

**STATE COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING,  
TELANGANA, HYDERABAD.**

**ToTs TRAINING PROGRAMME TO TEACHERS AND TEACHER EDUCATORS  
ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**We see how early childhood experiences are so important to lifelong outcomes, how the early environment literally becomes embedded in the brain and changes its architecture.**

*- Andrew S. Garner*



It is very alarming to know that 49.92% children in schools reported facing sexual abuse and 47.08% children in institutional care reported facing sexual abuse. Department of police had taken an initiation to launch a yearlong campaign with the slogan “Jaago Badlo

Bolo”. In support of this campaign, SCERT has taken up the following initiatives.

- Inclusion of Gender Sensitivity in the Textbooks.
- UNICEF and ENFOLD (NGO) in collaboration with SCERT Telangana developed modules in the areas like Personal Safety & body safety rules, Child Sexual abuse- Protection Acts.
- SCERT, Telangana has translated the manuals into three languages i.e., Telugu, Urdu and Hindi to bring awareness on the Child Sexual Abuse- Protection Acts.
- Sensitization Programme was conducted for master trainers at State Level for Teachers and Teacher Educators.

**Objectives/ Purpose of Orientation Programme to Teachers and Teacher Educators :**

The orientation helped the Teachers and Teacher Educators to...

- Know more about UNCRC and other international instruments.

- Enhance the knowledge of the participants about salient features of POCSO Act, 2012, and develop an understanding of their role in implementation of the Act. training was conducted to teachers and other field functionaries
- Provide awareness latest issues related to Child Sexual Abuse and Amendments to POCSO Act.
- Sensitize the teachers, students and Pre-Service Teachers of the DIETs on the issues related to Child Sexual Abuse, children rights and their protection.

### Areas of the Training

- Child Rights an Over View
- POCSO Act 2012 – Provisions and Components.
- Juvenile Justice Act
- Personal Safety – Why and What Educators can Communicate to children about Child Sexual Abuse?
- Planning for the Next level Trainings

The TOTs trainings conducted by SCERT:

Target Group	Dates and Duration of the Programme	Venue	No.of TOTs trained
Teachers	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec -8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 (2 Days)	TSIPARD Hyderabad	77 @3 from each district
Teacher Educators (D.El.Ed Faculty)	26 <sup>th</sup> April -27 <sup>th</sup> April (2 Days)	OU CIP Hyderabad	54
Teacher Educators (D.El.Ed Faculty)	03 <sup>rd</sup> May -04 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	OU CIP Hyderabad	34

The Director SCERT Smt. B. Sheshu Kumari inaugurated all the spells of the trainings. In her opening address enlightened the participants about the need and importance of the programme and the way it should reach the grass root



level to safe guard the child rights against the sexual abuses. She also suggested

that everyone has to work as a team to make these trainings successful in the next level. Sri. Vijaykumar DSP, Dr. Sharvani, and Mrs Radhika, represented the police department.



The TOT training programmes were coordinated by Dr. Rama Devi, HOD, Language Department of SCERT.

Child Rights and their protection was an important area for the well being and all round development of the children. A detailed session with manual reading activity was conducted by Sri. B. Ashok Reddy, Resource Person of SCERT. During the session the participants were made to understand different types of child rights and how they ensure the safe childhood of the children.

During the trainings POCSO Act, 2012 was clearly explained and elaborately discussed on various provisions and sections of this Act. Mrs. Asiya Shervani and C. Sathish, DSP, as resource persons presented a very useful input on salient features of POCSO Act, 2012 and its implementation, they also explained support and rehabilitation services



available for victims of sexual offence under POCSO Act 2012. In these sessions the difficulties or problems encountered in the implementation of the ACT were also discussed. They presented various needy skills in solving these problems.

Juvenile Justice Act is a very important Act in safe guarding the child rights which ultimately help the children to lead a happy and comfortable life. Resource

person Smt. P Narmada, DSP gave a detailed explanation on various provisions and rules of Juvenile Justice Act. In her session she has quoted many live examples to make the participants understand the Act easily.



Mrs. Radhika the resource person from Enfold and Mrs. Latha Madhavi of SCERT sensitized the participants about the sexual offences being committed against children and consequent trauma faced by them; the way we should understand the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse and to learn the procedures for reporting child sexual abuse.

At the end of the two day session the participants understood the need and importance of child rights. They are acquainted with the provisions of the POCSO ACT 2012, Juvenile Justice Act and personal safety rules for the children. The participants reflected their



awareness by preparing posters on Child Sexual Abuse and the measures to be taken up to prevent this heinous crime. They were trained to handle the trainings in the next level. District and ground level trainings on CSA will be taken up by the DIETs as Nodal Agencies.

**Childhood means simplicity. Look at the world with the child's eye – it is very beautiful.**

*– Kailash Satyarthi*