

EDITORIAL

Greetings,

Today's society is a very dynamic society in a way. Everyone is talking about "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao". It is not as simple as decreasing female infanticide or increasing girl's education in numbers. It is everything in between.....

There are multiple challenges that girl's face during growing up. It is a continuum of giving right direction to the missed opportunities. Prioritizing nutrition, immunization and teaching them about how to manage physical, psychosocial, emotional issues and abuses. It is also about giving them right guidance regarding their vulnerability and sexual abuse and empowering to "SAY NO" and seek help immediately.

The society needs to understand every boy/male child is vulnerable and rearing up a gentleman is equally important. Gender vulnerability needs to be addressed.

Every child has a right..... In the best interest of child POCSO Act-2012 protects children from sexual offense. Creating gender sensitive environment starting from home through school, workplace et al and achieving gender equality is the best way forward and only way forward. If we are disturbed by what we read in daily newspapers, multimedia etc, let us all make a difference to create a difference in the society.

Today's editorial is not medical but an important social issue editorial. Greeting to all.

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