

NCPCR TO LAUNCH ‘TRAINING MODULES FOR CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE’ AND ‘PROTOCOLS FOR RESTORATION AND REPATRIATION OF CHILDREN’ ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD CHILDREN’S DAY TOMORROW

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National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) will launch the “**Training Modules for the Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Protocols for Restoration and Repatriation of Children**” along with the **GHAR - GO Home and Re-Unite (Portal for Restoration and Repatriation of Child)** on the occasion of World Children’s Day (20th November) tomorrow. These modules, protocols and portals developed by NCPCR address the amended roles of CWCs and DCPOs in matters of children in need of care and protection.

The launch event will be followed by Thematic Technical Sessions on Orientation on Training Module for CWC and Protocols for Restoration and Repatriation of Children, MASI Portal of NCPCR, Baal Swaraj Portals of NCPCR and Open House Session on Q&A. The Launch Ceremony will be attended by more than 1200 representatives from all districts of the country.

The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is committed to reach out to every child needing care and protection. This is the first of its kind National level launch ceremony with regard to child protection inviting Chairpersons/Members of Child Welfare Committees, District Child Protection Officers and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights.

Since the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and its Rules, 2016, there were many challenges and gaps which came to the notice of the

Government of India which were especially hindering the process of rehabilitation of children. Keeping in view of the same,

The Government of India brought landmark amendments to the Act and Rules and implemented the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Model Rules, 2022 and Adoption Regulations, 2022. One of such major amendments that have been brought about is in the process of repatriation and restoration of children. The new amendments have been made taking into consideration that restoration of a child in need of care and protection would be different from a child in conflict with law. It was seen that there were many children who were brought before the JJBs and the CWCs, who were prima facie seen to be belonging to some other place but were being difficult to be repatriated because the details of the native place were unable to be found out by the authorities. The challenges in repatriation of children to their native place were primarily observed to be the non-convergence between the authorities and lack of sharing of information between authorities within the system. By releasing the Protocol for repatriation and restoration, an endeavor is being made to eliminate those challenges which are being faced by authorities in repatriation and send the maximum number of children back to their native place with their families/relatives.

The Training Module for Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committees is another document to be released at this event, which has been made with an aim to bring the roles and responsibilities of CWCs in one place comprehensively. Child Welfare Committees being the guardian of children who are vulnerable at the district level and the responsibilities placed on them for ensuring their care and protection is extensive. Therefore, training of Child Welfare Committees is essential to ensure effective functioning of the CWCs. The Module is a 15 day programme for training of CWCs. It is divided into 63 sessions of over 72 hours duration. The participants would be required to spend an average of 4 hours 50 minutes in the training per day. Following information is given for each day/topic. :-

In the said launch, discussion will be held to give an overview of the Training Modules for the Child Welfare Committees and Protocol for Restoration and Repatriation of children in light of the implemented Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Model Rules, 2022.

NCPCR is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the child rights and other related matters in the country. The Commission is mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and its Rules; Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

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