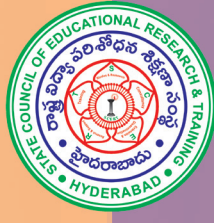




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SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAMME



'Safe School Programme' is taken up by SCERT, Telangana as an extension of 'Drug Abuse Prevention' - a country wide awareness programme launched by National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. In tune with the spirit of RTE Act of giving access to education in a free and fearless environment, this programme is initiated in Telangana state from 1st March 2019 to 10th July 2019.

Children are the future of our world and their welfare should be something that we all invest into. Keeping this in view and with the aim of ensuring a secured childhood at school, home, and outside SCERT is



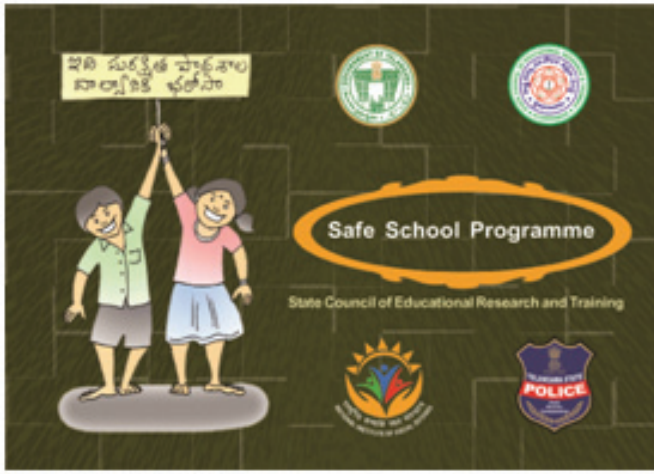
conducting training programmes to teachers and students across the state to provide awareness on prevention of various forms of violence and abuses on children such as Drug Abuse, Internet Abuse, Sexual Abuse etc., and also to lend a helping hand to children falling victims to these abuses.

The world can be a confusing place for children where they become vulnerable to various forms of abuse. and other abuses is a crucial preventive measure for kids and teenagers. Sharing factual information about the problematic situations encountered by children helps them to get a better sense of awareness to stay safe and secured. Safe School Handbook developed by SCERT provides basic information and guidelines to implement 'Safe School Programme' by creating awareness among teachers, parents and Community on prevention of violence against children.

This module covers the areas mentioned below.

- I. Violence against Children
- II. Child Sexual Abuse
- III. Substance Abuse
- IV. Promotion of Safe Internet

*"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."
- Nelson Mandela*

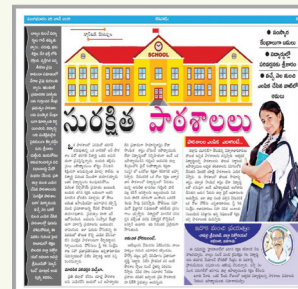


The valuable support and collaboration from the Department of Police in the proposed Safe School Programmes in districts as a step towards making the schools safe for children is acknowledged and appreciated. IG of Women Safety Wing, Telangana supported the trainings at DIET and school levels. Participation of district and sub-district level police officials during the training programmes at school level helped in building the partnerships between the police and schools. This joint effort enhanced the awareness on the safety of school going young adults from abuse.

NGOs, UNICEF, Child Welfare Committees, and all the field level functionaries contributed to 'Safe School Programme'. All the stake holders have considered it as prestigious and took the programme forward enthusiastically.

Electronic and Print Media played a key role in campaigning for this programme by giving wide coverage. A visible change is noticed in the media reporting. Earlier the focus was on the incidence of crime. Now it is shifted towards highlighting preventive measures and ensuring safety of the children. Many news reports and articles were published to instill a sense of responsibility among the

parents and community for safeguarding the child rights and prevention of all kinds of abuse on children.



Taking this programme forward, a State level TOT was conducted for 60 participants for two days at SCERT, Hyderabad. The TOT participants were DIET Principals and faculty, School Counselors and Sectoral Officers from the O/o District Educational Office. One day district level capacity building programme for 1550



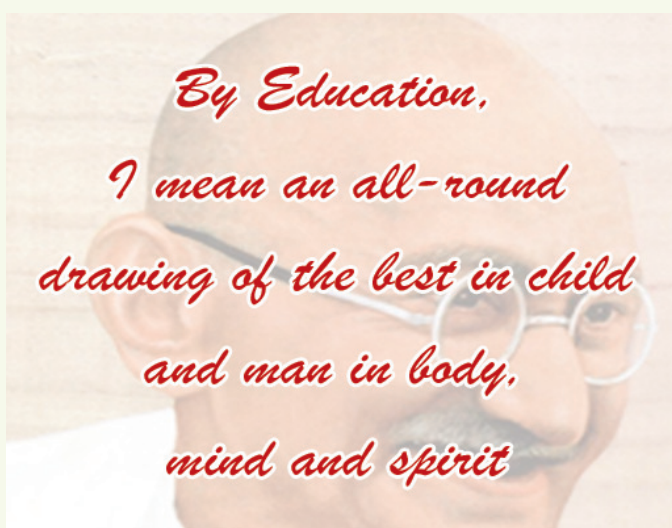
teachers from 31 districts was conducted in the 10 DIETs. These 1550 teachers are representing schools where highest enrolment is registered. School level programme is conducted in all these 1550



schools involving students from class VI to X. Parents and community were invited along with the children to celebrate this event in the school. Awareness on preventive measures was created by engaging children



in different activities like poster making, slogan writing, essay writing, role plays, debates etc., the children were awarded for their performance. The event helped to drive the message strongly into the community.



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"While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about."