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परिपत्रक

प्रति,

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संदर्भ: मा. डी. कार्तिकेयन, विभागीय संचालक, रा.से.यो. क्षेत्रिय निदेशालय, पुणे यांचे जा.क्र. F.No.21/14/Pocso/NSS/RD-Pune/2022-23/183-233 Dated 22-09-2022

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयी संदर्भिय पत्रान्वये मा. डी. कार्तिकेयन, विभागीय संचालक, रा.से.यो. क्षेत्रिय निदेशालय, पुणे यांनी साक्षी ही एक, NGO (स्वयंसेवी संस्था) आहे जी रक्षीन प्रोजेक्ट द्वारे एक युवा नेतृत्व चळवळ, पॅन इंडिया, बाल लैंगिक शोषण थांबविण्यासाठी विविध उपक्रमांचे आयोजन करण्याचे उद्दिष्ट ठरविलेले आहे, त्यानुसार सुरुवातीला ऑनलाइन सत्रे/वेबिनार व Posco कायदा -2012 आणि बाल लैंगिक अत्याचार प्रतिबंध, सहभागींचे पूर्व आणि नंतरचे मुल्यांकन इत्यादींवर ऑनलाइन वेबिनारचे आयोजन करण्याबाबत कळविले आहे.

त्या अनुषंगाने रा.से.यो. राबविणा-या संलग्नीत सर्व महाविद्यालयांनी आपल्या महाविद्यालयात Posco कायदा -2012 आणि बाल लैंगिक अत्याचार प्रतिबंध, सहभागींचे पूर्व आणि नंतरचे मुल्यांकन या विषयावर सोबतच्या सहपत्राचे अवलोकन करून वेबिनारचे आयोजन करून सहकार्य करावे. अधिक माहितीसाठी खालील प्रमाणे संपर्क साधावा.

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प्रत कार्यवाहीस्तव:

१) सिस्टीम एक्सपर्ट, संगणक कक्ष, प्रस्तुत विद्यापीठ यांना प्रत देवून कळविण्यात येते की, सदर परिपत्रक विद्यापीठाच्या संकेतस्थळावर प्रसिध्द करावे, ही विनंती.

NSS Volunteers as POCSO ACT Champions: A Programme With The Ministry Of Youth Affairs In Partnership With NSS

Programme Brief

The Rakshin Project, a Youth Led Movement, Pan India, to stop child sexual abuse, is the directive received by Sakshi, from the Directorate of NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, for delivering workshops with NSS Volunteers in order to strengthen 'Youth as powerful enablers' for creating a Constitutional Rights Based Enabled Environment in the context of Gender Equality, with a focus on building awareness about POCSOA 2012 (Amendment 2019) to #STOPCHILDSEXUALABUSE.

The Rakshin Project aims to address the denial, stigma, shame, and silence associated with gender violence with a focus on preventing child sexual abuse, and building a culture of accountability.

NSS Volunteers as POCSOA Champions will be made capable to recognize and prevent child sexual abuse, guided towards mechanisms to resolve their personal experiences if any, and access systems of redress in order to strengthen prohibition. The five levels of Rakshin Fellows offered over the two-year 'sustained engagement will prepare students for a work culture with a focus on Gender Equality, Diversity, And Inclusion.

Under the Equality Umbrella, the engagement with the NSS volunteers will include content for:

- (1) Awareness of rights and responsibilities for practicing Constitutional Right to Equality Everyday
- (2) Capacity Building for compliance with POCSO ACT 2012 (Amendment 2019)

The expected outcome is a

1. Generation of Equals empowered with Gender Equality, Education & Rights based Language for Sexual and Mental Health,
2. A Productive Human Resource and
3. A Secure Environment for children.

The Rakshin Fellowship

The 5 levels of The Rakshin Fellowship Programme has 12 certificates, 18 Modules and is spread over 2 years.

At each level, NSS volunteers are educated about the multiple facets of prevention of child sexual abuse as they are equipped to become Rakshins — the preventers of Child Sexual Abuse. The course content includes a series of comprehensive modules, questionnaires, surveys, focused group discussions and tasks for peer and community engagement. The fellowship program is designed to ensure that Rakshins come out as empathetic individuals who are skilled in critically analyzing conflict, gender-based violence, and situations of conflict that need to de-escalated and addressed accordingly. They learn how to inform their peers on the issues of Child Sexual Abuse, and to also penetrate the family unit in order to create a network of people within the family to address the issue of Child Sexual Abuse, if an instance of such were to occur.

Life Skills incorporated within The Rakshin Project by Sakshi

Though the Rakshin Project has been envisaged with the specific purpose of developing youth as an Informed, Skill Built Rakshin (Preventor) in each HOME to #MakeHomeASafeSpace, free from Child Sexual Abuse, its design strives to achieve much more, as it has consciously incorporated the key skills



which are referred to in literature as Soft Skills or Life Skills.

As the overall program focuses on Gender transformative approaches, it provides for life skills such as critical thinking, empathy, conflict resolution and communication skills as inbuilt learning outcomes within the broader agenda of transforming unequal gender equations that impact at individual, relational and institutional levels. The life-skills help to counter these gender norms by empowering the youth to make informed decisions and take the lead to be change agents and proactive citizens.

The design and transaction of all our communication strategy is **based on a gender responsive communication for development** which is centered on the premise that, **communication can be pivotal in promoting gender equality**, by transforming attitudes and norms that perpetuate gender based discrimination. Complex constructs such as gender equality, gender based violence, social norms and empowerment are not always easy to communicate and our communication design for the project factors this in by interweaving the life skills with the broader focus of gender transformative approach.

The Rakshin Project aims to enable the youth to critically examine their lives vis a vis their personal, socio-cultural contexts. It seeks to empower them through the set of life skills embedded within the programme to be change agents & work towards transformation of the self & society thereby developing stronger human capital, a just and equitable society.

About Sakshi

Sakshi, a rights-based organization, has pioneered work on Gender Equality and Responsible Sexuality in India since 1992 through Research, Advocacy, Law Reform, Publications & Campaigns. Sakshi has been the backbone for Judicial Education on Gender Equality in the Asia Pacific Region, and through its well-known Public Interest Litigation (PILs), has informed several laws including POSH, POCSO, Juvenile Justice Act & Sexual Assault Bill. Sakshi strives to make equality a reality for vulnerable groups by empowering youth, women, children, and marginalized groups, by focusing on diversity & inclusiveness, gender & sexual rights, mental health, hygiene, peaceful co-existence, and leadership through offline experiential learning initiatives and online immersive learning portals.