

Venue: Seminar Hall

Key Speaker :Dr. Richa Aggarwal

On 7th December 2024, an important workshop on the *Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act* was conducted at BBPS Manesar by Dr. Richa Aggarwal. The workshop was specifically designed for the support and administrative staff of the school, aiming to raise awareness about child protection, the significance of the POCSO Act, and its application in everyday interactions with children both in and outside the school premises.

The primary objectives of the workshop were:

1. To educate staff about the POCSO Act and its importance.
2. To make staff aware of the legal provisions related to child protection.
3. To ensure that the school staff is equipped to identify, prevent, and respond to potential child abuse incidents.
4. To emphasize the responsibility of adults, especially educators and administrative staff, in protecting children.

Dr. Richa Aggarwal began the session by providing an overview of the *Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO)*. She explained that the Act was enacted to address the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and that it provides a robust framework for the protection of children across India.

The workshop detailed the different types of abuse that children may face, focusing not only on physical or sexual abuse but also emotional and psychological abuse. Dr. Aggarwal emphasized the importance of recognizing subtle signs of distress or harm in children, which might not always be visible in an overt manner.

Dr. Aggarwal discussed best practices for creating a safe school environment. She highlighted the importance of maintaining safe boundaries with students, fostering open lines of communication with children, and ensuring proper supervision of children in school and extracurricular activities.

Conclusion: The POCSO Workshop conducted at BBPS Manesar was a highly informative and impactful session. Dr. Richa Aggarwal provided invaluable insights into the importance of child protection and how school staff can contribute to safeguarding children.







Understanding - The Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

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