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To,

The Principal of Colleges affiliated to University of Mumbai having NSS Unit/s.

**Sub: - Workshop/Webinar to prevent Child Sexual Abuse, POCSOA Campaign by Sakshi Organisation under The Rakshin Project, A Movement to prevent Child Sexual Abuse reg..**

Dear Sir / Madam,

This is with reference to above subject, direction received from NSS Regional Directorate, Pune and forwarded the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sakshi NGO for Rakshin Project aims to address the denial, stigma, shame, and silence associated with gender violence with focus on preventing child sexual abuse and building a culture of accountability.

The Sakshi is registered organization working on gender transformative initiative under “The Rakshin”. They intend to organize webinars/workshops on the “POCSO Act for The Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse” and “PoSH Act for Prevention of Workplace Sexual Harassment” in colleges NSS Unit.

To facilitate these workshops/webinars effectively, the College NSS Unit / Programme Officers are requested keep a one-and-a-half-hour time slot for students to participate in colleges and the same via Zoom for webinars. Before the session, students will be required to fill out an attendance form (Google form), and afterwards, a completion form with the same set of questions will be shared to gauge the shift in their Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice (KAP).

The College NSS Units are requested to contact Ms. Gudia Dubey (Mob. No. 9835610291) representative of Sakshi organization for conducting programme. Other details and dates of the workshop will be communicating by the organization.

Looking forward for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sushil Shinde  
OSD, NSS

Encl:- As above

Copy for information to 1) Regional Director NSS, NSS Regional Directorate, Pune.  
2) State Liaison Officer and OSD, NSS, Government of Maharashtra

**SPEED POST**

**No. K-11032/4/2022-NSS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Youth Affairs  
NSS Section**

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024

To,

Mrs. Ramya Nisal,  
Senior Trainer/ Programme Head  
The Rakshin Project, SAKSHI  
665/2, Ghitorni Village,  
Near MCD School,  
New Delhi: 110030

**Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SAKSHI – regarding**

Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry email dated 31.05.2024 on the subject cited above and to forward herewith a signed copy of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in original between Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and SAKSHI for your information and necessary action please.

Encl: Signed copy MoU (in original)

Yours faithfully,

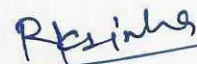


(Ravi Kumar Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

**Copy to:**

1. Jayshree Dubey, Secretary- Governing Council, The Rakshin Project, SAKSHI, 665/2, Ghitorni Village, Near MCD School, New Delhi: 110030
2. The Director, Directorate of NSS, Shivaji Stadium Annexe Building, Ground Floor, New Delhi-110001



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## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made on 31-05-2024

BETWEEN

SAKSHI, registered under Society Act 1860 (Society Reg. no. S-23513/26-10-1992), having its registered office at 665/2, Ghitorni Village, Near MCD School, New Delhi: 110030

And

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS), Government of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001.

The above two entities may, from time to time hereinafter be referred to collectively as "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, SAKSHI, it has been informed by SAKSHI that it works for Gender Equality & Responsible Sexuality in India, and was founded as a rights-based, capacity-building NGO in 1992, and was the force behind two landmark PILs – 'Vishaka Vs State of Rajasthan' & 'SAKSHI Vs Union of India' which became the backbone for several gender-based laws including the POCSO 2012 and POSH 2013;

WHEREAS, SAKSHI, it has been informed by SAKSHI that the Rakshin Project is a gender-transformative initiative to prevent child sexual abuse. The Project aims to build a brigade of young adults equipped with 21st-century life skills to practice rights-based language and gender equality and understand the redress mechanisms, as detailed in the POCSO Act. The purpose of the Rakshin Project is to have One Informed, Skill Built Rakshin (Preventer) RAIDRR in Each HOME who will:

- Recognize and lead conversations around sexually abusive behavior.
- Address the Abuser and call out the prohibited behavior.
- Identify allies and secure the child in instances of abuse.
- De-escalate the situation and create safe spaces.
- Report the sexual abuse.
- Resolve residual trauma.

AND WHEREAS, The Rakshin Project by SAKSHI is currently implemented under the MoU with the Directorate of NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

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J. Dubey



AND WHEREAS, SAKSHI has approached MoYAS to continue the MoU to facilitate the implementation of the Rakshin Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and SAKSHI are getting into an understanding for continued implementation of the Rakshin Project,

Both Parties now have agreed, therefore, to enter in writing the details of the understanding under the continued Memorandum of Understanding, as detailed below.

Now this Memorandum of understanding witnesses that:

### **Program Details**

#### **1. Programme Timelines:**

The proposed programme is for two years, starting from FY 2024-25 to FY 2025-26, in alignment with contributing to the success of Sustainable Development Goals, (SDG) 3, 5, 11, and 16.

The stakeholders are the NSS volunteers and the Program Officers. The program will progress in a systematic manner, reaching out to not only the volunteers but also the Faculty of the Colleges. Through sustained stakebuilding with the colleges and education authorities, this program will be incorporated within the NSS curriculum of activities. It will promote voluntary peer education as one of the strategies to ensure long-term sustainability.

#### **2. Target Audience:**

NSS Volunteers Pan India | POs for NSS Units

#### **3. Geographical Coverage**

The vision of The Rakshin Project by SAKSHI is to conduct webinars in at least one college per district in India. The objective is to maximize the coverage of districts as the Program progresses through the years.

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#### 4. Methodology:

The programme will be delivered through both online and offline modes.

#### Responsibilities of Sakshi

##### 1. Student Programme for Financial Years (FYs) 2024-25 to 2025-26

###### a. Webinars for Students: Online Mode:

SAKSHI shall conduct the online programme in consultation with the concerned Regional Directorate of NSS and may obtain the prior written consent of the concerned institutions through the Regional Directorate of NSS before conducting the programme.

SAKSHI proposes to do this by conducting 15 webinars/workshops on average every month during the FYs 2024-25 to 2025-26.

Sakshi can accommodate up to 400 students in each webinar.

Since each Unit has approximately 100 volunteers, approximately 4 Colleges (or Units) in each Webinar can be covered.

Sakshi plans to achieve the targets of Sustained Engagement with the NSS volunteers by,

- Taking 5% of the Foundation Webinar volunteers to the next level of Fellowship,
- Conduct 3 Rakshin Diaries every month,
- Conduct 1 Rakshin Chronicles every year,
- Conduct 1 (one) Certificate Ceremony 8 - 12 weeks, where the Program Officers and the NSS volunteers who submit a Testimonial and/or submit 'Each Teach Two' assignment will be felicitated for their work in the presence of dignitaries.

Any financial/logistics (requirement of funds) by SAKSHI, including travel, accommodation, and transportation, will be borne by SKASHI. No financial/logistics would be borne by the Ministry/NSS.

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**b. Workshops for Students: Offline Mode:**

Interaction with NSS volunteers on-ground will be an integral part of the proposed plan.

Cluster workshops will be conducted with a physical presence during the FYs 2024-25 to 2025-26.

The Pre-assessment and Post-assessment forms will be shared as Google forms to be filled and submitted by the NSS Volunteers.

Any requirement of funds including logistics shall be borne by SAKSHI itself. No financial/logistic liability/burden would be borne by the MoYAS or any of its subordinate offices etc.

**2. PO Programme in Financial Years 2024-2025 to 2025-26**

During FYs 2024-25 to 2025-26, SAKSHI will conduct "Training of Trainers" (TOT) programmes to make the Program Officers Master Trainers so that they carry the message forward. This will again be in both Online and/or Offline modes.

**a. Webinars for Programme Officers: Online Mode:** Deputation of POs for the TOT will be finalized in consultation with the concerned Regional Director of NSS.

**b. Convention for Programme Officers: Online/Offline Mode:** One (1) Conventions will take place over one year. The Convention program will entail; one keynote address, one panel discussion, and role-play with small groups targeting 100 - 150 program officers. No financial assistance will be provided by the Ministry/NSS for these programmes.

3. The responsibility for highlighting and giving out-reach to its training programme on social and mass media will remain with SAKSHI.

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## **Responsibilities of The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**

The Ministry shall facilitate the implementation of the Rakshin Project by:

1. The monitoring of the progress and checking the implementation would be maintained by the Ministry, Directorate of NSS, and concerned Regional Director of NSS and the institute concerned.
2. Training provided by the Sakshi to the Programme Officers would not be equally evaluated against the training provided by the Ministry to the Programme Officers under Empanelled Training Institutes (ETI).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Information, including data in any form, documents, photographs, etc., generated as a result of the implementation of the works outlined in this MoU shall not be kept, shared, or disseminated in any form without the prior explicit written permission of the Joint Secretary of MoYAS except for reporting, educational purposes and dissemination of the impact.
2. Any requirement of funds, including logistics, necessary or incidental thereto, for implementation of the programmes outlined in this MoU shall be borne by SAKSHI itself. No financial/logistics liability/ burden shall be borne by the MoYAS or any of its subordinate offices, etc.
3. SAKSHI shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the activities undertaken as a result of this MoU are in consonance with the PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES. ACT, 2012, Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013 and other guidelines framed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Gol in particular, and Government of India (Gol) and the respective State Government's guidelines in general, as in force on the date.
4. In case of any dispute not settled between the parties, Dr. Ramya Nisal, Director, The Rakshin Project of SAKSHI and Secretary (or Joint Secretary), MoYAS will decide the matter unanimously. However, if both parties fail to reach any unanimous decision, the matter shall be placed before an arbitrator appointed with the mutual consent of

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both parties and disputes, if any, arising from this agreement shall be subject to the sole jurisdiction of the Courts situated at Delhi.

5. Ministry/Directorate of NSS has the right to withdraw the implementation of this programme at any time.

### FORCE MAJEURE

6. Process of subsequent amendment in this MoU, if required
7. This MoU shall continue up to 31st March 2026 unless revoked earlier by the Force Majeure events subsisting for a period of 60 days or more.

<p><b>Signature</b> <b>For the Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports</b></p> <p><i>Ravi Kumar Sinha</i></p> <p><b>Name:</b> <b>Designation:</b> <b>Date:</b> 31/05/2024</p>	<p><b>Signature</b> <b>For SAKSHI</b></p> <p><i>J. Dubey</i></p> <p><b>Name:</b> Ms. Jayshree Dubey <b>Designation:</b> Secretary, Governing Council, Sakshi <b>Date:</b> 31-05-2024</p>
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