

# Activism to End Gender Violence & Safeguarding Children

## Good Shepherd Sisters, CEI

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### Theme: Promote Safeguarding children

#### Nagpur-Good Shepherd Provincialate Community

On the occasion of 16 days of activism to end gender violence (25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December campaign) on 07<sup>th</sup> Dec.2019, the Good shepherd Provincialate community observed the D-day by conducting awareness programmes and rally on “*Stop Violence Against Women and children*”. The campaign started on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the local government school named, Krishi Gyan Vidhalaya, Godhni road by conducting the awareness programme. Approximately 100 students from 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> classes attended the programme. They were educated on the subjects of child rights, POCSO act, child line and human Trafficking. The programme helped the students to know more about their rights, provision under the POCSO act and child line and cautiousness against human trafficking. Sr. Pushpa, the Child Protection Officer of the Province enlightened the students on the importance of their rights. The children were screened two documentary films on human trafficking.



*Food for thoughts!*

**“No one has the right to tease you or sexually harass you. No one has the right to make you uncomfortable, whether you are at home, on the streets, in school, college or in a social gathering”.**

**“No one has the right to beat you, torture you physically or mentally, or force themselves on you in any way. No matter what your relationship is with this person”**

***“It is said that a right is not what someone gives you; it is what no one can take from you. Yet, in India, a vast section of the population especially women and children are denied of their human rights”***

## Stop Violence against women and children awareness rally

A Public awareness rally for women and children safety was organized on the same day by Domestic Workers Movement, Nagpur. There were around 150 participants for the programme mainly the domestic workers.

The motive behind organizing the rally was to raising awareness among the public to end violence against women and children. The objective of the rally was to make the public think about their responsibility and duties towards women and children

The rally started from Mecosobagh Christian Colony and ended in the campus of the main roads of Kadbi Chock. At the rally, the women were walking along the slogans while chanting slogans with determination. The women shouted out the slogans about women and child rights and their safety. Later, the participants were screened a documentary film on human trafficking.



## Mangalagiri-Good Shepherd Community



Today the program was conducted at Good Shepherd Convent, Mangalagiri. In this program 385 people were gathered from our various villages and made the event more successful one. The resource persons mainly spoke about the Violence and atrocities that are happening against women and how to address these issues. The day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Now its 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Human Rights Day observed by the people all across the world by spreading the message about Human Rights and its importance to the society. It also to encourage the vulnerable group of people like women, minorities, youth, poor, disabled persons, indigenous people, etc...to take part in this event.



It was a time of joy in sharing and receiving personal experience. Hundreds of people joined their hands in making this day more effective and successful one. Every one thankful to GSC for this event and happy to receive gift.

## Garratola-Good Shepherd Community

The great event- regional campaign on “**NO Violence to Women and Children**” began with a rally to bring awareness to Stop Violence against Women and Children. 143 Women, 17 youths and 57 children were encouraged to raise voice for slogans.

There after the programme continued with a prayer dance by the St. Mary Euphrasia boarding children. The street play was presented by the GS Partners in Mission, where the all the staff including domestic staff participated in the play which depicted the issues – the discrimination of girl child from womb to tomb as a fetus in the womb, infant, child marriage, youth and as a woman. As the play was on the issues of women, they were written on the sheet of paper and tied to the woman and at the end of the play those ties were broken to say **follow the law and be free**. Every girl and woman has the right to equality and live happily.

The Boarding children sang a song on the theme ‘Together We Can Change the World’.



### AT A GLANCE

NO OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATED	57
NO OF WOMEN PARTICIAPTED	143
NO OF YOUTHS PARTICIAPTED	17
NO OF POWERHODI FR ATTENDED	8

**Yes, orange to our neighbors**

### Leaders and Officials made statements against women and Girl Child discrimination:

The town inspector expressed his commitment to handle the cases of girls and punish the men. All of them promised to render their service according to their office. They did tell the girls that to be strong, as the power is within every girl and woman and when you take action the boys and men will get frightened. So show your power to protect your own self. Also the girls presented the role play on Abortion of girl child, Dowry, Literacy for girls and Anti Human Trafficking. The small role plays had great impact on women. After the programme refreshments were given to all the invitees and 217 beneficiaries.



## Mulakalapalli- Good Shepherd community

The programme commenced at 10 am in Gurukulapatasala, Mulakalapalli by student's march- past. Sr. Nirmala in charge of the Good Shepherd Convent convoked the rally with the slogans. Mrs. Annamani spoke to the gathering on violence against children and women based on the burning issue of "Dhisha" In Telangana. She said that atrocity against girls in human society should be reduced".

Mr. Chinna Nageshwarao (MDO) continued that "woman is a creator". Everything in the world will be stagnant in the absence of woman. He compared the advantages and the disadvantages and the behavioral pattern of the past and present tradition. This generation is carried by the modern technology which leads to hazardous conditions, immorality and disregard. Therefore degradation of humanity is high.

Mr. K.R.K. Prasad Rao District Superintend of Police assured protection for the girls. Also he suggested some of the toll free numbers to contact at the time of complexity. The "SHE Teams" is working to curb the attacks on girls' rights in the society. If anyone is embarrassed one should contact the nearest police station.

Some of the girls expressed their ideas, views to others. They said that they will have confidence and motivate others and be a responsible citizen. The programme was successfully concluded with the proposed vote of thanks.



Snap at Gurukulapatasala, Mulakalapalli

<b>Date</b>	: 7/12/2019
<b>Venue</b>	: Social welfare schools (Gurukula Patasala) and Kasthurba Gandhi Balikala Vidyalayam (KGBV)
<b>Theme</b>	: Stop Violence against Children and Women
<b>No. of Participants</b>	: 720



**Resource persons:** Mrs. Anna Mani, Headmistress of Government High School, Mr. Chinna Nageshwarao Mandal Development Officer (MDO), Mr. K.R.K. Prasad Rao District Superintend of Police, Mr. Suresh Sub Inspector, Mr. Naveen Circle Inspector. Mrs. Sunnam Nagamani Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC). Senagapati Mehra, Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC).

## Karjat-Good Shepherd Community

The awareness programme on standing against women Violence conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. Manish Balerao one of the Social worker and a lawyer gave awareness on different types of violence and Abuse on children and women. About 250 children and 25 women were present for the programme. He explained to the children 5 different kinds of abuse taking place and how they can safe guard themselves and when abuses happens to them and others what are the points to keep in mind and whom to inform. Some of the children's right slogans were put up around the place. We asked the children and women to go through and we explained to them. Women and children expressed that many abuses taking place around our country and in our own places. They were happy to know ways to protect the abuses against women and children. It was a thought provoking programme for all the children and women present.



## Chennai-Good Shepherd Community

The 16 days of Activism against Gender violence was observed from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by the Mission Partners and young student-advocates of Good Shepherd Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai. The neighbourhood echoed the voices of this powerful community who advocated fiercely to end violence against women and children. Our correspondent Sr. Mariam Kulangara inaugurated a signature campaign. This campaign was an invitation to take a firm stand against rape of women and girl children. We stand united under one umbrella to fight for every girl child's dream of living in a peaceful world, which is free of violence.



## Amaravathi-Good Shepherd community

*"Orange the World' to fight gender-based violence"*

In Amaravathi, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, Good Shepherd Partner in Mission have conducted a big rally on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with the participation of general public and the girls and boys from Amaravathi-based St. Augustine High School, St. Pallotine Junior College, Balayogi Gurukul Patasala. Altogether around 1100 people were there to join the rally. This shows that there is widespread impunity on sexual violence and rape. The rally was taken out in the main streets of Amaravathi; the rally started at 11 am in front of Good Shepherd Convent, Amaravathi and ended near Krosuru Cross Road; the participants stopped in three cross roads and the eminent personalities invited for the day had delivered their message on ending violence on women and children. As the rally passed one point to another, slogans were raised to alert the public on the issues and problems faced by the women and girl children.



Sr. Aruna George, Local Community Leader of Good Shepherd Convent, Amaravathi aspires to create a society where women can walk freely on the streets and children can play safely outside

*"DESPITE STRINGENT LAWS, THE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE ON WOMEN AND GIRLS CHILDREN ARE INCREASING YEAR AFTER YEAR. IN THIS BACKDROP, THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARTNERS IN MISSION, IS A WORTHY AND TIMELY"* BY MR. KRISHNA ANJANEYALU (PRESIDENT OF JOURNALIST FORUM OF ANDHRA PRADESH

*"WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE NOT COMMODITIES; RATHER THEY MUST BE TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS WITH EQUAL RIGHTS TO MEN. THEY ARE HUMAN BEINGS WITH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES"* BY MR. PRASAD, VICE PRINCIPAL OF BALAYOGI GURUKUL PATASALA, AMARAVATHI

*"INDIA HAS BEEN A NATION AND A TRADITION WHICH RESPECTS AND PROTECTS WOMEN AND GIRL CHILDREN. VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAS NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY"* SR. ARUNA GEORGE, LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER OF GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT,

### Eminent personalities who made statements against women and girl children discrimination

**Mr. Sivaiah**, Sub Inspector of Police, Amaravathi (Rural), **Mr. Krishna Anjaneyalu**, President of Journalist Forum of Andhra Pradesh, **Fr. Prasad**, Correspondent of St. Pallotti Junior College, Amaravathi, **Mr. Prasad**, Vice Principal of Balayogi Gurukul Patasala, Amaravathi **Mr. Ravindrababu**, Sub Inspector of Police, Amaravathi (Urban), **Sr. Sundari**, Superior of St. Augustine Convent, **Mr. Suribabu**, Member of CITU & President of Amaravathi Mandal Peace Committee



**Respecting girl children and women is the first step towards upholding the rights of girls and women, says Fr. Prasad, Correspondent of St. Pallotine Junior College, Amaravathi**

## Balaghat - Asha Nivas Community

The women, girls and boys of Jagpur, Manjara-Gonditola, Awaljhari and Ameda stood Against Violence to Women. The women of Jagpur were excited that a programme was to be arranged in their village. They proposed a rally which we were happy to have and it was a huge success. Around 60 women and 200 girls and boys of Std. 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the Government High School in Jagpur, joined us in a rally around the village to create awareness of the horrors of violence to women. The teachers of the school both men and women collaborated with us in the programme. The staff and candidates put up a street play on rape, gender discrimination, evils of dowry and violence to women with regards to barrenness and sex determination. These skits were well received and this set the women thinking. It was the first time something on awareness of current issues was staged and there was a healthy discussion with the women of the villages and staff of the school. We have been invited to speak to the girls of the school on these issues on a larger scale.



## Salem-Good Shepherd Community

### “CAMPAIGN TO OPPOSE VIOLENCE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN”

We had conducted a rally in one of the village where we are working under the theme of ‘No violence to women and children campaign’. Along with Sisters and Partners in our Mission, the women and Children actively participated in the rally, raising different slogan for Safe Guarding Women and

Children. At the end of the rally our Chief Guest Dr.Muthutamil, the chief physician of Government Hospital, Salem, gave an awareness talk on the importance of Safe Guarding the Children. She also stressed on the rights of the children, duties and responsibilities of parents in protecting the girl

children from sexual abuse. Mrs.Valarmathithe village health worker of that area explained to the children about the difference between the good touch and bad touch. Sr.Gracy in her talk mentioned the responsible use of cell phones and other mass media.



## Pallavaram-Good Shepherd Community

### The Orange Day Celebration - 2019

16 days of no violence to women and children was observed by conducting various programmes. On 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Orange day celebrated with a rally. The mission partners, coaching class students actively participated in the rally. The procession was to the main road and adjoining streets by provoking the residents to raise their voice against violence on woman and children. Later, the coaching class children performed a role play. On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Orange Day program also observed at Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam. Approximately, 1000 students participated in the event. The students were educated on the gender violence through a skit "upliftment of the women and girl children".



The Good shepherd sisters, CEI joined the regional action plan on 16 days to end Violence against women and children campaign by networking with the governments, individuals and civil society organizations to raise public awareness, increase political will and resources as well as strengthen partnerships. The day of Activism to end Gender Violence was an effective in terms of making awareness among the public to Say NO–violence to women and children.

