

PRESS NOTE ON THE WORK DONE BY
CYBERABAD OPERATION SMILE TEAM AUGUST- 2018.

Cyberabad police has formed Operation Smile teams in the three zones of Cyberabad which will work throughout the year to rescue children from child labour, begging, rag picking etc., runaway and vulnerable children. During the month of August, 2018

- 14 children rescued from rag picking, child labour and begging
- 7 cases registered on the persons using children for labour and begging.
- Produced the children before the child welfare committee and sent them to various Shelter Homes
- One girl missing case traced from Rajendranagar Police Station
- Children being sent to schools
- The details of few important cases are as follows:
 1. 12 year old girl rescued from dumping yard: after the launch of Whatsapp no 7901115474, the first complaint received on this number was that a 12 year old girl was working in dumping yard at Kaitlapur in Moosapet, Kukatpally. The smile team visited the dumping yard and rescued the girl who was working along with her father in the dumping yard surrounded by garbage. She was made to extract cardboard, glass from the garbage in filthy and smelly surroundings. She was produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Ranga Reddy district and sent to Nimboliadda Home for rehabilitation.
 2. Two siblings, brothers, rescued from begging and child labour: father abandoned the mother along with four children aged between 13 to 2 years. Mother works as a house maid, taking care of the youngest children. Two brothers, one 13 years old is working in a hotel in Shamshabad, his 8 year old brother is engaged in begging nearby. Both the siblings were rescued by the Smile team. They were produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Ranga Reddy district and placed in a Shelter Home. A case has been registered against the employer in Shamshabad Police Station.
 3. Two siblings, brother and sister rescued from rag picking: On 23.08.2018 the Smile team rescued two children, a boy aged 6 years and a girl aged 4 years who were doing rag picking along with their parents opposite Cine Planet, Kompally in Pet Basheerabad. The parents are very poor with no house or means of subsistence, they eat with the meagre amount they earn through rag picking and sleep on the pavement. Both the children were rescued by counselling the parent and sent to Shishu Vihar through Child Welfare Committee, Ranga Reddy.

The teams search for vulnerable children aged below 14 years who are found on footpaths, traffic junctions, working in tea stalls, dhabhas, near religious places, micro industries etc.. in Cyberabad Commissionerate.

Cyberabad police has launched a special Whatapp No.79011115474 for reporting on child labour. Citizens 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. People 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.