

## **Report: Workshop on POCSO and Juvenile Justice Act**

*School, social interaction is our first response to child abuse. It's witnessing it, seeing it, reporting it.*  
*-Will Cain*

On 12 September 2024, The Air Force School, Subroto Park, conducted a pivotal workshop for all teachers and Support Staff on two very critical legal frameworks that directly impact our work with children- the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 and Juvenile Justice Act**. This workshop was conducted by our guest resource persons Ms. Anshu Priya, Ms. Sabhyata, and Ms. Urvashi, representing Project CACA. The key objectives were to provide teachers with detailed knowledge about the provisions of the POCSO Act, including the identification, reporting, and handling of cases involving child sexual abuse, and to enhance their skills in creating a safe educational environment. The workshop also aimed to clarify the legal obligations of teachers in protecting children and reporting any incidents or suspicions of abuse.

The session began with a detailed overview of the POCSO Act, including definition of child, its objectives, definitions, and key provisions. The resource persons clarified the legal terminology and the responsibilities of educators under the Act. They emphasized the importance of understanding the legal framework to ensure the protection of children's rights and to take appropriate action in cases of abuse. The workshop addressed the critical role of teachers in identifying signs of sexual abuse and the protocols for reporting suspected cases. The resource persons provided practical examples to illustrate common indicators of abuse and the appropriate steps to take when a case is suspected. The interactive session allowed teachers to ask questions and share their experiences. This workshop proved to be an essential component of the school's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of every child under its care.







