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# SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING - GLOBAL COALITION TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION



# OBJECTIVE OF THE COALITION

In an effort to understand the region-specific nuances of sexuality and personal safety education, barriers, and possibilities, this coalition brings together stakeholders from several nations.

Promoting comprehensive sexuality and personal safety education needs a 360-degree approach that requires all stakeholders - including adolescents, young adults, parents, teachers, counsellors, social workers, community based organizations, health professionals, internet and content developers, online media, print media, movie directors, song writers, advertising agencies, corporates, religious, spiritual leaders, law enforcement and policy makers, and governments - to be an active part of promoting it. Therefore, the coalition aims to have representation from diverse professional and non professional backgrounds.

The members will have a platform to share their experiences and voice the support they need from the Coalition in order to promote this education among individuals, families and institutions in their country. Campaigns could be designed and amplified at a global level through collaborative action of the members. Advocacy could be done with governments and institutions with greater strength.

# AGENDA OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

- Session about -
  - Understanding normal socio sexual play, and its difference from concerning child sexual behaviour.
  - Ways to respond to children below 7 years about sexuality and child birth
- Discuss the ways to create the nodal network in each region to promote CSE and PSE.

# 45

participants joined the meeting from different parts of India

 **Bangalore**

 **Delhi**

 **Guwahati**

 **Lucknow**

 **Mumbai**

 **Mangalore**

 **Puttur Dakshina kannada**

 **Saharanpur**

 **Trivandrum**

# PRESENTATION BY SMITA CHIMMANDA,

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- Understanding normal socio sexual play, and its difference from concerning child sexual behaviour.
- Ways to respond to children below 7 years about sexuality and child birth

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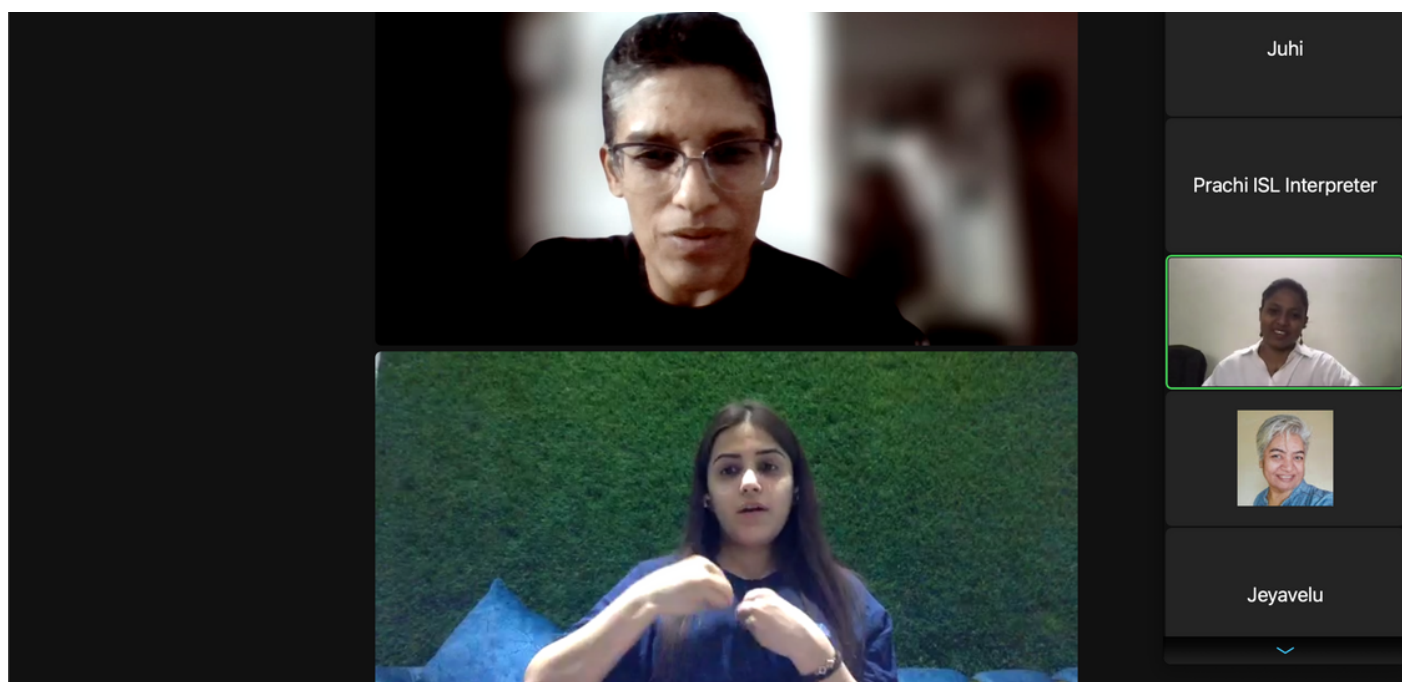
## Sexuality in children

1. The foundation for the development of sexual orientations and gender identity is believed to be laid during conception
  - a. The first critical period for development of sexuality and intimacy in human is early childhood.
  - b. Much before puberty, young children can experience protosexual feelings with undertones of passion, love and even sexual excitement.
2. It is thought that during early childhood, children begin to develop sexual "maps" or socio sexual scripts that assist them in navigating their sexual experiences as they grow older.
3. As with any other development, sexual development too varies from individual to individual, influenced as it is by several biological, nutritional and psycho-social factors.
4. The caregiver's verbal and non-verbal communication with the child influences and contributes to a child's feelings about their body, including their sexuality and gender identity.
  - a. But most societies continue to view children as innocent (conflating ignorance about sex and sexuality as 'innocence') and asexual, lacking any sexual desires, thoughts or erotic interests.

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE SESSION -

- **Sexuality is embedded in humans at conception.**
- **Sexual maps are established during childhood.**
- **Proto sexual and proto romantic feelings are mapped out in our brains from early childhood.**
- **Socio sexual scripts develop in childhood that can guide their later lives.**
- **Sexual self exploration in children is about self pleasure, and exploration of other's bodies is out of curiosity and not about deriving sexual satisfaction for themselves.**
- **Several characteristics of socio-sexual play help differentiate it from concerning sexualized behaviour of a child who may have been targeted for sexual abuse.**
- **No case can be filed against a child under the POCSO Act if the child is under 7 years of age.**



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# WAY FORWARD FOR THE COALITION -

## Collaborate

**with sexuality educators and facilitators,  
organisations, and institutions.**

## Create

**promotional video that can be used to promote  
the objectives of the coalition and increase  
participation.**

**a communication medium for all members of the  
coalition.**

# ACTIONABLE ITEMS FOR THE COALITION MEMBERS -

## Coalition members can use this document to

- Share their names to create a whatsapp group for effective communication.
- Record the names of the organizations, schools, universities, and associations of key stakeholders they have reached out to.
- Suggest collaborations with organizations, schools, universities, and associations of key stakeholders to promote comprehensive sexuality and personal safety education.



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