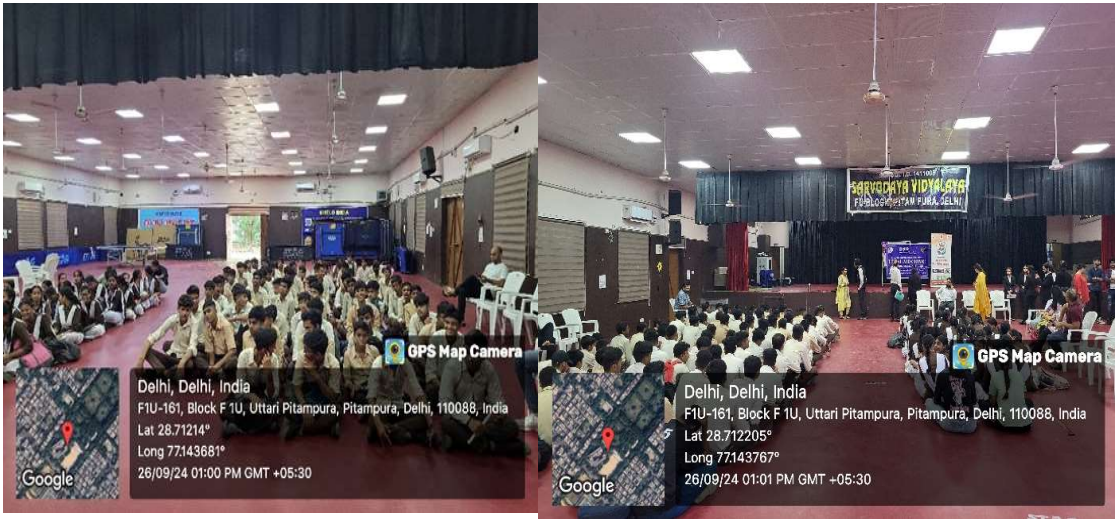


# POCSO AWARENESS SESSION

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (THURSDAY)



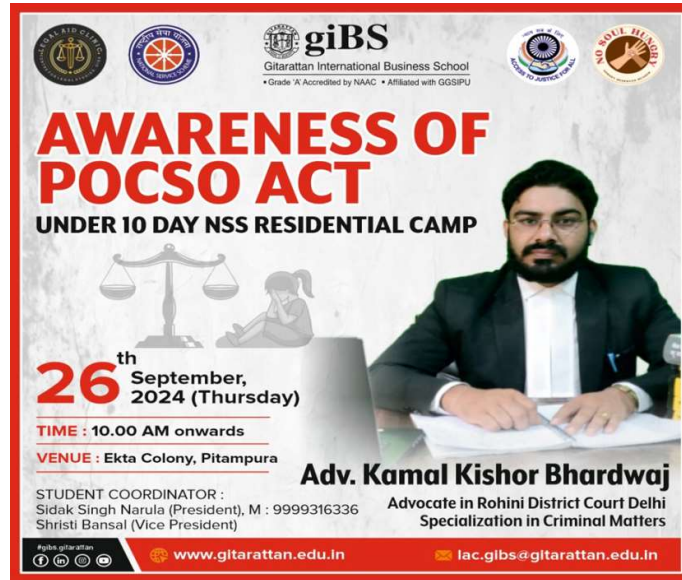
Legal Aid Clinic at GIBS in association with North District Legal Service Authority conducted a POCSO Awareness Session (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, FU Block, Ekta Village Slum, Pitampura under the NSS 10-day Special Residential Camp. The primary aim of the session was to educate the

local community, particularly parents, caregivers, and young adolescents, on the importance of child safety, legal protections under the POCSO Act, and the steps to take if a child is affected by sexual abuse.

Adv. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj from DLSA enlightened the students about POCSO Act 2012, its various provisions and awareness on sexual crimes against children. The program started around 11 am in the MP hall of the school, where approx. 120 students were present. Our guest speaker, Adv Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj arrived around 11:15 am. He started with the introduction of the POCSO Act and reasons for introducing the same by the Indian parliament. He explained the purpose of the Act to protect children from offenses such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography. He highlighted key provisions of the Act, including the definition of child sexual abuse, mandatory reporting obligations, and the penalties for offenders. He discussed the child-friendly measures provided in the Act, such as video-recorded statements, medical examinations by female doctors, and the presence of supportive individuals during legal proceedings. He informed about prevention strategies and how to foster an environment of trust and communication with children like open dialogue with children; Simple safety rules were taught to children, such as not keeping secrets about touch, identifying trusted adults, and knowing what actions to take if they feel uncomfortable; and community vigilance. The session also provided an overview of the reporting mechanisms and legal resources available under the POCSO Act.

The session concluded with a Q&A session, where participants were able to share their concerns, ask questions, and discuss issues. The POCSO Awareness Session at Ekta Village Slum was a successful initiative by the Legal Aid Cell of GIBS and DLSA to educate the community about child safety and legal protections under the POCSO Act. By raising awareness and promoting preventative measures, the session contributed to building a safer environment for children in the community.

**FLYER OF THE EVENT**



<b>TYPE OF EVENT</b>	Co- curricular
<b>VENUE</b>	Sarvodya Vidyalaya, FU Block Pitampura
<b>TIME AND DURATION</b>	11am to 3 pm
<b>CONDUCTED BY</b>	Legal Aid Cell, GIBS
<b>ORGANISED FOR</b>	Students of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Students of school – 120 approx Legal aid cell students- 12NSS volunteers- 14
<b>RESOURCE PERSON</b>	Adv Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj

<b>FACULTY COORDINATOR</b>	Dr. BK Yadav and Ms. Sonia Rajoria
<b>OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To raise awareness about the POCSO Act.</li> <li>2. To educate children about recognizing and preventing child sexual abuse.</li> <li>3. To inform about the legal avenues for reporting child abuse cases and accessing support services.</li> <li>4. To empower the community to create a safer environment for children by fostering open discussions on child protection.</li> <li>5. To encourage community members to utilize legal aid resources for support and assistance in cases related to child protection.</li> </ol>
<b>LEARNING OUTCOME</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many participants (PLVs and Sarvodaya School students) gained new information about the POCSO Act and the legal protections available for children.</li> <li>2. Enabled community members to discuss this sensitive issue in a supportive environment.</li> </ol>
<b>SHORTCOMING OF THE EVENT</b>	None
<b>LINK OF YOUTUBE VIDEO</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/fTh6CeifDWI...26">https://youtu.be/fTh6CeifDWI...26</a>

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