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**Gender Justice and Workplace Security**

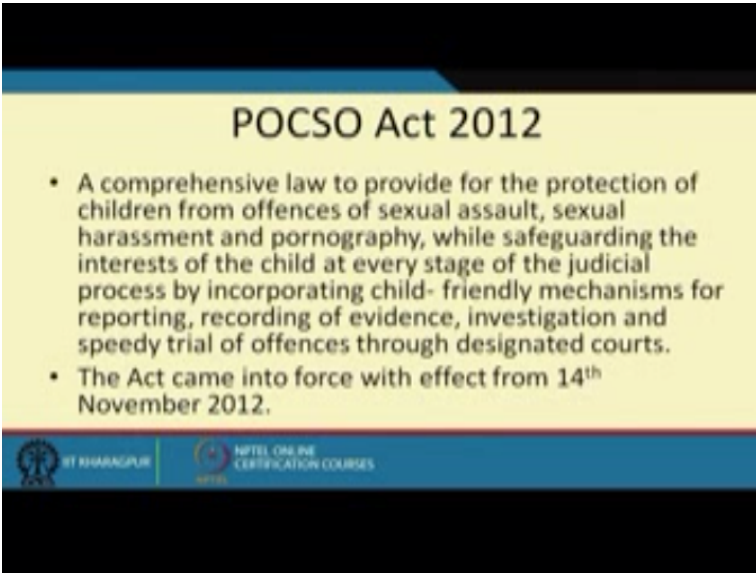
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**Lecture 18: Gender Violence – Within and Beyond**  
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Hello and welcome back to the course on gender justice and workplace security. In the previous lecture we tried to discuss some of the offenses which have been listed in the Indian penal code specifically after the 2013 criminal law amendment in order to protect the cause of women and the various types of violence perpetuated on her. To continue further which discussing the issue of violence the issue of child sexual abuse is one of the very serious offence which needs to be mentioned here.


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**POCSO Act 2012**

- A comprehensive law to provide for the protection of children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography, while safeguarding the interests of the child at every stage of the judicial process by incorporating child- friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offences through designated courts.
- The Act came into force with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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Child sexual abuse basically refers to the physical or mental violation of a child with sexual intent usually by a older person who is in a position of power and or trust visavi the child. Now such violations include penetrative and non-penetrative acts such as kissing, touching, or fondling the child's private parts etc. Now child sexual abuse has been found to be a very serious problem and a study which had been conducted by the ministry of women and child development indicated that as many as 53% reported sexual abuse in some form or the other.

Now while boys or young male children are also victims of such abuse, most of the times it is the girls and the young children in the family who becomes, who unknowingly and innocently becomes victims of such violence. For the simple reason that in these types of abuse there is less of violence use, but more of a betrayal of trust the child's trust which is put to use, and the person who is the perpetrator is many times the family member, sometimes the uncle, sometimes the father, sometimes the grandfather or maybe a neighbor.

So he is a person who is known and trusted by the child. So therefore, this situation presents a very, very difficult and a peculiar situation for children are specifically the girl child and to look into this problem, the government has passed the protection of children from sexual offenses act known as the Pocso act in 2012.

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