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Activity Report

Awareness of Safe Touch and Unsafe Touch & POCSO

Date	03.06.2024
Purpose	Awareness
Venue	Coimbatore
About the Programme	<p>Karupa Foundation conducted a program on awareness of safe and unsafe touch & POCSO Act at JJ Nagar, Government School, Mathukarai, Coimbatore. The chief guest of the program is Lt. S. Nithya, Public Relations Officer (PRO), Karupa Foundation, Mettupalayam. Awareness of safe touch and unsafe touch, as well as the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, among children, is crucial for their safety and well-being. Safe touch refers to physical contact that is appropriate, consensual and does not cause harm or discomfort. Examples include affectionate gestures from trusted individuals, such as hugs from family members or high-fives with friends. Conversely, unsafe touch encompasses any form of physical contact that feels wrong, uncomfortable, or inappropriate. This includes touching private body parts without consent, forced physical contact, or any action that violates personal boundaries. POCSO mandates stringent measures for the protection of children from sexual offences, including provisions for reporting, investigation, and legal action against perpetrators. Awareness of safe touch and unsafe touch is critical within this framework as it empowers children to recognize and report instances of sexual abuse or exploitation. Educating children about their rights, boundaries, and appropriate behaviour can strengthen their ability to protect themselves and seek help when needed.</p>

