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## ABSTRACT

*The rate of crime against children are drastically increased in this modern era. We are currently going through a stage of development in many things and even our system is not taking proper actions against those who are involved in these crimes. Child pornography is one of the most known offences facing by children. There are so many people who involve in these kinds of crimes and the main reason behind this is some people are getting pleasure through watching these contents. Like this one of the unknown crimes against them is getting abused by non-biological parents. Abuses, discrimination, torchers even sexual exploitations are happening in this issue. Many of them are not even reporting in police stations and not even in a media. Some factors like joint family system, busy work schedules, children are not getting a proper time to communicate and share their problem with parents. As a solution for these problem in schools counseling centers is there but the proper functioning is may or may not happening. This study is mainly focusing on the analysis of what are the main crimes, weather it is reporting or not if it is reported convict is getting punishment, how these children are rehabilitated. This study also*

*analyzing about the comparison of crime rate in rural along with urban areas also. Believe that this study would helpful in identifying a proper solution for these heinous activities which is occurring in our country.*

## KEYWORDS

*Children, Crime, POCSO, Non-Biological Parents, Rural, Urban, Counseling.*

## INTRODUCTION

Children are the most innocent thing ever created in this world weather it is animal or human being. A nation's growth is completely depended upon a child because they have the potentials to do many things if they guided well. A child's character is molded more by their parents, teachers peer groups and other environmental factors. It is the duty of all of us to keep a child's life safe in order for the development of our nation too.

The population of our country is high in this present year, this shows the number of children is also increasing a side, it includes boys and girls in it. In accordance with gender, they should get love, protect and show kindness from their environment. But people in our country are not that much progressive or supportive on ground of this, the raising in number of crimes against children are substantiating this statement. The same environment which should provide safety for the children are trying to harm them on the basis of their gender, color, education, cast etc.

Even we live in a digital progressive era something will not going to change at any timeline. The intensity of that particular thing will increase by progress in time. One of the major things in this is crime against children. A child is not safe inside their own house now a days, they become victims of many crimes including sexual also. The shocking thing is that they got attacked by their own family members even from father or mother. It is not like punishing a child for not completing their homework, for satisfying others needs more precociously sexual pleasure using children as a medium.

As mentioned in a digital developing era no one is having time for anything, parents don't have enough time to spend with their own children. Due to this the interaction of parents with child are also getting lesser. This is one of the core problems for making a gap in the parent child relationship. The easy way a parent choose is to provide a separate mobile phone with full-fledged internet or Wi-Fi connection, after that there won't be any problems from child's side. But the real danger in it is

parents will not monitor what are their children watching, surfing, downloading in that gadget. There is 'n' number of applications available which is harmful and not harmful to a child. They don't know to choose properly, so the chances of getting harmed through these gadgets are also there.

Another important thing is change in family background; years back had a system of joint family which now replaced with nuclear connections. This is not in just case of family but also in any other relationship also. The number of socializing with people getting decreased day by day due to various reasons. Problems where there in joint family also, it was possible to rely on our closed members. There are chances of getting exploited by person whom we trust more are there now. That will give a life time trauma for us and to our closed one which orbiting us, our children. In past few years there is a drastic change in our culture also there, in many sectors we can able to see this reflection. Post covid era can be mentioned as an era of changes all over the world. People's perspective towards everything has been changed and more over adapting a western culture. Now a days people are become polygamous in relationship, who can choose and change their partners without any hesitation.

Combinedly all these issues are affecting in a child both mentally and physically, they aren't aware of selecting good and bad things around them. Progressive mentality is good if it delivered properly. Now a days this is the most misused action to do any kind of illegal things. Trespassing in one's own privacy is considered as a crime at present, but some people are taking advantage o this to do crime as well. They are targeting our young and injecting poisons in their minds to fill their pockets.

### *Crime Against Children and their effect*

Trama is one of the common words which wide spread in this time being. Everybody is going through some kind of traumas which may or may not intentionally caused from their own surroundings. For an adult there some probable ways to handle this situation without causing any threat to their life. But according to a child they may be confused in these kinds of situations to solve it. If they have a good connection with their parents, they can rely on them to get help, but if the situation is contrary to this, they may seek help from others and there are chances of misuse of children. Some people with sexual intentions may use this as a motive to abuse a child. Sexual crime is more occur against a child by using psychology like this by the adults.

Previously child trafficking was the most common crime against a child, but now it is sexual abuse. Child Pornography is one of the most

demanding materials in internet today. So many people, group, search links etc. can be seen over internet which widely spreading Child pornography. The visuals in a particular video of that victim child captured in their own home and by their own family members. There is a mafia behind this is working to make profit from it. A lot of dating apps are available in internet, without any restrictions anyone can use it. The shocking fact is many of the users in these apps are children at various ages. For getting pleasure for some time, they are all using it, but they are not aware about the other side of it. Government also not taking any proper actions to ban these kinds of applications.

There some Laws which deals with the protection of children from crime. Some of them are Articles 21A, 24, 39(e) and (f), 45, and 47. India has ratified a number of international agreements pertaining to children's rights, including the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour (C182), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and others. Despite of these POCSO (PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCE) 2012 is also there, as the name suggest it protect a child from sexual offences. Based on the reports of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 1,48,090 cases of crimes against children were registered in India in 2020. It is clear to understand that an increase of 4.5% from 2019, when 1,41,764 cases were registered. The most common crimes against children in India are kidnapping and abduction (45.7%), rape (27.8%), Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) (20.9%), murder (2.9%) and other crimes (2.7%). These are statics of 2019 which is 6 years before, obviously the rate of crime will be huge in present year as well. In a recent NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) report it shows that 26% of increase has occurred in crime against children all over India. In 2020 the reported crime rate was 1.28 Lakh and when it comes to 20222 it reached up to 1.62 lakh.

The after effect of this will be a lifelong trauma for children which cause them to struggle in their day-to-day life. In study, daily life, friend circle they will suffer to patch up if they get wounded mentally and physically.

### *Involvement of Family in Crime Against Children*

House is the only place where children can stay safe now, but the increase crime rate shows that even houses are not safe for them. Even the close relations are involved in doing crime against their blood relation without any hesitation. The main motive of doing this is to gain sexual satisfaction. Most commonly girl child are the victims of these now a days. Before some years children were victimized on the base of

gender, trafficking, trade where common, but now it is more regarding sexual acts. Rape, Child Pornography, Prostitution is common now against children.

Broken family is act like a catalyst for increasing crime number against children, the non-biological parent may not have a bond with the child of their partner and this will be a cause of occurrence of crime. It is one's own choice to continue their life after separation neither they stay as single nor chose a partner for a support. Nobody can't question on this but the person they chose need to be good, otherwise it will be a headache in their life. Many single parents decide to marry again for their children. But in some cases, children are getting molested by those people who need to be a guardian for them. Torchers, punishments, discriminations are more common and now a days rate of sexual crimes are also increasing.

Here is the non-biological connection works, according to them these children are not their own blood there for no need to get guilty. This should be a very powerful motive which drive non-biological parents to commit crimes. It is happening not only in cities villages also; those crimes are not getting reported that much. In case gender if it is boy or girl at present everybody equally torched by non-biological parents. Rape against boys is also more now by their non biological mother, the other side of this crime is these parents use children for accruing their needs even sexually and when it known to world, they change it like child abused them. In case of girl child, they are getting used by their non-biological parents.

There are a lot of people who take care children like their own child after marriage, this study is particularly focusing on those who exploit children for personal needs. Just like a coin's two side, this also have two sides. As suggested in the first line, there are some people who take care children well also. But the increase in rate of crime against children shows that children are not that much safe in present world.

This study mainly focuses on the issues faced by children those who are leaving with their non biological parents at least mother or father. Study has done without any bias in gender of the children, the pain, trauma, after effects from an incident will be same for children irrespective of gender. So that it can't be focused on any particular gender. The valuable data are collected from children, psychologists, police officers, lawyers and teachers. Due to the lack of time study conducted in a minimal range of samples, even though this study will provide a good information regarding problems facing by children in their own home.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To determine whether children are getting victimized for any kind of crime by their non-biological parents.
2. To compare on the rate of crime against children by non-biological parents at urban and rural area.
3. To find the reason behind these acts and suggest appropriate solution to prevent these activities in future.

## METHODOLOGY

### Significance of the study

The increase in number of crimes against children are peaking day by day, there are so many reasons behind it also. In that aspect this study has strong significance in this present era. This focuses to determine a relationship between crime against children by their non biological parents.

### Universe of the Study

The main universe of this study is Kerala and Tamil Nadu, because it is the most convenient place to collect the data from sample.

### Sample Collection

Samples were collected from Teachers, Students, Psychologists, Police officers and Lawyers through Google Forms. 15 relevant questions were framed and collected 100 responses totally.

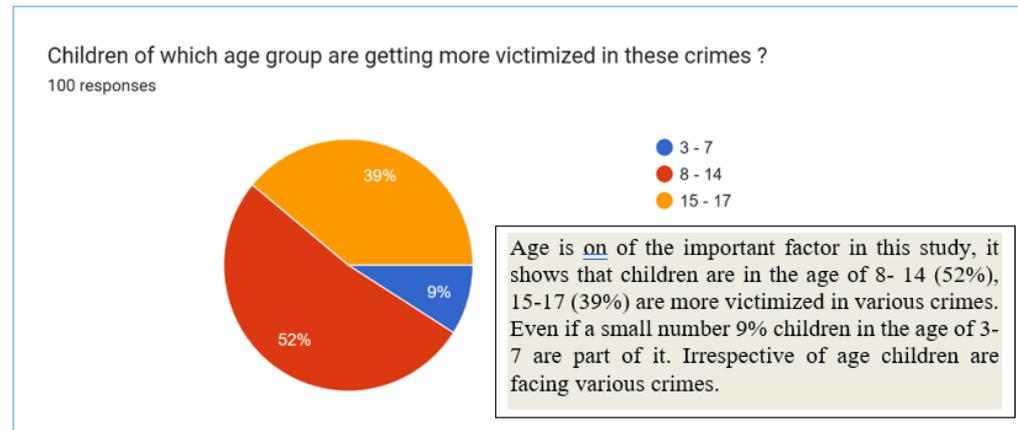
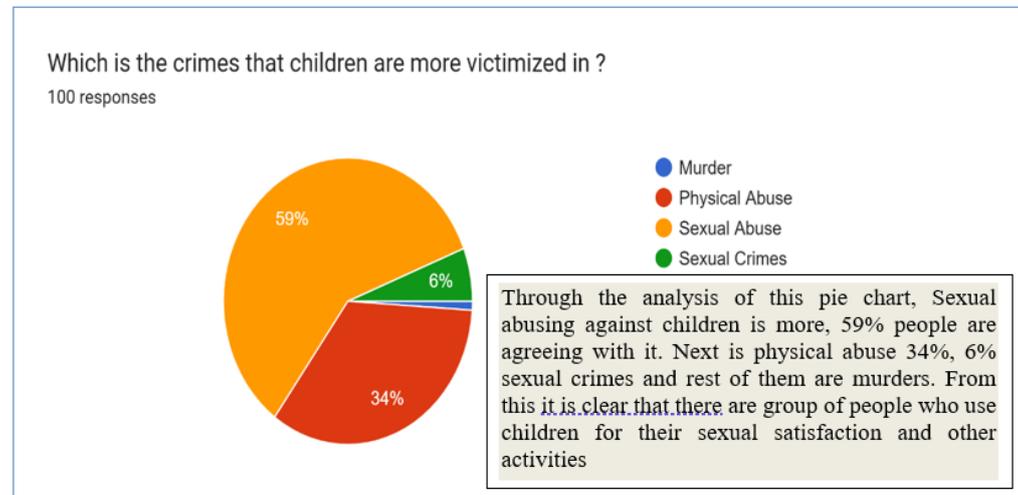
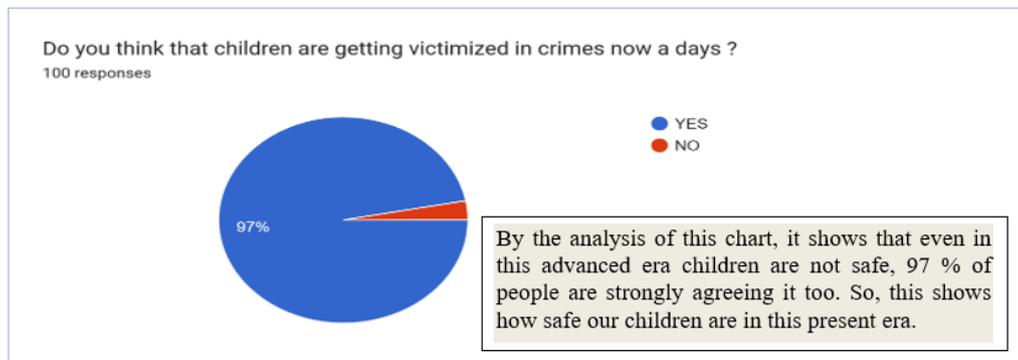
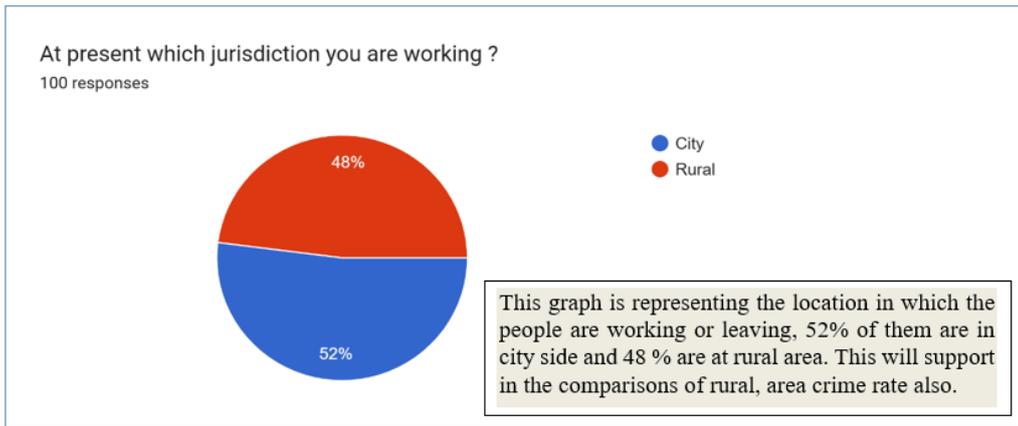
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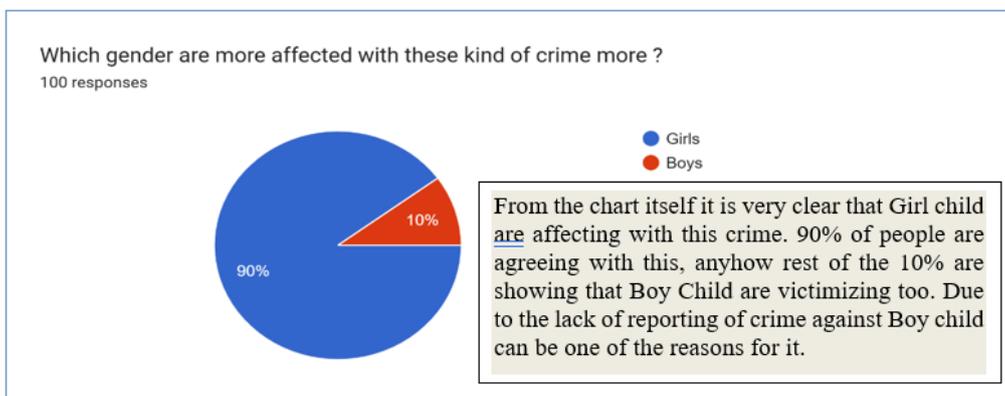
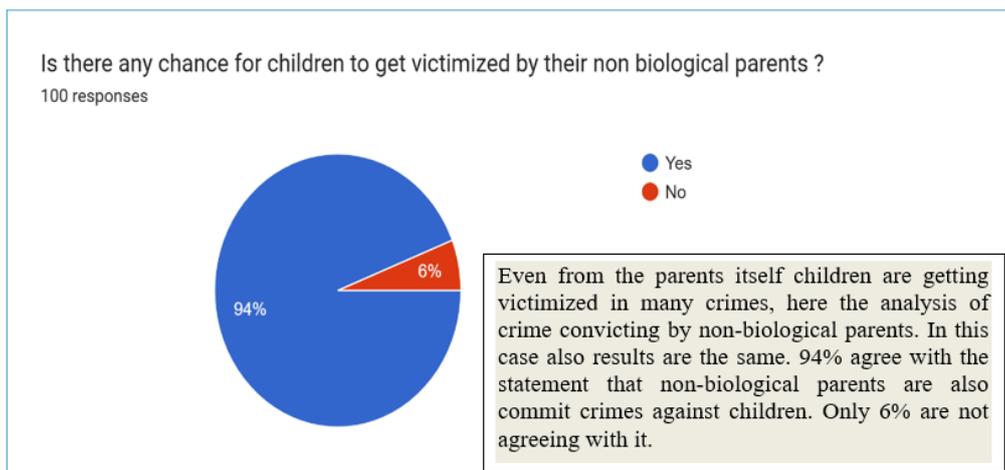
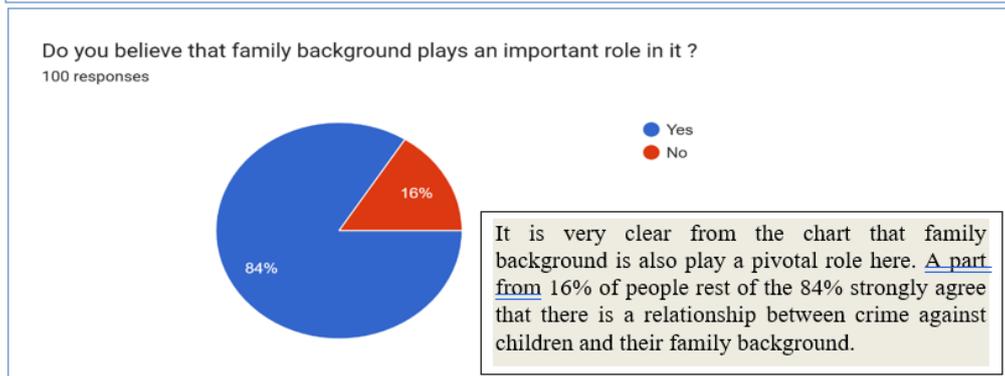
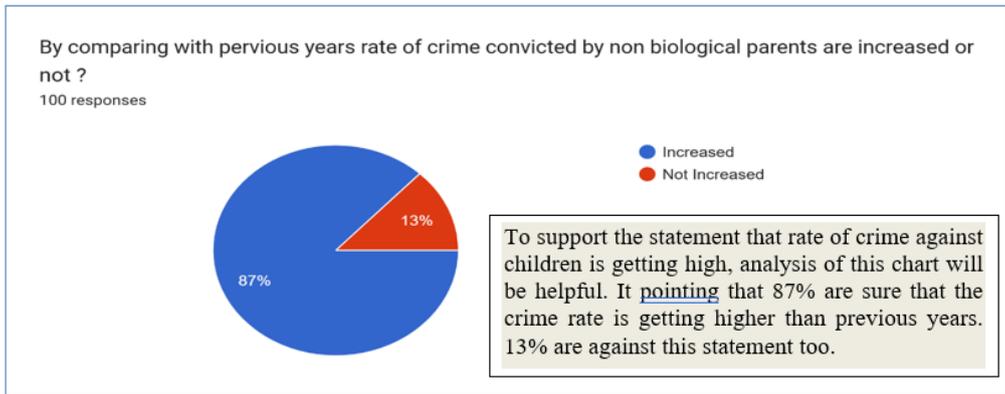
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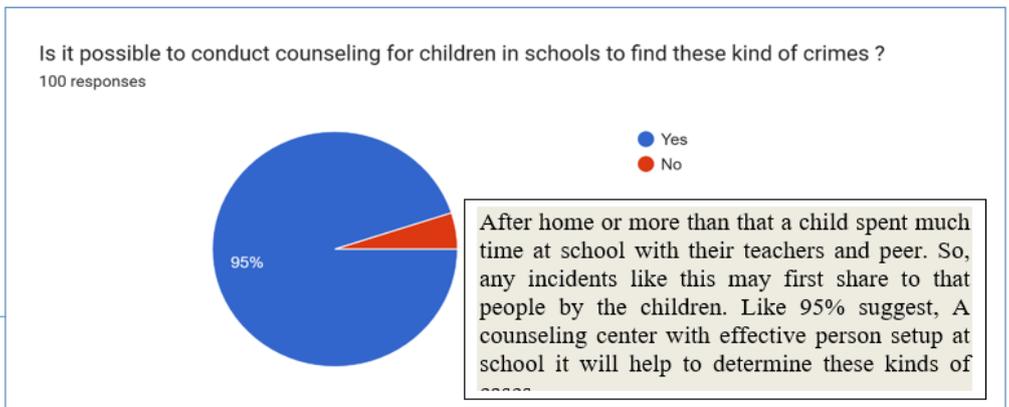
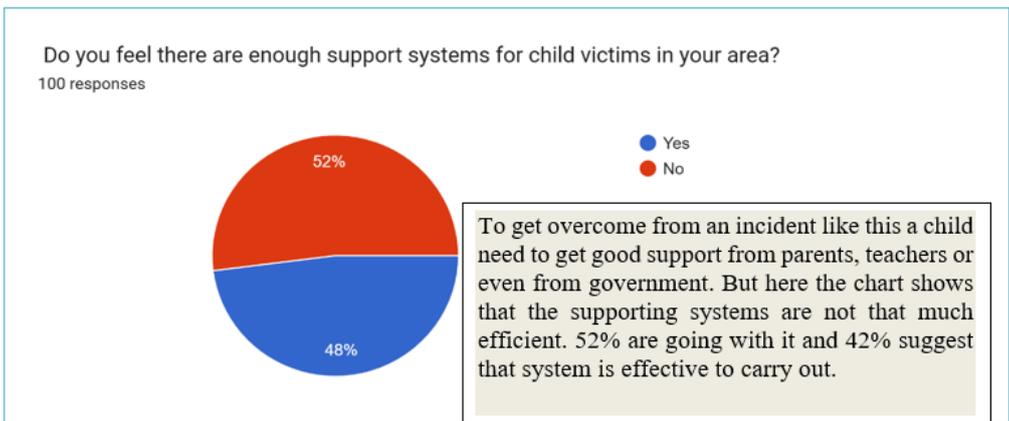
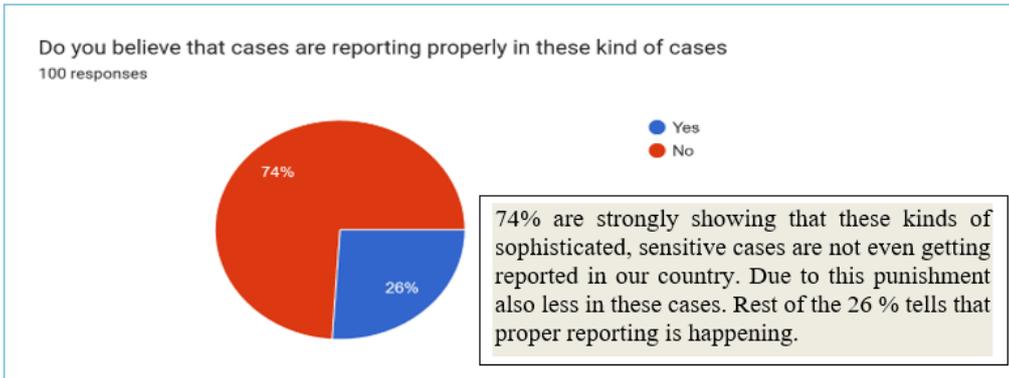
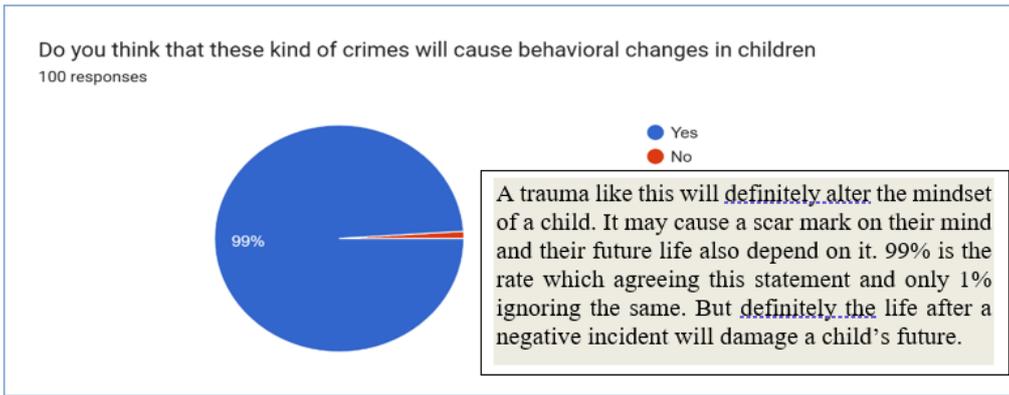
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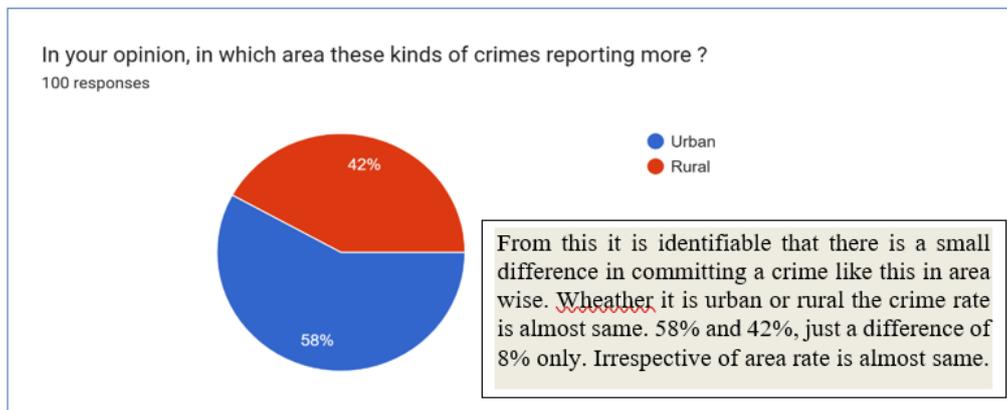
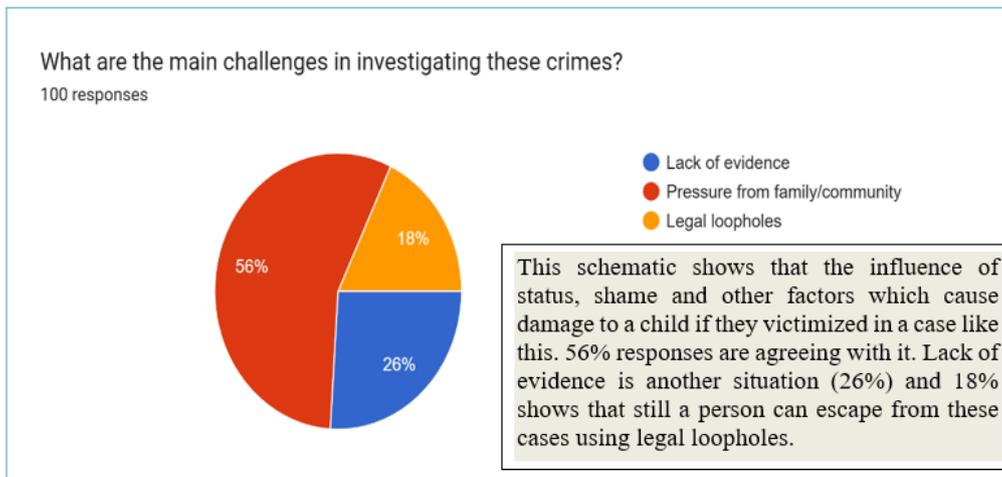
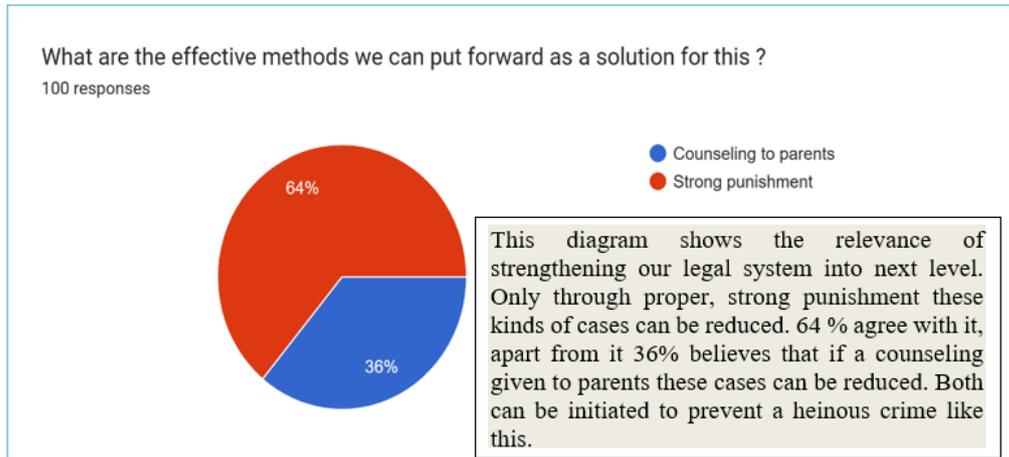
Due to the lack of time study conducted in a base level only with less amount of data. If collected more data the it will be effective in related with this particular topic.

## RESULT









## DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

Through the analysis of the data collected for this study it shows that large number of crimes against children by their non-biological parents are occurring and its rate also getting increased day by day. Some of the few core reasons for this are lack of proper punishment, inappropriate reporting of cases like this because of the social status of family are reasons for it. Irrespective of age, gender children are misused by the culprits. One of the important points to be noted is that even in the age

between 10 many children are became victims of this crime. This will definitely cause a huge alteration in their character development. Whether the area is rural or urban, the rate of crime doesn't change, that also represented in this study. For preventing these activities definitely there should be a counselling provided to non-biological parents along with children. Apart from this the legal side should also be effective in these kinds of crimes. Effective reporting, proper investigation and definite punishment can only reduce these activities. Along with that parents should spend time along with their children and speak with them openly, then only know about their children are getting exploited by other or not. In Schools also effective counselling should be done by teachers to get aware about these. The study conducted in a small geographical location and collected a small number of data, even though the information is really horrifying. This study has some limitation, even though this can be used reference material. This study is meant to show the increasing number of crime rate against children and possible way of preventing it only, there are so many people who take care children as their own child.

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