

A REPORT ON TULIR –NGO

Tulir in Tamil means Tender leaves of a plant.

World is in the advent of development of technology. It is not only necessary to be updated but also to be aware of the hurdled prevailing in the environment and to overcome them without any flaws.

The primary motto of social work is “to help people to help themselves” such a way an NGO named TULIR had an orientation even in colleges. The target audience is generally students on their every occasion of orientation.

The same programme was organized in 13th of September, Saturday. It started by 01:30 P.M in MSSW auditorium with a welcome address by Ms. Jafrin Afsara from MSSW 1st year and Ms. Vidhya, who is part of NGO continued the session with a brief introduction and other vital information.

ABOUT TULIR

TULIR centre for the prevention and healing of Child Sexual Abuse (CBHCSA) is a registered non – Governmental organization committed to working against child sexual abuse in India.

- ❖ Contrary to a widely held perception, a society’s integrity and worth is not based on whether cases of child sexual abuse exist. They do exist sadly they exist in silence due to a host of factors headed by the discomfort it generates if acknowledge. Instead TULIR – centre for the prevention and healing of child sexual abuse believes a society’s integrity is based on the acceptance of the problem and proactive steps taken to respond in a timely and appropriate way ensuring that its children may benefit from its caring and foresight, and truly have the right to feel safe all the time.
- ❖ Tulir has the audacity of hope that it will not be before long that the larger community realizes the prevalence, with the subsequent significant impact and accompanying physical, social and health costs for it to be considered a serious public health concern which needs to be prevented and addressed.

MISSION STATEMENT:

- ❖ Prevention and healing child sexual abuse require equal parts of caring, optimism and pragmatism Tulir assumes that caring and optimism already reside within the majority of people and thus focuses on the pragmatic how to translate the abstract notions of prevention and healing into a blueprint for action.
- ❖ Prevention has increasing gained recognition as the most prudent and cost effective strategy for addressing child sexual abuse. The concept of personal safety education, works to allow every child the right to feel safe all the time.

OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ To support and participate in local, national and international efforts to promote and protect the rights of the child.
- ❖ To raise awareness on child sexual abuse advancing practice to prevent and address cases of child sexual abuse with a special emphasis on the psychological well being of children.
- ❖ To provide direct intervention services in the areas of prevention and healing of child sexual abuse.
- ❖ To undertake research documentation and dissemination of information on child sexual abuse.

RESOURCES:

- ❖ A parents practical response to child sexual abuse.
- ❖ Schools and child sexual abuse: Roles, responsibilities
- ❖ Personal safety workbooks
- ❖ Preventing and healing child sexual abuse: A bible based Sunday school curriculum for churches.
- ❖ Doesn't every child count? : A study on the prevention prevalence and Dynamics of child sexual abuse in India (Chennai)
- ❖ ICE resources.

“The world is a dangerous place to live ,not because of the people who are evil but because of the people who don't do anything about it

- Albert Einstein “

HARASSMENT

Harassment prohibits speech or action which is severe or pervasive enough to create a hostile or abusive work environment.

CAUSES OF HARASSMENT:

- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- National origin.

TYPES OF HARASSMENT:

- Discriminatory harassment
- Personal harassment
- Physical harassment
- Power harassment
- Psychological harassment
- Cyber bullying
- Retaliation.

SECTIONS UNDER HARASSMENT:

Section 32 of the disorder act 1998 now provides that where a commits an offence under section 2 or 4 of the protection from harassment act which is racially religiously aggravated.

According to (section 354AIPC) sexual harassment is the sexual harassment of women at workplace (prevention and prohibition and redressal) Act and rules 2013.

According to section 354D IPC, stalking is continuously following a women or contacting her, it is punished by three years for a first offence, and five years for repeat offences.

The crime under the Indian penal code a(IPC)

1. Rape (section 376 IPC)
2. Kidnapping and abduction for different purposes (sec 363-373 IPC)
3. Molestation (sec 354 IPC)
4. Sexual harassment (sec 509 IPC)



THE PERSONAL SAFETY RULES:

- ❖ It's never alright for someone to touch your body parts except to keep you clean and healthy.

- ❖ It happens or if you feel confused, uncomfortable or unsafe about any touch say NO and yet away.
“IT’S NEVER YOUR FAULT”
- ❖ Never keep a secret about a touching problem. Tell a trusted adult and keep telling you get the help you need.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- ❖ **Research and documentation:**

Research and documentation projects are undertaken with an aim to expand knowledge base, advance practice and evolve better strategies within the Indian context to combat child sexual abuse.

Tulir CPHCSSA’s study in 2006, conducted among 2211 school going children in Chennai, indicates a CSA prevalence rate of 42% children of all socio economic groups were found to be equally vulnerable, while 48% of boys reported having been abused the prevalence rate among girls was 39%. 15% of the boys and girls were severely abused.

- ❖ **Resource development:**

Development and publications of booklets, posters, training guides and multimedia resources on child sexual abuse, including materials specifically designed for different stakeholders group.

- ❖ **Advocacy and networking:**

Since attitudinal change is only possible with information, creating and raising awareness and sensitization is a key priority of TULIR

It works towards achieving this goal by periodically organizing public awareness and sensitizations programs and campaigns and by make use of different platforms to bring the issue to the front line of public consciousness.

This includes joining with individuals, groups and organizations and networking with different professional sectors, such as law enforcements, judiciary health care and education.

Partnering with media and writing on issues to provide better and sensitive visibility to the issue to a constant effort. The quarterly newsletter of TULIR (CPHCSA) *Aawaaq* is another vehicle of advocacy and networking for spreading awareness.

- ❖ **Personal safety education:**

Personal safety education is a school based curriculum that empowers children to participate in their own protection. The three integral components of the methodology of providing age appropriate information developing assertiveness and decision making skills and promising self esteem to translate learning into practice. Besides it strengthens the capacities of those professionally, socially and morally responsible for the protection of children that is the government, parents schools and the largest community.

- ❖ **Training and consultancy:**

TULIR training programs are designed to meet the requirements and needs of various professionals and non professionals sectors and include sensitization and skill building programs for teachers, social workers, doctors, parents and other multi disciplinary stake holders crucial to an effective response.

Training workshops also extended to organizations workings on varied issues – child labor, child rights, HIV/AIDS, academic institutions, equipping them with the skills and knowledge required to effectively respond to the sexual abuse of children.

TULIR believes in sharing its knowledge, resources and expertise with other organizations for a better response to child sexual abuse by providing consultant in research and practice areas for other organizations working on related issues.

❖ **Healing and intervention:**

A multidisciplinary approach is the basis of therapeutic services for abused children and is premised on the holistic caring with socio legal assistance.

POCSO act amended: Death penalty for child sex abuse

The union cabinet has given its nod to amend certain section of protection of children from sexual offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 to include provision of death penalty in case of sexual offences against children.

Sections four, five and six are proposed to be amended to provide option of stringent punishment, including death penalty, for committing sexual assault and aggravated penetrative sexual assault crime on a child to protect the children from sexual abuse.

Section 9 to protect children from sexual offences in times of natural calamities and in other situations where children are administered in anyway any hormone or any chemical substance to attain early sexual maturity for the purpose of penetrative sexual assault.

Section 14 and 15 of POCSO act to levy fine for not destroying, deleting or reporting the pornographic material involving a child with an intention to harass or transmit it.

Amendment is proposed to be carried out in section 2,4,5,6,9,14,15,34,42 and 45.

SALIENT FEATURES:

Clear definitions and descriptions of offences

- ❖ Penetrative sexual assault
- ❖ Aggravated penetrative sexual assault
- ❖ Sexual assault
- ❖ Aggravated sexual assault
- ❖ Sexual harassment of the child
- ❖ Use of child for pornographic purposes

- There was an online poll with many questions slido.com and this helps in analyzing the perception of general public and helped to arrive at a conclusion
- Following the orientation a video was played which had a real time appeal people shares their own struggles to overcome the incidents.
- The programme ended by 03:30 P.M the end of the session was interactive with welcoming questions with lot of suggestions and solutions in return.

The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Nandhini and as a social work trainee would like to thanks the co-ordinator and organizer of the programme Dr. P. Amuthalakshmi for an opportunity to leant the importance of voicing out and build a healthy mind in solving problems and bravely overcoming the situations and circumstances.