

# STAY SAFE CAMPAIGN

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse  
19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007**

**VENUE: NECLACE ROAD, NEXT TO peoples' PLAZA.**

**TIME: 3PM-5PM.**



**Waves Foundation**, a Hyderabad-based NGO working with children, in collaboration with **Ankuram** Woman and Child Development Society launched ‘**STAY SAFE**’ Campaign to Stop Child Abuse and Sexual exploitation of children in Andhra Pradesh. As part of the ongoing campaign, The **World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse on 19<sup>th</sup> November**, held a public event to help spread awareness about **Child Sexual Abuse**.

This year marked the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse**. First launched in 2000, World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse takes place every year to strengthen and support a global effort to prevent and protect children against all forms of abuse. The Day was established by **Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)**, an international NGO working for women's and children's rights, and is annually marked by a global coalition of relevant organizations and community groups.

The event took place on Necklace Road, adjacent to the Kafe Kushi kiosk near Peoples Plaza, Tank Bund, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh from 3:00-5:00pm. There were free brochures and information on Child Sexual Abuse and prevention. Children, Parents, Teachers, NGOs assembled to show their solidarity for the cause. **The event was open to the public**.

There was also a signature campaign in which a number of parents came forward to sign the campaign. NGO like HCHW, IOM, Divya Disha, NDWA, Chaitanya Bharathi, Members of the press from the Electronic Media and Print media were also present, TV9 covered the entire event.



## **Girl Children from Sankalpam Transit/ Shelter Home.**

Around 40 children who come from different backgrounds and stay at sankalpam home which is a transit/shelter home which caters to girl children .they are provided food, shelter,care and protection , Education. Most of the children have been abused and are being rehabilitated.



The Event was covered by TV 9.



Boys from **HCHW** home took part in the event the little fellows had a lot to tell and took the pledge along with other children to protect children younger than them and to report abuse and stand up to fight against it.



Ms. M.Sumitra , Secretary Ankuram Interacting with children from HCHW .

Eminent personalities including Dinaz Vervetwala Top Fitness Instructor in Hyderabad participated and spoke to the children and told them that fitness makes one a strong Individual and can help them overcome many problems, fit body is a fit mind. And reiterated her support to prevent child abuse.



Mr. A.M.Sirish, Director, Waves Foundation with Dinaz , counselors , and the children

Children also enacted dramas and dances, songs at the venue.



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Children performing a Skit to highlight Child Abuse.



Children performing dance and drama at the venue.

Mr. A.M.Sirish, Director, Waves Foundation with Children from HCHW at the Venue.



Press Photographers from reputed Agencies at the Venue.





Signature Campaign at the Venue.



Volunteers from AJWS at the Venue.  
Explaining about abuse to the onlookers and requesting them to report and fight against child abuse.





Leaders of the Adolescent Girls Forums at the Venue.

Finally we thank every one who attended the event , The Media, Members of the NGO's, INGO's and all who lent their solidarity for the event. Contrary to the Common belief, children of all backgrounds, classes and castes are vulnerable to sexual abuse, It is Scary to note in India that 53% of the children have experienced some sort of Abuse. Come lets join hands and stand up to protect our Children as we believe that

***EVERY CHILD DESERVES A LIFE FREE FROM ABUSE.***

Please report child abuse on 27006574 and save a child from being abused.

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