

Best Practice:

Title of the Practice: Community Awareness regarding Child Rights through NSS Programs

The Context: State Nodal Centre of NSS

- To provide opportunities to students to grow as a social leader, trains to be efficient administrator and enables them to understand human nature.
- To provide opportunity to all the stakeholders to understand Child right and work for child right in the state.

PtRavishankar Shukla University Raipur is state nodal centre for the National Service Scheme (NSS). The centre is very active and dynamic. The centre provides hands on experience to students fraternity in delivering community service. The activities of the unit helps students to grow as a social leader, trains to be efficient administrator and enables them to understand human nature. The university has 7800 NSS volunteers from 66 colleges against the allotted numbers 6150. The important activities includes plantation (more than 27028 in 5 district) adoption of 207 villages, blood donation camp (977 unit), and participation of 68 candidates in State Level Yuva Sansad.

Other than the routine work, it joined hands with UNICEF Chhattisgarh to work for child rights. Partnerships are important to bring change in the society, NSS and UNICEF Chhattisgarh together conducted training various activities for various stake holders :

"Champion for Children" 218 NSS volunteers from 6 Universities of Chhattisgarh were trained on areas like intoxication, health, malnutrition, child rights and gender sensitization . Attempts were made to develop sensitized perspectives towards society through discussion and activities, through dialogue between students through PT, short story, stories. 218 NSS student of 6 University of Chhattisgarh state, participated. The students were trained on "Nukkad Natak" (street play) to convey the message of child right effectively.

- Training for program officers Program officers were trained on child rights, child protection, female feticide, & child marriages by experts in two days workshop, 450 program officers from 8 different locations of the state participated.
- Street Play: 50 NSS volunteers from the university teaching departments were trained for 4 days on "Nukkad Natak" (street play) to convey the message of child right effectively. The workshop was mentored by Shri Manjul Bhardwaj from Mumbai. After the training the volunteers performed the street play on issues related to children at various important public places.
- Campaign on motto "Surakshit Para Surakshit Laikaman" (Safe colony and safe children) one day "Bal Mela" (Children Fair) and three day "Gram Sampark" Village) campaign were organized in 10 District Headquarters of the state regarding child

rights, child violence, child marriage, and other subjects. In this program following activities were undertaken

- Interaction with AnganBadi volunteers and students of primary and secondary schools with Sarpanch(village head) and Child Protection Committee.
- Children were given information about good-touch and bad touch through game play. The teachers of the school with older children were also informed about child rights, child protection, child marriage, and child crimes.

In addition to this, a rally was organized to increase awareness in the village, and street plays were performed at the public places of the village. In this program, more than 345 villages of 10 districts of the state were approached with the help of 2500 volunteers and teachers of National Service Scheme.