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(A home for Children in need of care and Protection)

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE DESK ANDHRA PRADESH

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### GENESIS:

JUVENILE JUSTICE DESK-AP was initiated by Navajeevan Bala Bhavan on 1st January, 2006, with the goal of creating a child-friendly Juvenile Justice System in the state of Andhra Pradesh through the implementation of Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 and its amendments. JJ Desk-AP has been active in promoting a system of justice for children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law. JJ DESKAP firmly addresses offences against children, in which children are either victims or witnesses, who can be referred as 'children in contact with law'. Its activities are spread in all the 23 districts of A.P.

### MILESTONES:

- ☞ Facilitating, Training and Appointment of Counsellors in Government Homes across Andhra Pradesh.
- ☞ Establishment of Child Rights and Justice Forums across the State.
- ☞ Training and setting up of District Level Child Rights Monitoring Committees across the State.
- ☞ Fact finding of more than 200 child rights violations across the state.
- ☞ Pilot Project on Psychosocial Support for children in Government Institutions in Vijayawada, Eluru and Hyderabad.
- ☞ Restoration of Missing girl child through Habeas Corpus Filed in Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- ☞ Three National Training of Trainers Workshop on Psychosocial Support for vulnerable children

### JJDESK-AP AS INFORMATION GATEWAY:

JJ DESK-AP disseminates the following information and resource to the major partners and all 23 Child Welfare Committees in the state of Andhra Pradesh including Civil Society Organizations, District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Projects Directors of District Women and Child Welfare Agencies, ICDS Child Development Project Officers and Campaign Networks

1. Proposed Legislative Bills related to Children and Women
2. Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 and amendments in 2006 and 2009.
3. G.O. Ms. 47, Orphan Child (Reservation) Certificate and Annexures with a model from Navajeevan Bala Bhavan.
4. G.O. Ms. No. 5 dated 5/1/2008 of Govt. of AP for appointing District Level Special Juvenile Police and Child Welfare Officers at Station Level.
5. Do's and Do not Do's for Police Officers
6. Model MOAs to organize Forums for Child Protection.
7. Memo No.10078/Lab-IV/A2/ 2007 dated 26/4/2012 relating to the production of rescued Child Labour before Child Welfare Committees for rehabilitation.
8. G.O. Ms. No. 36 dated 27/6/2011 - Rules for The Women's and Children's Institutions (Licensing) Act, 1956 (Central Act No. 105 of 1956).
9. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
10. Latest Discussions on Juvenile's Age Issue from AFD, CACL.
11. Justice Verma Committee – Report on Criminal Procedures
12. Latest information on Juvenile issues in Newspapers and Media.

### CAPACITY BUILDING AT VARIOUS LEVELS:

**NATIONAL LEVEL:** CRC, Human Rights, RTI, Juvenile Justice Act, TOT on Psychosocial Support

**STATE LEVEL:** JJ Act and Rules, CRC, RTE, RTI, ICPS, Corporal Punishment, Counselling Skills, Licensing Act, Child Rights Monitoring, ITP Act Media Advocacy other child and women related laws.

**DISTRICT LEVEL:** JJ Act, CRC, RTE, DV Act, PNMT, ICPS, Prevention of Child Abuse, Child Marriages, Child Labour, Licensing Act Corporal Punishment, Forum concept, Gender Sensitization, Media Advocacy and Child Rights Monitoring.

**MANDAL LEVEL:** JJ Act, DV Act, Girl Child, Prevention of Child Abuse, CRC, Child Marriages, Child Labour, Corporal Punishment and ill-effects of Alcoholism

#### **AP JJ AWARENESS THROUGH PRINT MEDIA**

- ✓ Translation of JJ Act 2000 and its amendments in 2006
- ✓ Nenu Saitham (Book - Compilation)
- ✓ Manam Saitham (Booklet – Compilation)
- ✓ Corporal Punishment (Poster)
- ✓ D.V. Act (Poster and sticker)
- ✓ Birth Registration ( Sticker)
- ✓ Domestic Child Labour (Poster)
- ✓ Right to Education (Poster)
- ✓ Right to Food (Poster)
- ✓ Child Labour (Poster)
- ✓ Do's and Dont's Posters for Police Officers to be displayed at all Police Stations.
- ✓ JJ News letters
- ✓ Leaflets on JJ Act.
- ✓ Resource Library
- ✓ Balalaku Bharosa, A Resource Book on Children's Rights, Acts, Rules and Govt., Orders.
- ✓ Psychosocial Support Tool Kit", A Working Manual to facilitate Psycho-social Support through Life Skills and Arts Based Tools for effective psychological and physical wellbeing in vulnerable children.

#### **NETWORKING, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING INTERVENTIONS**

- Convergent Action Strategies involving State Legal Services Authority, Women and Child Welfare Dept., Juvenile Welfare Dept., Labour Dept., National Child Labour Programme, Rajiv Vidya Mission, District Administration and Municipal Administration.
- Initiating and strengthening Child Justice Forums in all the Districts in A.P.
- Referring cases to Human Rights Commissions at State and Central levels.
- Filing cases of Habeas Corpus in State High Court (Case of a Missing girl – successful intervention is mentioned below)
- Reporting Child Rights Violations to National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- Collaborating with Human Rights Committee of Bezawada BAR Association and Human Rights Law Network, Hyderabad on specific interventions / cases.
- Seeking advice and guidance from National Law School India University, Bangalore (NLSIU) and National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) in critical cases.
- Networking with Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards in Andhra Pradesh for effective functioning and speedy disposal of cases.