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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Cordially invites you to a

PRESENTATION

on

**UNDERSTANDING AND
ADDRESSING SEXUAL
VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
AN OVERVIEW**

RESOURCE PERSONS

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**TULIR - CENTRE FOR THE
PREVENTION & HEALING OF CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE**



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11:30 a.m.



L.S. Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

REPORT ON THE PRESENTATION ON UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Date: July 26th, 2024

Time: 11.00 AM

Venue: Lawrence Sundaram Hall

The Department of Sociology organized a presentation on the topic "Understanding and Addressing Sexual Violence Against Children" by Ms. Nancy Thomas, a seasoned social worker specializing in child sexual abuse since 2004. The program began with a warm welcome address and a moment of silent prayer led by Prof. J. Sherline Joshna, setting a solemn tone for the sensitive topic. Following this, Dr. J. Vanitha, Head of the Department of Sociology, extended a warm welcome and presented a memento as a token of appreciation.

Our esteemed speaker, Ms. Nancy Thomas, then took the stage to share her insights on the sensitive topic of child sexual abuse. Her presentation covered the definitions and scope of sexual violence against children, differentiating between sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse, and emphasizing how these often occur close to home by trusted adults. The speaker also discussed the POCSO Act of 2012, a gender-neutral legislation that protects individuals under 18 from all forms of sexual assault.

The session included case studies highlighting various forms of abuse, the importance of digital citizenship was stressed, advocating for educating children on responsible technology use to prevent exploitation. The speaker strongly emphasized the role of technology in influencing young minds. Shocking statistics were presented, the dynamics of child sexual abuse were explored, identifying vulnerability factors like age, lack of knowledge, disability, and family environment, examining the motivations and inhibitions of abusers.

The presentation also delved into the long-term impacts of abuse on mental and physical health, on how abuse during childhood may affect individuals as they grow older. Additionally, the speaker shed light on the dual role of technology in both facilitating and combating abuse, as well as the significant challenges children face in reporting abuse due to societal stigma and ineffective questioning by authorities.

Finally, the need for communal and institutional responsibility in creating supportive environments, disseminating accurate information, and addressing myths and stigma were emphasized. The session concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the valuable insights shared and reaffirming the collective commitment to tackling the issue of sexual violence against children.

The presentation was highly informative and relevant, resonating particularly well with the current generation. The event succeeded in raising critical awareness about the importance of child protection and the necessity for vigilance among parents and educators alike. The use of visual aids and real-life examples significantly enhanced the presentation, making the issues of child abuse more relatable and impactful. The content was effectively covered, addressing the sensitivities of the audience and emphasizing the importance of addressing child abuse.



This detailed report encapsulates the key discussions and insights shared during the presentation on addressing sexual violence against children, emphasizing the multifaceted nature of the issue and the collective responsibility in combating it.

