



Making our Neighbourhoods Safe for our Children

A workshop for all residents of Ward 198 (Hemmigepura Ward)

Organised by **Environment Support Group** in collaboration with **Enfold Proactive Health Trust** and **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**

Recently, a five year old child was brutally raped by a neighbour in Balaji Layout, Vajarahalli, Ward 198 of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. The perpetrator of this horrific crime was caught along with his accomplice and jailed. But the child did not survive the attack.

Child sexual abuse is a serious problem in our society. Children are being increasingly exposed to sexual violence and sexual misconduct. Yet, we hesitate to speak openly about its prevalence. Hence, we fail to take any precautions. As a result, our neighbourhoods, homes, schools, streets, and shops, are not safe. Ward 198 is filled with residential neighbourhoods. That means there are thousands and thousands of children who trust adults to ensure their neighbourhoods are safe and secure - in every respect. But as the brutal rape and murder of this little child reveals, our homes, schools and neighbourhoods are not safe. Children are becoming victims of our collective neglect. This needs to stop.

To address what steps need to be taken to make our neighbourhoods safe for our children, **Environment Support Group**, in collaboration with **Enfold Proactive Health Trust**, and with active support and cooperation of our **Corporator Shri. Arya Srinivas**, invite you to a workshop on: **"Making our Neighbourhoods Safe for Our Children"**.

On 28th October, 2017, Saturday @ Government Kannada Higher Secondary School, Vajarahalli, Holiday Village Resort Road, Off Kanakapura Road, Bangalore. Google Map: <https://maps.google.com/?q=12.873625,77.542625>

Programme

- 2.30 pm Welcome: **Shri. Prakash**
- 2.40 pm Lighting of the Lamp: **Shri. Arya Srinivas, Corporator, Ward 198 (Hemmigepura)** and Ward Committee Members, followed by their felicitation
- 2.45 pm Introduction to the workshop: **Shri. Arya Srinivas, Corporator**
- 3.00 pm **Tackling Child Sexual Abuse** – An introduction to Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012: **Shri. Ashok G. V., Advocate and Partner, Factum Law**
- 3.30 pm **Preventing Child Sexual Abuse - Making Child Safe Spaces Possible:** **Smt. Suja Sukumaran, Senior Coordinator, Advocacy & Integration Support, Enfold Proactive Health Trust**
- 4.00 pm **Discussion on Ensuring Child Safe Neighbourhoods:** Chaired by **Dr. Nirmala Buggi, MBBS, MD (Paediatrics), Chief Health Officer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**
- 4.30 pm **Participating in Ward Committee Processes** – An introduction to Ward Committees: **Shri. Leo F. Saldanha, Coordinator, Environment Support Group**
- 4.45 pm Viewing of **"Nagara Nyrmalya"**, a short docufilm on waste management with key roles by late **Smt. Pratibha Nandakumar, Smt. Vaishali Kasaravalli** and **Shri. Ramesh Aravind**
- 5.00 pm **Ensuring Solid Waste Management at Ward Level:** **Dr. Swetha Rao Dhananka, Urban Sociologist and Consultant, Environment Support Group**
- 5.15 pm **Discussion on Keeping a Neighbourhood Clean and Healthy:** Chaired by **Dr. Sandhya, MBBS, Nodal Health Officer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**
- 5.30 pm Interaction with **Shri. Zakir Hussain, Deputy Chief Engineer, Bangalore Metro** Engineers on maintenance of Kanakapura Road to ensure safe movement of pedestrians and traffic
- 6.00 pm Vote of Thanks: **Shri. K. R. Malleth, Field Coordinator, Environment Support Group**



Please bring your family and friends to this important workshop. Children are most welcome.
Kindly confirm your participation in advance by calling 26713560-61 or email apoorva@esgindia.org

[If you are interested in contributing books to the Vajarahalli School Library, please bring them along with you. Please only donate books, comics and magazines that are in good condition and fit for children.]

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