

Minutes of the Meeting on the Establishment of the Sakhi Savitri Committee

A meeting was held on 28th August, 2024 at Don Bosco High School and Junior College to address the growing concern regarding child abuse, particularly against the girl child. The session focused on forming the Sakhi Savitri Committee, in line with the government's directive, to safeguard children's fundamental rights and create a secure, child-friendly environment in school and the community. The meeting commenced with an introduction to the United Nations' Child Rights Code (1989), which ensures basic human rights for all children under 18 years of age. Teacher Bella emphasized the importance of child rights and urged teachers to remain vigilant.

The committee's primary objectives were outlined, including ensuring full attendance of students, offering counseling services, disseminating critical information, organizing skill development programs, initiating self-defense training, conducting health check-ups, preventing child marriages, and promoting girls' education. A confidential reporting mechanism for students was also proposed to address concerns and complaints. The composition of the Sakhi Savitri Committee was discussed and will include the School Management Committee Chairman (Fr. Principal), two female teachers, the school counselor, a medical specialist/doctor, an Anganwadi worker, a Police Patil, a Gram Panchayat member, and two female parents/guardians and students.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. Teacher Bella reiterated the need to take every complaint seriously and maintain vigilance.