

Guardians of Awareness:

S.B. Patil Students Champion Child Safety with SHY Foundation

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SHY Foundation, a non-profit organisation committed to addressing the sensitive and often neglected issues of sexual offences and sexual harassment in India, conducted a comprehensive awareness and fundraising initiative at S.B. Patil Public School. The foundation, known for its sustained efforts in promoting child safety and community protection, continues to work towards creating secure environments through education, preventive training, and outreach programmes.

The initiative was designed with three key objectives. First, to conduct POCSO awareness sessions for students from Nursery to Grade XII, thereby promoting child safety and legal literacy from a young age. Second, to provide free POSH and POCSO training to institutions, enabling them to enhance their internal safety mechanisms and work towards certification. Third, to engage students in a structured fundraising activity to support the foundation's development projects, including initiatives in education, healthcare, and skill development for underprivileged families.

A dedicated awareness session on Good Touch, Bad Touch was organised for students from Nursery to Grade V on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025. The session was led by Ms. Resham Bamb, founder of SHY Foundation, a sexuality educator, and a social worker who has been active in the field of sexual abuse prevention since 2016.

Her session equipped young learners to understand essential body safety rules, recognise inappropriate behaviour, and seek help confidently when confronted with uncomfortable situations.



As part of the initiative, students were invited to participate in a fundraising activity that extended the foundation's outreach into the wider community. This effort not only raised funds but also instilled in students a spirit of civic responsibility and social engagement.

Students took on responsibilities such as approaching individuals, local businesses, and organisations for contributions; explaining the mission and work of SHY Foundation; and maintaining precise donation records using the official forms supplied. Through this practical experience, students developed confidence, enhanced their communication skills, and gained a sense of ownership in contributing to a meaningful social cause.

Each participant was issued official donation forms to ensure transparency and accountability throughout the process. These forms enabled accurate documentation of donor information and reinforced trust among contributors, assuring them that their donations were being directed towards a credible, registered organisation. The forms also simplified the process and supported professional standards in the fundraising drive.





The initiative had a significant impact on both students and the wider community. Students gained first-hand experience in community outreach, developed empathy and social responsibility, and emerged as ambassadors for child safety and community welfare. Residents, local businesses, and organisations engaged actively with the initiative, contributing both monetary and in-kind support. The effort enhanced public awareness of SHY Foundation's mission and strengthened community trust in its ongoing work.

To honour the commitment and sincerity of participating students, those who collected ₹500 or more received certificates of appreciation. Additionally, the highest collector in each grade was felicitated with a trophy, acknowledging their dedication and inspiring others to participate wholeheartedly in future initiatives.

The awareness and fundraising initiative by SHY Foundation at S.B. Patil Public School proved to be a purposeful blend of education, social awareness, and community involvement. Through the combined efforts of the foundation, the school, and its students, the programme succeeded in raising essential funds while deepening understanding of child safety and strengthening community welfare initiatives.