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To,
The Principal / Headmasters / Headmistresses / Head of the School,
Vellore District.

Madam/Sir,

Sub: Online awareness programme for the School Principals and the School Headmasters / Headmistresses in Vellore District on "Child safety & Well-being and Consensus Building on Project CACA" organized by Vellore District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with NGO Social Axiom Foundation - Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse). A need of the hour, Project CACA is an academic safety programme that aligns with the objectives of the Gazette Notification POCSO Rules 2020 and various other government guidelines.

Ref: 1. Rule 3 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2020.
2. Request of Ms.Harini S, Advocacy Ambassador, Project CACA - Children Against Child Abuse Social Axiom Foundation (SAF).

It is with great pleasure that I bring to your kind attention to an upcoming event of significant importance that the District Legal Services Authority Vellore is organizing in collaboration with NGO Social Axiom Foundation - Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse):

A two-hour online webinar on "Child safety & Well-being and Consensus Building on Project CACA" covering Legal POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act, & Legal Services. It is scheduled to take place via the online platform Zoom on 19th October 2023, from 02:00pm to 04:00pm.

As a capacity-building webinar, it will help Principals and the Headmasters / Headmistresses put together a policy framework to further define the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders at the grassroots level. The objectives of the webinar:

1. Raise legal awareness as well as sensitize the Principals and the Headmasters / Headmistresses of Vellore District on the POCSO Act, 2012, and JJ Act.

2. Raise legal awareness as well as sensitize about different kinds of abuses that children face and their prevention.
3. Help schools formulate a child safety and well-being committee and implement policies to ensure an enabling and empowering environment for the children.
4. Introduction of "Project CACA – A safety programme for schools to keep our students Happy, Healthy and Safe" and to build consensus on its implementation under the school safety policy in accordance with the Gazette notification of POCSO Rules 2020.
5. Introduction of DLSAs and various services provided by them.

Implementation of Project CACA, the flagship school safety programme by NGO Social Axiom Foundation, carries out the pertinent objectives of various circulars, notifications, advisories, guidelines issued from time to time to schools by the Central and State Governments, The Ministry Of Women And Child Development, various School Boards, State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights, Supreme Court, Directorate of School Education, and other related organisations on Child Rights, Child Safety, Gender Sensitivity, Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), POCSO Act 2012 - POCSO-E-Box, Gender-Equality, Gender Equity, Self Defence.

In particular: POCSO Rules, 2020 - THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: EXTRAORDINARY Notification of 9th March 2020 issued by MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT. Kindly refer to: Sub-rule (1) and (6) of Rule 3: "Awareness generation and capacity building."

Your presence and engagement in this programme will help promote a safer environment for our children and ensure that these essential laws are well understood and implemented.

Working on the safety of children and their well-being is a collaborative effort and will take the participation of all the stakeholders.

Therefore, Principals and the Headmasters / Headmistresses are requested to attend the aforesaid webinar. We look forward to your active participation in the aforesaid webinar.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary (FAC)
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Vellore.


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