## Formation of Sakhi Savitri Committee

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In light of the recent incidents of child abuse, particularly against the girl child, a meeting was convened at Don Bosco High School and Junior College to establish the Sakhi Savitri Committee, as mandated by the government. The committee's primary objective is to safeguard the fundamental rights of children, especially girls, and create a secure and child-friendly environment in both school and society.

The meeting commenced with an introduction to the United Nations' Child Rights Code (1989), which guarantees basic human rights for all children under 18. Teacher Bella highlighted the significance of child rights and the need for teachers to be vigilant.

The committee's objectives are as follows:

- 1. Ensure 100% attendance of students in school
- 2. Provide counseling services to students and parents
- 3. Disseminate information on various topics relevant to students' well-being
- 4. Organize skill development programs for students
- 5. Initiate self-defence training for students
- 6. Conduct regular health check-ups for students
- 7. Prevent child marriage and promote girls' education
- 8. Establish a confidential and safe reporting mechanism for students to share their concerns, complaints, or grievances.

The Composition of the 'Sakhi Savitri committee' will include the following representatives:

- 1. Chairman: School Management Committee (Fr. Principal)
- 2. Two female teachers
- 3. School Counselor
- 4. Medical Specialist/Doctor
- 5. Anganwadi Worker
- 6. Police Patil
- 7. Gram Panchayat Member
- 8. Two female Parents/Guardians
- 9. Two female Students

The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to ensure the well-being and safety of all children in our school and community. Teacher Bella emphasized the importance of taking all complaints seriously and maintaining vigilance.