





A Brief Report on

An Awareness & Sensitization Program on "Good Touch & Bad Touch" and the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act

Organized by the

Department of Biosciences, **Integral University**, in collaboration with **NSS**, & association with **Yeh Ek Soch foundation (NGO)**

Recognizing our moral obligation as an educational institute to contribute to the well-being of students, the Department of Biosciences organized an Awareness & Sensitization Program on "Good Touch & Bad Touch" and the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in collaboration with NSS, and in association with Yeh Ek Soch Foundation (NGO), took place on the outskirts of Paikramau village on December 8, 2023.

The main objective of this program was **to educate and create awareness in the rural community including young children, and parents regarding the distinction between good and harmful touch to stop harmful touch and preserve the safety of children.**

The program featured **vibrant posters, informative charts**, and a captivating **Nukkad Natika** performed by our students. The Nukkad Natika vividly depicted instances of ill and immodest treatment towards young children in schools, public places, and homes. Through this theatrical presentation, we emphasized the crucial role of parents and teachers in supporting children, helping them regain confidence, and encouraging them to voice against any injustice they may face.

The program shed light on the **Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act**, a significant legal framework in India designed to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation. The content was delivered in a manner that was both engaging and educational, ensuring that the audience grasped the importance of this legislation.

Our sensitization program successfully created awareness, fostering a safe environment and empowering all stakeholders—parents, children, and teachers—to identify and respond to instances of good touch and bad touch.

A total of 178 members including 174 students and 04 faculties (Dr. Andleeb Khan, Dr. Swati Sharma, Dr. Jahanarah Khatoon and Dr. Poonam Sharma had actively participated in this program. An interactive and insightful session was conducted by our faculty coordinator, Dr. Jahanarah Khatoon, (Department of Biosciences) and NSS coordinator, Dr. Poonam Sharma (Department of Bioengineering) and experts, Ms. Shanti from the Yeh Ek Soch foundation (NGO) with the community members in this context. Additionally, an open platform was provided for discussion and clarifications, addressing various concerns raised by children, teachers, and parents related to the POCSO Act.



In conclusion, we believe that initiatives of this nature play a pivotal role in creating a safer and more informed community. We extend our gratitude to our **Head**, **Dr. Snober S. Mir** for her guidance and encouragement at every step of this event. Finally, and above all, we thank **NGO**, **Yeh Ek Soch foundation** for their valuable collaboration