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REPORT: GUEST LECTURE ON 'PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS'

DATE: 29 JANUARY 2022

Children are the future custodians of sovereignty, rule of law, - justice, liberty, equality, fraternity and finally international peace and security. They are a human resource, invaluable but vulnerable. Millions of children around the world are exploited, abused, and discriminated against. These children include child laborers, children affected by armed conflicts, sexually exploited children, children in conflict with the law or in the care of the state, as well as children living on the streets, coping with disabilities, or suffering from discrimination because of their religious or ethnic-minority status. To sensitize the student-teachers on such issues, Army Institute of Education organized a Guest Lecture on 'PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS' on 29 Jan 2022. The Resource Person was Ms Puja Shekhar, Educationist, Advocate and Social Activist.

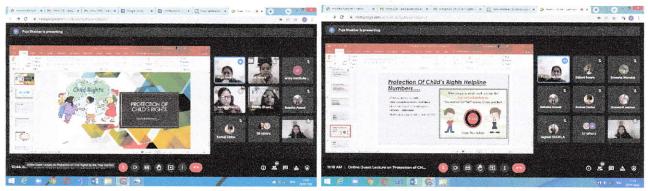
Dr Abhilasha Gautam, Principal AIE, felicitated the distinguished guest, who took out time from her busy schedule to interact with the student-teachers of AIE. In her lecture, Ms Puja Shekhar sensitized the student-teachers about various forms of child discrimination, role of parents & teachers in its prevention, counselling of victims, various agencies for child protection, helpline numbers, citizen based web portals etc. She spoke on length on various Commissions, Committees, Juvenile Board, Articles in Indian Constitution that focus on Child Protection. Ms Shekhar highlighted the child rights embedded in Indian Constitution Article 21A-Right to Education, Article 23- Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labor, Article 24- Prohibition of Employment of Children in Factories, Article 39, Article 45 etc. She also apprised student-teachers about legislations related to children and the role of various Government agencies who are working for prevention of such acts, like

- ✓ THE IMMORAL TRAFFICKING (PREVENTION) ACT, 1956 (ITPA)
- ✓ THE CHILD LABOUR (PROTECTION AND REGULATION) ACT 1986 AND AMENDMENT ACT 2016.
- ✓ THE JUVENILE JUSTICE (CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) ACT, 2015
- ✓ THE PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE ACT 2006.
- ✓ RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT, 2009 (RTE ACT)
- ✓ PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT, (POSCO) 2012

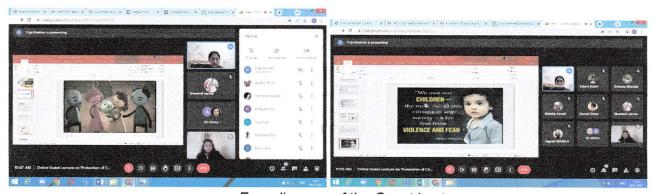


The lecture was highly informative and provided the base knowledge to the future teachers on how to tackle such sensitive issues and where to approach in case of emergency. Ms Kriti Guleria, Session In-charge thanked the Resource Person for her insightful delving on the topic and making all the attendees aware on this sensitive issue. 75 student-teachers from B.Ed Batch 2021-23 and B.Ed Spl Ed (LD) participated in the session.

<u>Learning Outcomes</u>- Attendees became aware about problems & discrimination faced by the children who are a vulnerable section of the society. Understanding about various Conventions, Boards, NGOs (CRY, Genesis Foundation, Katha, SMILE Foundation, Goonj, Robinhood Army etc) and Commissions who are working on the protection of child rights. Sharing of Helpline number to help those in need.



Ms Puja Shekhar addressing the gathering



Few glimpses of the Guest Lecture

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