



MEGHALAYA STATE JUDICIAL ACADEMY

In collaboration with

Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation

is holding an

Online Sensitization Programme for Judicial Officers and other Stakeholders on the Principles of Best Interest of a Child while dealing with POCSO Cases



Date : 22.05.2021

9:45 am to 10:00am		Welcome address by Director, MSJA	
Session	Time	Topic	Resource Person
I	10:00 am - 10:45 am	Child Sexual Abuse - its extent and dimension	Mr. Bhuwan Ribhu, Child Rights Advocate & Activist Bachpan Bachao Andolan
II	10:45 am to 11: 30 am	Salient features of the POCSO Act and recent Amendments with emphasis on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key provisions of the Act • The reasons for the need of POCSO Act • The different aspects :- reporting an offence, Child pornography, Presumption, recording of statement, medical care and examination, appointment and termination of support person. Age determination of victims and accused persons • Child friendly procedure and Entitlement with emphasis on vulnerability of victims • Linkages and coordination required to be maintained by the POCSO Courts with CWC, DLSA and Police • Key components of the Child Protection Plan • The facet of compensation <p>Followed by interaction</p>	Ms. Jyoti Mathur, Director, Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation
III	11: 30 am to 12: 15 am	Implementation of POCSO Act - Challenges during trial and compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in filing FIR viz a viz mandatory reporting • Procedural delay and technical delay • High acquittal rate • Power of POCSO Court in determining Victim Compensation • Need of Training to Medical, Teachers, Judicial, Advocates and Law enforcing agencies • Consent • Medical examination • Treatment Cost • Consented sexual intimacy • Child Marriage • Role of Mental Health professional • Reporting <p>Followed by interaction</p>	Ms. Sampurna Behura, Director, Legal Bachpan Bachao Andolan

IV	12:15 am to 1: 00 pm	Trial of cases under the POCSO Act with latest Case laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charges and Sentencing pattern under the POCSO Act• Recording of Child Testimony• Age determination of Victim• Presumption of guilt• Medical evidence• Compromise in rape cases is impermissible• Bail Provisions <p><i>Followed by interaction</i></p>	Dr. J.N. Barowalia, Retd,District & Sessions Judge, Himachal Pradesh
V	1: 00 pm to 1 : 45 pm	Loopholes in the Act of 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The directions for overcoming the existing pitfalls as issued vide the consultation bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Alaskh Alok Srivastava vs. Union of India & others reported in (2018) 5 SCC 651. The context of the Protection of Children from Sexual offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019. <p><i>Followed by interaction</i></p>	
	1: 45 pm to 2: 00 pm	Vote of thanks	