

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings from AICTE!

As you are aware, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for women and children is a priority for all educational institutions. The Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) has emphasized about the awareness and accessibility of essential services provided through One Stop Centres (OSC), Women Helpline (181), and Child Helpline (1098) within the higher education ecosystem. These services offer crucial support to women and children in distress through integrated assistance such as medical aid, legal advice, police facilitation, temporary shelter and psycho-social counselling etc. To promote awareness and facilitate access to these services at the university and college levels, MWCD has proposed various actionable strategies such as:

Organising workshops, expert talks, and exposure visits to OSCs and helpline centres.

Training student peer leaders to disseminate information among their peers and local communities.

Conducting faculty sensitization programmes on gender-based issues and available support mechanisms.

Displaying helpline and OSC information prominently in campus areas and handbooks.

Collaborating with local police and civil society organisations for joint awareness sessions.

A brief note on the OSC, women and child helpline services, along with indicative actionable points, is also enclosed. You are therefore requested to take necessary steps to create awareness among faculty, staff, and students about the availability and use of the following key support services which may be included in the training curriculum of higher education for teachers/instructors:

One Stop Centres (OSC) – Integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence

Women Helpline (181) – 24x7 helpline for immediate support and information

Child Helpline (1098) – Emergency helpline for children in distress

This initiative aims to ensure that all faculty members and institutional stakeholders are sensitized about available safety mechanisms and can further disseminate this awareness among students. These efforts are crucial in fostering a culture of safety, inclusion, and empowerment across campuses. Your cooperation in ensuring wide dissemination and awareness is highly appreciated.

PFA:-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WZp48E74Er3C1MwdF0Z6K29jV3W6RpPg/view?usp=sharing>

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