**INTRODUCTION**

The Women Safety Wing in partnership with the Legal Aid Centre ‘Symbiosis’, and other stakeholders had launched a month long Campaign with 12000 participants to address at least five million people in the State of Telangana

In addition to the month-long campaign, an extension CybHER, an awareness programme curated by the Women Safety Wing ran an awareness creation session in the first week of March 2021 called the ‘Cyber Safety and Security’ addressing three hundred and seventy five thousand adolescent children.

**CAP Phase I**

The Cyber Ambassador Platform (CAP), began in the year 2021, and has trained 3,300 adolescent children studying in 1650 government schools in Telangana as cyber ambassadors. It aims to bring about awareness on Cyber Safety among the public by providing a practical exposure to children and enabling them as active citizens to disseminate information on the latest threat issues of cybercrimes and ways to report them.

**CAP Phase II**

This project is an initiative of Women Safety Wing - Telangana Police, in partnership with the ‘Department of School Education’ of Telangana and implemented by a project coordinator, a Nodal officer in charge, and the SHE team of Women Safety Wing,

This phase of CAP, a collaboration of the Women Safety Wing with the Education Department, has been launched in the presence of our honorable Home minister Sri Mahmood Ali, state Sri Anjani Kumar DGP. Sri Shika Goel ADGP, Sri Sumathi DIG.This phase of CAP attracted 9424 Cyber Ambassadors from 2381 schools in 33 districts of Telangana that included: 1603 Govt. schools, 259 BC Welfare Schools, 237 SC Welfare Schools, 78 ST Welfare Schools, and 204 Minority Welfare Schools. They were trained on Cyber Awareness between 2022-23, by the project coordinator Dr Anuradha Tatta, Nodal officer in-charge Sri K. Ram Kumar Addl. SP, the SHE team of Women Safety Wing, Telangana Police and the nodal officers of education department with Cyber Safety trainers Mr. Sai Satish and Ms. Sailaja Vadlamudi, sponsored by Continental Coffee.

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This book acts a guide to all the Cyber Ambassadors:

* To improve their knowledge on cyber safety and security related information.
* To keep their friends, family and community informed and aware of cyber issues.

Through the Cyber Ambassador Platform Project, the Women Safety Wing plans to educate the children in Government and private schools across State of Telangana with information that continues to evolve, on how children may keep themselves safe in an increasingly digital world in which cybercrimes are on the rise, with more of its targeted victims being minors.

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The Telangana State Police is committed to serve the community with integrity, diversity, and a high quality service delivery. We wish to have proactive interactions with the community to enhance the feeling of safety and security in the state. In order to serve the needs of the community such as protection from and prevention of cyber-crime efficiently, we run awareness campaigns. We understand that children are favouring web-based digital tools for education as well as for recreation at home. Hence, it is imperative to equip the children and their parents with all the information required to keep the young people safe in cyberspace as the first step forward to prevent Cyber Crimes against children.

Through the Cyber Ambassador Platform program, the Women Safety Wing in collaboration with the Department of School Education, have educated children in the Government schools across Telangana on safety in the digital world and equip them with adequate knowledge to be responsible cyber citizens and coordinate with the SHE Teams to work towards prevention and management of Cyber Crimes.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the stakeholders for their outstanding commitment and efforts in successfully implementing the initiative to stem the rise of cyber-crimes and taking the first step forward. I am glad that the Cyber Ambassadors will be the forerunners of change in their schools and community and make Telangana a safe Cyber state.

Best Wishes

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. Today we have millions of children who are the first-generation computer literates from their families. Hence, it becomes difficult to fight the menace of Cybercrimes if we do not consider children, central to our solution-modelling. Before the project's implementation, there was a lack of awareness and understanding of cyber safety issues and best practices, among students, educators, and communities The Cyber Ambassador Platform program directly trained school going children to help strengthen institutional preparedness and reduce social negative impacts through awareness building.

We are striving hard to create a safe cyberspace for women and children, especially young students who are most vulnerable to cybercrimes and to make Telangana a state free from digital crime. We promote friendly policing and aim to be a conscientious department to prevent cybercrimes and prosecute cyber criminals, as well as to involve young cyber ambassadors who will be the instruments to empower their community to make the cyber platform a sanitized one forever.

The project's focus on reaching diverse schools, from private sector including GOVT,BC, SC, ST, and Minority Welfare Schools, ensure that the marginalized and underprivileged populations have access to cyber safety education, promoting digital equity and inclusion.

We employ a Multi-stakeholder collaboration, by partnering with law enforcement, the Education Department, cyber security experts, and NGOs. The project benefits from a comprehensive approach combining distinct perspectives and resources to address the issue effectively.

We believe that these trained children will harness the potential of other young people and act as a catalyst for heightened awareness in their community on the importance of cyber-safety in order to have a more secure and inclusive digital environment for children and adolescents by providing resources and expertise, involving students as cyber ambassadors, and fostering a culture of proactive prevention and early intervention.

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The commencement of online classes led to various difficulties for both the teaching and learning communities while employing the internet to reshape the dissemination of education to society universally. Many children are now taking classes as well as socializing more online. Spending more time on virtual platforms can leave children vulnerable to online exploitation.

Cyber Ambassador Platform is a laudable initiative that addresses issues of safety and security online. The role played by the Cyber ambassadors during Phase I of the CAP training programme is exemplary.

I am looking forward to see more Cyber Ambassadors become forerunners and agents of change, spreading awareness on Cyber security in their communities

**(KARUNA VAKATI)**

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**Smt. A. Sridevasena, IAS, Director of School Education**

There is a need to re-orient educational and training systems in a rapidly changing world to inculcate life skills, moral and ethical values among students, so that they become tech savvy and not tech slaves. Cyber Education should begin at an early age, and educating young people about cybersecurity will help them lead a safe existence in a fast-blurring divide between the real and cyber worlds. Cyber experts have created an inspired and capable force of Cyber Safety Ambassadors, who don the role of change agents to spread awareness on cyber security in the community

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Just as a Coin has two sides, technology is both a boon and a curse. Addressal of Cybercrimes was often a knee jerk response, with limited emphasis on prevention and early intervention strategies. Children and adolescents were more susceptible to cyber threats and attacks due to limited knowledge of online risks and protective measures.

**CAP Phase I**

Training the students on cyber-crimes, cyber safety, cyber security through well designed E-courses and physical modules in alliance with education department, and cyber walkathons were organized for a greater outreach. Students also made skits, wrote songs, made videos, pasted posters, narrated short story, prepared write-ups, etc.

We also started community-based awareness programme with cyber ambassadors and SHE teams as the interface. SHE team officers visited schools and gave orientation on nature and types of cybercrimes. Telangana is a state where children and school students are given privilege to contact the police department without inhibitions to resolve cybercrimes together. Interactive sessions are run by our officers to create public awareness of the same through social media platforms.

**CAP Phase II**

The upcoming programme, an extension of phase I has shifted the focus towards proactive prevention and early intervention strategies.

This phase includes the Govt schools along with the educational institutions in the private sector to further reduce the incidence and impact of cybercrimes.

Students, parents, and educators now have access to ongoing support and guidance on navigating the digital landscape safely and responsibly, fostering a more inclusive and secure online environment.

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**Sailaja Vadlamudi, Cyber Ambassador Platform Trainer,**

**WiCSP Founder** & **President**

CybHER is a unique initiative of its kind and I am very grateful to be able to contribute to it. Children are tomorrow’s future. I would like to express my gratitude to Women Safety Wing of the Telangana Police and the entire team for initiating such a great program. It involved sensitizing and creating next-generation cyber ambassadors and leaders as it is a necessity for the digital world that we live in today. I would also like to appreciate my co-trainer, Sai Satish, for creating this great [handbook that summarizes the key program topics. I am confident that our efforts will pay dividends and I wish all our brilliant cyber ambassadors a bright future.

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