

'NIRBHAYA BRIGADE'

A Unique Activity by GSLSA

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aravind Kumar, Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat & Patron-in-Chief, GSLSA and Hon'ble Ms. Justice Sonia Gokani, Judge, High Court of Gujarat & Executive Chairperson, GSLSA, it was decided to organize a Symposia on POCSO Act for Nirbhaya Brigade (Team consisting of students from Higher Secondary) to commemorate the Constitution Day also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', on 26th November 2022.

➤ **Interaction by experts with students of Nirbhaya Brigade on key Topics:**

In this event, students of Nirbhaya Brigade were imparted training about sexual offenses against children, punishment for these offences, important provisions of the POCSO Act as well about rights of the child victim, in form of deliberations by Experts, through Audio-Visual mode and books on subject. They were apprised on key topics of POCSO Act by subject experts that is –

- 1) Mr. Prasanta Das, Chief, UNICEF, Gujarat,
- 2) Dr. Deepak Teraiya, Life Coach & Psychologist,
- 3) Dr. Nishchal Bhatt, M.D. Pediatrics, Child Specialist & Teenager's Health Consultant, Chairperson, Adolescent Health Academy, Ahmedabad (AHAA),
- 4) Ms. Mini Joseph, ACP Mahila Cell, Crime Branch, Surat and
- 5) Shri J. L. Odedra, Director, GSJA.

➤ **Training Through Drama and Video:**

A Drama team from District Dahod was also invited for imparting effective training through Drama. The Artists played an effective a drama on POCSO Act so that the students can get knowledge in an enjoyable manner.

A video of 'Good Touch' & 'Bad Touch' was also displayed on the screen for students of Nirbhaya Brigade.

➤ **Number of Participants:**

Approx. 320 students along with one guardian from each district had participated in the event.

➤ **Invitees/Guests:**

Many sitting Hon'ble Judges High Court of Gujarat remained present to grace the programme and to encourage the students. All the participants have appreciated the programme in all manner. have graced the function.

➤ **Training to Para Legal Volunteers under Nirbhaya Brigade Program, on 18th June 2023:**

In furtherance to Phase - I and in order to impart training to the PLVs about the various child laws viz. POCSO Act, Child Rights, Child Abuse in various forms, etc. a One Day Training Programme to PLVs of DLSAs Ahmedabad (Rural) and Gandhinagar under banner of Nirbhaya Brigade was organized by Gujarat State Legal Services Authority.

The PLVs were directed to attend this training on 18th June, 2023 at SPIPA, Ahmedabad on 18th June, 2023, Sunday wherein the Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. J. Desai, Patron-in-Chief, GSLSA and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vipul M. Pancholi, Judge, High Court of Gujarat had graced the function. The dignitaries - Child Specialists of UNICEF, Judicial Officers of Registry, High Court of Gujarat, Member Secretary, GSLSA, Principal District Judges of Ahmedabad (Rural) and Gandhinagar districts, Principal Judge of City Civil Court, Ahmedabad, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Metropolitan Magistrates Court, Ahmedabad, PLVs, Children (Nirbahay Brigade) from Gandhinagar School, etc. were present.