

# “9 Weeks of Campaign on the Rights of the Girls”

**International Day of the Girl  
(IDG) 2020**

**"My Voice, Our Equal Future"**

**Organized by Sisters at:**

**Bohari Assam,  
Nagpur- Maharashtra  
Mumbai- Maharashtra**



**BAHARI, ASSAM: 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020**

We celebrated The International Girl Child Day on 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, the theme on “Our Voice equals our Future.” On continuum of this awareness programme on the rights of the children, we the Good Shepherd Sisters arranged one-day campaign on “Our Responsibility in Safeguarding Children.” The children are the future of our society, at the same time they are vulnerable. Therefore, as adults it’s our responsibility to safeguard their rights and giving them their due.

We selected five government and private Schools, among which four Assamese and one English Medium School. Tarabari Higher Secondary School, Bahari Girls High School, Bahari Government High School, Kamala Kanta School and St. Don Bosco English Medium High School. The Principal, Head Masters, staff and students were extremely glad, eager and enthusiastic to know the rights of the children and their safety. They became aware of “what is child abuse”. Nobody should deny the child right to: Education, Recreation, Good Environment, Safe Water & Food, Love & Care, Speak, and Play & Grow in freedom. The school authorities and staff were motivated not to do any harm to the children and to provide a child safe environment in the institutions and the communities. It made a great impact to treat all children equally and not to discriminate them, based on caste, creed, colour or gender.

About eight hundred children and the staff benefited from this campaign. The children were fascinated, motivated and happy to identify their rights. The school faculties were incredibly cooperative and supportive.



## Good Shepherd CEIN Provincialate, Nagpur 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Nagpur observed **"9 Weeks of Campaign on the Rights of the Girls"** as part of UN and the Good Shepherd Asia Pacific programme by conducting a seminar on **"Cyber laws and online abuse"** on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Cyber Crimes in India is one of the most challenging issues in contemporary times. It has posed several questions to our traditional legal jurisprudence. The issue has also received national and worldwide attention with emergence of newer technologies. It has impetus and relevance in contemporary times because of the several initiatives made by government like 'Make in India', 'Digital India' where people are more engaged in the internet and often being trapped into online abuses and crimes.

The average time spend on internet by youth and children is on the rise. They involve more in online activities than ever before, due to online classes and use of social media. Children and youth are prone to fall prey to online abuses and fraudulence.

Keeping the above in view, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Nagpur made deliberations to have deep insight about the problems, issues and challenges of the cyber laws and online abuses.

Mr. Mahendra B Limaye, a techno-legal expert in cyber security and cyber legal education, educated more than 40 youth and children on safety usage of internet and enacted cyber laws. He also clarified the doubts of youth and children on online endeavors.

Mr. Satish S Francis, an advocate provided his vast knowledge on the legal rights of women and children. He urged youth and children to learn the Constitution of India especially on child rights and women's rights.

The seminar motivated the participants to have more thoughts on online endeavors and safe internet usage.



## **Andheri, Mumbai: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

*Good Shepherd Convent Andheri Mumbai, celebrated the International Girl Child day on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec -2020. The program was planned for 2 hours (3pm to 5pm). The total number of the participants was 40 children. There was a short cultural program which included drawing competition for all; 4 of the participants gave speeches on girl child and 4 of the participants took part in 2 dances. On this happy occasion there was so much of learning, happiness, laughter and fun.*

*The chief guest of the program was Mrs. Indira Jenna, who is a well-known teacher for the under privileged children and besides her profession she is also a great social worker for the elderly, poor and the marginalized. She spoke from her heart to the gathering' to dream' big and achieve their goal by investing in a lot of hard work. She stressed to discover the power within to empower oneself, family and society. She appreciated the theme "my voice and our future"; she encouraged the girls to voice their opinion at any cost and not suffer silently. She also motivated the girls each and every one in the gathering to take risk and challenge by being courageous and strong to fight for their rights and not to flight from the difficult situations. She supported to join hands with like-minded people who are committed for the upliftment of the women and girls.*

