

REPORT

**Asutosh College and Santoshpur Rishi Arabindo Balika
Vidyapith jointly organized a special seminar on human
trafficking and child protection**

Title of the Programme: Seminar on human trafficking and child protection

Academic Session: 2023-2024

Date: 18th December, 2023

Venue: Rishi Arabindo Balika Vidyapith

Asutosh College has been designated as the Hub College of South Kolkata as per the directives of the Government of West Bengal. Under Asutosh College there are seven Spoke Colleges in South Kolkata. Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith has been designated as the Hub School and under it, seven schools are there. According to that order, the Principal of Asutosh College Dr. Manas Kavi convened a meeting with representatives of various hub colleges and hub schools at Centenary Building on 18th October of this year. In this meeting it was decided

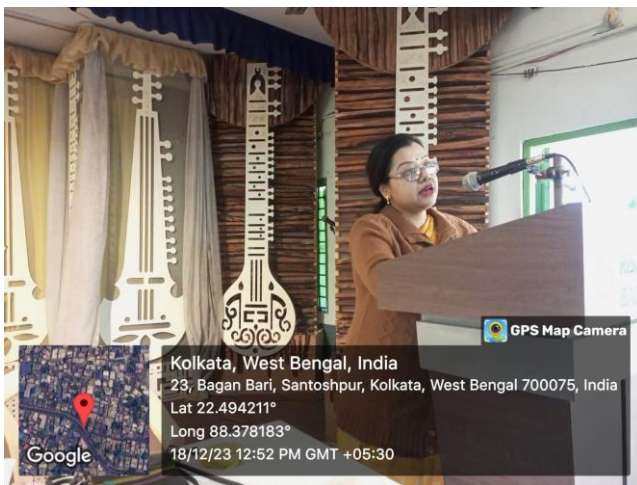
that hub colleges, hub schools and spoke colleges and spoke schools will jointly undertake various educational programs including seminars, workshops.

As per the decision the Asutosh College and Santoshpur Rishi Airobindo Balika Vidyapith undertook three programmes in December. The first seminar was held on 18th December. The faculty members from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and



Sociology delivered lectures on 'Child Safety and Human Trafficking at Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith. The Head Mistress, Mrs Srabani sen invited the students from its spoke school also. The sole motto of this seminar was to educate the students regarding child safety and human-trafficking. It was

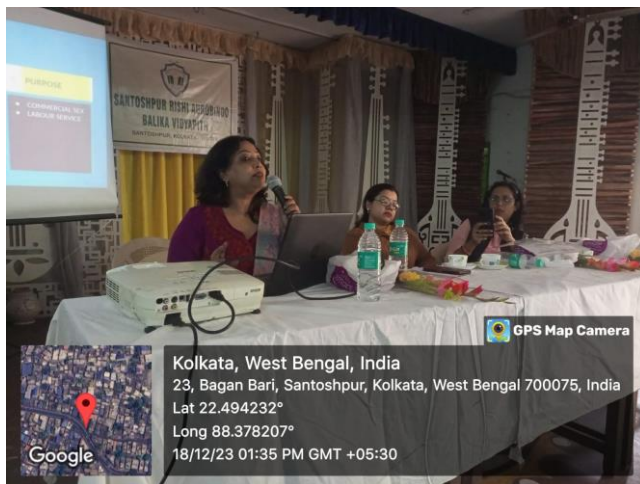
thought that they would be able to share any wrong happening with their parents and teachers. As the school students are still not mature enough to understand the proper use of social media, the seminar would educate them regarding the use of social media and the media presence



and enlighten them regarding the laws in India on child safety.

More than 75 students from Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith, Ballygunge Vidyalaya and Shilpa Sikshayatan, Kasba Chittaranjan High School for Girls', Jadavpur Rishi Aurobindo Vidyapith, Garfa DNM High School (H.S), Garfa Dhirendranath Memorial Girls' High School and Adarsha Balika Sikshayatan along with their teachers participated in the seminar.

The session was divided into three major sections. Smt. Jayita Das from the Dept of Sociology elaborated about child trafficking issues in India and its major causes. In the second session, Dr. Priyanka Roy from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication gave an overview of the Child Protection Laws in



India.

The third session by Dr. Reema Roy from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication highlighted human trafficking. A documentary film was shown to the students which helped them grasp the subject better.

The sessions were very interactive and the students participated actively. They shared their social media usage pattern. It was found that most of the students have their Instagram account and they are very active on that social media platform with a big number of followers. They revealed their social media usage habits. One male student of class six informed us that he earned INR 30k after promoting the

product through Instagram. The resource persons found it very alarming for their safety and future also. Teachers who attended the lecture agreed on the value of the event and expressed that the seminar enlightened many dark and tricky arrears on child safety. One of the participating Assistant Teachers said, “ Many of the girls who come to our schools come from the backward sections of the society.



Their parents leave for work early in the morning and come home late at night. Many parents cannot keep track of boys and girls. As a result, you cannot know who they are interacting with, or what they are doing on their mobiles. That's why this seminar was very useful for them.” The teachers promised to raise awareness about the issue of child trafficking among their

students. The Headmistress Mrs Sen expressed the importance of a seminar on Cyber Security and requested the Principal of Asutosh College, Dr. Manas Kabi to arrange a workshop on Cyber Security in the near future.