

CHILDLINE NEWSLETTER



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CHILDLINE intervenes and helps a victim of sexual abuse



On 15th May 2020, CHILDLINE Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir received a call from the neighbour of the victim of child sexual abuse to report a case. He informed that the 17-year old victim was speech impaired and had been sexually abused by her cousin. CHILDLINE immediately verified the details of the case and visited the victim's house.

CHILDLINE met the victim's brother to get more information about the case. The brother said that his sister was closely associated with the cousin due to which the girl got pregnant. He also mentioned that their family had registered a complaint at the nearby police station.

On the same day, CHILDLINE visited the concerned police station to gain more information about the case. The police informed that the girl had fled and she is to be produced and her statement is yet to be recorded. When CHILDLINE asked the father about the girl's whereabouts, he claimed to be unaware.

The Sarpanch and the local administration bodies were approached who helped find the girl. Since the girl was speech impaired, the police expressed their difficulty in recording the statement. The police requested CHILDLINE to arrange for a sign language interpreter who could help record the girl's statement.

Simultaneously, CHILDLINE arranged for the interpreter and produced the child before the district magistrate. The girl's statement was recorded by the sessions judge, with the help of an interpreter. The accused was taken in the police custody. All the local authorities appreciated CHILDLINE for their help and timely intervention. Furthermore, the sessions judge assured of complete support and help for the girl. Currently, the case is sub-judice and intervention is ongoing.

Child Sexual Abuse is a heinous crime committed against children. Please do not hesitate to call CHILDLINE 1098, if you come across a victim of abuse.



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