

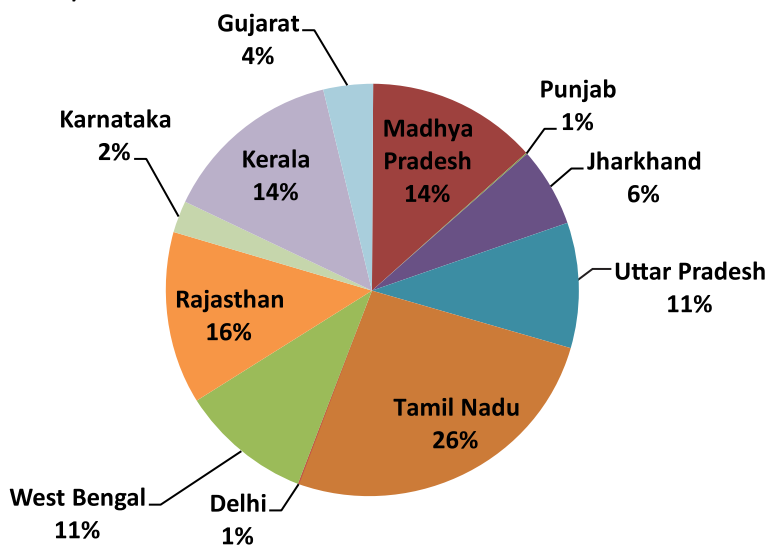


Result of the Opinion Poll on “Children’s Safety and Wellbeing – Academic, Legal and Psychological Aspects” as of 31st May 2025

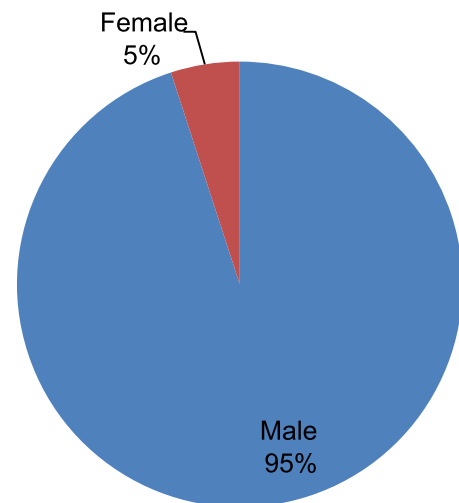
- **Launch Date:** 3rd October 2023
- **Participants:** School Teachers, Principals and Management
- **States/UTs Covered:** 28+
- **Mode:** Online
- **Survey Status:** Ongoing
- **Sample Size:** 7960
- **Surveyor:** Social Axiom Foundation - SAF, the parent organization of Project CACA.
- **Survey Partner:** Edusynergies

Participants' Details

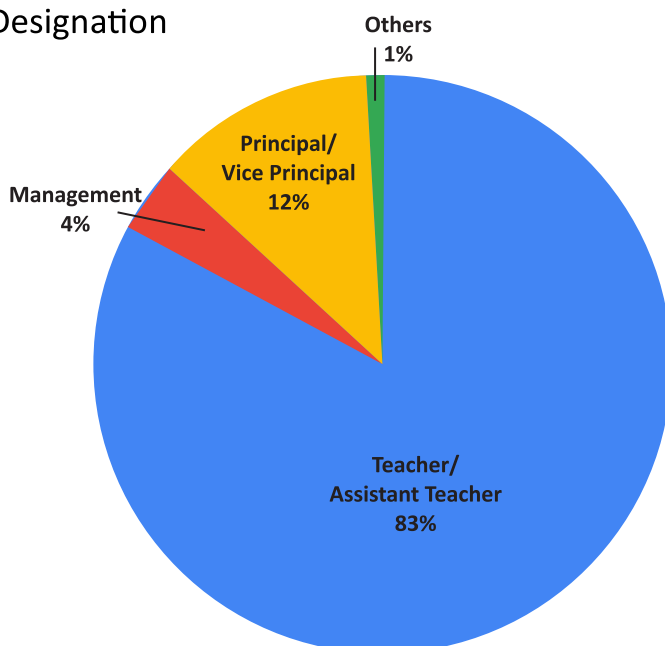
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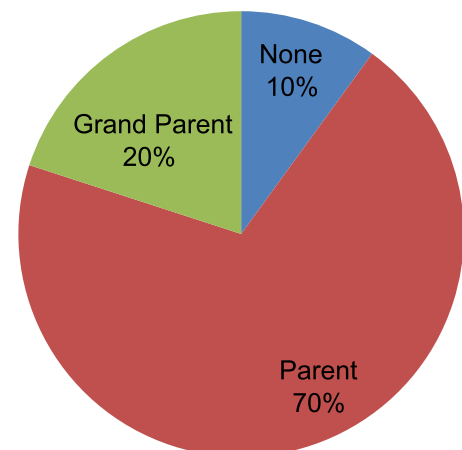
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Designation



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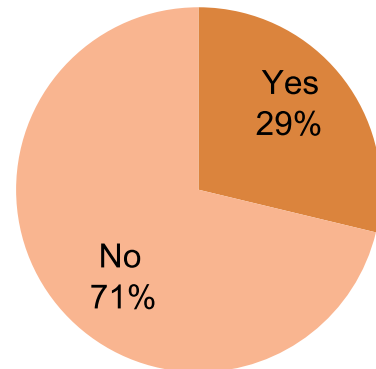


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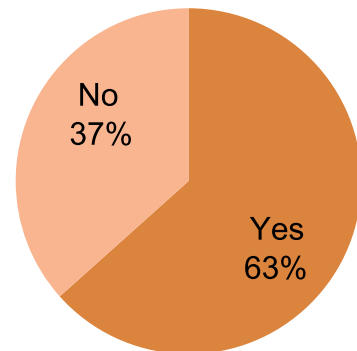
Survey Description

The survey contains 17 close-ended questions. Participants must select any one of the options in the check box for each question. There are no right or wrong answers.

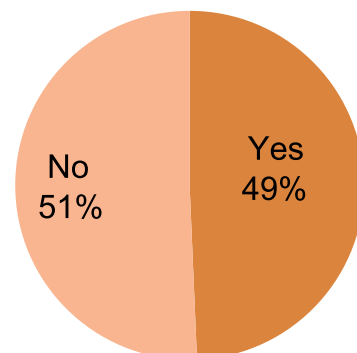
1. A child rapist may be prompted to harm or even murder the child victim as they are already liable for the death penalty under the POCSO Act, and the child victim is a prime witness. Keeping this in mind, do you think the provision for the death penalty under POCSO Act will act as a strong deterrent and reduce the cases of child rape?



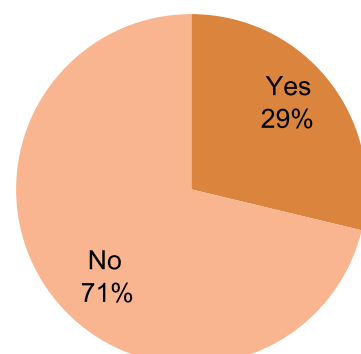
2. Do you think the consent of children in the context of physical relationships between the ages of 16 to 18 years and with the age difference of up to 5 years should be a factor of consideration in POCSO cases?



3. : Under the POCSO Act, if a child blames a person, there is a presumption that the accused has committed the offence. Furthermore, if a child falsely blames someone, the child cannot be held responsible. Are you in favour of this presumption clause of the POCSO Act, even with the possibility of misuse?



4. : The average life expectancy has increased globally, including the Indian population. Do you think the punishment of jail terms for petty offences (0-3 years), serious offences (3 years- 7 years), and heinous offences (above 7 years) should also be increased?

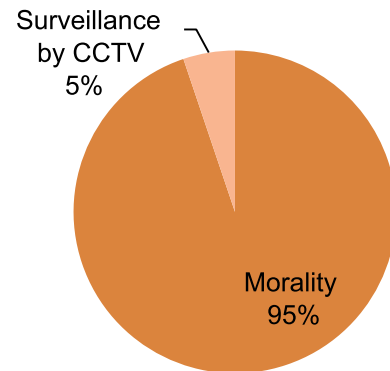


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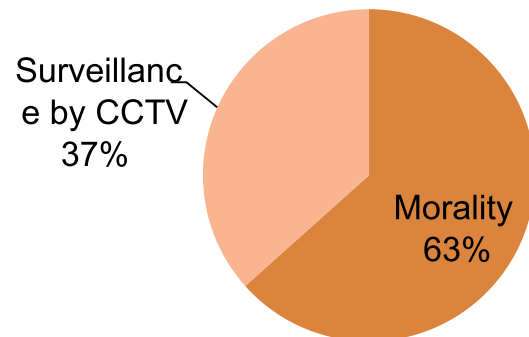


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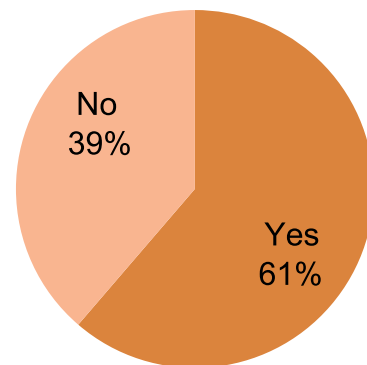
5A. Inculcation of good behaviour in children is primarily a matter of?



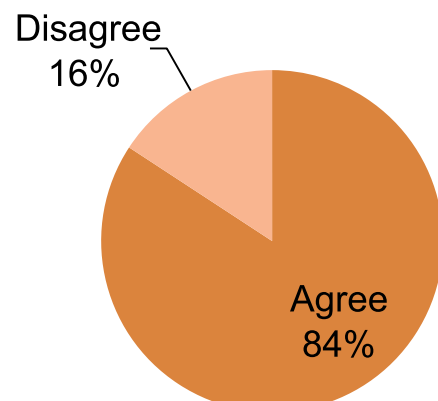
5B. Inculcation of good behaviour in children is a matter of?



6A. Do you think a child's mental capacity to think and act like an adult can be established through any psychological (psychometric) test?



6B. There is an age-old saying that "Children are innocent". However, when a child between the ages of 16 to 18 years commits a heinous crime with the mental capacity of an adult, they are tried as an adult by the children's court, and there is a possibility that the child may spend some years in a regular prison after they have turned 21 years. Do you #Agree with this provision of the JJ Act?

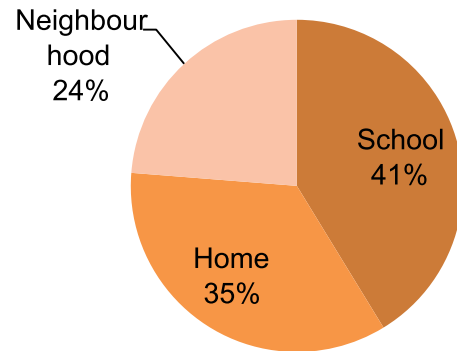


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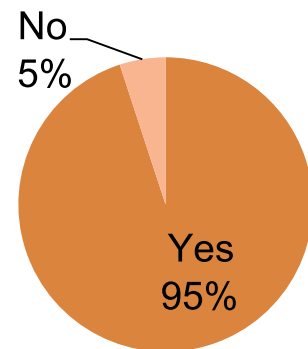


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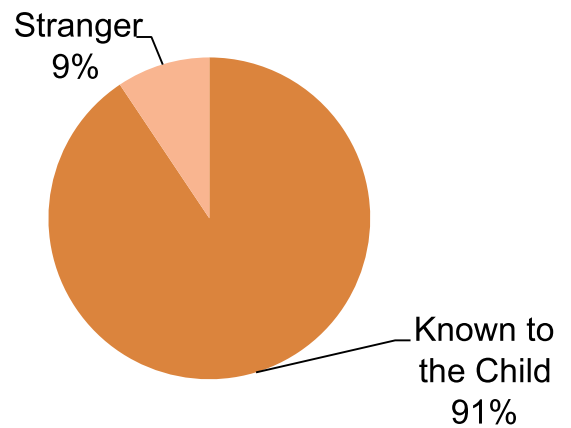
7. Where do you think, in the Indian context, it is easiest to identify and report cases of child sexual abuse?



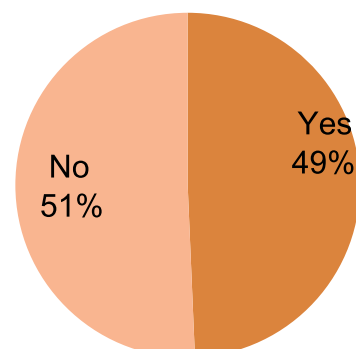
8. : What do you think, are mental health issues still stigmatized in Indian society?



9. Who do you think, in most of the child sexual abuse cases, the accused is?



10. Do you think mental health assessments should be a part of children's regular health checkups?

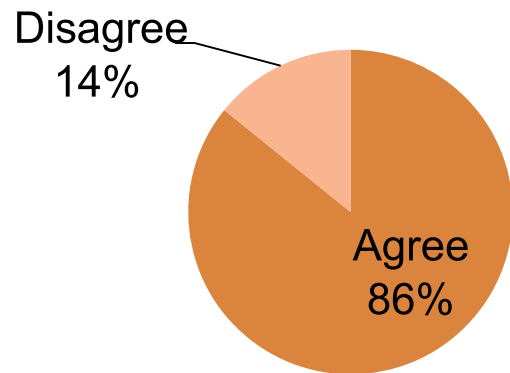


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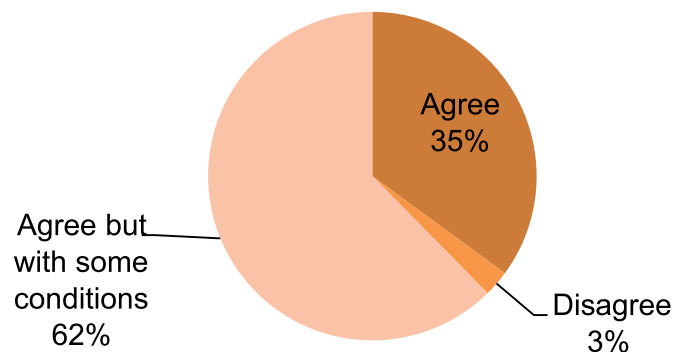


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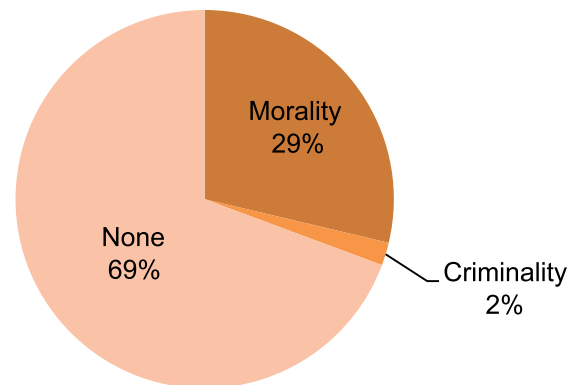
11A. Do you #Agree that children should be made aware of their rights even with the possibility of misuse?



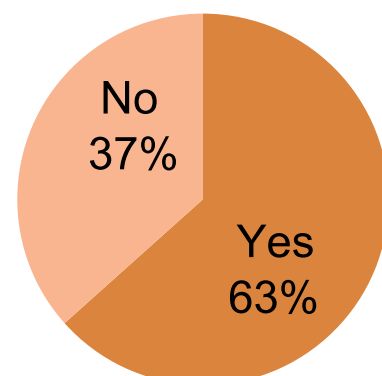
11B. Do you agree that children should be made aware of their rights even with the possibility of misuse?



12. What do you think, two children falling in love is an issue of?



13. In India, parents usually ask a set of why questions even when the child is not at fault. For instance, imagine a child getting hurt while playing outside on a hot summer day; the parents question the child about why did you go out on such a hot day? Why didn't you take my permission? Why didn't you take someone with you? Why did you wear such a dress? So on and so forth, making the child feel guilty. Do you think asking such questions to the child paves the way for the abuser to apply a similar strategy to shift the blame onto the child and to take advantage of the child?





14. Being assertive is often considered disrespectful in Indian society, so when a child asserts themselves in the context of touches and behaviour against an uncle or an aunty, the parents scold the child for being rude and mannerless.

Do you think such accusations on the child pave the way for the abuser to apply a similar strategy to shift the blame onto the child and to take advantage of the child?

