#### **CHALLENGES IN INVESTIGATION AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS THEM**

POCSO ACT

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Our children are the rock on which our future will be built, our greatest asset as a nation. They will be the leaders of our country, the creators of our national wealth who care for and protect our people



### GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION

- 53% of Children in India face Sexual abuse
- Serous deficiency of infrastructure
- Delay in disposal of cases
- Feasibility to follow mandate of POCSO Act is less (Disposal in one year, Victim Statement -30 Days
- Rise in pendency of cases
- Rise in reporting of cases





Not just to report and punish those who abuse and exploit the innocence of children, but also to prove AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT IN CURBING THE OCCURRENCE OF THESE OFFENCES AND TO PREVENT FURTHER VICTIMISATION OF THE CHILD VICTIM



#### CHALLENGES FROM VICTIM SIDE



#### SOCIAL STIGMA

- HINDRANCE
- HESITATION
- SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS
- LOCAL SETTLEMENTS
- FAMILY PRESSURES
- LONG JUDICIAL PROCESS
- FURTHER VICTIMISATION



#### SOCIALSTIGMA

- Social stigma is a taboo that
   needs to be eliminated
- Educate them to create

awareness



### HINDRANCE

- Encourage them to file
   the case
- Child friendly approach



## HESITATION

- Friendly policing needs
   to be implemented
- Separate cell to
   approach without any
   hesitation



## SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS

- Owing to socio economic status,
   victims tend to compromise for money,
   which is the serious concern now
- Awareness pertaining to this issue is a must to initiate change



### LOCAL SETTLEMENTS

- Local settlements are usually done to avoid the mess.
- Culprits should be PUNISHED
- It should be a strong deterrent in the society



#### FAMILY PRESSURES

When parent/guardian
 is accused, family
 silence the child



## LONG JUDICIAL PROCESS

- Child friendly justice delivery
  - process
- Special Courts



## VICTIMISATION

- Children are already
  victimised, we should avoid
  further victimising them
  Victimisation should be
  eradicated with more child
  - friendly approach



#### CHALLENGES FROM POLICE SIDE



- IGNORANCE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE ACT
- UNABLE TO RECORD THE STATEMENTS
- MISINTERPRETING CHILD
   PSYCHOLOGY
- NO CHILD FRIENDLY PROCEDURES
- HOSTILETENDENCIES AND BEING
   INSENSITIVE
- ERRORS IN PROCEDURES
- LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE



#### IGNORANCE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE ACT

 Police should be educated about the ACT in letter and spirit



# UNABLETO RECORD THE STATEMENTS

- Recording the statements in verbatim
  - is a must



#### MISINTERPRETING CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

- Child needs to be nurtured and understood.
- Understanding them is the first step to success





# NO CHILD FRIENDLY PROCEDURES

- Procedures should be child friendly
- Abused children are the most vulnerable, we should treat them in a friendly manner and get accustomed to the case



HOSTILE TENDENCIES AND BEING INSENSITIVE

- Victims turning hostile should be avoided
- Being insensitive to the most sensitive and vulnerable kids is pathetic



## ERRORS IN PROCEDURES

- Medical
- Sec. I64CRPC
- Sec.161CRPC
- Scene Visit
- Linking Crime to Criminal and Crime Scene.



# LACK OF

Infrastructure and support staff
 should be provided



It's not our job to toughen up children to face a cruel and heartless world, its our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless



#### KEY PLAYERS

- Police
- Prosecution
- Courts
- Medical instituions
- Psychologists and counsellors
- Institution of social service

We require MULTI-SECTORAL AND MULTI- DISCIPLINARY support system to nurture children





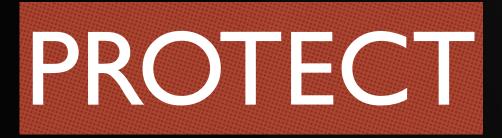


## INITIATE











## NURTURE



#### "PEOPLE ASK, HOW CAN A PERSON ABUSE A CHILD? I ASK, HOW CAN SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?



