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Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre

K R S Road, Metagalli, Mysuru – 570 016

Title of the Event and name of the venue	Awareness on Pocso Act, Child marriage abolition act and child rights awareness-Extension activity by students in coordination with district child protection unit, Mysuru Venue: Government school, Rammanahalli, Mysuru
Date	25.03.2025
Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru

Purpose and scope of the event: The primary purpose of the extension activity was to **educate and sensitize community members, especially school children and adolescents**, on issues related to child safety and legal protection mechanisms. The programme aimed to spread awareness on:

- The **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012**, which safeguards children from sexual abuse and exploitation.
- The **Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006**, which aims to eliminate child marriage and promote the right to education and health for minors.
- **Child Rights**, as outlined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), including the rights to survival, protection, development, and participation.

The scope of the event extended to both awareness generation and community engagement. It intended to empower children and local stakeholders with the knowledge to prevent abuse, report violations, and ensure children's welfare and dignity.

Details of the talk/event/activity: The extension activity was carried out by **MSW students** under the guidance of faculty from the Department of Social Work, in collaboration with officers from the **District Child Protection Unit, Mysuru**.

The event included:

- **Interactive awareness sessions** conducted by social work students using posters, role plays, street plays, and storytelling.
- **Expert talks** by DCPU officials on the key provisions and protections under the POCSO Act and Child Marriage Abolition Act.
- **Distribution of IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials** like pamphlets and child helpline details.
- A **question-and-answer session** where students and community members could clarify doubts.

Target participants included school children, adolescent girls and boys, teachers, anganwadi workers, and local leaders.

- **Event Highlights: Collaborative effort** between MSW students and DCPU staff that strengthened practical learning and social responsibility.
- **Role plays and street theatre** performed by students that effectively communicated complex legal topics in a simple, engaging manner.
- **Real-life case examples** discussed by DCPU officers to highlight the importance of early reporting and legal awareness.
- **High participation** from local youth and school children, with strong engagement during interactive segments.
- **Awareness on child helpline number (1098)** and the process to report child abuse or early marriage cases.
- Students gained **hands-on experience** in community education and field-based advocacy.

This extension activity served as a vital outreach initiative that reinforced the role of social work students in grassroots awareness and legal literacy. It also promoted a child-friendly community environment committed to protecting the rights and well-being of every child.

A brief profile of the resource persons:

Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries: 100 students of Government school, Rammanahalli, Mysuru



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)

