

CYBERABAD PRESS NOTE

CYBERABAD POLICE INAUGURATES 'VISHWAS' SUPPORT CENTER(VSC) FOR CHILDREN WITH SEXUAL ABUSE

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Vishwas support centre (for the eradication of child sexual abuse) at kondapur govt. area hospital was formally inaugurated today., on 20-11-2017 by Shri. M. Raghunadhan Rao, Collector R.R. District in the presence of Cyberabad Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sandeep Shandilya IPS, Mr. Shahnawaz Qasim IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad and Mrs. Janaki Sharmila, DCP Crimes, Cyberabad and SHE team incharge.

Child Sexual Abuse in a universal problem affecting millions of children across of the world, back home in India 52% of the boys and 47% of the girls have reported sexual abuse of one form or the other, in most cases sexual abuse begins around 5 years of age and peaks at around 12-14 years of age and then can decline or continue into adulthood, according to a Government report.

Under the guidance of Cyberabad Cp Sandeep Shandilya, IPS to iradicate this immoral epidemic child sexual abuse Cyberabad DCP Crimes Janaki sharmila co-ordinated with the city based NGO, Helping Hand Foundation have set up, vishwas support center for Children with Sexual Abuse at the Government Area Hospital, Kondapur, Gachibowli.

According to the Rangareddy district collector Shri. M. Raghunadhan Rao IAS Vishwas support center is a first of its kind, Support Center to help the Children with Sexual Abuse. Vishwas center helps a lot to the children. He congratulated Cyberabad Cp Sandeep shandilya and his team for this very good initiative. 'Medical superintendent will provide all the support. Both the police and district administration will provide support and guidance to the smooth functioning of Vishwas support center (VSC)' collector said.

According to the Mr. Sandeep Shandilya IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, In the year 2016 alone, more than 250 POCSO (Protection of Children against Sexual Abuse Act, 2012) were reported in the Cyberabad Police jurisdiction. According to the Police records on most of the occasions the abuser is a family member or an acquaintance or someone the victim trust and this makes the case more challenging as witness and victims turn hostile he said.

In a recent case of a 9 year old boy the father was found to be an habitual offender and by the time the FIR was recorded the victim and the mother of the victim tuned hostile and denied any abuse done by the father said the Cyberabad Commissioner, in such situations we want the Child Counsellors to be the first responders to counsel the victims and also to record the FIR.

Our plan is to also start by talking to all the old 'POCSO' cases and start counselling sessions for the victims to ensure that the children are safe and leading a normal life said Mr. Sandeep Shandilya IPS.

The Support Center will be providing counselling by Child Physcologist and trained Counsellors and also provide medical & legal assistance to the victims said Mr. Shahnawaz Qasim IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad. Under the supervision and guidance of Cyberabad cp Sandeep Shandilya and collective team effort only this Vishwas support centre came into existence. He thanked everyone participated in the inaguaration event.

According to Mrs. Janaki Sharmila, DCP Crimes Cyberabad the support Center will also assist victims in getting compensation under the POCSO Act, 2012. The Counsellors will assist the victims in the paper work and processing of the application with the appropriate government authorities, under POCSO a victim is eligible for Rs 1. lakh compensation.

The vishwas Support Center apart from offering the much needed counselling to treat post traumatic Stress in victims, will also leverage services of the doctors/paediatricians in the Area Hospital in the event of injury to the victims said Mr. Mujtaba Hasan Askari, President & Founder Trustee of Helping Hand Foundation.

The participants in the programme were Shri. M. Raghunadhan Rao IAS, Collector Rangareddy District, Cyberabad Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sandeep Shandilya IPS, Mr. Shahnawaz Qasim IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad and Mrs. Janaki Sharmila, DCP Crimes, Cyberabad, Shamshabad DCP Padmaja, Madhapur Adcp Ganga reddy, Cyberabad admin adcp Narasimha, Traffic Adcp Praveen kumar, Miyapur Acp Ravikumar, Acp crimes Nandyala Narasimha reddy, Kukatpally Acp Bhujanga rao, Madhapur Acp Shyam Prasad rao, Gachibowli Acp Chandrakanth, CTC Acp's Gandhi Narayana, balakoti, Miyapur CI Harischandra reddy, Raidurg CI Gangadhar, other police personnel, Dr. Lavanya child psychologist, child counsellors Sandhyarani, umadevi; resident medical officer (RMO) Dr. Madhusudhan, Medical superintendent Dr. Prabhakar, gynaecologist Dr. Kalavathi, paediatrician Dr. Subhash pawar, District child protection officer A. Devendar and others participated in the programme.

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