

PRESS NOTE

18 Children rescue from begging on New Year Day by Cyberabad Smile Team

SMILE Team: SMILE Team was formed in Cyberabad Commissionerate in June, 2018. Total three teams are working in Cyberabad. Each team consists of two PCs zone wise.

Role of SMILE Team

- To prevent child trafficking and rescue children from persons who engage them in begging, sex trade and other anti-social activities and to trace missing children.
- Total 210 children were rescued by the Smile Teams so far. Begging (102), rag picking (21), child labour (78), missing children (04) and 5 cases registered under POCSO Act.

Begging	Rag Picking	Child labour	POCSO cases reported	Missing cases traced
102	21	78	05	04

18 Children rescued from begging on 01-01-2019: On receiving credible information that some persons were regularly using children for begging at Calvary temple, Hydernagar, Miyapur, Smile Team, Cyberabad planned to rescue the children from begging with support from District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Ranga Reddy district. It was planned to conduct the operation on 01-01-2019 as heavy rush was expected at the Calvary Temple on the occasion of New Year. Teams consisting of Smile team, SHE Team, Child line and DCPU, Ranga Reddy district rescued a total number of 18 children, 8 girls and 10 boys between the ages of 11 months to 12 years. On enquiry it was revealed that the children were brought there by their parents/relatives from Vikarabad and Tandur by train for begging on 1st January, as there will be more crowd in view of New Year. After the church is closed the parents/relatives collect the amounts received by the children from the worshippers

and they are taken back to their native places. A case was registered at Miyapur PS against the persons who are using minor children for begging and the case is under investigation to verify whether they are biological children of the persons who are using them for begging. The rescued children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Ranga Reddy district and 7 girls were sent to Nimboliadda Home for Girls, 8 boys were sent to Saidabad Home for Boys and 3 children were sent to Shishu Vihar for rehabilitation.

Age details of the rescued children on 01-01-2019			
Sl.No.	Age Details	Number of Children	
		Boys	Girls
1	11 months	1	-
2	4 years	1	1
3	7 years	1	2
4	9 years	1	-
5	10 years	2	1
6	11 years	2	1
7	12 years	2	3
Total		10 Boys	8 Girls

Cyberabad police has launched a special **Whatsapp No.7901115474** for reporting on children related offences. Citizens are requested to report on persons using children below 14 years as child labour in hotels, restaurants, dhabhas, tea stalls etc. on this number or **Dial 100** or send e-mail to **“smileteamcyb@gmail.com”**. Stringent action will be taken against the offenders. Using children below 14 years as labour is prohibited by law and carries punishment of imprisonment of upto three years. Public can also report about any child found begging along with the address and the Smile team will rescue the child and help in their rehabilitation.

Cyberabad Poilce Commissioner Sri VC Sajjanar, IPS., has congratulated DCP (Women and Children Safety Wing) Ansuya, ADCP Indira, She team, Smile team, Child line team & DCPU.

- **PRO Cyberabad.**

