

# Empowering Young Minds: POCSO Awareness Session Strengthens Student Safety

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S.B. Patil Public School, Ravet hosted a comprehensive POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) awareness session on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2025, organised by Hope For the Children Foundation in collaboration with Ravet Police Station. The session was led by Mr. Rahul (Counsellor), Mr. Wasim Shaikh, and PSI Mr. Tarfe, each addressing crucial aspects of child safety and responsible behaviour.

Mr. Rahul opened the session with an insightful explanation of the POCSO Act, emphasising personal safety, identifying safe and unsafe touch, and the importance of seeking help from trusted adults. Through interactive dialogue and relatable examples, he equipped students with the knowledge and confidence to recognise inappropriate behaviour and understand how to report it responsibly.



Building on the foundation laid, Mr. Wasim focused on inappropriate behaviour, body language, and verbal misconduct among individuals below 18 years of age. He also detailed the legal implications of such actions. His address further covered regulations surrounding underage driving, explaining why minors must not operate two-wheelers or cars, along with the legal penalties involved.

Towards the conclusion of the programme, PSI Mr. Tarfe guided students on discipline and offered crucial insights into cyber safety. His session helped students better understand responsible online conduct and the precautions necessary to stay safe in the digital world.



The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda., who acknowledged the speakers' efforts and highlighted the importance of such awareness initiatives in safeguarding and empowering students.

The programme reaffirmed the school's steadfast commitment to fostering safety, awareness, and confidence among its learners, ensuring that they grow with knowledge, responsibility, and resilience.