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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT AT GUWAHATI

(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM : NAGALAND : MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

No.HC.VII-122 /2018(Pt.)/ 1339/A

From: **Shri R. A. Tapadar,**
Registrar (Judicial),
Gauhati High Court,
Guwahati

To: **The District & Sessions Judge,**
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Dated: Guwahati, the 09th of March, 2022

Sub: Enrolment for virtual programme titled "**Child Forensics in Child Sexual Abuse Cases**".

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter dated 04-03-2022 received from Shri Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Project Officer, Policy and Law, SAMVAD, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore regarding a virtual 4-part public discourse programmes on "**Child Forensics in Child Sexual Abuse Cases**" to be held on **15-03-2022, 17-03-2022, 22-03-2022 & 24-03-2022** to circulate the same amongst the Judicial Officers of your respective Districts.

You are also requested to participate in the aforesaid virtual programmes in your capacity as District Judge along with the Judicial Officers provided it does not hamper your/their official duties.

Further, I would like to inform you that participation is only for the interested Judicial Officers.

YouTube Links have been provided for each part of the series in the letter dated 04-03-2022.

With warm regards.

Encl: As Above.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. Tapadar
09.03.22
REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL)

Memo No. HC.VII-122/2018(Pt.)/1340 - 1347/A dated 09.03.2022

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1) The Registrar (Admn./Vigilance), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 2) The Registrar-cum-Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 3) The Member Secretary, Assam State Legal Services Authority.
- 4) Shri Saurabh Shashi Ashok, Project Officer, Policy and Law, SAMVAD, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore.
- 5) The Joint Registrar (Judl./PM&P), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
- 6) The Administrative Officer, Judicial Academy, Assam with a **request to place the matter before the Hon'ble Director, Judicial Academy.**
- 7) The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Manash Ranjan Pathak, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati, for favour of his Lordship's kind information.
- 8) The CA to the Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.

(THE LIST OF OFFICERS HEREINABOVE IS NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER OF SENIORITY)

R. A. T. Upadhyay
09.03.22

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Fwd: Invitation for SAMVAD-NIMHANS' Online Public Discourse Series on Child Forensics in Child Sexual Abuse Cases (17th - 24th March 2022)

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Subject: Invitation for SAMVAD-NIMHANS' Online Public Discourse Series on Child Forensics in Child Sexual Abuse Cases (17th - 24th March 2022)

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Greetings from SAMVAD-NIMHANS!

We are pleased to announce that SAMVAD-NIMHANS is organising a 4-Part Public Discourse Series on **Child Forensics in Child Sexual Abuse Cases**, to generate substantive engagement with key imperatives in the collection and analysis of evidence in cases of Child Sexual Abuse. The Public Series has been developed as a part of a range of different initiatives being conducted by SAMVAD to mark '**10 Years of POCSO: Critical Reflections and Ways Forward**'.

As many of you are aware, a significant part of SAMVAD's work pertains to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO). Given that the implementation of POCSO is rife with challenges, particularly with regard to issues of child victim-witnesses, interviewing and eliciting evidence from children, appreciation of evidence and forensic medical evidence, among others, we hope to generate debate and discussion on some of these aspects, through the aforementioned Public Series.

Guest Speakers from The Child Witness Institute

For the aforementioned Public Series, SAMVAD has invited two Guest Speakers from The Child Witness Institute (CWI), namely **Dr Karen Müller** (Chief Executive Officer) & **Ms. Karen Hollely** (Chief Operations Officer). CWI is a non-profit organization in South Africa which has been working for over 23 years on the concerns of child witnesses in cases of abuse, violence and victimization in cases involving children. They have undertaken extensive research on matters pertaining to children in contact with the law, reformation of justice systems and training of stakeholders on these aspects of justice and law. They have also trained Judicial Officers in several countries in Africa and South-East Asia. For more information, please visit <https://childwitness.net/the-child-witness-institute/>.

4-Part Series to be chaired by Former Hon'ble Supreme Court & High Court Judges

To facilitate a transdisciplinary perspective on child forensics and Child Sexual Abuse, the SAMVAD Team has invited Former Hon'ble Supreme Court & Former Hon'ble High Court Judges, to share some thoughts and perspectives on the subject of the sessions, as well as to engage with the key perspectives of our Guest Speakers. Further details of our Hon'ble invitees are provided in the following section (in addition to the dates, timings and YouTube links for each part of the series):

1. Evidentiary issues in Child Sexual Abuse Cases: Dynamics of Grooming

Chair: **Hon'ble (Dr) Justice Shalini Phansalkar Joshi** (Former Judge, High Court of Bombay)

Date & Time: **15th March 2022**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Link: <https://youtu.be/pYS3Ucn6c8c>

2. Suggestibility and Tutoring Concerns in Court Preparation Programs for Child Witnesses

Chair: **Hon'ble Justice Madan B. Lokur** (Former Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India)

Date & Time: **17th March 2022**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Link: <https://youtu.be/nHQj7Tn8sVA>

3. Forensic Issues in Eliciting Evidence from Young Children i.e. (Preschool Children)

Chair: **Hon'ble Justice Gita Mittal** (Former Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir)

Date & Time: **22nd March 2022**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Link: <https://youtu.be/fZIETQE9OwM>

4. Understanding and Interpreting Medical Evidence in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Chair: **Dr Shekhar Seshadri** (Advisor (SAMVAD-NIMHANS); (Former) Senior Professor & Head, Dept. of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry; (Former) Dean, Behavioural Sciences Division & (Former) Director, NIMHANS)

Date & Time: **24th March 2022**, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Link: <https://youtu.be/HvfKWeCqdgY>

Please note that the posters for the Online Series are attached with this email.

We sincerely look forward to you joining us for this Public Series on this important subject. We request you to please spread this message widely on all

social media platforms and WhatsApp groups, amongst your networks of dedicated child-related stakeholders!

Thanking you,

Warm regards,

Saurabh Shashi Ashok

Project Officer, Policy and Law

SAMVAD (Support, Advocacy & Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances And Distress)

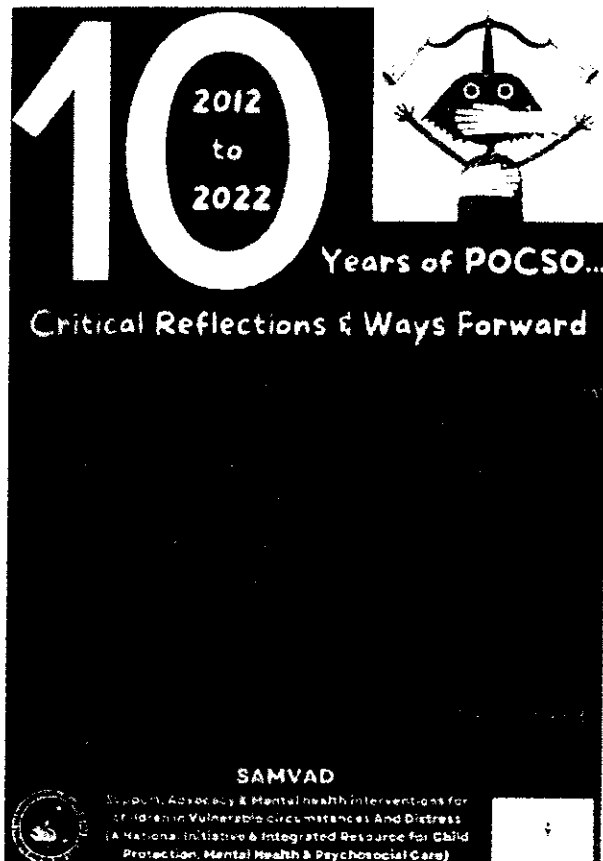
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