

WORKSHOP ON POCSO ACT

Child sexual abuse laws in India have been enacted as part of the nation's child protection policies. The Parliament of India passed the "Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act 2012" (POCSO Act) regarding child sexual abuse. 53% percent of children in India face some form of child sexual abuse in India. The POCSO Act looks into a support system for children through a friendly atmosphere in the criminal justice system. The Act makes it mandatory to report to the police about any offence defined under this Act. The benefits of POCSO Act would trickle down to the child only if this Act is implemented in its true sense and spirit by all the agencies.

In Hyderabad City alone there were **152 Child Abuse cases** registered with Police in **Nine months** from May 2016 to February 2017. Out of these cases, 24 involved children below 10 years and 44 have children between 11 to 15 years. The other **61 cases** were registered under POCSO, but they are all **elopement cases** which happened in the age group of 15 to 18 years. There are many lacunae in the implementation of POCSO Act and particularly with regard to elopement cases.

In view of this felt need to educate Police & Prosecution Officers and to bring convergence between different stakeholders, **Bharosa Support Center for Women & Children** (an initiative of Hyderabad City Police) in collaboration with **Tharuni** NGO has organised a **one-day Consultation on implementation of POCSO Act in Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on 01st April 2017.**

The designated Child Welfare Police Officers belonging to 61 Police Stations in the City of Hyderabad, Public Prosecutors, NGOs who run shelter homes for children, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, representatives of Rehabilitating Institutions, District Child Protection Officers and Bharosa staff have participated in this workshop. Senior Officials from Hyderabad City Police & Department of Women & Child Welfare, Telangana have attended the Consultation which was presided over by Smt **Swati Lakra, IPS**, Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes & SIT), Hyderabad City Police.

The outcome of the Consultation will lead to a detailed study to be taken up on the implementation of POCSO Act in Hyderabad City by Bharosa Support Center. This will also help in reduction of POCSO cases and improvement of the implementation process of this Act under the Hyderabad City Police jurisdiction.

The Workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Smt Radha Rani, Metropolitan Sessions Judge (MSJ), Hyderabad along with Commissioner, Hyderabad City Police, Sri Mahender Reddy IPS. Smt Lakshmi, Joint Director, Department of Women & Child Welfare, Ms Swati Lakra IPS, Addl Commissioner of Police (Crimes & SIT) and Sri Avinash Mohanty IPS, DCP, Crimes were other guests.

Ms Swati Lakra IPS, Addl CP (Crimes & SIT) in her Welcome Address, informed that 152 cases (from May 2016 to March 2017) were booked by City Police and all these cases are being handled by Bharosa Support Center. All the children were brought out of trauma through sustained professional counselling and have been rehabilitated according to their needs. She requested all the Police Officers & Public Prosecutors to take it up as a challenge to get the needed Justice in all these 152 cases. She also asked them to view these cases with human touch and follow all the procedures stated in POCSO Act.

While speaking on the occasion, Smt Radha Rani, MSJ, Hyderabad lauded the initiatives being taken up by Hyderabad City Police to reduce the Child Sexual Abuse in the City. She said all the 58 Magistrate Courts in the City are using Video Conferencing mode provided by City Police for recording the Statements & Trial proceedings in POCSO cases. This is not happening anywhere in India and this became possible through the proactive initiatives of Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City.

Sri Mahender Reddy IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City in his speech reiterated that Hyderabad City Police is working towards delivery of speedy justice to the victims in Child Abuse Cases. They had brought in various initiatives like Bharosa Support Center for Women & Children to bring the Child Abuse Cases to a logical end expeditiously by supporting the Victim & their family by providing integrated services.

The Resource Persons Ms Puja Kandula, Prerna NGO, Mumbai, Mr David Raj, UNICEF Coordinator WCD and Dr Mamatha Raghuvver, Founder, Tharuni enlightened about POCSO Act and its implementation through Videos, Presentations & interactive Sessions. Later all the Police officials enthusiastically participated in the Group Work where they had learned about the measures they have to take while filing the POCSO cases and how to take the cases effectively and efficiently to a logical end.

A Booklet for Police on various Child related Acts & the guidelines they have to follow – '*Balala Rakshana – Polisulu*' which was compiled by Tharuni NGO was released. The Flow Chart Boards on the Child Related Acts prepared by Tharuni in collaboration with Terre des Hommes (TdH) & Help NGO were also released by the Chief Guest Ms. Radha Rani, MSJ, Hyderabad & Sri Mahender Reddy IPS, CP, Hyd. These Boards will be displayed in all the Police Stations in the State to help the Station House Officers to follow step wise procedures while dealing the cases related to children. This initiative of Tharuni was well appreciated by the Guests & participants. The Workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Sri Avinash Mohanty IPS, DCP, Crimes, Hyderabad.

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PRESS NOTE

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South Zone Police have conducted raids on different shops at various locations on the information that the shops owners were selling the imported tobacco products such as cigarettes and other Hukka flavours and electronic cigarettes without any statutory warnings and permission. Otherwise all **tobacco packaging warning messages/labels** are to be appeared on the packaging of cigarettes and other tobacco products cautioning consumers health effects. A **warning label** is a label attached to an item or contained in an item's instruction manual, warning the user about risks associated with the use of the item, and may include restrictions by the manufacturer or seller on certain uses. It has been implemented in an effort to enhance the public's awareness of the harmful effects of smoking. In general, warnings used in different countries try to emphasize the same messages.

It is learnt that most of pan shops nearby schools are selling the electronic cigarettes indiscriminately. Some suspicious is there that some drugs kind of substances are embedded in these cigarettes are being sold by these pan shops owners to the high school children and under aged persons which may cause serious hazardous to the children's health.

During the Assembly sessions, Sri Akbaruddin Owise, MLA., Chandrayangutta constituency raised the subject of selling of foreign branded cigarettes having drugs and electronic cigarettes in pan shops. Accordingly the Government of Telangana State assured about Police taking necessary stringent measures/action to curtail such menace.

As per the instructions of the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City Sri M. Mahendar Reddy.IPS., these raids were conducted in South Zone.

Initially, sleuths collected the information of the pan shops at school and college zones and conducted raids.

During raids, sleuths found some foreign / overseas branded cigarettes, Hukka flavour products and electronic cigarettes with liquid type flavour without any warning label in different pan shops without any statutory warnings under the limits of Dabeerpura, Santoshnagar, Kanchanbagh, Madannapet, Falaknuma & Chandrayangutta Police Stations seized and registered the cases U/s 420 IPC and Sec 5, 6 (a), (7) r/w 20 (2) 22 & 24 (1) of Cigarettes and other tobacco products (P A & RTCPSD) Act -2003 and sending contraband material for Forensic Analysis.

The main culprits from Begumbazar and Shaharon market were also arrested by the police and still police is probing into the matter to apprehend the remaining persons responsible in this regard.

Police Station	Name of the Accused & phone number	Name of the shop where raid done	Seized material
Chandrayangutta	Md.Habeebullah,S/o Md.Barqathullah, Age:48Yrs, Occ(baraqt& sons perfumers) Business, R/o H.No: 8-4-66/4/9/A, back side of anmol garden, Bandlaguda, Hyd. Ph.no 9866348851	Barkath & sons Perfumes Shop at Hashamabad Chandrayangutta,Hyderabad	Hukka Pots 4 Small 2 ,Big size 2
	Syed Waheed, S/o Syed Gaffoor, Age: 24 Yrs, Occ:Pan shop (S.G.Panshop beside ruman hotel) R/o H.no: 17-1-305/21, near harmain function hall &water Tank. Santoshnagar, Hyd. Ph.no: 9642897394.	S.G. Pan Shop Beside RUMAAN Hotel, Chandrayngutta X Road, Hyd.	17 Hukka pots
	Shaik Abrar,S/o Shaik aleem, Age:20 yrs, occ:Business(Ruman pan shop),R/o Balapur rangareddy.ph.no. 7702932060, Majeed khan, ph.no 8886826518 (owner of the pan shop)	Rumaan Pan Shop Chandrayngutta X Road, Hyd.	9 Hukka pots without pipes
	Md.Azeem, S/o Md.Ahmed Yousuf, Age:31Yrs,Occ:(Royal bawarchi pan shop) Business, R/o near urooj model school,Hashemabad.Ph.no.8143192743	Royal Bawarchi Pan Shop Chandrayngutta X Road, Hyd.	Hukka Pots-2, Electric Cigrattes-2
	M.A Rahman, S/o Mohd.Jalaal, Age: 25Yrs, Occ:Business, R/o H.no 18-8-104/142/2, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad,	Highway Pan Shop Bandlaguda X	1)Paris Cigrates, 280 Small boxes

	Ph.no: 9700451188	Road, Hyd.	2)Paris Cigrates 9 big boxes (9x10) 3) Ruili river 30 Small boxes 4)Ruili river 3 Big boxes (3x10)
	Md.Shafiuddin, S/oMd,Nizamuddin, Age:28Yrs, Occ:N.K Panmahal,Phool bagh road,R/o phool bagh, Chandrayangutta,hyd. Ph.no: 8686909624, 8801994366.	N.K Pan Mahel,PhoolBagh Road Chandrayngutta X Road, Hyd.	1)Hukka Pot-01 2)Eletric ciggretes-03 3)Flavor Powder-01
	Amjad S/o Zaheed Ali Khan Age:49 Yrs,occ:Pan shop BusinessR/o Keshavagiri 9700150880	Decent Pan shop Keshavagiri ,Chandrayangutta,H yderabad	08 Hukka Pots
Kanchanbagh	Mohammad Abdul Rawoof Khan, S/o Mohd Abdul Kadheer khan, Aged 26 years, Occ. Tawakal Pan Shop, Ph. No. 9985763912	Tawakal Pan Shop	1) Raili River ; 10 Packets 2) Paris : 4 Packets 3) Win : 12 Packets 4) Al Fakher Mint: 3 Packets 5) Brick Coal : 1 Packet
	Mohd Aijaz, S/o Mohd Ahmad, Aged 28 years, Occ, Asif Pan Shop. Ph .No. 900049014	Asif Pan Shop	1) Al Fakher (Long): 2 Packets 2) Brick Coal : 5 Packets 3) Al Fakher (Small): 5 packets 4) Paris L 9 Packets
	Syed Khaja, S/o Syed Hzmath, aged 22 years, Occ. Pan Shop, Ph .No. 7794075184	Aiyan Pan Shop	1) Al Fakher : 4 Packets 2) Al Fakher : 8 Packets 3) Paris : 17 Packets 4) Ruili River ; 3 Packets
	Ahmed Pasha S/o Mohd Abdul Aziz, Age: 30 yrs, Occ: Business, R/o H.No: 18-12-419/C/1655, C-Block, Bus stop lane, Hafeez Baba Nagar, 8801879225	Classic Pan Shop	1) Alakbar: 1 Packets 2) Paris: 6 Packets 3) Ruili river: 9 Packets
Santoshnagar	Anwar Khan S/o Ameer Khan age 23 yrs. occ: Paradise pan shop r/o Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad.	Paradise pan shop	Paris,win-king, Ruliriver, red label, L& M, Marlmbrow filter cigarettes, Marlmbrow gold cigarettes, Djrums black cigarettes, Mond super shined filter cigarettes and Dinny electronic cigarettes
	Ashok Singh, S/o Prakash Singh, age 32 years, Occ: Business, (Priya novelties) R/o Malakunta Road, Goshamahal, Hyderabad.		Paris, win-king, Ruliriver, red label, L& M, Marlmbrow filter cigarettes Marlmbrow gold cigarettes, Djrums black cigarettes, Mond super shined filter cigarettes and Dinny

			electronic cigarettes Paris, win-king, Ruliriver, red label, L& M, Marlmbrow filter cigarettes Marlmbrow gold cigarettes, Djrums black cigarettes, Mond super shined filter cigarettes and Dinny electronic cigarettes
	Abdul Rahaman, S/o Abdul Nazid, age about 29 years, Occ : Business, R/o Irani Gally, Shehron Market, Hyderabad		
Madannapet	Md. Saleem, S/o. Ismail Cell 7799214256		1.Afzal double apple- 3 2.Strawberry Alfakher- 2 3.Apricot Alfakher- 2 4. Liquid Fruit double apple mint- 2 5. Nirvana- 2
	Md. Asheem Ali, S/o. Md Hyder Ali Cell 9392071785		1. Alfakher water melon- 2 2. Alfakher pineapple- 2 3.Vjape E juice liquid double apple- 4 4.Afzal Pan Rasna- 3 5.Bubble gum- 2 7.Alfakher grenadine - 2

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PRESS NOTE
NABBED HOUSE BURGLARY OFFENDER-01-HELD
SEIZED ABOUT 1 ½ KG GOLD & NET CASH OF Rs.30,000/-

On 01.04.2017, the sleuths of Commissioner's Task force, East Zone Team, Hyderabad along with Ramgopalpet police apprehended the most wanted House Burglar by name **Gaffar Khan @ Jigar** and 03-receivers namely **1) Bajranglal Soni, 2) Sumit Chand Soni and 3) Rohit Soni** and detected **(19)-House Burglary cases** (i.e. 01-case of Malakpet PS, 01-case of Amberpet PS, 03-cases of Santoshnagar PS, 01-case of Kanchanbagh PS, 01-case of Ramgopalpet PS, 01-case of Golconda PS, 02-cases of Saroornagar PS, 09-cases of Rajendra nagar PS) and recovered **Gold ornaments whg. about 1 ½ KG, Net cash of Rs.30,000/-, 01-Honda Activa Bike, & 03-Cell phones**, from their possession.

Sl.No.	Name & addresses of the accused person	Seized Property
1	Gaffar Khan @ Jigar S/o Ahmed Khan, age 25 yrs, occ: Flowers selling Business, R/o Yakutpura, Mirchowk, Hyderabad. (House Burglar offender)	1) Gold ornaments wg.about 1 ½ KG, 2) Net cash of Rs.30,000/-, 3) 01-Honda Activa Bike, 4) Three Cell phones
2	Bajranglal Soni S/o Late Subh Karn Soni, age 47 yrs, Occ: Gold maker work, R/o Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad. (Receiver)	
3	Sumit Chand Soni @ Sumit Varma S/o Bajranglal Soni, age 24 yrs, occ: Gold maker work, R/o Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad. (Receiver)	
4	Rohit Soni @ Rohit Verma S/o Bajranglal Soni age 22 yrs, Occ: Gold maker work, R/o Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad. (Receiver)	

MODUS OPERANDI: -

- The accused resides in Yakutpura and assists to his father in running flowers shop in M.J. Market. He addicted social vices and to meet his expenses he started committing House Burglaries in Hyderabad and Cyberabad Commissionerates in 2016. He used to move on his Two wheeler during wee hours of the morning in the selected posh localities where he used to select first or second floors, and unbolts the doors of kitchens' or rooms' putting his hand through adjacent windows and gain entry though the inmates are available. After gaining entry into the house he opens the almirahs, etc., with the available keys and commits burglaries. In some occasions he was chased by the inmates before committing offences. In some occasions he also broke the locks of the doors and gained entry.
- He used to sell the stolen property to Bajranglal Soni and his son's Sumit and Rohit and collects amount from them and spends lavishly. The receivers Bajranglal Soni, Sumit and Rohit are also arrested along with accused Gaffar Khan.
- Since last 5-months the accused Gaffar Khan committed **(19)-Burglaries** in the limits of various PS's i.e. 01-case of Malakpet PS, 01-case of Amberpet PS, 03-cases of Santoshnagar PS, 01-case of Kanchanbagh PS, 01-case of Ramgopalpet PS, 01-case of Golconda PS, 02-cases of Saroornagar PS, 09-cases of Rajendra nagar PS.

Based on the information of **Sri K.Naresh Goud, PC 6416**, the East Zone Task Force Team, Hyderabad City, apprehended the above accused persons at Ramgopalpet, Sec'bad and recovered **Gold ornaments whg. about 1 ½ KG's, Net cash of Rs.30,000/-, 01-Honda Activa Bike, & 03-Cell phones**, from their possession.

The arrested accused along with seized property were handed over to SHO, Ramgopalpet PS, for taking further action.

PD Act proposal is being initiated against the accused for his involvement in House Burglaries repeatedly.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of Sri **N.KOTI REDDY, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police**, Commissioner's Task Force, by **Inspector of Police, East Zone Task Force Team**, and **Det. Inspector of Police, Ramgopalpet**, and SI's Sri K.Srinivas, S.Saida Babu, A.Sudhakar, and the staff of East Zone Task Force Team, Hyderabad City, and Ramgopalpet police.

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